



## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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**From:** [Frank Martin](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#); [Frank Martin](#)  
**Subject:** NEW OFF LEASH PARKS  
**Date:** Friday, November 12, 2021 6:30:27 PM

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City council, city manager, and staff,

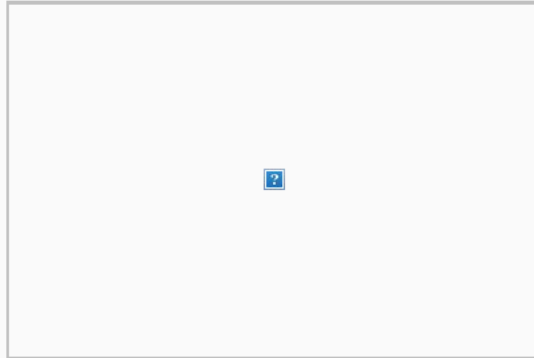
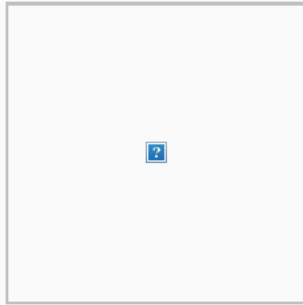
Just another example of how other towns are creating off leash parks. As noted before, our pilot program was running at the same time as Cupertino. They now have off-leash but we anxiously are waiting.

I would ask that Grant Park and/or Marymeade be included. Another good option would be to expand Heritage Oaks by including the adjacent empty lot when we have funds. We need to just do at almost every park.

Frank Martin

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**From:** Peninsula Dog PAC <[info@peninsuladogpac.org](mailto:info@peninsuladogpac.org)>  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 2:09 PM  
**Subject:** VICTORY: Board of Supervisors Vote 4-1 in Favor of Off-leash Trails



## **VICTORY: Supervisors Vote in Favor of Off-leash Trails**

Dear Friends of Peninsula Dog PAC,

Yesterday the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted 4 to 1 in favor of off-leash pilot programs at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff (pending a Coastal Development Permit). **THANK YOU** to everyone who sent emails and attended yesterday's meeting! The 103 emails sent supporting the pilot program and the 22 public comments made a **HUGE DIFFERENCE**. Special thanks to those of you who copied us on your emails.

The "YES" votes came from Supervisors Don Horsley, David Canepa, Warren Slocum, and Dave Pine. The "No" vote came from Carole Groom.

Please consider taking a minute to email the supportive Supervisors thanking them for voting "yes" for the off-leash programs (mail to: [dhorsley@smcgov.org](mailto:dhorsley@smcgov.org), [dcanepa@smcgov.org](mailto:dcanepa@smcgov.org), [wslocum@smcgov.org](mailto:wslocum@smcgov.org), [dpine@smcgov.org](mailto:dpine@smcgov.org)). We also encourage you to email San Mateo County Parks Director Nicholas Calderon ([ncalderon@smcgov.org](mailto:ncalderon@smcgov.org)) to thank him for all the work that went into the off-leash recommendation. Telling people "Thank you" makes them more likely to be helpful next time, and there will be many next times as we fight for more dog access at parks around the County.

We will keep you posted on the Coastal Development Permit.

Your dog will thank you,



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**From:** [Ken Girdley](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Not on the Agenda - 12-Foot Menorah At Veterans Community Plaza?  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:49:23 PM

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I just noticed in this week's supplement to the Town Crier that the city has approved a 12-foot Menorah to be placed on government-owned property. Who approved that religious display on government land?

Years ago Los Altos banned the mention of Christmas in all communications because Christmas is a religious event celebrating the birth of Christ. The Christmas Tree is now the Holiday Tree. My understanding is the city encourages their employees to say "Happy Holidays" instead of, "Merry Christmas" to not offend non-Christians. Am I to understand that the City Of Los Altos bans just Christian religious displays? If one of our Christian churches approached the city to display a life-size Nativity Scene would that display be approved? Please don't consider that a rhetorical question. I would like an official answer. If the answer is Yes, a Nativity Scene will be allowed, I will contact all Christian churches in town suggesting they provide a display.

Don't get me wrong. I don't believe "separation of church and state" means a total ban of everything religious on government land. I'm not against the display of a Menorah celebrating Hanukkah at the Veterans Community Plaza. What I am against is allowing the celebration of one religious event on government land while banning even the mention of another religion's event. If the city allows a Menorah, it must also allow a Nativity Scene. All religions must be treated equally.

Sincerely,

Ken Girdley