

## Regarding Park Master Plan

Like conservation and looking for partnerships

I recommend against adding water features, too many times we've seen water features installed and languish empty, sometimes for years on end: at the Library, Linda Vista Park, Memorial Park, and Quinlan. Particularly in our water-starved climate, we should be avoiding adding water features.

Speaking of water, the Blackberry Farm Golf Course had been previously watered with onsite water. Now it is watered using potable water at a huge expense. We need to fix this. We also had naturalized ponds that were of particular interest to The California Department of Fish and Wildlife. These had aesthetic and conservation value.

The Blackberry Farm pool and picnic business had been in an enterprise fund. What happened? It is run like a business. Seems to me that it should be in an enterprise fund. My neighbors had previously owned Blackberry Farm, they had a specific commercial season because that's when they could make money. Not that the City should necessarily be losing money, but running the pools off-season would be a huge money-drain on the City and the City had tried it years ago during the school year and it created significant traffic safety messes.

We need to replace the dead trees in the parking lot at Blackberry Farm. The trees that were planted there never really took.

I think that Golf is good. As more golf courses close, Cupertino might wind up being the only game in town.

When the homes at Oak Valley were built, a promise was to open an entrance at an existing driveway off of Stevens Creek Road (AKA Permanente Road). We're waiting for it to happen. And it would provide more park access (without the drive) for many residents (I'm not one of them). There are plenty of places in the Bay Area where railroad tracks cross a road without a railroad crossing or even run through the middle of the road. Please let's look into that again.