

## **Use/Improvements of Graceada & Enslin Parks**

[This post will continue to change and grow.]

These ideas have been shared in conversations and emails from neighbors, the City (City Manager, MPD, Parks & Rec) and the County Focus on Prevention Initiative. You may be familiar with some, others are new. With 2000 households in the CANA area, as you read through these ideas, think of what might interest you to help use or improve the park:

The Vision: Having a Safe Park to Enjoy and Play In.

### Ways Neighbors Can Use Park More

1. Walk around the parks at least once a week.
2. Have trash clean up days in Graceada and Enslin parks by neighborhood volunteers. Create a N.E.A.T. program through the Parks & Rec.
3. Have more CANA meetings at the Boy Scout Club House. Dates are being looked at with Park & Rec.
4. CANA could have a table in the park once a month with handouts of Neighbor Block Map and a sign up sheet for email list and resource handouts.
5. Front Porch/Yard Days. Designate particular days for neighbors to be out on their front porch or front yards. Porchfest.

### Partner with Others to Use/Improve the Park

1. Set up an informal program for “tree walks” in the park, where someone with the requisite knowledge could talk about the different tree species (maybe someone from MJC might like to do this), the age of the trees, and perhaps some of the history, like why a particular tree was chosen in the first place. Schools could have field trips to the park for the “tree walks.”
2. Possibly getting the Parks & Rec pool working. It is in good condition. Partner with local pool company to assist.
3. See if Parks & Rec can bring back the Youth Leadership Park Summer Jobs (High School) to overlook activities in the park. Neighbors would know the specific times and would most likely have their children join in.
4. Consider murals for the back of the Boy Scout Club House and Mancini Bowl.

5. Have Poetry in the Park (Haiku) at the Children's amphitheater.
6. The City could establish a web-based read-only calendar of Enslin & Graceada events and give their location (e.g. pavilion, bowl, tennis courts). We can't rely on just the Bee and NextDoor.com to get the word out. And it might encourage neighbors to come out more.
7. Make it as easy as possible for local groups to practice music occasionally. Music attracts people, even when they know it's a practice and not a polished performance.
8. There must be a "drone" club in Modesto. Invite them to use the ball field at Enslin Park from time to time. PD could be involved and/or Rank Security.
9. Police and Fire departments could park a cool piece of equipment at the park for a couple of hours, with staff, to give tours and explain how the equipment is used.
10. Have a community garden. This idea has started in the La Loma Neighborhood and being used as a prototype for others who are interested. They are partnering with Parks & Rec.
11. Reach out to the homeless in the park. The Annual Point in Time Count will be taking place late January through the County Housing Authority.