

GSA Insider

Great Service Always!



GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

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From the Director

As we bid farewell to 2024 and welcome the dawn of Happy New Year 2025, it's time to celebrate fresh beginnings, express gratitude, and spread joy.

First our hearts and prayers go out to the people who were affected by the Mountain fire. This fire burned almost 20,000 acres and at least 192 structures including homes. This fire also caused \$6 million in agricultural losses. We are Ventura Strong! Several employees have also been affected by the LA fires. Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they navigate the devastation these fires have left behind.

Looking back at our teams throughout the last quarter, GSA held CPR, First Aid and AED training and recertification to 126 employees. GSA celebrated a combined total of 195 years of service including one with a memorable milestone.

GSA Grounds did an amazing job at the Camarillo Sheriff Station with the memorial to our fallen officer Deputy Eugene Kostuchenko who was killed by a drunk driver following a traffic stop.

Parks Department is raking in awards for their collaboration with VC Probation Work Release Program and the Warring Park National Demonstration Playground for the excellent design.

Facilities and Materials is embracing the future with the upgrade of the pneumatic HVAC control system to digital.

GSA has developed two Leadership Libraries. One is in the GSA HOA office and the other in the Service Building. GSA is building our leaders and the next generation of leaders.

And let's not forget to celebrate the GSA staff from the Principal Engineer receiving a Naval promotion to a wedding to third place in the County Recreational Softball Tournament.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to thank all GSA employees for all their hard work and truly providing Great Service Always to our County customers, fellow employees and the public.

Until next time,

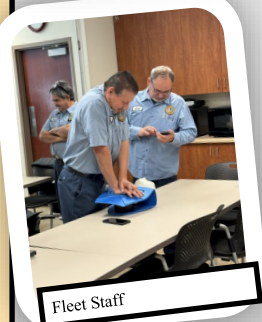
David J. Sasek

CPR, First Aid and AED Training

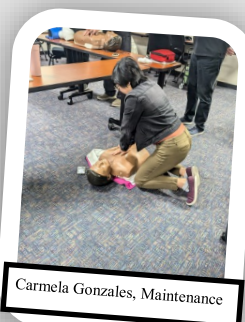
GSA staff participated in CPR, First Aid and AED training. There were five sessions held in September and October. A total of 126 employees were either trained for the first time or received their recertification. CPR on adults and children, along with general first aid training and how to use the AED machines that are located throughout the County were covered.



Frank Macias, Maintenance



Fleet Staff



Carmela Gonzales, Maintenance

GSA Shows its "Can"-Do Spirit!!



On December 6, 2024, Ventura County FoodShare held it's 13th annual CAN-Tree event, with multiple County agencies participating in a little friendly competition to see who could build the most creative holiday trees out of canned goods.

Again this year, Business Support Services' creative minds came up with idea of a Santa Dave Sasek and his elf, Greg Bergman in a sleigh along with a Star Wars themed tree. Everyone who participated donned their holiday hats with holiday spirit, and joined several other County agencies, including Child Support Services, Public Works, RMA, CEO, and others, to build their can trees eventually to be donated to FoodShare to help feed the less fortunate in Ventura County.



The festive CAN-trees were on public display all weekend in downtown Ventura before being transported to FoodShare.



Thank you to all that assisted:
Lupe Roman, Rebecca Moak, Jesse Pacheco, Anissa Keown, Josh Gannon, Valerie Urias, Charlotte Cubitt-Serrano, Chris Melton, Carmela Gonzales, Ramiro Cortez-Ramon, Diane Grace, Lieba Butler, Chad Bowie, Cameron Meisel and Seen Robinson.



Movin' and Shakin' –

who's coming, who's going in GSA

New Hires/Transfers into GSA

- ◆ Jonathan Gonzalez, Fleet Student Worker III
- ◆ Peter Bellisario, Maintenance Worker I
- ◆ James Tackitt, Garage Attendant
- ◆ Edwin Rivas, Program Administrator III
- ◆ Charles Erving, Student Worker III
- ◆ Kenneth Irwin, Certified Bldg. Maint. Eng.
- ◆ Anthony Morganstein, Building Equipment Utility Worker
- ◆ Brandon Hayman, Accountant I
- ◆ Jorge Colon, Custodian II
- ◆ Kevin Monroy, Building Equipment Utility Worker
- ◆ Chloe Drane, Courier II
- ◆ Jasmyne Watkins, Office Assistant IV
- ◆ Shannon Asato, Data Entry Operator II
- ◆ Jeanette Viveros, Contract Support Specialist

Promotions

- ◆ Tryna Huebner, Clerical Supervisor III
- ◆ Jill Siela, Manager-Facilities Maintenance
- ◆ Justin Tapia, Principal Buyer
- ◆ Samantha Crostic, Principal Buyer
- ◆ Rory Aronsky, Principal Buyer
- ◆ Victor Flandes, Automotive Mechanic I
- ◆ Petter Acero, Parks Maintenance Worker Specialist

Retirements

- ◆ Rick Bobosky, Manager, Facilities Maintenance
- ◆ Lee Ramer, Maintenance Engineer

Resignations

- ◆ Andrew Becker, Senior Procurement Specialist
- ◆ Aaron Wilson, Amin. Asst I
- ◆ Cristian Torres, Heavy Equipment Service Worker
- ◆ Dwayne Bozeman, Program Administrator III
- ◆ Jack Donahoo, Parks Ranger I- Separation
- ◆ Burris DeBenning, Contract Support Specialist II
- ◆ Martin Smith, Maintenance Worker II

Transfers

- ◆ Nicolas Grandin, Parks Ranger II Jose "Beto" Lopez, Courier II
- ◆ Reed Schneider, Student Worker III



Rick Bobosky

After 9 years with the County, Rick Bobosky retired. Rick joined GSA after working over 20 years at a Chrysler factory. Rick was the Facilities Maintenance Manager for HOA, HOJ, Partridge, County Square Drive and Telephone Road. Good luck and happy retirement!



Rick Bobosky and Craig Clutts



Employees' Years of Service Honored at Annual Awards Ceremony



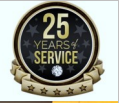
On October 30, 2024, **GSA** honored its employees celebrating 10

years or more of service at the annual awards ceremony, held in the Lower Plaza Assembly Room at the Hall of Administration. More than 75 GSA and County employees were present to honor eleven agency employees celebrating a combined **195 years of service**, including one employee with a memorable milestone: Management Assistant Lupe Roman celebrating her 35th anniversary with the County.

The event was commemorated by **County CEO Dr. Sevet Johnson**, who welcomed the assembled guests and thanked them for dedicating their careers to public service. GSA Director David J. Sasek, Administrative Services Director Greg Bergman, Chief Deputy Director Craig Clutts, Chief Procurement Officer Cliff Chroust and Deputy Directors Chris Melton and Colter Chisum presented each honoree with their service award and a special gift. The annual event featured refreshments from local bakery Nothing Bundt Cakes. Congratulations to everyone who celebrated a milestone anniversary with the County and with GSA, and best wishes for many more to come!



Lupe Roman accepts her certificate for 35 years of service.



Bob Talaugon accepts his certificate for 25 years of service.



Maeco August accepts his certificate for 10 years of service.

Congratulations to those recognized during the event!

10 Years of Service

Maeco August, Heavy Equip Mechanic II
Joey Carmona, Facility Operation Spec II
Eric George, Certified Building Maint Eng
David Sasek, Agency Director

15 Years of Service

Sabino Benitez, GSA Maintenance Wkr II
Steven Blair, Staff/Services Specialist II
Matthew Kreiger, Staff/Services Specialist I

25 Years of Service

Robert Langley, Staff/Services Manager III
Bob Talaugon, Certified Building Maint Eng
Alfredo Jauregui, Senior Heavy Equip Mechanic

35 Years of Service

Lupe Roman, Management Assistant II

In Loving Memory Of: Kelli Stewart, Custodial Supervisor

This shout out goes to the teams in Graphics, Mail Center, and the Warehouse. Every year around October, we are tasked with producing and mailing approximately 250,000 pieces of mail which is the Property Tax Bill. This year was especially challenging due to equipment failures even when preventative maintenance was completed prior to the job to try to avoid any disruptions. John Wong did an excellent job in managing the project and including looping in all the parties involved - from the paper and mail trays needed that are ordered, picked up, and delivered by our Warehouse Team, led by James Dorman, to the scheduling and printing by the graphics team (working overtime including weekends to get the job done on time), to the moving of the pallets by our warehouse team to the loading and delivery and unloading daily to the Oxnard Business Mail Entry Unit by Ali Esquivel, Courier and Mail Services Supervisor. There is much more work done on the front end by the Graphics team to ensure the tax job is a success. These different units worked together showing great Partnership not only to each other but also to the Tax Collector and the County as a whole, but also great Customer Service.

Orlando Martinez, Jose Velasco, and Dave McCarthy worked hard last week tracking down a phantom water leak at Forster area parks. VCPD received a call from Casitas Municipal Water District on Tuesday, December 9th. The district let us know about unusually high usage in the month of November. The team began a systematic approach of adding valves, isolating zones, and monitoring the complex 90-year-old system to eventually locate and repair the leak. The leak was 7 gpm with no visible evidence on the surface. This is an example of great leadership and customer service to minimize guest disturbance during the leak.

I also want to thank Rebecca Moak, Charlotte Cubitt-Serrano, and Tammy Barbey for their flexibility in taking on new roles within the EOC, learning the duties as they were being created, and ensuring our meetings were supported from each team that had responsibilities. Great examples of Stewardship and commitment to Great Service Always!

Cyndy Taschman, Grand Juror, wrote in to pass on compliments to the Grounds Team (Lorenzo Villa, Antonio Barajas, Sabino Benitez, Juan Rivera, Ruben Galabiz, Carlos Nicasio): "The Grand Jury completed their annual inspection of the JJC yesterday, and I wanted to share that it was not only the JJC Probation staff who paid compliments to the Grounds crew for their immaculate care of the landscaping - several members of the Grand Jury also admired the work of your crew, and stated that they wished their own yards looked as nice! Everyone was impressed with how green the landscaping was, and how healthy everything appeared. Thanks for taking such good care of the property - I know the beauty of the grounds also has a positive impact on the outlook of the youths under the care of Probation." Another great example of Stewardship.

A shout out goes to the Maintenance Trades team. There have been a number of jobs coming their way over the last few weeks that have been urgent as well as challenging. I just want to thank them for their dedication, promptness, and craftsmanship. To top it off they have been exceptional in their Open Communication with their leadership and their clients. Thank you to Josh Bean, Nacho Balderrama, Vidal Fuentes, Kenyon Tobin, Ricardo Guedea, Brent Clements and Robert Stadler. Keep up the good work!

I would like to thank Jim Fitzgerald and Brandon Yu for their very quick and dedicated response to the standup of F&M's EOC during the Mountain Fire. They made the magic happen between the servers, the controllers, the multiple screens, different audio requirements, and even added another computer to ensure each system requiring visibility was established. All of this within a matter of just a couple hours. Great example of Leadership and Innovation.

Allyn Cahoon wrote in "to recognize Scott Brogie for his due diligence monitoring material costs for the Todd Road Jail's sewage drain system improvements. Due to his efforts we saved nearly \$10,000 (\$4876.75 each) on the cost of the drain valve purchases. He didn't just accept the contractor's price as proposed but he took the extra step working with GSA Parts Specialist Joseph Bergeon to find ways to reduce the cost by reaching out the suppliers and purchasing the parts directly ourselves. Scott and his team are doing great work out at Todd Road improving the reliability of the critical utilities system the facility relies on and saving the taxpayers money. Thank you, Scott and Joseph, for your leadership, ingenuity and stewardship.

I want to share my gratitude of Jim Dollar, Sean Payne, and Dave Barley in coordinating all security operations across the 2024 Election, the Mountain Fire, an emergency response in front of HOA, and a quiet incident that needed to be handled with proper sensitivity. All done with true Integrity and Partnership internal to GSA, across other agencies, and even outside of the County of Ventura. Great work!

Staff Compliments

From Amber Spahr, GSA Accountant: "During this rates season, several individuals worked diligently to ensure the process ran as smoothly as possible. Dylan Wheeler, Tamarra Barbey, Allyn Cahoon, and Jill Siela were consistently available to address inquiries and provided prompt support and efficient turnaround for requests. Completing this project is a significant annual undertaking, and it was the team's first year managing it. Despite this, they demonstrated an impressive level of expertise, making it seem as though they had been working on the project for years." Excellent Partnership demonstrated by the Maintenance and Fiscal team.

On short notice, Kenny Schmidt and Gabriel Martinez performed a 2-way radio & antenna install on a Transit Mid Roof van for Pleasant Valley School District. They were able to complete the install in about 3 hours so the van could be used for student pick-ups that afternoon. Another great job by our Upfit Shop!

Workloads are often challenging. I'd like to recognize Magdalena Cervantes from GSA Fiscal for her quick and steady guidance navigating county systems and requirements for vendor payments, cost accounting, and updates. It's important for Business Support to maintain good partnerships with our vendors, and our reputation would suffer without Magdalena's skill and professionalism.

Supervisor Gorell's office held an event at the Fire Department headquarters and had to place a last-minute request for extra seating after seeing that interest for the event was going viral. Israel Rodriguez, Community Field Representative, wrote in to say, "Thank you so much! Your team was amazing. We ended up with so many last-minute RSVPs that it was necessary to respond and accommodate constituents. We ended up using the overflow room and most of the chairs. Coastal Events was punctual and very helpful in setting up the venue. Again, thank you for helping to make the event a success!" Excellent Customer Service from Diana Ly in Special Services on the quick coordination with the event supply vendor.

Norma Cahue, HR Personnel Analyst at the Partridge Building, wrote in with a thank you note to Jose Nunez and Timothy Wiggins, "I just wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for the carpet shampooing done last night. The difference is remarkable, and the work area feels so much cleaner and fresher. Your hard work truly makes a difference, and I'm grateful for the care and attention you put into keeping our space in such great condition. Thank you for all that you do!" Great Customer Service, Jose and Timothy!

Joey Carmona received a report from a Sheriff Deputy stationed at Lockwood Valley that a tree had fallen due to strong winds. Joey coordinated quickly with Grounds Supervisor Lorenzo Villa to arrange a response to the fallen tree, the remaining standing portion of which was still threatening a structure. The Sheriff's Senior Deputy wrote in to commend the work of the Grounds team after their response: "I wanted to follow up on the great work Lorenzo and his team (Antonio Barajas, Sabino Benitez, Juan Rivera, Ruben Galabiz, Carlos Nicasio) completed on Friday, 10/04/2024 with reference to a tree removal that was posing a hazard to multiple areas on the Lockwood property. I wanted to acknowledge and commend Lorenzo and his team on their professionalism, efficiency, cleanliness, and attention to detail. From the moment they arrived, they canvassed the area for safety concerns and planned accordingly. It was impressive to see them remove such an enormous hazard with such ease. What was even more impressive was the attention to detail. It wasn't just about removing a tree. They took the extra time to tidy up the surroundings and left the area looking better all around, which exemplified their phenomenal work ethic. I'm probably sure they do this kind of work everywhere, but I wanted to acknowledge and praise Lorenzo and his team for the job well done up here in Lockwood. Please express my sincere appreciation to each and every single one of them." Superior Customer Service from the Grounds team!

GSA Fleet just completed the full roll-out of the new Motor Pool reservation system and it has been huge success! This project started as a pilot in December 2023 and tested vehicles, the phone app, and customer access by our Dispatch and Operations personnel. A big thank you to Fleet's Dispatch and Motor Pool staff Daniel Flores, Carol King, and Maggie Moore, as well as Melissa Lorenzen who were all part of this from the start. Many meetings and hands-on tests with the reservation app and testing different vehicles led to the selection of Launch Mobility as our new Motor Pool vendor. On the Operations side, this couldn't have been as successful a roll-out as it was without the persistent and competent staff in Fleet's Upfit Shop. Thanks to Kenny Schmidt, Gabriel Martinez, Warren Falk, Richard Medina, and Fermin Ontiveros. With the Upfit shop being as busy as they are, they worked on their days off and on Saturdays to complete the project, in most cases, traveling to the vehicle location to work on site. Thank you to all for your hard work. We appreciate your efforts! Great example of leadership and customer service!

GSA Celebrates Halloween



In Memory of Our Fallen

Sheriff's Commander Eric Tennesen, who oversees police services out of the Camarillo Station, submitted a note of appreciation: "Monday, October 28th, marks the 10th anniversary since Deputy Eugene Kostichenko was killed by a drunk driver here in Camarillo following a traffic stop. In honor of Eugene, we decided to create a memorial garden at the station that includes a stone memorial and significant landscaping to create a serene place for people who want to honor Eugene. I'm writing you all, first and foremost, to tell you how appreciative we are of one of your team members, Lorenzo Villa. From the moment we talked about creating this memorial, and how that would impact landscaping around the PD, Lorenzo jumped into action. He volunteered his and his team's time, talent and



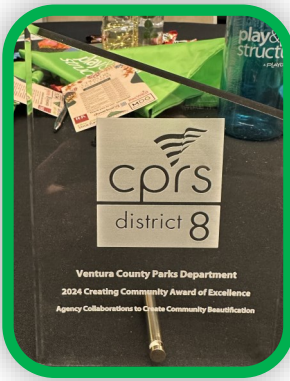
treasure to help us achieve our goal of creating this memorial. What they've helped us create is nothing short of amazing. From installing new DG with a stone border, to planting plants that surround the monument, to pouring footings and bolting a donated bench to them, Lorenzo and his team have been amazing. We will be forever grateful to how his team took on this challenge of creating a memorial as if it was for one of their own. I think it is important for you all to know what kind of team you have and how impactful they have been to us and this project." Another glowing example of great Customer Service.

What's New in Parks?

Parks Receives Two Awards

On November 15th GSA Parks was presented with the California Park & Recreation Society award for District 8. District 8 is comprised of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in park and recreation management. Awards were considered in the following categories facility design, creating community, marketing,

rising professional, fellowship/hall of fame, and champion of the community. Jeri Cooper accepted the Creating Community and Excellence in Design awards on behalf of Ventura County Parks. The Creating Community award was given for the collaboration with the Ventura County Probation Agency Work Release Program and Excellence in Design for the Warring Park National Demonstration Playground. Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Robert Barna from the Probation Agency was on hand to present the award.



Ojai Valley Trail Repaving Project

Fall 2024 kicked off the Ojai Valley Trail repaving project. This three-phase project started at Foster Park and will culminate at Soule Park Golf Course. Phase One from Casitas

Vista Road to Santa Ana Blvd. will be completed in early January and Phase Two from Santa Ana Blvd to the Hwy 150/33 split began on January 6, 2025. Completion is anticipated in

late Spring with a newly paved trail, equestrian path rehabilitation and new fencing in designated areas. This project has been a multiple department and agency effort with Parks, GSA Projects Group, Public Works and the CEOs office.



Before

After

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Annual Beach Parks Maintenance Closure

Parks Maintenance and Ranger Team members worked together this fall on the annual closures at Faria and Hobson Beach Campgrounds. Staff worked together to thin overgrown brush, compact campsite base materials, improve storage and clear lines through out the parks.



Faria Beach Annual Maintenance
Nicholas Grandin



Faria Beach Annual Maintenance. Jim Jordahl,
Peter Acero, Andrew Hawk.

Contact Us

If you have questions about park projects, please e-mail Jeri Cooper at Jeri.Cooper@ventura.org. All other inquiries can be directed to the appropriate e-mail address or phone number listed below.

Park Reservations Line:
(805) 654-3951
(to reserve group day-use areas and individual campsites)
Park Ranger Desk:
(805) 672-2071
Park Maintenance Desk:
(805) 672-2073
General Questions and Comments:
county.parks@ventura.org

Visit us on the web at:
www.ventura.org/general-services-agency/parks-department.

New Parks Team Members



The Parks Department would like to welcome Lee Russel-Hurd, Maintenance Worker III (pictured) and Peter Bellisario, Maintenance Worker I. Each one brings a wealth of knowledge and excitement to the job. We are happy to have them as the newest members of the team.



Facilities and Materials

Installation of a Battery Energy Storage System

Tesla has begun installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at the Todd Road Jail in Santa Paula. The BESS is rated to 770 kilowatts (kW) and can provide that load for up to 4 hours providing 3080 kilowatt-hours of resilient power to Todd Road Jail in the event of a power outage.

The installation is being done using a Power Purchase Agreement, where the County spends no money on the equipment or installation, but receives ten years of savings at an estimated \$50,000 per year. All concrete pads have been installed, along with the actual battery. Work is currently waiting on long lead time equipment with completion estimated during the late spring of 2025.



Embracing the Future: Upgrading Pneumatic HVAC Control Systems to Digital

In the ever-evolving world of new technologies, building management systems are no exception. The upcoming project to upgrade from an old pneumatic HVAC control system to a modern digital control system is a thrilling venture that promises a host of benefits. This project is not just about keeping up with the times; it's about leaping into a future of enhanced efficiency, precision, and sustainability. GSA Projects issued a notice to proceed in August 2024 under Job Order Contract to EMCOR – Mesa Energy Systems to perform the upgrade work. The cost of the project is estimated at a little over \$4.1 million and is considered a capital renewal project.



Sample screenshot of County's Energy Management System (EMS) used by GSA F&M to manage HVAC system assets.

Benefits:

1. **Enhanced Efficiency:** Digital systems provide precise control, leading to significant energy savings and lower operational costs.
2. **Improved Comfort:** With digital controls, the indoor environment data visibility helps to maintain consistent indoor conditions, enhancing occupant comfort and satisfaction.
3. **Remote Access and Control:** Add a level of control allowing facility managers to monitor and adjust settings from anywhere, at any time. This flexibility is a game-changer for maintenance and emergency responses.
4. **Data and Analytics:** Valuable analytics for better decision-making and proactive maintenance.
5. **Sustainability:** By optimizing energy use, digital HVAC systems contribute to a building's sustainability goals, reducing its carbon footprint and supporting environmental initiatives.



Example of “existing” pneumatic equipment to be replaced .

Challenges:

1. **Integration Complexity:** Integrating new digital controls with existing systems can be complex and require specialized expertise. Proper planning with our partner, EMCOR MESA team, is crucial to ensure a smooth transition.
2. **Training Needs:** Staff will need time to adapt, but the benefits are substantial.
3. **Cybersecurity:** Implementing strong security measures in collaboration with the facility's IT department is essential to protect the system from potential threats.
4. **Occupied Spaces:** Upgrading in occupied spaces is like treating a patient's injury while they are in motion. It requires meticulous planning and coordination to minimize disruptions and ensure safety.

This upgrade is a fantastic opportunity to create smarter, more efficient, and sustainable buildings. Let's look forward to a future where our buildings are not just structures, but intelligent environments that work seamlessly to support our needs and goals and look forward to the positive changes this project will bring!

America Recycles Day E-Waste Collection Event

GSA Facility Services hosted another successful E-Waste Collection celebrating America Recycles Day on November 15, 2024. A total of 12 pallets of material weighing 6935 pounds were collected. This event would not be possible without assistance from a large number of GSA volunteers and staff. Thanks to Lupe Roman, Chinna Nahabedian, Lieba Butler, Dave Fishman,



Pictured above: Juan Rivera, Chinna Nahabedian, Brianna Bertrand, Bryan D'Anna from Public Works and Carlos Nicasio.

Anissa Keown, and Geraldine Johnson for volunteering to assist with the collection process. James Dorman, Ruben Silva, Joel Landin and Ryan Pimentel for logistics. Lorenzo Villa, Carlos Nicasio, Ruben Centeno, Sabino Benitez and Juan Rivera for collection support. Brianna Bertrand, Reyleen Dowler and Lieba Butler were instrumental in planning and coordination.

Public Works was also on hand to distribute free mulch.

GSA Housekeeping and

Grounds plans to continue this successful and valuable program twice a year. Our next event will be in coordination with Earth Day in April of 2025.



GSA Safety Officer, Kenny Leighton

Grounds Acquires Electric Carts

In October, GSA Grounds and Housekeeping took possession of 4 electric powered John Deere carts. These carts were purchased to replace existing gas powered units. After reviewing several products, the John Deere were selected for reputation, price and a technology that uses 8 car batteries. This allows us to charge them via a traditional 110 outlet, enabling us to put them into rotation immediately.

These units are used around the Government Center



Pictured above: Carlos Nicasio

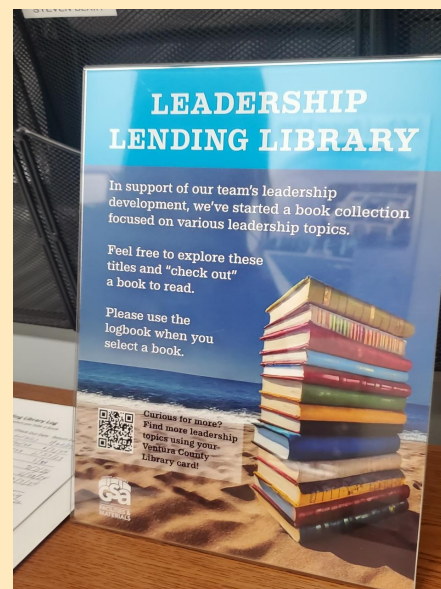
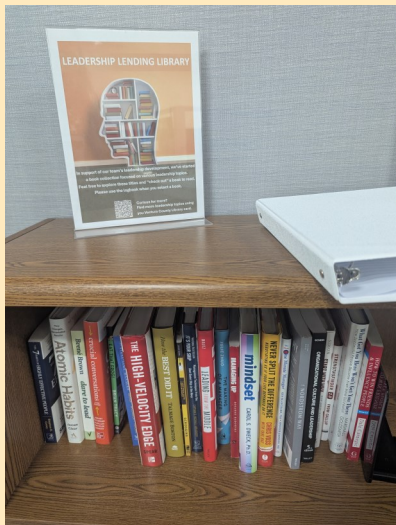
campus to transport staff and tools to needed

location pick-up and haul trash and landscape debris for recycling and to deliver custodial supplies where needed. Charging them overnight provides enough run time for a full day of service. Features include safety lights, tool racks and a power lift bed to assist with emptying materials from the back.



DID YOU KNOW...? GSA has a Leadership Library

GSA is excited to announce the launch of two new Leadership Libraries. A dedicated resource designed to empower every employee to develop their leadership skills and contribute to the County's success. This collection includes a diverse range of books covering various leadership topics and styles. We encourage you to actively explore the library, identify content that aligns with your career goals, and leverage it to enhance your leadership capabilities. Your feedback is crucial in shaping this valuable resource, so please share your thoughts and suggestions to further improve the Leadership Library.

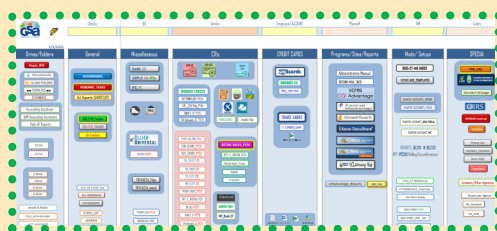


One library is located in the GSA Service Building. The other in the GSA Hall of Administration office. Stop by either location and check out a book!

Director's Challenge Coin Winner

Congratulations to Magdalena Cervantes

A Tremendous Recent Example: Accounting Assistants Dashboards



Magdalena Cervantes, at her own direction, created a visual, centralized dashboard of links to the files, folders, and systems necessary for her daily tasks. This dramatically improves daily workflow, reducing time and button clicks, and is a highly professional view of her position responsibilities. She shared this tool with her direct peers, who implemented similar versions. This is above and beyond her desk requirements and has significantly improved her desk, her coworkers, and ultimately the speed of GSA Accounting. Thank you Magdalena for your dedication, leadership, and innovation!



GSA Softball Team Places 3rd in County Recreational Softball Tournament

Congratulations to the GSA softball team for making semifinals on Saturday in the annual County softball tournament! GSA swept all three pool play games beating HCA 2, RMA and PWA. The team, Jeri Cooper, Emelia Contreras, Sam Crostic, Cynthia Martinez, Ryan Stover, Gabe Martinez, Joel Miller, Wayne Kirkland, Dylan Wheeler and Colter Chisum, were very productive at the plate and solid on defense throughout the day. Games started at 8am with dense fog and 60-degree temps before heating up to the eighties in middle of the day. The day concluded with dense fog again in the evening. GSA played their semifinal game at 7pm against HSA 1. The game was even or within one point until the 5th inning. HSA 1 would ultimately win 10-6 and go on to win the championship game 21-13 against CEO. The GSA team had only 10 players making for dense action all day. The first aid kit was well used, and it was team psyche and support that carried the GSA cohort through 26 innings of play.



Player highlights include:

- **Silver bat winners:**

1. Jeri Cooper, Emelia Contreras, Sam Crostic, Cynthia Martinez combined for over 70 plate appearances with a batting average well over 0.500!
2. Ryan Stover with 3 triples! Colter Chisum who reached bases on 10 for 11 plate appearances and a two run RBI to take the lead from PWA in the 5th inning.

- **Golden glove winners:**

1. Dylan Wheeler who held down the hot corner (3rd base) and secured over a dozen put-outs through four games of play.
2. Wayne Kirkland with a fielding percentage of 1.00 and excellent work at first base and left field.

3. Three winners:

- ◆ Gabe Martinez who caught a fly ball hit so high it literally disappeared into the night fog before returning to earth and finding Gabe's glove.

- ◆ Joel Miller with a couple of double plays from shortstop, including a take it yourself 6-3 put-out to finish the inning against HCA 1 in the 4th.

- ◆ Sam Crostic with lots of action and put-outs from 2nd base. She heckled off a fly ball in the second inning of game 3 by a player from PWA. After the incident she declared "now I really want to win." She went on to secure several more outs that held PWA to their second inning total of 4 points and got the win!



Final scores for GSA were:

- Pool G1 - GSA vs HCA 2: 17-1
 - Pool G2 - GSA vs RMA: 21-14
 - Pool G3 - GSA vs PWA: 6-4
- Semi Finals (2nd seed vs 3rd seed) HSA 1 vs GSA: 10-6

What a great day and great representation by GSA!!

Celebrating GSA Staff

GSA's Principal Engineer Receives Naval Promotion



On December 20th at the Veteran's Memorial, GSA Principle Engineer, Dylan Wheeler received a Naval promotion to Navy Reserve Lieutenant Commander. US Navy Commander Steve Bischak gave Dylan the oath for this promotion.

After the oath, his wife Megan pinned him with his new rank tab. GSA staff, management, and senior management were in attendance.



Dylan started with GSA on February 20, 2024 after completing 10 years of Active Duty Service. He continues to serve in the Navy Reserves.

Thank you for your service to this country. Your bravery, sacrifice, and strength do not go unnoticed, and we will always be indebted to you and your family for all that you have given to the country.

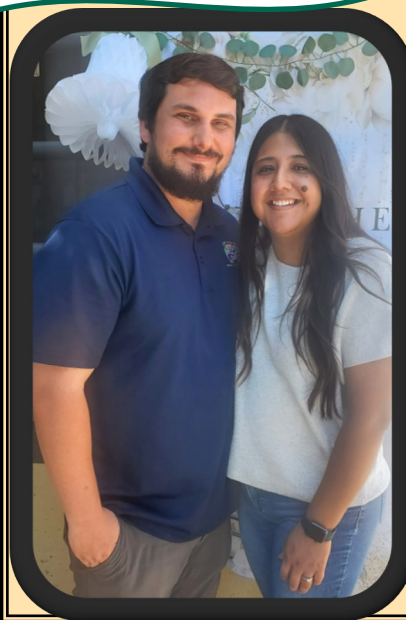
Crowned Homecoming Princess



On Friday, October 4, 2024 Justin Tapia, Senior Procurement Buyer was able to see his daughter crowned homecoming princess.

Congratulations to Justin and his wife, Patricia, and to their 16 year old daughter who is a Junior at Camarillo High School for becoming the 2024 Junior class homecoming princess.

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING



Congratulations Ryan and Diane Stover! Ryan and Diane were married on October 17, 2024 in Santa Barbara. GSA celebrated their union in the R Lot with an amazing taco lunch.

