



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

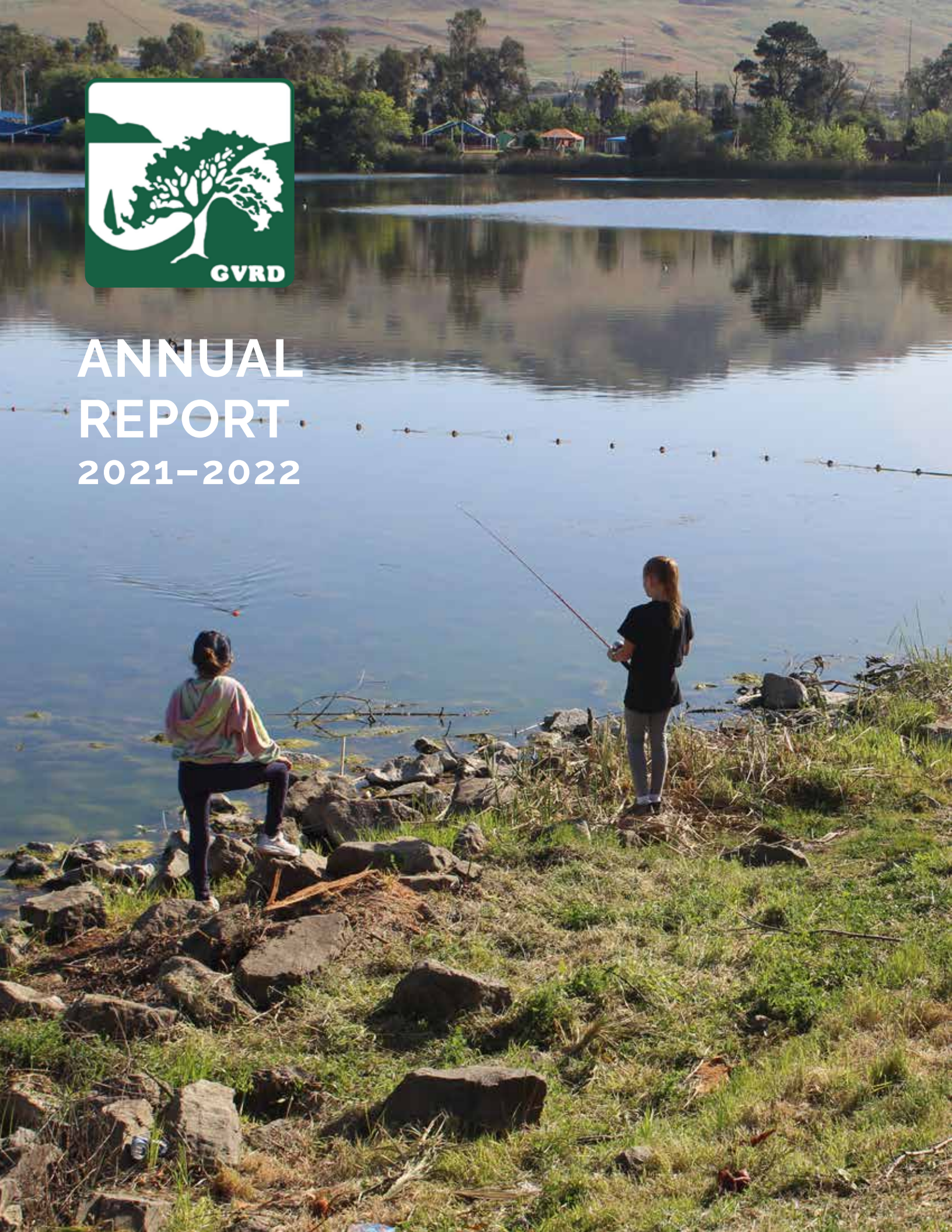


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Message from the General Manager

HELLO VALLEJO COMMUNITY,

I invite you to review our 2021–2022 Annual Report. Overall, I believe we fared well considering the obstacles we were faced with due to COVID. We have all had a couple of rough years and have had to adjust our lives. Spending time outdoors was very therapeutic, and members of the community took advantage of our wonderful outdoor facilities more than ever before.

Slowly, we are making progress in the development of recreational programs within the parameters of COVID. We have not seen the revenue prior to 2019. Luckily, home price appreciation caused an increase in our property tax revenue. This increase, along with voter approved Measure K funds, will help us in funding.

Measure K and general funds have helped us make much needed repairs to our community centers, parks, and offices. These improvements are not focused on one particular area but are spread throughout the City.

I would like to thank everyone who visited our parks, supported our Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Toy Drive or attended one of our community events.

We are slowly and safely bringing back community events and programs. Going forward, we also have some exciting improvements on the horizon. We could not have made it through this past year without our amazing staff, support from the community and the support of our Board of Directors.

I wish you all good health in the upcoming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Gabe Lanusse

Greater Vallejo Recreation District Board of Directors

GVRD is an independent special district. The five-member board is composed of three members appointed by the City of Vallejo council and two appointed by the respective District representatives of the Solano County Board of Supervisors. Each member is appointed to a four year term, and the appointments are staggered to ensure that all terms do not expire at the same time. The Directors for GVRD have an important role; they are a policy board and are responsible to ensure that the District is managed in a fiscally responsible manner. They also ensure that the business of the District is conducted in a transparent and open manner. The Board meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.



RON C. BOWEN

Appointed by Supervisor Brown
Term: August 27, 2019–September 7, 2023



ADJOA MCDONALD

Appointed by Vallejo City Council
Term: February 25, 2021–December 31, 2023



RIZAL ALIGA

Appointed by Supervisor Hannigan
Term: September 9, 2021–September 9, 2025



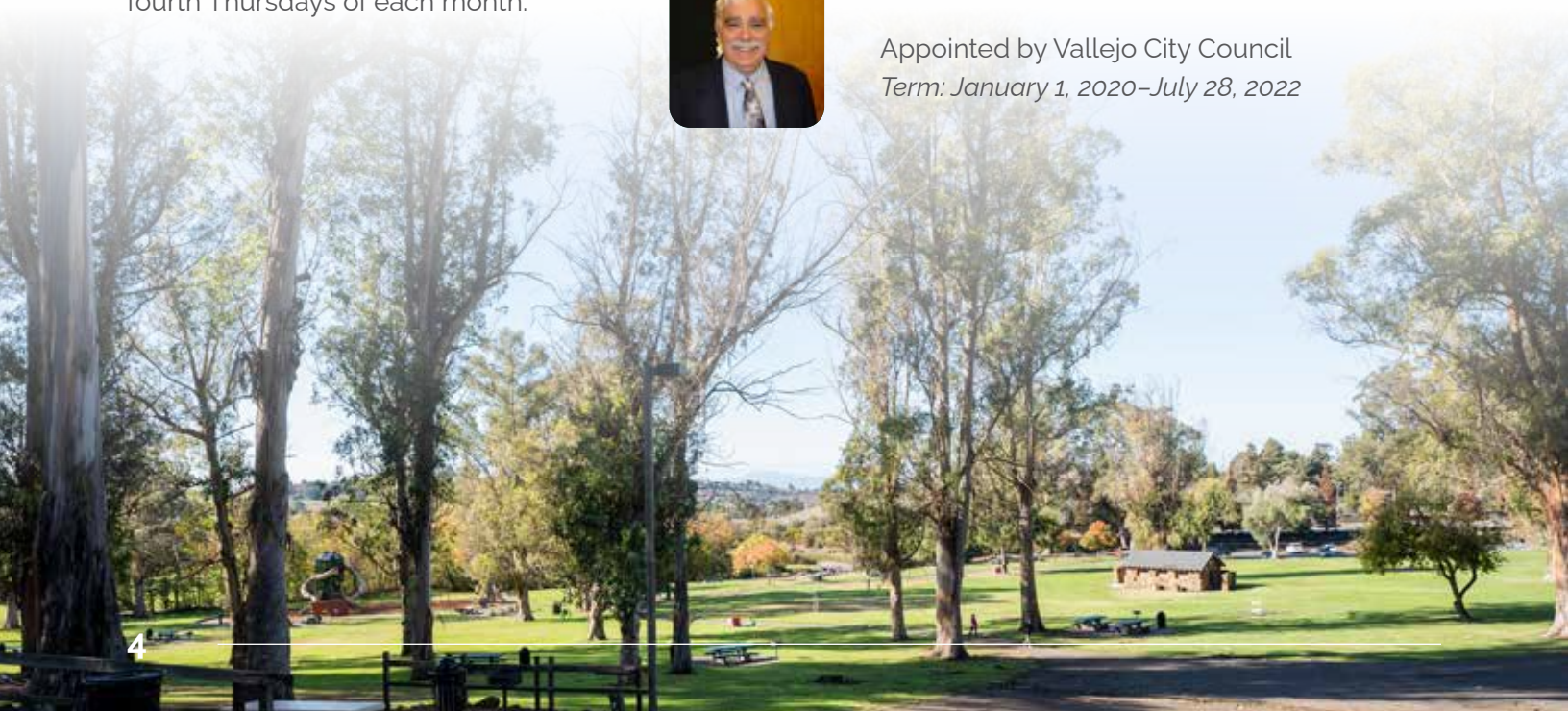
ROBERT BRISEÑO

Appointed by Vallejo City Council
Term: January 25, 2022–December 31, 2025



GARY SALVADORI

Appointed by Vallejo City Council
Term: January 1, 2020–July 28, 2022



Mission

Building community and enhancing quality of life through People, Parks, and Programs.

Vision

GVRD aspires to provide safe and world class parks and facilities and innovative, creative, and affordable recreation opportunities

Hallmarks

*Safety • Diversity • Equity and Inclusion
Creative and playful • Professional Organization*

The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) is a separate government agency from the City of Vallejo that provides parks and recreation programs for children, families, and seniors in Vallejo. GVRD operates primarily by means of locally-controlled funding and also receives revenue from fees for services, park entrances, programs, and facility rentals. Grants and park dedication permit fees assist in the provision for new park development projects and ongoing maintenance.

GVRD manages 407 acres of public park space including 20 neighborhood parks, 10 community parks, 6 special purpose parks, an olympic-size swimming pool and 4 community centers. GVRD maintains over 1,000 acres of public land and offers programs that benefit over 120,000 Vallejo residents of all ages each year.

Testimonials

Most everyone who works in public service understands the inherent value that parks and recreation programs provide to our communities, but sometimes those sentiments are tough to put into words. That's why the reviews and testimonials from folks in our community who benefit from our work mean the world to us. We're proud to share them here.

From GVRD Staff

Why do you love working for GVRD?

“ The people would have to be the number one reason. I have never worked for a more diverse group who truly love their jobs and community. ”

Cunningham Aquatic Complex

“ I am so thankful for my kids' swim instructors this summer. They were in Justin and Maya's classes back in July, and they were both so amazing with the kids. They knew what to do to help encourage them with learning in the water. Justin was super patient with my high-energy 5 year old and could redirect him with ease. Thank you for hiring a great team of swim instructors! ”

— Janet



Community Events

“ Kudos to the team; Bands and Brews rocked! I now have my mug and a token, and I look forward to next year. This is a fabulous series and will become a popular summer event we can all look forward to enjoying. ”

— Paula

Children's Wonderland

“ Love this place! It's free for Vallejo residents and \$4 for people out of town. There's so much room and different playgrounds for the kids. They also host special fun days at the park and are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday–Monday. Beautiful, clean and safe park! ”

— T.W.

“ I recently discovered this park and have gone almost every day since with my daughter. This is the best park experience I have ever had. There are so many attractions for kids, multiple play areas, water features and Disney music playing all day. The bathrooms are clean, they have a concession stand and the whole park is fenced. I feel so safe there and it is a relief to be able to let my daughter play with less worry. ”

— Google Review



Recreation Services

5 Community Events

- Fishing in the City
- Parks N' Rex Day
- Bands and Brews June 2022
- Turkey Drive
- Winter at Wonderland



Thank you to our sponsors who supported the events this year!

Sports Programs

Co-Ed Soccer Program more than 100 participants joined us for this free four-week program. GVRD partnered with the City of Vallejo and Council Member Diaz to provide this fun sports experience to the community.



Community Centers

Foley Cultural Center

Vallejo Community Center

Norman C. King South Vallejo Community Center

North Vallejo Community Center

Renovations:

Foley Cultural Center—interior upgrades

Vallejo Community Center—kitchen upgrades



Children's Wonderland

Free Admission for Vallejo residents:
September 1, 2021

Thank you to our Board of Directors for approving FREE admission for Vallejo Residents beginning September 1, 2021 for one year.



Youth Services

In-person Kids Club and Expanded Learning Programs returned for the 2021–2022 school year.

Aquatics

Floating Pumpkin Patch

Free Kids Day

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**



Recreation Services

Filled 4 previously frozen Full-Time positions — 3 Recreation Coordinators and 1 Recreation Supervisor.

Stories + Testimonials

Blue Rock Springs Park

“ This is a really nice park in Vallejo! It is safe for kids and has a nice playground for them. My family calls it the “Peacock Park” because you’re sure to see some when you go. ”

— Kevanne

“ Beautiful green surroundings by eucalyptus trees. It has BBQ spots, slides, swings for children to play and run. They can see peacocks, too! Nice family place. ”

— Google Review



Crest Ranch Park

“ I meet my 40+Doubledutch Group here every Saturday at 11 am. Beautiful park! ”

— J

Disc Golf Course at Hanns Park

“ Love this new course! It has two sets of baskets for 9 holes that allow for a challenging round two if you want to play 18. Little to no wind as it is tucked in a grove of beautiful eucalyptus trees. The course designers continue to make improvements in signage, adding stairs in the steep areas, and benches. As a woman player, I feel safe with a multitude of friendly players coming and going throughout the day. ”

— @lauralynlarsen



Youth Programs

“ It is our passion to nurture, educate and inspire children as they begin their journey. ”

— Teacher Kay, Alphapals

“ My child's imagination ran completely wild at FRESH Theatre Camp! His creativity exploded. His excitement about being taught grew. He was well cared for, respected, and inspired. Staff was remarkable, kind and attentive. ”

— Anonymous

Facility Maintenance + Upgrades

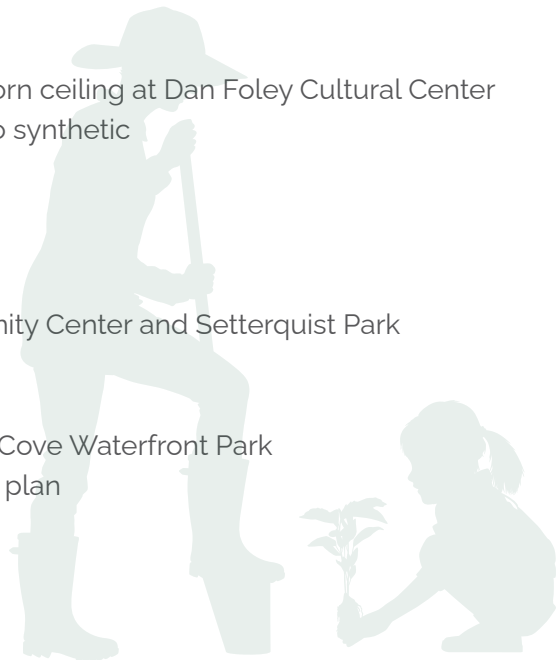
Capital Improvement Projects

- Upgraded irrigation systems with smart controllers for water conservation at Delta Meadows, Henry Park and Thurmon Field
- Removed the Blue Rock Springs caretaker house
- Held Children's Wonderland playground ribbon cutting
- Retrofitted LED lighting at Henry Ranch, Wilson , North Vallejo, and Glen Cove Park
- Replaced and added trash receptacles at City Park and Blue Rock Springs
- Replaced roofs at Wilson Park grandstand, Cunningham Aquatic Center and 401 Amador St.
- Repaired Callen Little League bleachers
- Fixed North Vallejo field lights
- Repaired pathways at Hanns Park
- Developed a new disc golf course at Hanns Park

- Installed new floors, painted interior and removed popcorn ceiling at Dan Foley Cultural Center
- Upgraded and converted Highlands Bocce ball courts to synthetic
- Repaired fences at Dan Foley soccer field

Ongoing Projects

- Added smart greener gardens at South Vallejo Community Center and Setterquist Park
- Renovations at 395 and 401 Amador St.
- Improvements to Vallejo Community Center
- Continue working on habitat restoration project at Glen Cove Waterfront Park
- Working with a consultant on Blue Rock Springs master plan
- Adding pathway lighting at Grant Mahoney Park
- Electrical upgrades at Richardson Corp Yard





Human Resources

Our human resources team has another year of hard work under our belts, but we're proud of what we have accomplished from July 2021–June 2022. We managed to complete a huge array of important work and even had a little fun celebrating our team along the way. We enjoyed International Women's Day at Children's Wonderland, cheered on the rec staff at Bands and Brews and even had a laugh on National Selfie Day. Despite hiring challenges that we faced along with so many employers this past year, we are optimistic that our new Human Resources Information System will help us better understand employee turnover motivators in the future.

Year in Review

- Tested time-tracking software
- Updated PT Handbook
- Recruited and hired new employees
- Met monthly with finance team
- Transitioned to and led internal trainings for new HRIS
- Attended Leadership Compliance Summit
- Attended Work Human HR Conference
- Completed ride along with Parks staff
- Worked to comply with COVID laws and best practices



Measure K Projects

Measure K is a voter-approved parcel tax of \$48 a year, assessed to property owners within the Greater Vallejo Recreation District. Originally passed in 2012 after three years of continuous reductions in property tax, Vallejo residents passed this super majority parcel tax to support parks and recreation. In 2017, voters approved a 15-year extension. Measure K allows senior citizens ages 65+ to apply for an exemption on their primary residence. This revenue stream provides the district with approximately \$2 million per year and does not go towards employee benefits or wages. As GVRD overcomes the challenges of COVID-19, Measure K continues to be a vital lifeline, enabling the team to keep parks open and safe and provide recreation opportunities.

Highlands Park

- Renovated bocce ball courts

Hanns Park

- Installation of a new disc golf course
- Pathway repairs

Wilson Park

- Renovated restrooms

Amador

- Renovated restrooms

Dan Foley Cultural Center improvements

- Interior painting
- New floors

Amador Callen Field

- Repaired wooden bleachers

Garbage receptacles

- BRS
- City Park
- Grant Mahony

Park lighting LED retrofit

- Glen Cove Park
- Henry Park
- North Vallejo Park

Grant Mahony Park

- Added lighting on the pathways and by the labyrinth

North Vallejo Park

- Repaired the ballfield lighting

Roof replacements

- Cunningham pool building
- Wilson grandstand building
- Wilson utility building
- 401 building

Fleet

- 2-truck for the Facilities department
- 1-truck for the Parks department
- 1-Sweeper truck for the Parks department
- 1-Riding mower for the Parks department



Testimonials

Dan Foley Park

“ This park is huge and is great for kids. It's a nice, beautiful area all around. There are baseball fields and soccer fields as well. It would be nice to throw a potluck party. I'll definitely bring the kids here more often. ”

— Eric S.

“ A great place to take your kids to play. ”

— Hervey C.

Highlands Park

“ Very well maintained park. Gender-neutral bathrooms available, small play structure, tables with shade, huge grass area and swings! Loved it here. ”

— Samantha A.

“ We love this park. Perfect for whenever I have a family picnic. There are three pavilions and each has 3 tables. Playground and restroom are close by. Clean and nice surroundings. ”

— Rhonda O.



Northgate Park

“ This community park on its own is quite lovely, with wide open grassy areas, plenty of play structures for kids and paths that lead to great views of the valley and Six Flags below. ”

— Eric W.

“ Nice open space with a large, open grass field in the middle. Perfect for soccer or football. Nice play structure. ”

— Kurt L.

“ Quiet park with play structures and cement walking path that's great for the little ones to ride scooters or bikes. ”

— Alesia



Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2021–2022

Revenues

	Actual	Budget	Changes
GENERAL FUND			
Property Taxes	5,550,279	5,381,025	169,254
Other Local Revenues	705,474	446,842	258,632
Facilities	50,000	0	50,000
Park Maintenance & Visitor Service	271,142	203,400	67,742
Recreation	1,308,623	1,537,811	(229,188)
Measure K	2,092,627	2,102,787	(10,160)
Deferred Maintenance		3,151,400	
TOTAL REVENUES	9,978,145	12,823,265	306,280

Expenditures

GENERAL FUND			
General Support & Administration	1,964,826	2,338,116	373,290
Park Maintenance & Visitor Service	286,007	326,862	40,855
Landscaping and Grounds	1,686,588	2,140,444	453,856
Facilities	1,347,648	1,378,322	30,674
Recreation	2,875,939	3,656,695	780,756
Deferred Maintenance	1,518,743	2,910,000	(939,616)
Contingency Reserve	0	22,826	22,826
Retiree Benefit-OPEB	0	50,000	50,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,679,751	12,823,265	812,641
NET REVENUES OVER (EXPENDITURES)	298,394	(241,400)	539,794

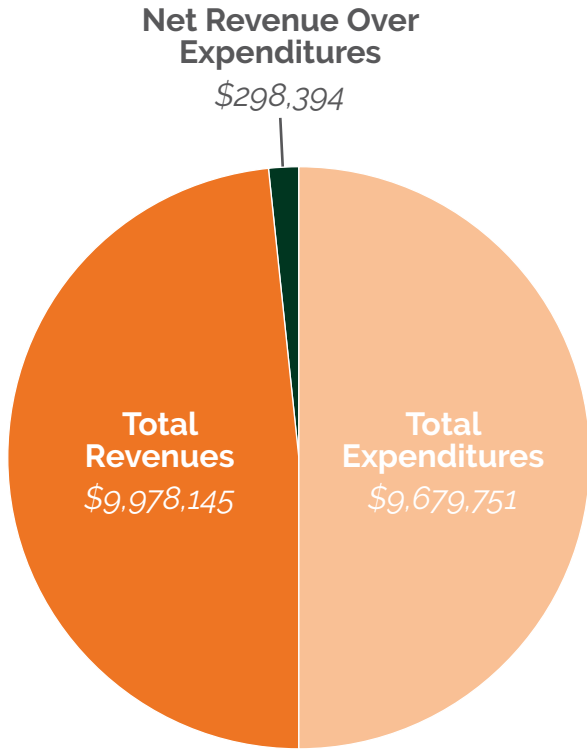
Property Tax Payments

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Amount
08/31/21	Property Taxes	119.90
10/31/21	Property Taxes	2,925.70
11/30/21	Property Taxes	308.75
12/31/21	1ST APPOR FY 21-22/1st Apportionment FY 21-22	3,909,609.41
01/31/22	Property Taxes	21,067.25
4/30/22	2ND APPOR FY 21-22/2nd Apportionment FY 21-22	3,572,163.74
05/31/22	Property Taxes	106,912.47
6/30/22	FINAL APPOR FY 21-22/Final Apportionment from County	29,799.22
		7,642,906.44
01/31/22	Property Tax Admin Fee	(678.43)
03/31/22	Property Tax Admin Fee	(76,291.00)
		7,565,937.01

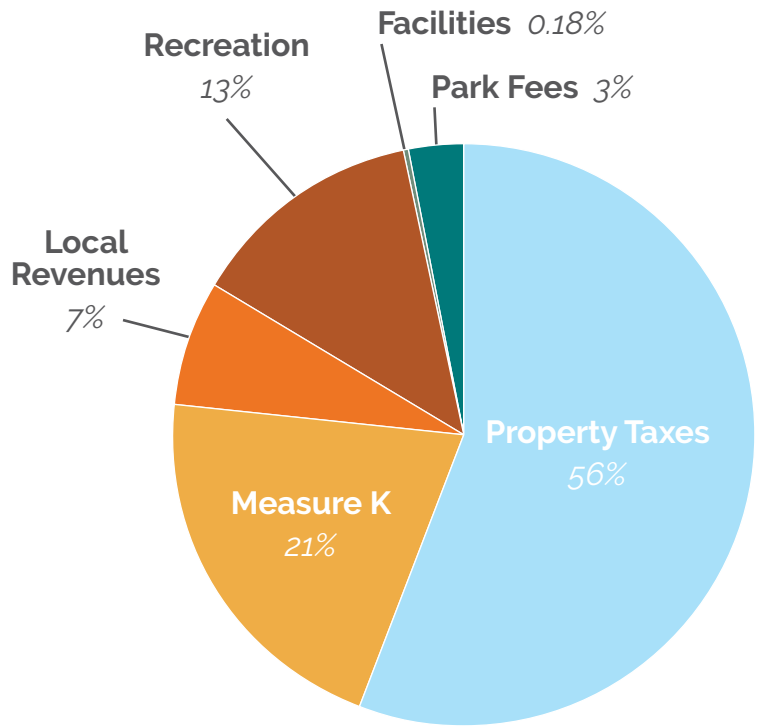
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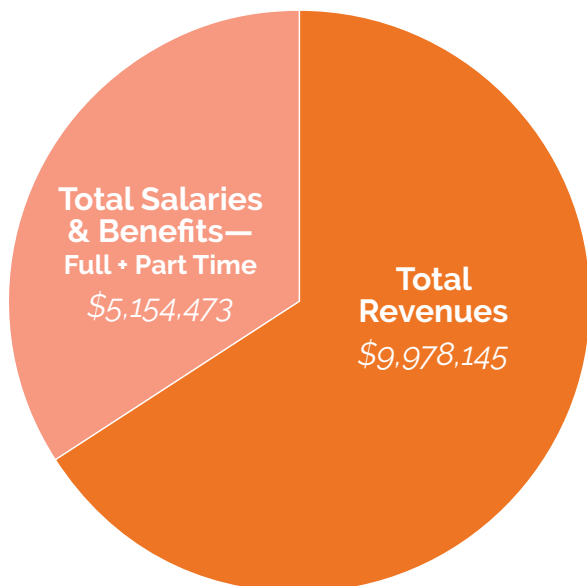
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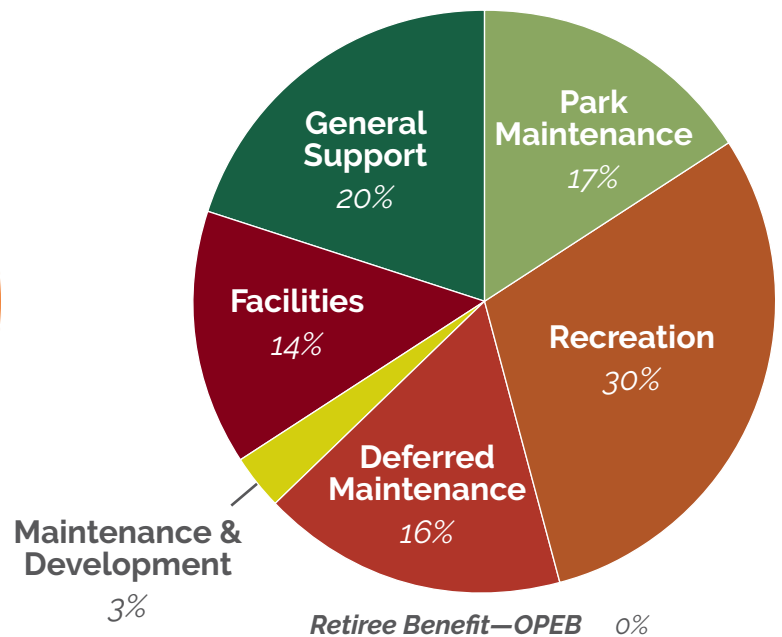
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Revenue/Employee Cost



Expenditures





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