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*As one of the oldest communities in Santa Clara County, Los Gatos has maintained its unique, village-like character since it was first settled in 1840. Located at the edge of the Santa Clara Valley, Los Gatos is framed by the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains and surrounded by a diverse and scenic landscape. The area's natural beauty remains an important amenity for the Los Gatos community, and recreational opportunities are essential to the quality of life for many Los Gatos residents.*

The Town of Los Gatos has a distinct and attractive built environment, with a vibrant downtown and historic core. The Town is dedicated to preserving and enhancing its open space areas, establishing a system of regional and neighborhood parks, developing trails for pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as providing playing fields and other facilities for community use. All of these amenities are in high demand, well-used and loved by Los Gatos' active population.

This report provides a comprehensive inventory of the parks, open space areas, trails and other public, as well as private, recreation facilities that are currently available within the community. A summary of each facility's size, amenities, programming, user groups, use restrictions and other key information, as well as the facility's type of ownership is provided.

The report begins with a summary of athletic playing fields, as this is a top priority for the Los Gatos community. Following the fields summary, facilities are organized by public, quasi-public and private ownership. Additionally, following a summary of all the facilities within Los Gatos, a list of local recreation leagues and organizations is provided. For an expanded list of sources and ad-



ditional descriptions and definitions for the terms used in the report, please refer to the end notes at the conclusion of the inventory.

Facilities owned by a public agency or entity, such as the Town or County, have the greatest amount of public access and are listed first in the report. Quasi-public facilities, such as community- or faith-based organizations, generally have more limited public access and may require a reduced fee or affiliation with the facility's ownership organization for use. Private facilities, such as athletic clubs, have the most restrictive use policies and require membership fees or formalized affiliation with the organization for use of their facilities.

*This section describes those facilities within Los Gatos which currently contain athletic playing fields that can accommodate organized recreational activities.*

A number of recreation facilities in Los Gatos include sports fields that can accommodate organized athletic activities. These facilities include practice fields, game fields and other field areas that are appropriate for a range of age groups, skill levels and activities. Due to the variety of sizes, shapes and locational requirements for such fields, those included in this report were largely identified by the field’s owner and by the types of activities currently permitted on-site.

In cases when individual facilities or ownership entities contacted were unable to provide the specific dimensions or total size of field areas, estimates were made based on descriptions from the ownership entity or user groups, aerial photographs and other available information. Therefore, for the purposes of this report there is not a specific dimension or size requirement for the classification of a “field.” In general, baseball fields are defined as having bases and a batting area with a back-stop that are appropriate for group baseball games or practices. Multi-use fields are defined as relatively flat, grassy areas that are suitable for scheduled league or team activities such as soccer. There are several



facilities that contain both baseball and multi-use field areas. At some of these facilities the fields are either in close proximity to each other or have portions that overlap, and the risk of injury is too high for both activities to occur simultaneously. Therefore, most facilities host baseball from February to July and soccer from August to January.

Additionally, several facilities, with or without formal field areas, include space that is appropriate for “pick-up” games and other informal recreation activities. These facilities allow for unscheduled athletic activities and contain relatively level, unobstructed areas that can accommodate a small-group activity. Pick-up games include a wide range of activities, such as Frisbee, soccer, football and tag, and may have as few as two participants. Generally, however, pick-up games are defined as any unscheduled athletic event that does not have a formal referee and is not associated with an organized team or league. Again, due to the range of activities that constitute pick-up games, as well as other factors such as the age of participants, there is not a specific size requirement for such areas. Therefore, park amenities and site characteristics were used to determine whether or not a facility could accommodate pick-up activities. Facilities that contain areas that meet this definition are noted below.

Table 1 provides an overview of the facilities within Los Gatos that contain fields that are considered suitable for organized athletic league practices or games and currently allow such activities to be scheduled on-site, and Figure 1 identifies their location. The currently-scheduled activities for each field are provided in the description of each facility in the following chapters.

TABLE I **PARK FACILITIES WITH SPORTS FIELDS**

| Name of Facility   | Total Size (Acres) | Type of Field             |  | League and Other Organized Use <sup>c</sup> |          |          |          |          |              |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------|--|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
|  |                    | Number of Baseball Fields | Size of Multi-Use Field Area (Square Feet) | LGS Rec                                     | LGUSL    | LGLL     | LGSGSA   | LGPL     | Other League |
| Balzer Field   | 0.9                | 1                         | 0  |   |          | X        |          |          |              |
| Blossom Hill Park  | 9.2                | 1                         | 11,000                                     | X   |          | X        |          |          |              |
| Live Oak Manor Park  | 4.1                | 0                         | 17,000                                     | X   |          |          |          |          |              |
| Oak Meadow Park  | 12                 | 0                         | 33,600                                     |   | X        |          |          |          |              |
| Blossom Hill Elementary School                                     | 3                  | 3                         | 36,000                                     | X   |          | X        | X        |          |              |
| Daves Avenue Elementary School                                     | 2                  | 2                         | 36,000                                     | X   | X        | X        |          |          |              |
| Louise Van Meter Elementary School                                 | 2.5                | 2                         | 21,600                                     | X   | X        | X        |          | X        |              |
| Raymond J. Fisher Middle School                                    | 9                  | 1                         | 59,400                                     | X   | X        |          |          | X        |              |
| Los Gatos High School  | 25                 | 2                         | 213,000                                    | X   |          |          |          |          | X            |
| Alta Vista Elementary School                                       | 8.2                | 4                         | 0  |   |          |          |          |          | X            |
| Mulberry School  | 6.8                | 2                         | 0  |   |          |          |          |          |              |
| Stratford School   | 7.3                | 2                         | 49,500                                     |   | X        |          |          |          | X            |
| Jewish Community Center of Silicon Valley (JCC)                    | NA                 | 2                         | 30,600                                     |   | X        | X        |          |          | X            |
| Venture Christian Church & Los Gatos Christian School <sup>a</sup> | NA                 | 1                         | 45,000                                     |   |          |          |          |          |              |
| Hillbrook School <sup>a</sup>                                      | 14                 | 1                         | NA   |   |          |          |          |          |              |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>104</b>         | <b>23</b>                 | <b>516,700<sup>b</sup></b>                 | <b>7</b>                                    | <b>6</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>4</b>     |

<sup>a</sup> Facilities not available to public.

<sup>b</sup> Does not include square feet of baseball fields.

<sup>c</sup> LGS Rec: Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education and Recreation

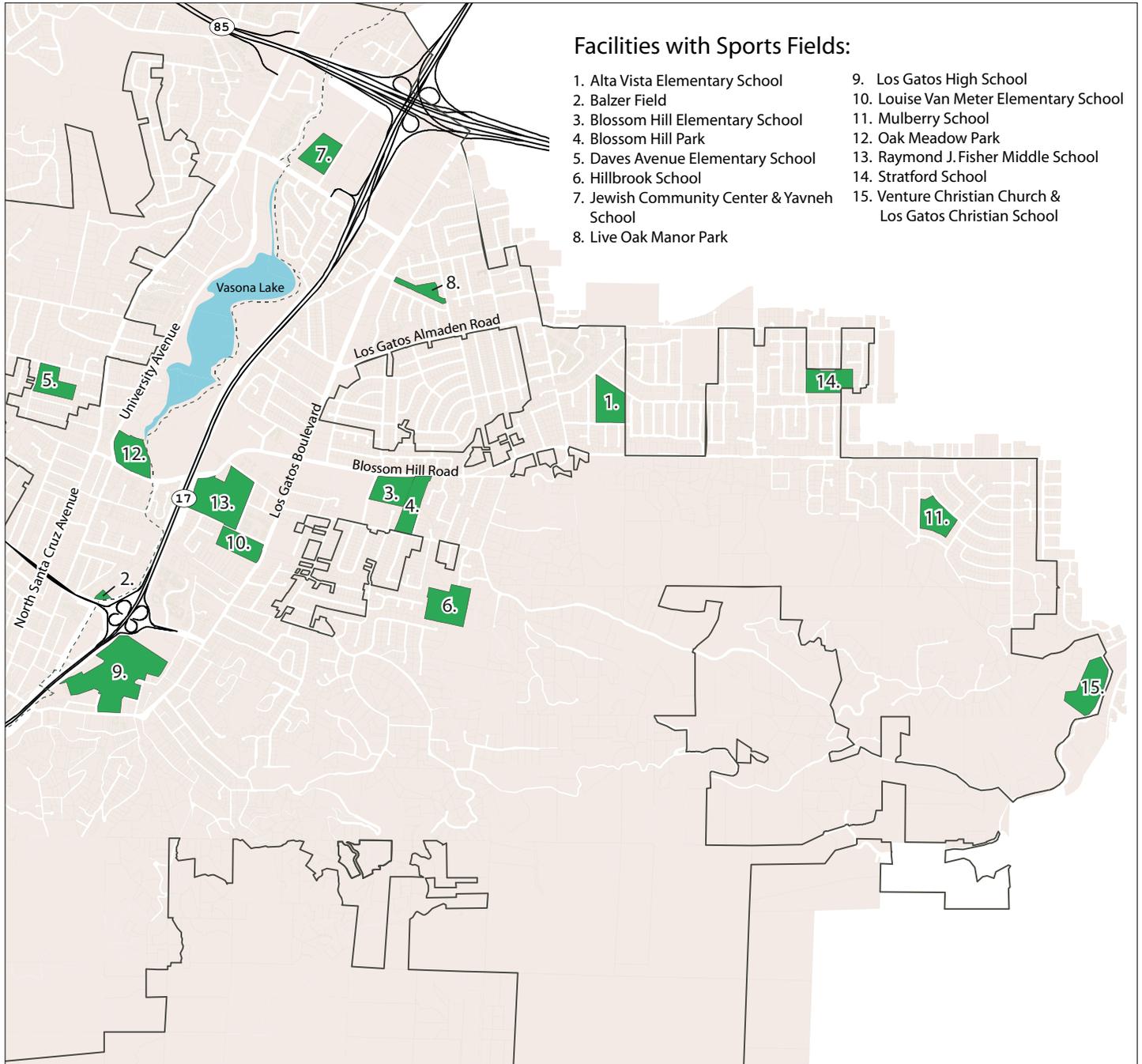
LGUSL: Los Gatos United Soccer League

LGLL: Los Gatos Little League

LGSGSA: Los Gatos-Saratoga Girls Softball Association

LGPL: Los Gatos Pony League

FIGURE I



*This section describes the facilities that are owned and operated by the Town of Los Gatos, Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and local public school districts. These facilities are available for use by the public with minimal restrictions.*

#### A. Town of Los Gatos

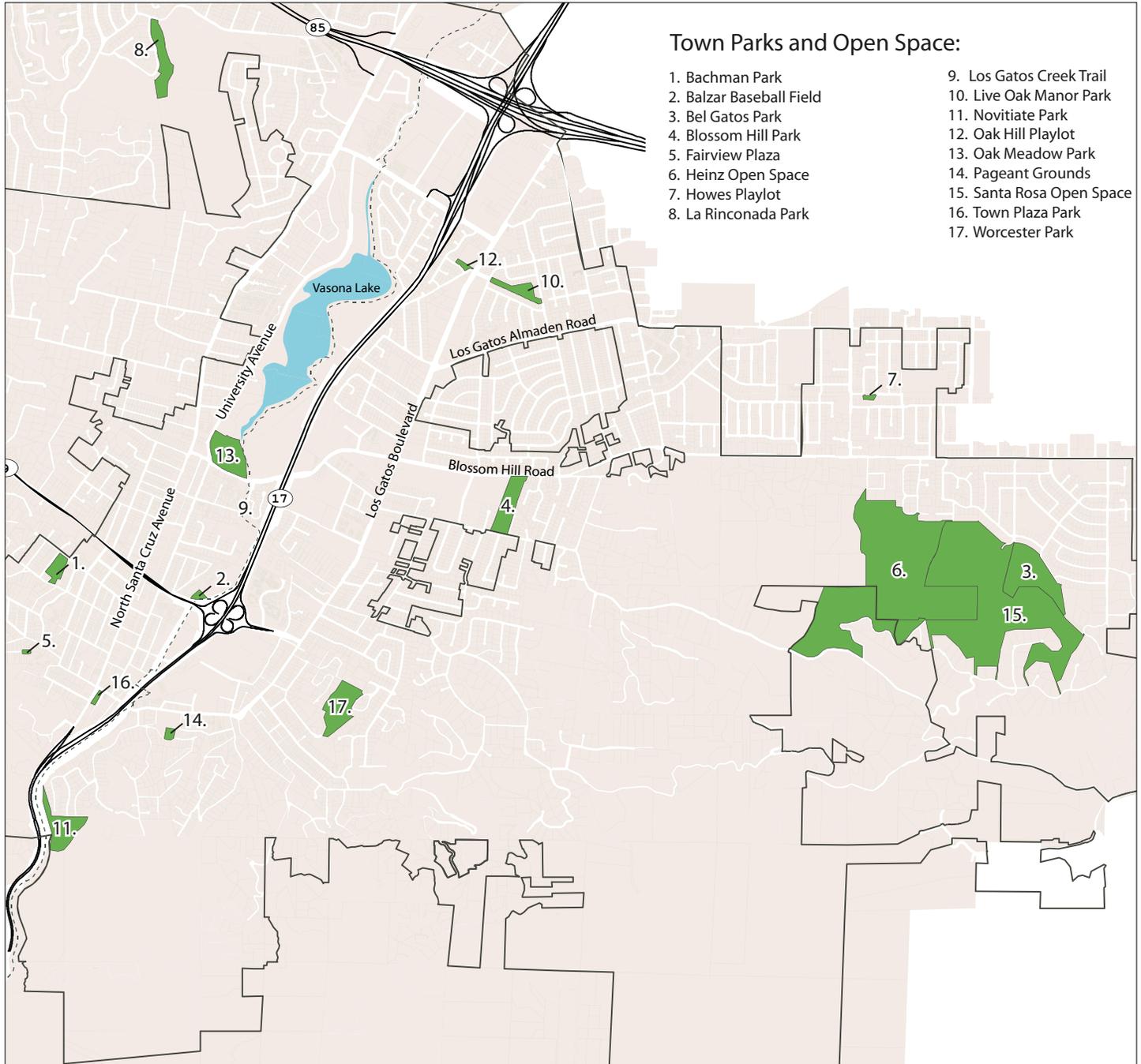
The Town of Los Gatos Parks and Public Works Department (PPW) is responsible for managing and maintaining the Town's public parks, Bachman Park, Balzer Field, Belgatos Park, Blossom Hill Park, Fairview Plaza, Howes Play Lot, La Rinconada Park, Live Oak Manor Park, Novitiate Park, Oak Hill Play Lot, Oak Meadow Park, the Pageant Grounds, Town Plaza and Worcester Park. The Town of Los Gatos also owns and maintains two open space areas that offer multi-use trails: the Heinz Open Space and the Santa Rosa Open Space. Additionally, the Town owns a portion of the Los Gatos Creek Trail. In total, PPW maintains approximately 345 acres of park and open space, as well as nearly 13 miles of multi-use trails.<sup>1</sup> Figure 2 identifies the locations of all the Town's park and open space facilities.

In 1965, the Town of Los Gatos issued General Obligation Bonds for the acquisition and construction of park and recreational facilities. Requiring at least two-thirds of the votes to pass, Los Gatos voters approved the bonds and their repayment through ad valorem taxes on property within the Town. This has resulted in high-quality recreation amenities throughout the community.

The Town's park and open space facilities support a variety of uses and offer a range of amenities, including picnic areas, multi-use trails, tennis



FIGURE 2



and basketball courts, playground areas and benches. All of the Town's facilities are open to the public and accessible from 8:00 a.m. until one half hour after sunset, with the exception of the Town's trails which are open from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.

Organized recreation and athletic team activities occurring within the Town's parks require a Use Fee and a Turf Impact Fee. For non-profit organizations, the Use Fee is currently \$75 for the first use and \$15 for each additional use. For private parties and for-profit groups, the Use Fee is currently \$100 for the first use and \$30 for each additional use. The Turf Impact Fee is determined after the scheduled use occurs and is based on the cost of repairing or replacing the park's turf. Reservations for organized activities within Town parks are scheduled through the Parks and Public Works Department's Parks and Forestry program.

Several Town parks include open lawn areas; however, PPW does not classify all of these areas as sports fields. Instead, many are considered open areas appropriate for passive or informal recreational activities as they may have topographic, landscape or other site features that make them inappropriate for organized team use. Currently, four of the Town's parks contain sports fields that allow reservations and are appropriate for organized athletic events or league activities. These facilities are: Balzer Baseball Field, Blossom Hill Park, Live Oak Manor Park and Oak Meadow Park.

The location, size, use and characteristics of each Town-owned park facility are provided below in alphabetical order, followed by a description of the Town's two open space areas.

#### 1. **Bachman Park**

401 Bachman Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 3.6 acres,  
including 100,000 square feet of lawn area and  
0.1 miles of trail
- ◆ Facility Amenities: 1 basketball court  
Playground area  
Benches

- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** Bachman Park is available for passive recreation and informal activities, such as pick-up games. The Town of Los Gatos does not permit athletic leagues or teams to reserve the parks' facilities for organized athletic events or group recreational activities, such as practices, games or tournaments.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Established in 1973, Bachman Park's construction was funded through a federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant, private donations and the General Obligation Bonds described in the introduction. In January of 2008, the small neighborhood park had an irrigation system installed by PPW.



## 2. Balzer Field

4 Miles Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 0.86 acres, including 37,500 square feet of lawn area
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:**
  - 1 baseball field
  - Restroom facility
  - Snack shack
  - Storage facility
  - Parking lot



- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** Balzer Field is used by the Los Gatos Little League for team practices and for all AAA<sup>2</sup> league games. Due to the Los Gatos Little League's practice and game schedule, the facilities at Balzer Field have very limited availability for informal, unscheduled activities.
- ◆ **Current Facility Use and Capacity:** Balzer Field is reserved by the Los Gatos Little League for practices and games Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to dusk, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to dusk. The only available field times at this facility for other uses are weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

- ◆ **Use Restrictions:** The Los Gatos Little League pays the Town an annual fee of \$1,000 for use of the field and an additional \$300 per month to cover the cost of utilities. The Little League is also responsible for the field's upkeep and maintenance.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Balzer Field originally opened in 1958 and was significantly renovated in 2007.<sup>3</sup> Recent renovations include new sod in the infields; reworked pitchers' mounds in both the field and bull-pen areas; leveled and reseeded outfields; and completely renovated irrigation and drainage systems.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, the facilities were substantially updated to include ADA-accessible restrooms, a snack shack and new roof.

### 3. Belgatos Park

308 Belgatos Lane  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 17 acres,  
including 48,000 square feet of lawn area  
and 1.65 miles of trail
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:** Playground area  
Picnic tables  
Trails  
Restroom facilities  
Parking lot
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** Belgatos Park is available for passive recreation and informal activities, such as small group pick-up games. The park's lawn area consists of two separate areas that are each approximately 24,000 square feet in size. The Town of Los Gatos does not permit athletic leagues or teams to reserve the parks' facilities for organized athletic events or group recreational activities, such as practices, games or tournaments.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Built in 1978, Belgatos Park provides nearly 10 acres of natural woodland in addition to the lawn, picnic and playground areas. The park also serves as an access point to the Heinz and Santa Rosa Open Space Areas and Trails for hiking, jogging and horseback riding.



#### 4. Blossom Hill Park

16300 Blossom Hill Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 9.2 acres, including 260,000 square feet of lawn area and 0.25 miles of paved trail areas

- ◆ Facility Amenities: 1 baseball field (Baggerly Field)  
11,000 square-foot multi-use field area<sup>5</sup>  
6 lighted tennis courts  
Playground area  
Picnic tables  
Barbeque pits  
Restroom facilities



- ◆ Use Restrictions: For groups of 25 people or more, the Town of Los Gatos requires a Park Use Permit and Fee, as well as a refundable clean-up deposit. Los Gatos Little League pays the Town an annual fee of \$1,000 for use of Baggerly Field and an additional \$300 per month to cover the cost of utilities. The Little League is also responsible for the field's upkeep and maintenance. The Los Gatos Tennis Academy and LGS Recreation both pay an annual \$75 Park Use Fee, as well as a fee of \$15.00 per day for use of Blossom Hill Park's tennis courts. LGS Recreation also uses the lawn area for soccer practices and clinics throughout the year, paying the annual \$75 Park Use Fee and \$15.00 per day fee.



- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: Blossom Hill Park's Baggerly Field is used by Los Gatos Little League for all league games, except AAA, and for all Majors<sup>6</sup> level practices. The multi-use field is used by LGS Recreation for youth soccer and T-ball lessons. The multi-use field is relatively small and uneven, and therefore it is typically used only for groups of soccer players under the age of six years old. Although the field area is not officially reserved by any other groups for organized activities, the Los Gatos United Soccer League has reported using it unofficially for soccer practice in the fall due to a shortage of availability at other facilities.

- ◆ The Los Gatos Tennis Academy offers recreational and competitive programs for all ages and levels of play at the park's tennis courts. Additionally, LGS Recreation utilizes the tennis courts for clinics and lessons approximately 20 days a year.<sup>7</sup>
- ◆ With approximately 260,000 square feet of lawn, Blossom Hill Park can easily accommodate a variety of pick-up games and informal athletic activities.
- ◆ **Current Facility Use and Capacity:** Blossom Hill Park's Baggerly Field is used by the Los Gatos Little League Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to dusk, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to dusk for practices and games during the spring season. Baggerly Field is also used by Los Gatos Little League for games and practices during the fall season. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, LGS Recreation holds recreational soccer and T-ball lessons for young children per their spring schedule, which varies between 9:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The multi-use field area is only available between 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. and at scattered times between 9:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on week days. There are no available field times on the baseball field.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Blossom Hill Park was originally established in 1976 and remains an active neighborhood park. Recent renovations of Baggerly Field include new sod in the infields; reworked pitchers' mounds in both the field and bullpen areas; leveled and reseeded outfields; and completely renovated irrigation and drainage systems.<sup>8</sup>
- ◆ The tennis courts were constructed between 1975 and 1976 as a part of the Blossom Hill Park project, which was funded through the 1965 General Obligation Bonds and State bond funds. Maintenance and upkeep of the tennis courts costs approximately \$3,260 a year.<sup>9</sup>



**5. Fairview Plaza**

End of Fairview Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 0.3 acres
- ◆ Facility Amenities: Benches
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: Fairview Plaza is available for passive recreation only. Due to its small size, landscaping features and location in a street median, Fairview Plaza is not appropriate for any type of active use, such as pick-up or organized games.
- ◆ Additional Information: Fairview Plaza was built in 1885 as a landscaped island at the termination of Pennsylvania Avenue.<sup>10</sup> Today, Fairview Plaza remains in the center median at the end of what is now the Fairview Avenue cul-de-sac and serves as a small pocket park within the Historic District. The park was resident-maintained until 1963, at which point its maintenance was taken over by PPW.<sup>11</sup> In 2003, Fairview Plaza was renovated by the Town through State bond funds. The primarily-landscaped area includes benches and a short path for park users.

**6. Howes Play Lot**

Between Howes Drive and Thomas Drive, near Union Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 0.5 acres,  
including 7,000 square feet of lawn area
- ◆ Facility Amenities: Playground area
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: Howes Play Lot is available for passive recreation and informal athletic activities, such as pick-up games. Use of the lawn area for informal activities is most appropriate for young children due to the area's small size and proximity to the play structure. The Town of Los Gatos does not permit athletic leagues or teams to reserve the parks' facilities for organized athletic events or group recreational activities, such as practices, games or tournaments.

- ◆ **Additional Information:** Built in 1968, Howes Play Lot contains a small lawn and playground area that is appropriate for young children and families. Located off of Anne Way, the facilities can only be accessed from the park entrances located on Howes Drive and Thomas Drive.

### 7. **La Rinconada Park**

151 Granada Way  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 14 acres,  
including 79,000 square feet of lawn area  
and 0.6 miles of trail
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:** 1 tennis court  
Playground area  
Picnic tables  
Barbeque pits  
Trail
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** La Rinconada Park is available for passive recreation and informal activities, such as pick-up games. The Town of Los Gatos does not permit athletic leagues or teams to reserve the parks' facilities for organized athletic events or group recreational activities, such as practices, games or tournaments.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** La Rinconada Park was originally established in 1974 and was renovated in 1980. Bordered by natural vegetation and a multi-use trail, Los Gatos Creek passes through the center of La Rinconada Park.

### 8. **Live Oak Manor Park**

250 Carlton Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 4.09 acres,  
including 98,000 square feet of lawn area
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:** 17, 000 square-foot multi-use field area<sup>12</sup>  
1 basketball/volleyball court  
Playground area  
Picnic tables

- ◆ **Use Restrictions:** For groups of 25 people or more, the Town of Los Gatos requires a Park Use Permit and Fee, as well as a refundable clean-up deposit.
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** With nearly 100,000 square feet of lawn, Live Oak Manor Park’s facilities can easily accommodate a variety pick-up games and informal athletic activities. The park’s multi-use field area is used by LGS Recreation for youth soccer clinics and lessons. The field area is extremely narrow and not considered appropriate for soccer games or for organized athletic events for older age groups. Although the field area at Live Oak Manor Park is not officially reserved by any other groups for organized activities, the Los Gatos United Soccer League has reported using it unofficially for soccer practice during the fall due to a shortage of availability at other facilities.
- ◆ **Current Facility Use and Capacity:** In the spring, LGS Recreation holds recreational activities for young children on Wednesdays from 2:20 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. and 4:05 to 4:50 p.m., and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and from 2:20 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. on the multi-use field. Additionally, LGS Recreation hosts youth basketball lessons and summer basketball camps on the basketball court. There are no other leagues or groups with time reserved on this field.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Live Oak Manor Park was built in 1967 and is located in a quiet residential neighborhood.

#### 9. Los Gatos Creek Trail

The Los Gatos segment of the trail can be accessed through Oak Meadow Park, Vasona Lake County Park, at Miles Avenue near Balzer Field, or off of East Main Street at College Avenue.



- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 4 miles of trail  
(maintained by PPW)
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:** Trail  
Restroom facilities<sup>13</sup>  
Parking lot
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** The multi-use trail is utilized by pedestrians, hikers, bicyclists and other outdoor enthusiasts.

- ◆ **Additional information:** The Los Gatos Creek Trail is the only recognized Class I Bikeway in Los Gatos, providing a dedicated multi-use trail for nonmotorized travel and recreation. It is approximately ten miles long and extends from Lexington Reservoir south of Los Gatos, north to San Jose. PPW maintains four miles of the trail as it passes through Los Gatos and several park facilities. Plans are currently underway to extend the Los Gatos Creek Trail into downtown San Jose and connect to the 2.6-mile trail within the Guadalupe River Park.



#### 10. Novitiate Park

260 Jones Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 8 acres,  
including 0.33 miles of unpaved trail
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:** Trail
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** Novitiate Park is available for passive recreation and informal activities only. Hiking, walking, biking and horseback riding are permitted. Due to the park's topography and natural features, it is not appropriate for pick-up athletic events, and organized group recreational activities are not permitted by the Town of Los Gatos.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Novitiate Park is considered Open Space by PPW and does not include any lawn areas. Overlooking Los Gatos Creek, the park is primarily meadowland and natural habitat. The Novitiate Trail connects the park to St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserve.

#### 11. Oak Hill Play Lot

118 Oak Park Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 0.6 acres,  
including 7,800 square feet of lawn area
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:** Playground area
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** The Oak Hill Play Lot is available for passive recreation and informal athletic activities, such as

pick-up games. Use of the lawn area for informal activities is most appropriate for young children due to the area's small size and proximity to the play structure. The Town of Los Gatos does not permit athletic leagues or teams to reserve the parks' facilities for organized events or group recreational activities, such as practices, games or tournaments.

- ◆ Additional Information: The Oak Hill Play Lot is a small neighborhood park containing a playground and small lawn area and is appropriate for young children and families.

## 12. Oak Meadow Park

233 Blossom Hill Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95030



- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 12 acres, including 200,000 square feet of lawn area
- ◆ Facility Amenities: 34,000 square-foot multi-use field area<sup>14</sup>  
9 picnic areas  
Barbeque pits  
3 family gathering areas  
Bocce ball courts  
Volleyball courts  
Playground area  
Bandstand  
Train ride (Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad)  
Carousel (Bill Mason Carousel)  
Restroom facilities  
Snack stand  
Parking lot



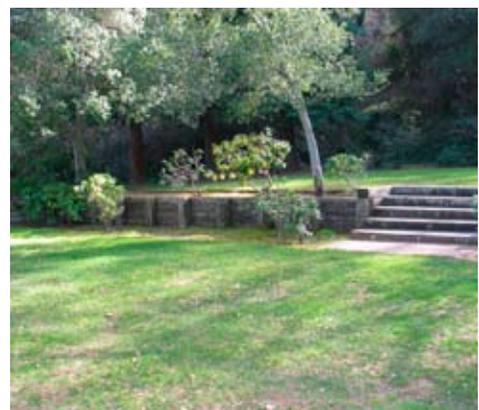
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: With approximately 200,000 square feet of lawn, Oak Meadow Park can easily accommodate a variety pick-up games and informal athletic activities. During the fall season, the Los Gatos United Soccer League has special permission from the Los Gatos Town Council to use the western edge of the lawn area as a field for soccer practice one evening a week. Due to several injuries that were sustained last season as a result of uneven terrain on this field, Los Gatos United Soccer League closed it to league use and made it a "Play at your own risk" field. PPW has since renovated the field area, leveling the ground and filling in divots.

- ◆ **Current Facility Use and Capacity:** Currently, there are no leagues or other groups with time reserved on the multi-use field during the spring season.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Purchased in 1957 and opened in 1958, Oak Meadow Park remains one of the most popular parks in Los Gatos. The park is centrally located and provides access to both the Los Gatos Creek Trail and Vasona Lake County Park. The park's field was renovated in January 2008.<sup>15</sup>

### 13. Pageant Grounds

110 East Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

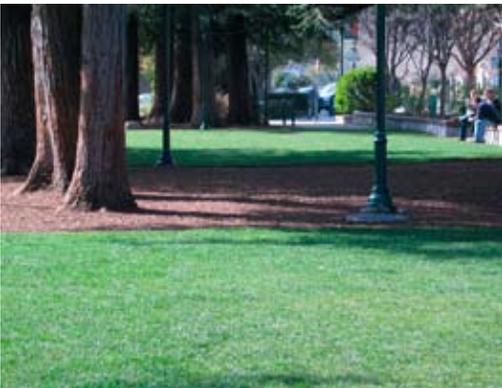
- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 0.35 acres, including 2,000 square feet of lawn area
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:** Picnic tables
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** The Pageant Grounds are available for passive recreation and informal activities. Due to its small size and terraced site, the Pageant Grounds are not appropriate for any type of active use, pick-up or organized. Organized athletic events or recreational activities are not permitted at this facility.
- ◆ **Use Restrictions:** A Use Permit and Use Fee are required to hold an event of any size at the Pageant Grounds. For Los Gatos residents, there is a \$203 Use Fee per event plus a \$100 refundable cleanup deposit. For non-residents, there is a \$304 Use Fee per event plus a \$100 refundable cleanup deposit.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Located behind the Los Gatos Civic Center, the Pageant Grounds were once home to the annual town pageant and extended all the way to East Main Street. The 1960s expansion of the Town's Civic Center facilities, however, eliminated most of the original pageant site. Partially restored in 1985, today the park is terraced and contains two small lawn areas.



#### 14. Town Plaza Park

West Main Street and Santa Cruz Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

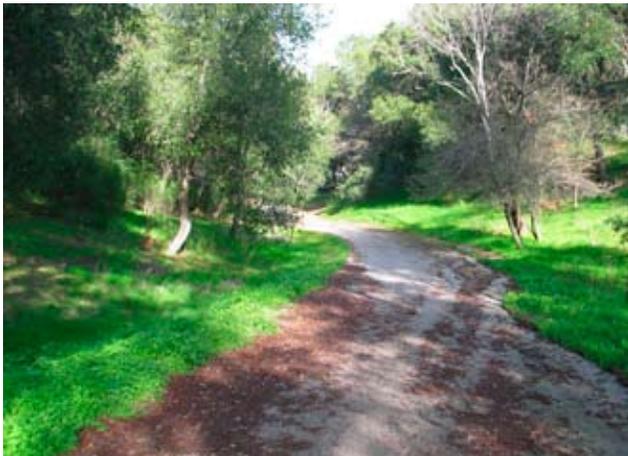
- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 0.6 acres, including 19,200 square feet of lawn area
- ◆ Facility Amenities: Benches  
Water feature  
Drinking fountain
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: A year-round farmers' market is held in the Town Plaza every Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Los Gatos summer jazz concert series "Jazz on the Plaza" is also held in the Town Plaza on Wednesdays in July and August from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Due to its landscaping features and location adjacent to a busy intersection, the Town Plaza is not appropriate for any type of active use, pick-up or organized. Organized athletic events or group recreational activities are not permitted at this facility.
- ◆ Use Restrictions: A Use Permit and Fee is required to host an event of any size in the Town Plaza. A Use Permit that allows the Plaza to remain open to the public during the reservation requires a \$75 Use Fee, plus \$15 for each additional reservation, for nonprofit organizations. For-profit organizations pay a \$100 Use Fee, plus \$30 for each additional reservation date.
- ◆ A Use Permit that allows the plaza to close to general public during the reserved use requires a fee of \$55 per hour for both nonprofit and for-profit organizations.
- ◆ Additional Information: Located in downtown Los Gatos, Town Plaza Park is frequently utilized for community gatherings and events. The park consists primarily of a flat, open lawn with trees and benches throughout. Completely renovated in 2002, the original fountain was replaced with an interactive, computer-controlled water feature.



### 15. Worcester Park

Worcester Loop  
Los Gatos, CA

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 11.2 acres,  
including 0.5 miles of trail
- ◆ Facility Amenities: 3 trails
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: Worcester Park is available for passive recreation and informal activities only. Due to the park's topography and natural features, the facility is not appropriate for pick-up athletic events, and organized group recreational activities are not permitted by the Town of Los Gatos.



The Town of Los Gatos owns and maintains the following two open space areas, both of which offer public trails.

**16. Heinz Open Space Area and Trail**

308 Belgatos Lane  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 88 acres,  
including 2 miles of trail
- ◆ Facility Amenities: Network of trails
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: The Heinz Open Space Area is available for passive recreation and informal activities only. Hiking, walking, biking, rollerblading and horseback riding are permitted. Due to the park's topography and natural features, the facility is not appropriate for pick-up athletic events, and organized group recreational activities are not permitted by the Town of Los Gatos.
- ◆ Additional Information: The Heinz Open Space Area connects to the Santa Rosa Open Space Area, and all trails are accessible from Belgatos Park.

**17. Santa Rosa Open Space Trail**

308 Belgatos Lane  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 150 acres,  
including 1.3 miles of trail
- ◆ Facility Amenities: Network of trails
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: The Santa Rosa Open Space Area is available for passive recreation and informal activities only. Hiking, walking, biking, rollerblading and horseback riding are permitted. Due to the park's topography and natural features, the facility is not appropriate for pick-up athletic events, and organized group recreational activities are not permitted by the Town of Los Gatos.
- ◆ Additional Information: The Santa Rosa Open Space Area connects to the Heinz Open Space Area and all trails are accessible from Belgatos Park.

### *B. Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District*

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (the District) owns and operates two open space areas in Los Gatos: the St. Joseph's Hill Open Space and the Kennedy-Limekiln Area of the Sierra Azul Open Space. The District maintains these areas as part of a larger greenbelt of permanently preserved open space and seeks to protect them while providing for low-intensity recreation and environmental education. The open space areas are open to the public from dawn until a half an hour after sunset. Group activities that have been advertised and expect to attract 20 or more people, or activities for which participants must pay a fee to attend, are required to have a use permit from the District.

#### **1. St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserve**

17770 Alma Bridge Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95033

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 270 acres,  
including 4.2 miles of trail
- ◆ Facility Amenities: Trails  
Restroom facilities  
Parking lot
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: St. Joseph's Hill is available for passive recreation and informal activities only. Organized athletic events and group recreational activities are not permitted at this facility. Hiking, biking and horseback riding are permitted uses.
- ◆ Use Restrictions: Due to the Preserve's hilly terrain, steep trails and rolling grassland, the facility is not ADA accessible. Dogs are permitted on all of the Preserve's trails; dogs must be kept on-leash at all times.
- ◆ Additional Information: Acquired in 1982, the purchase of St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserve was a joint project between the District and the Town of Los Gatos. Several regional trails provide access to St. Joseph's Hill, including the Los Gatos Creek Trail and Jones Trail, which connects the preserve to Novitiate Park.

## 2. Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve

17770 Alma Bridge Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95033

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 657 acres,  
including 3.5 miles of trail  
(within Los Gatos)
- ◆ Facility Amenities: Trails  
Restroom facilities  
Parking lot
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: Sierra Azul is available for passive recreation and informal activities only. Organized athletic events and group recreational activities are not permitted at this facility. Hiking, biking and horseback riding are permitted uses.
- ◆ Use Restrictions: Due to the preserve's rugged and steep terrain, the facility is not ADA accessible. The Kennedy-Limekiln Area is the only portion of the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve in which dogs are permitted; dogs must be kept on-leash at all times.
- ◆ Additional Information: The Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve is the District's largest preserve and contains an extremely varied landscape, including grasslands, wooded areas, riparian corridors and steep chaparral. There are three sub-areas within Sierra Azul, and the Kennedy-Limekiln Area is the most popular. Only a portion of the Kennedy-Limekiln Area, approximately 657 acres out of 2,920 acres, is contained within the Town of Los Gatos.

### C. Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department

The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department maintains a 45,000-acre system of parks, trails, lakes, streams and open space across the county. Within Los Gatos, the County owns and operates two facilities: Vasona Lake Park and Los Gatos Creek Trail Parkway. These facilities are the most popular of Santa Clara County's regional park and recreation areas. The County's open space areas are open to the public from 8:00 a.m. until a half an hour after sunset and all facilities are on a first-come first-serve basis, with the exception of eight reservable picnic areas in the Vasona Lake Park. The majority of the facilities along the Los Gatos Creek Trail and parks within the creek trail corridor meet the standards established by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Table 2 provides a summary of all the open space areas and trail systems within Los Gatos, including those owned by the Town of Los Gatos, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department. A map of all the open space and park trails, as well as existing and proposed bikeways, is provided in Chapter 5 of this report.

#### 1. Vasona Lake County Park

333 Blossom Hill Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 150 acres,  
including 45 acres of lawn area  
and 3.6 miles of trail
- ◆ Facility Amenities: 1 volleyball court  
Nature trail  
Picnic shelters  
Boathouse  
Pier  
Playground area  
Youth Science Institute  
Restroom facilities  
Telephones  
Information areas  
Parking lot



TABLE 2 **OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS WITHIN THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS**

| Facility                     | Open Space                 | Trail Mileage                               | Trail Connections  | Allowed Trail Users                                    |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Novitiate Park               | 8 acres                    | 0.33 miles                                  | Trails connect to St. Joseph's Hill Open Space and Los Gatos Creek Trail                   | Pedestrians, bicyclists, rollerbladers and equestrians |
| Los Gatos Creek Trail        | 4.5 miles                  | 4.5 miles within Los Gatos (10 miles total) | Trails connect to St. Joseph's Hill Open Space, Vasona Lake County Park and Novitiate Park | Pedestrians and bicyclists                             |
| Belgatos Park                | 17 acres                   | 1.65 miles                                  | Trails connect to Heinz and Santa Rosa Open Space Area Trails                              | Pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians                |
| Heinz Open Space             | 88 acres                   | 2 miles                                     | Trails connect to Trails connect with Santa Rosa Open Space and Belgatos Park              | Pedestrians, bicycles, rollerbladers and equestrians   |
| Santa Rosa Open Space        | 150 acres                  | 1.3 miles                                   | Trails connect to Heinz Open Space Area and Belgatos Park                                  | Pedestrians, bicycles, rollerbladers and equestrians   |
| Vasona Lake County Park      | 150 acres                  | 3.6 miles                                   | Trails connect to Los Gatos Creek Trail  | Hikers, runners, bicyclists, rollerbladers and skaters |
| St. Joseph's Hill Open Space | 270 acres                  | 4.2 miles                                   | Trails connect to Los Gatos Creek Trail, Jones Trail, Novitiate Park                       | Hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and on-leash dogs      |
| Sierra Azul Open Space       | 657 acres within Los Gatos | 3.5 miles within Los Gatos                  | Trails connect to Kenney-Limekiln Area   | Hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and on-leash dogs      |

Note: Trails less than 1 mile are not included, except for Novitiate Park, which connects to a larger trail network.

- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** Vasona Lake Park's trails are available for hikers, runners, bicyclists and skaters; and with 45 acres of lawn, the park's facilities can easily accommodate a variety pick-up games and informal athletic activities. Additionally, Vasona Lake is open for non-power boating year round, and fishing is permitted. Scheduled athletic events and organized team recreational activities are not permitted at this facility.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** Paddle boats and row boats are available to rent from early spring through early fall, and public boat storage is available for a fee. The Youth Science Institute offers educational programs and outings for community members.



## 2. Los Gatos Creek County Park

1250 Dell Avenue  
Campbell, CA 95008

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 8.1 acres, including 0.5 miles of trail (within Los Gatos)
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:** Trail
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** The Los Gatos Creek Trail and adjacent parkway are available for passive recreation and informal activities. Scheduled athletic events and organized team recreational activities are not permitted at this facility.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** The Los Gatos Creek is one of the few urban streams in Santa Clara Valley which remains relatively intact, and it provides an important link in the Santa Clara County trail system. The Los Gatos Creek corridor provides an essential riparian habitat for wildlife and a key function in the area's hydrologic system.



#### *D. Los Gatos Union Elementary School District*

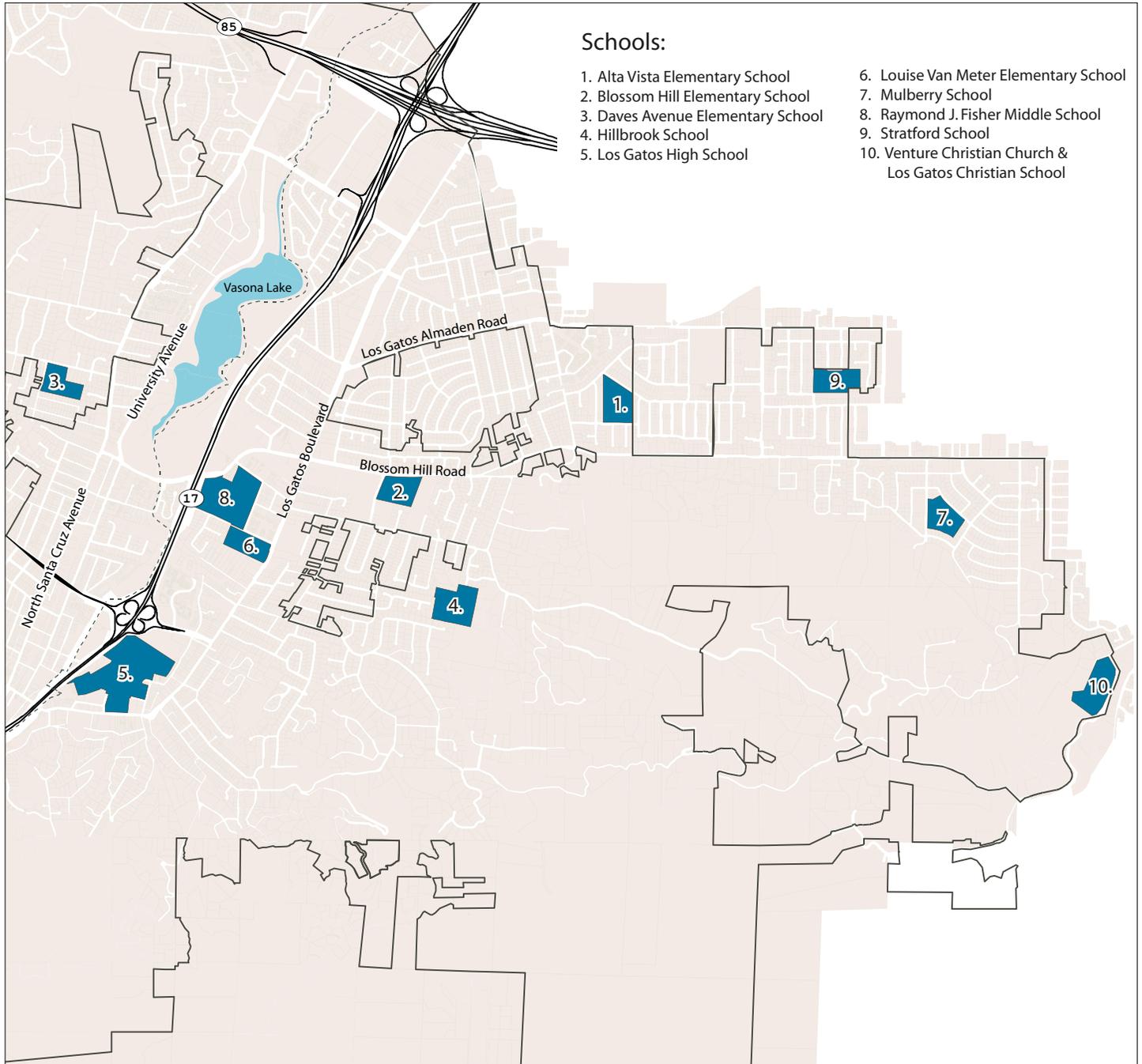
The Los Gatos Union Elementary School District manages and maintains four school properties within the Town of Los Gatos. All four schools contain facilities that are open to the general public when not in use by the School District. These facilities are utilized by each of the schools during the academic year for regular school functions and activities. Sports fields are used Monday through Friday for recess and physical education programs between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Additionally, LGS Recreation operates before- and after-school care programs at each of the schools, utilizing a small portion of the athletic facilities for group activities and games. At the three elementary schools, LGS Recreation provides full daycare services between 7:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. and is referred to as “The Clubhouse.” At Fisher Middle School, daycare is offered from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and is referred to as “The Zone.”

For after-school and weekend activities on school properties, LGS Recreation has first priority for field selection after the individual school and, along with the School District, effectively sets the schedule for all other events held on these properties.

Figure 3 identifies the locations of all of the schools, both public and private, that are within the Town of Los Gatos.



FIGURE 3



### 1. Blossom Hill Elementary School

16400 Blossom Hill Road

Los Gatos, CA 95032

◆ Total Size of Facility: 3 acres

◆ Facility Amenities: 3 baseball fields  
36,000 square-foot multi-use field  
Basketball courts  
Gymnasium  
Playground area  
Parking lot  
Restroom facilities<sup>16</sup>

◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: The baseball fields at Blossom Hill Elementary School are currently used by Los Gatos Little League for T-Ball, Coach-Pitch A (CPA), Machine-Pitch A (MPA) and AA league play.<sup>17</sup> Additionally, the Los Gatos-Saratoga Girls Softball Association uses one of the baseball fields for practices and games.<sup>18</sup> The multi-use field area is approximately 240 feet by 150 feet and is used for soccer games and practices during the fall season. LGS Recreation typically uses the field area for two 120-foot by 150-foot soccer practice fields. A temporarily T-ball field has been constructed alongside the multi-use field area for use by the Los Gatos Little League. Although the school's facilities are appropriate for pick-up games and other informal activities, due to current usage, there is very limited availability for unscheduled use.

◆ Current Field Use and Capacity: The school's baseball fields are reserved by the Los Gatos Little League and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Girls Softball Association for practices and games Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to dusk, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to dusk. Due to the removal of a baseball field during recent renovations, reducing the total number of baseball fields from four to three, the multi-use field area has had a temporary T-ball field constructed alongside it for use by Los Gatos Little League during the spring and summer seasons. Between school, daycare, Los Gatos Little League and Los Gatos-Saratoga Girls Softball Association use, there is no additional availability at this facility for organized activities.



## 2. Daves Avenue Elementary School

17770 Daves Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 2 acres
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 2 baseball fields
  - 36,000 square-foot multi-use field area
  - Basketball courts
  - Gymnasium
  - Playground area
  - Parking lot
  - Restroom facilities
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: The baseball fields at Daves Avenue Elementary School are currently used for practice by the Los Gatos Little League. The multi-use field area is approximately 300 feet by 120 feet and is used for soccer games and practices during the fall season. The Los Gatos United Soccer League and LGS Recreation typically use this field area for two 150-foot by 120-foot soccer practice fields. Additionally, LGS Recreation uses the school's gymnasium and field areas during the summer for its multi-sport camp. Although the school's facilities are appropriate for pick-up games and other informal activities, due to current usage, there is very limited availability for unscheduled use.
- ◆ Current Field Use and Capacity: The school's baseball fields are reserved by the Los Gatos Little League for practice Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to dusk, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to dusk. Due to neighborhood complaints, the field is used only when necessary on Sundays. Between school, daycare and Los Gatos Little League use, there is no additional availability at this facility for organized activities.



### 3. Louise Van Meter Elementary School

16445 Los Gatos Boulevard  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 2.5 acres
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 2 baseball fields
  - 21,600 square-foot multi-use field area
  - Basketball courts
  - Gymnasium
  - Playground area
  - Parking lot
  - Restroom facilities



- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: Currently, one of the baseball fields at Louise Van Meter Elementary School is used by the Los Gatos Pony League<sup>19</sup> and the other baseball field is used by the Los Gatos Little League for practices. The multi-use field area is approximately 180 feet by 120 feet and is used for soccer games and practices during the fall season. The Los Gatos United Soccer League and LGS Recreation use the multi-use field area as two 90-foot by 120-foot practice fields for soccer. Additionally, LGS Recreation uses the school's field areas during the summer for youth soccer camp. Although the school's facilities are appropriate for pick-up games and other informal activities, due to current usage, there is very limited availability for unscheduled use.

- ◆ Current Field Use and Capacity: The school's baseball fields are reserved by the Los Gatos Little League and the Los Gatos Pony League for practices and games Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to dusk, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to dusk. Between school, daycare, Los Gatos Little League and Los Gatos Pony League uses, there is no additional availability at this facility for organized activities.

#### 4. Raymond J. Fisher Middle School

19195 Fisher Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 9 acres
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 1 baseball field (Hoyer Field)
  - 59,400 square foot multi-use field area
  - Basketball courts
  - Gymnasium
  - Parking lot
  - Restroom facilities
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: The baseball field at Fisher Middle School, known as Hoyer Field, is currently used by the Los Gatos Pony League for practices and games. The multi-use field area is approximately 330 feet by 180 feet and is the only field used for soccer year-round. The Los Gatos United Soccer League and LGS Recreation typically use the field area as four 80-foot by 180-foot practice fields for soccer. Additionally, LGS Recreation uses the school's gymnasium during the summer volleyball and basketball camps. Although the school's facilities are appropriate for pick-up games and other informal activities, due to current usage, there is very limited availability for unscheduled use.
- ◆ Current Field Use and Capacity: The school's baseball field is reserved by the Los Gatos Pony League for practices and games Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to dusk, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to dusk. The multi-use field area is reserved by the Los Gatos United Soccer League for practices and games Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to dusk, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to dusk. Between school, before- and after-school care, Los Gatos Little League and Los Gatos Pony League uses, there is no additional availability at this facility for organized activities.



### *E. Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District*

The Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District manages and maintains one school property within the Town of Los Gatos. Los Gatos High School facilities are open to the general public when not in use by the School District. These facilities are utilized by the High School during the academic year for regular school functions and activities. The Los Gatos High School campus contains sports fields that are used Monday through Friday for school functions and physical education programs between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Organized recreational activities and sporting events are permitted use of the facilities for a fee depending on the school's athletic schedule.

#### **1. Los Gatos High School**

20 High School Court  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 25 acres
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 2 baseball fields
  - 104,100 square-foot soccer field
  - 108,900 square-foot football field
  - 6 basketball courts
  - 4 tennis courts
  - 1 swimming pool
  - 1 exercise room
  - Gymnasium
  - Parking lot
  - Restroom facilities
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: LGS Recreation's Adult Softball League uses one of the baseball fields for practices during the spring and summer seasons. Due to the high school's regularly scheduled uses during the school year for physical education, sporting events and other activities, LGS Recreation only uses the school's facilities during the summer for tennis and soccer camps. Although the school's facilities are appropriate for pick-up games and other informal activities, due to current usage, there is very limited availability for unscheduled use.

- ◆ **Current Field Use and Capacity:** One of the school's baseball fields is reserved by the LGS Recreation for its Adult Softball League Monday through Thursday 6:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The other baseball field and the multi-use field areas are reserved for use by Los Gatos High School teams and events. There is no additional availability at this facility for organized activities.



### *F. Union School District*

The Union School District manages and maintains three properties within the Town of Los Gatos, including two properties that are currently occupied by private schools. The Alta Vista Elementary School is the only public school occupying facilities that are owned and maintained by the Union School District within Los Gatos. Additionally, the Union School District owns and maintains the facilities used by the Stratford School and the Mulberry School, two private schools that are currently leasing their campuses from the District. All three of the schools contain facilities that are open to the general public when not in use by the School District. These facilities are utilized by each of the schools during the academic year for regular school functions and activities. Sports fields are used Monday through Friday for recess and physical education programs between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Organized recreational leagues and teams are permitted to use these facilities for a fee after school hours and on Saturdays, depending on the schools' athletic schedule. Union School District fields are not available for group activities on Sundays.

#### **1. Alta Vista Elementary School**

200 Blossom Valley Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 8.24 acres
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:**
  - 4 baseball fields
  - Basketball courts
  - Gymnasium
  - Playground area
  - Parking lot
  - Restroom facilities

- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** The baseball fields are currently used by the Branham Hills Girls Softball League for practices and interleague games.<sup>20</sup> Although the school's facilities are appropriate for pick-up games and other informal activities, due to current usage, there is very limited availability for unscheduled use.
- ◆ **Current Field Use and Capacity:** The school's four baseball fields are reserved by the Branham Hills Girls Softball League for practices and games Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to dusk, and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk. Between school activities and Branham Hills Girls Softball League uses, there is no additional availability at this facility for organized activities.

## 2. The Mulberry School (P-5)

Mirassou Property  
220 Belgatos Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 6.8 acres
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:**
  - 2 baseball fields
  - Play yards
  - Multi-purpose room
  - Playground area
  - Parking lot
  - Restroom facilities
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** Due to the field's uneven terrain, it is not currently used by outside leagues for organized athletic events. The school's facilities are available for pick-up games and other informal activities.
- ◆ **Current Field Use and Capacity:** There are no scheduled activities or athletic events currently held at this facility after school or on the weekends.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** The Mulberry School is located adjacent to Belgatos Park, and the school utilizes its facilities for hiking and informal play.

### 3. The Stratford School (P-5)

Howes Property  
220 Kensington Way  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 7.3 acres
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 2 baseball fields
  - 49,500 square-foot multi-use field area
  - Basketball courts
  - Gymnasium
  - Playground area
  - Parking lot
  - Restroom facilities
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: The baseball fields are used by the Union Little League for games and practices during the spring season. The multi-use field area is approximately 330 feet by 150 feet and is used for soccer practices during the fall season. The Los Gatos United Soccer League uses the field area as two 165-foot by 150-foot practice fields. Although the school's facilities are appropriate for pick-up games and other informal activities, due to current usage, there is very limited availability for unscheduled use.
- ◆ Current Field Use and Capacity: The school's two baseball fields are reserved by the Union Little League for practices and games Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to dusk, and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk. Between school activities and Union Little League uses, there is no additional availability at this facility for organized activities.



*This section describes those facilities that are owned and/or operated by community- and faith-based organizations within Los Gatos. The following quasi-public facilities offer recreational programs or facility access to public for little or no fee.*

**A. Community-Based Organization**

**Jewish Community Center of Silicon Valley in Los Gatos (JCC)**

Levy Family Campus  
 Yavneh Day School  
 14855 Oka Road  
 Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Owner: The Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley
- ◆ Management: Addison Penzak Jewish Community Center
- ◆ Hours of Operation: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the week, and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the weekends.
- ◆ Size of Facility: 20,000 square-foot fitness center
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 2 baseball fields
  - 30,600 square-foot multi-use field<sup>21</sup>
  - 4 tennis courts
  - 2 basketball courts
  - 1 lap pool
  - 1 kiddie pool
  - 2 exercise rooms, each 1,800 square feet
  - Gymnasium
  - Restroom facilities
  - Locker rooms
  - Parking lot





- ◆ **Additional Facility:** Yavneh School (K-8). The Yavneh School utilizes all of the JCC's facilities. Yavneh students in the fifth grade and above can participate in competitive interscholastic athletic programs through the Silicon Valley Athletic League.
- ◆ **Use Restrictions:** The facilities are available for use by its members or through organized recreational or athletic leagues with permission. Non-member leagues and teams are required to pay a fee for use of the facilities for practices and games.
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** The JCC hosts member tennis leagues and tournaments, as well as a competitive swim team. The baseball fields on the JCC campus are currently used by the Los Gatos Little League for practices. The Pacific Soccer Academy uses the multi-use field area as two practice fields year-round.
- ◆ **Current Field Use and Capacity:** The JCC's baseball fields are reserved for Los Gatos Little League practices Monday through Friday 4:30 p.m. to dusk, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to dusk, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to dusk. The Pacific Soccer Academy hosts youth soccer lessons from 9:45 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and the Yavneh School uses the fields for the remainder of the time during the week. There is no additional availability at this facility for organized activities.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** The JCC currently offers spinning, pilates, weight training, synchronized swimming, youth fitness, dance and aerobic exercise classes. JCC members are also allowed to participate in its volleyball, swimming, water polo, softball and tennis lessons, clinics and competitions.

### B. Faith-Based Organizations & Schools

#### 1. Venture Christian Church & Los Gatos Christian School (K-8)

16845 Hicks Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Owner: Venture Christian Church
- ◆ Management: Venture Christian Church
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 1 baseball field
  - 45,000 square-foot multi-use field area
  - 4 basketball courts
  - Gymnasium
  - Playground area
  - Parking lot
  - Restroom facilities
- ◆ Use Restrictions: Venture Christian Church's facilities are in continuous use by the school and church and are not open to the public.

#### 2. Calvary Church

16330 Los Gatos Boulevard  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 2 basketball courts
  - Gymnasium
  - Weight room
  - Playground area
  - Parking lot
  - Restroom facilities
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: The gymnasium is open weekday evenings for informal basketball and volleyball games. The gymnasium is also used for weekly ballroom dance lessons and other recreational activities. These events are open to the public and are free of charge.





### 3. Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos & Shannon School

16575 Shannon Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Facility Amenities: 2 playground areas  
Multi-purpose room  
Lawn area
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: All facilities are used exclusively by the church and preschool and are not open to the public.



### 4. Los Gatos United Methodist Church

111 Church Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

- ◆ Facility Amenities: Skate park  
Gymnasium  
Snack bar
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: The skate park is located in the gymnasium and is open every Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Additional Information: The skate park is open to members of the public free of charge.



### 5. St. Mary's Elementary Church & School

30 Lyndon Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

- ◆ Facility Amenities: Basketball courts  
Lawn area  
Gymnasium  
Playground area
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: The facilities are in continuous use by the school and church and are not open to the public.

The following faith-based organizations are located in Los Gatos and may have recreation facilities; however, they are not open to public.

6. **Congregation Shir Hadash**  
20 Cherry Blossom Lane  
Los Gatos, CA 95032
7. **Eitz Chaim Academy**  
16555 Shannon Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032
8. **Faith Lutheran**  
16548 Ferris Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95032
9. **First Assembly of God**  
16735 Lark Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95032
10. **First Church of Christ Scientist Los Gatos**  
216 1/2 North Santa Cruz Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030
11. **First Church of Christ Scientist-Los Gatos Church**  
238 E Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95030
12. **Global Community Church**  
16330 Los Gatos Boulevard  
Los Gatos, CA 95032
13. **Holy Cross Lutheran & Children's Center**  
15885 Los Gatos-Almaden Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032:



**14. HOPE Christian Church**

1975 Pollard Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

**15. Korean Revival Presbyterian Church**

1849 Pollard Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

**16. Seventh Day Adventist Church**

57 Broadway  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

**17. St. Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church**

14263 Mulberry Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

**18. St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

20 University Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

**19. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

15985 Rose Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

*This section describes those facilities that are owned and/or operated by private organizations. These facilities require paid membership or facility affiliation for use of their facilities and are not open to the general public or outside recreational groups. In Los Gatos, there is one private school facility and ten athletic clubs that include private recreational and other athletic facilities.*

*A. Private School*

**1. Hillbrook School (Preschool-8)**

300 Marchmont Drive  
 Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Owner: The Hillbrook School
- ◆ Management: The Hillbrook School
- ◆ Total Size of Campus: 14 acres
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 1 baseball field
  - 1 multi-use field area
  - 5 basketball courts
  - 1 swimming pool
  - 5 play structures
  - Gymnasium
  - Restroom facilities
  - Locker rooms
  - Parking lot
- ◆ Use Restrictions: The school’s recreational facilities are used by students during physical education classes, recess and interscholastic sports activities and are not open to the public.
- ◆ Additional Information: The northeastern corner of the campus has a professionally-graded, natural-turf multi-use field, which is used for lacrosse, soccer, flag football and softball practices and games. Starting in fifth grade, students have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports, including basketball, volleyball, flag football and softball.

### A. *Private Athletic Clubs and Workout Facilities*

#### 2. **Los Gatos Athletic Club**

285 East Main Street  
Los Gatos CA 95030

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 49,000 square feet
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:**
  - Cardiovascular room
  - Group exercise rooms
  - 3 full racquetball courts
  - 1 full indoor basketball court
  - 1 heated outdoor swimming pool
  - 1 indoor 25-yard lap pool
  - Daycare facilities
  - Café
  - Locker rooms
  - Restroom facilities
  - Deck and lawn area
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** Group and private swim lessons, adult swim classes, private racquetball lessons, handball games, seasonal racquetball leagues, a basketball league and tournament, and drop-in basketball games. The deck and lawn areas are for passive use only.
- ◆ **Group Exercise Classes:** Circuit Training, Tai Chi, Step and Sculpt, Jazzercise, Cardio Dance, Sports Conditioning, Aerobics, Meditation, Water Fitness Classes and Spinning.
- ◆ **Additional Information:** The cardiovascular room includes treadmills, elliptical machines, rowing machines, stairmasters, recumbent bikes and stationary bikes. The Los Gatos Athletic Club is located downtown and has a range of activities occurring throughout the day.



### 3. Los Gatos Swim and Racquet Club

14700 Oka Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 189,000 square feet
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - Group exercise rooms
  - 1 outdoor spa
  - 1 sauna
  - 1 heated outdoor 100-foot lap pool
  - 1 heated outdoor 75-foot lap pool
  - 1 heated outdoor wading pool
  - 13 lighted tennis courts
  - Pro Shop
- ◆ Organized Activities and Other Use: Tennis clinics, lessons and drills for all ages and skill-levels, competitive tennis leagues, tennis tournaments, a year -round swim team, and swim meets.
- ◆ Group Exercise Classes: Cardiovascular and strength training classes, circuit training, kickboxing, group cycling, kids' fit play, pilates mat classes, group running, yoga, personal training, aqua group exercise classes, and group swim lessons.

### 4. Courtside Club

14675 Winchester Boulevard  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ Total Size of Facility: 10,000 square-foot fitness center
- ◆ Facility Amenities:
  - 14 outdoor tennis courts
  - 4 indoor tennis courts
  - 2 group exercise studios
  - 2 volleyball courts
  - 3 basketball courts
  - 1 cycling studio
  - 3 swimming pools
  - Gymnasium
  - Youth center
  - Full-service day spa
  - Café
  - Pro Shop
  - Locker rooms
  - Restroom facilities
  - Parking lot

- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** The gymnasium is used for volleyball clinics, open play, conditioning drills and private lessons. The gymnasium is also used for open soccer play and clinics. The club hosts a coed indoor soccer league for its members. Additionally, pickup basketball games, league competition and basketball camps are hosted by the club. The tennis courts are utilized for lessons, clinics and member leagues.
- ◆ **Group Exercise Classes:** Swimming, tennis and golf lessons, aqua fitness, circuit training, yoga, pilates, step-aerobics, cardio dance, and spinning classes.

#### 5. **La Rinconda Country Club**

14595 Clearview Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

- ◆ **Total Size of Facility:** 125 acres,  
including 30,000 square-foot clubhouse
- ◆ **Facility Amenities:** 18 hole golf course  
2 dining facilities  
300-yard driving range  
12 hole putting green  
Proshop  
Restroom facilities  
Parking lot
- ◆ **Organized Activities and Other Use:** La Rinconada Country Club members can use the clubhouse facilities and golf course for a fee.

The following private clubs currently offer specialized services that require a membership fee or a drop-in class fee.

6. **Cadence Fitness**  
17417 Farley Road West  
Los Gatos, CA 95030
7. **Fitness Clinic of Los Gatos**  
15405 Los Gatos Boulevard  
Los Gatos, CA 95030
8. **Los Gatos Ballet and Pilates**  
16 Lyndon Avenue  
Los Gatos, CA 95030
9. **Yoga Center of Los Gatos**  
9 Montebello Way  
Los Gatos, CA 95032
10. **Yoga Source Los Gatos**  
15445C Los Gatos Boulevard  
Los Gatos, CA 95032



*The following section provides a brief summary of the parks, open space areas, and trails that are currently located within the Los Gatos community.*

The parks, open space and trails described in this inventory include public, quasi-public and private facilities, located both indoors and outside, within the Town of Los Gatos. Detailed information regarding the location, size, ownership, amenities, activities, use restrictions and site characteristics is provided for a total of 40 facilities as follows.

- ◆ Seventeen Town-owned and operated facilities
- ◆ Two Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District facilities
- ◆ Two Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation facilities
- ◆ Eight local public school district facilities
- ◆ One community-based facility
- ◆ Five faith-based facilities
- ◆ One private school facility
- ◆ Four private athletic club facilities

Facility-specific information was obtained through telephone interviews, facility questionnaires, email correspondence, site visits and independent research. In particular, staff from the Los Gatos Planning Department and the Parks and Forestry Division of the Parks and Public Works Department, as well as staff from LGS Recreation and the Los Gatos United Soccer League, provided a significant amount of information about recreation facilities and programming. Table 3 provides a summary of the 40 facilities for which detailed information is provided, and Figure 4 indicates their location.



TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF LOS GATOS FACILITIES

|                          | Key Amenities         |            |                   |              |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |  |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|
|                          | Name of Facility      | Type       | Ownership         | Size (Acres) | Multi-Use Sports Field | Baseball Field | Multi-Use Trail | Play-ground | Tennis Court | Basketball Court | Pick-Up Activity Area |  |
| <b>Public Facilities</b> |                       |            |                   |              |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |  |
| 1                        | Bachman Park          | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 3.6          |                        |                |                 | X           |              | X                | X                     |  |
| 2                        | Balzar Baseball Field | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 0.86         | X                      |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |  |
| 3                        | Belgatos Park         | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 17           |                        |                | X               | X           |              |                  | X                     |  |
| 4                        | Blossom Hill Park     | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 9.2          | X                      | X              | X               | X           | X            |                  | X                     |  |
| 5                        | Fairview Plaza        | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 0.3          |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |  |
| 6                        | Howes Play Lot        | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 0.5          |                        |                |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     |  |
| 7                        | La Rinconada Park     | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 14           |                        |                | X               | X           | X            |                  | X                     |  |
| 8                        | Live Oak Manor Park   | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 4.1          | X                      |                |                 | X           |              | X                | X                     |  |
| 9                        | Los Gatos Creek Trail | Trail      | Town of Los Gatos |              |                        |                | X               |             |              |                  |                       |  |
| 10                       | Novitiate Park        | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 8            |                        |                | X               |             |              |                  |                       |  |
| 11                       | Oak Hill Play Lot     | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 0.6          |                        |                |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     |  |
| 12                       | Oak Meadow Park       | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 12           | X                      |                |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     |  |
| 13                       | Pageant Grounds       | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 0.35         |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |  |
| 14                       | Town Plaza            | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 0.6          |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |  |
| 15                       | Worcester Park        | Park       | Town of Los Gatos | 11.2         |                        |                | X               |             |              |                  |                       |  |
| 16                       | Heinz Open Space      | Open Space | Town of Los Gatos | 88           |                        |                | X               |             |              |                  |                       |  |
| 17                       | Santa Rosa Open Space | Open Space | Town of Los Gatos | 150          |                        |                | X               |             |              |                  |                       |  |

TABLE 4 SUMMARY OF LOS GATOS FACILITIES (CONTINUED)

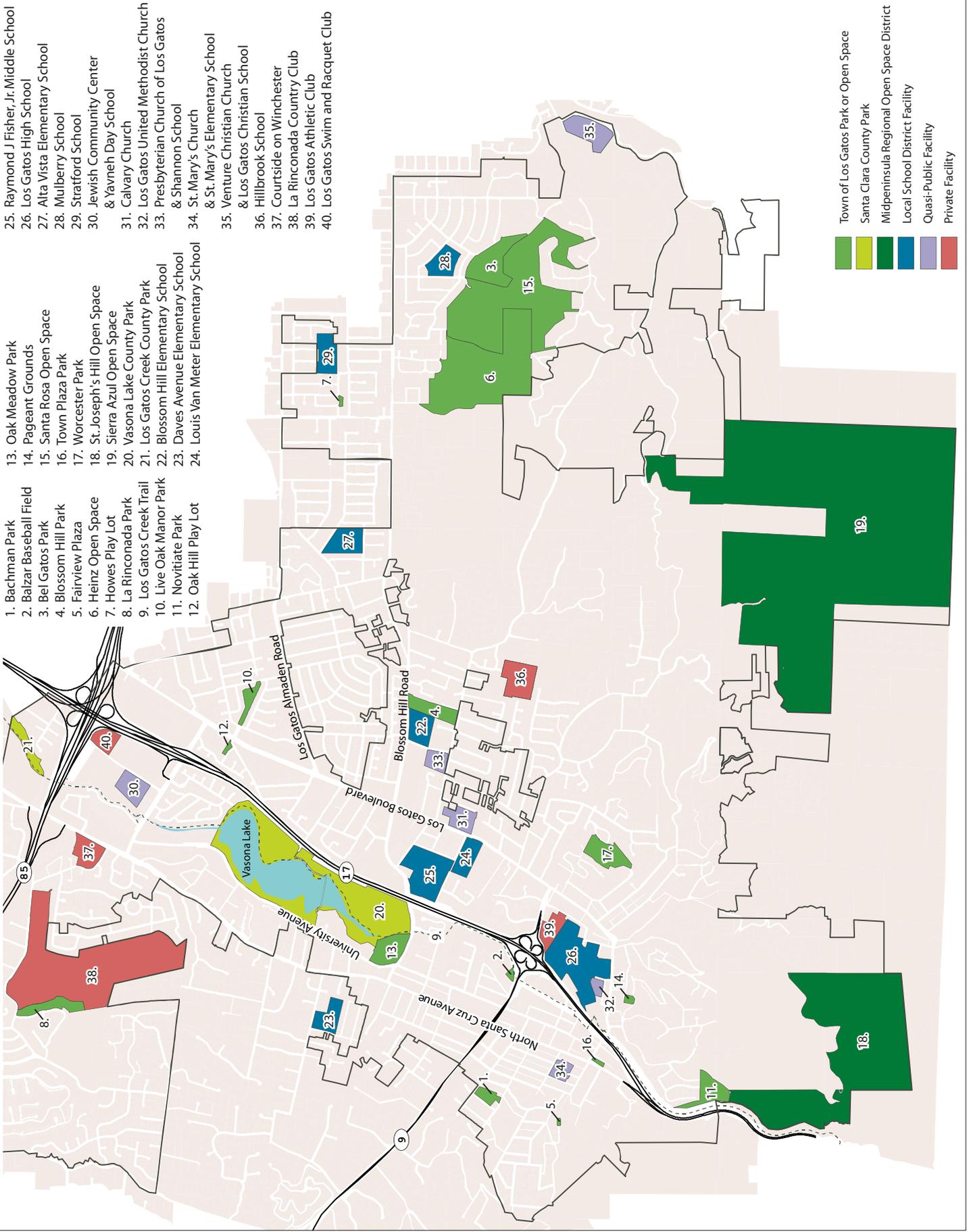
|                                | Name of Facility                           | Type       | Ownership  | Size (Acres) | Key Amenities          |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |   |
|--------------------------------|--|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|---|
|                                |  |            |            |              | Multi-Use Sports Field | Baseball Field | Multi-Use Trail | Play-ground | Tennis Court | Basketball Court | Pick-Up Activity Area |   |
| 18                             | St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserve      | Open Space | MPROSD     | 270          |                        |                | X               |             |              |                  |                       | X |
| 19                             | Sierra Azul (Kennedy-Limekiln Area)        | Open Space | MPROSD     | 657          |                        |                | X               |             |              |                  |                       | X |
| 20                             | Vasona Lake County Park                    | Park       | SCCPR      | 150          |                        |                | X               |             | X            |                  |                       | X |
| 21                             | Los Gatos Creek County Park                | Park       | SCCPR      | 8.1          |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       | X |
| 22                             | Blossom Hill Elementary School             | Campus     | LGUSD      | 3            | X                      | X              |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     | X |
| 23                             | Daves Avenue Elementary School             | Campus     | LGUSD      | 2            | X                      | X              |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     | X |
| 24                             | Louis Van Meter Elementary School          | Campus     | LGUSD      | 2.5          | X                      | X              |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     | X |
| 25                             | Raymond J Fisher, Jr. Middle School        | Campus     | LGUSD      | 9            | X                      | X              |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     | X |
| 26                             | Los Gatos High School                      | Campus     | LGUHSD     | 25           | X                      | X              |                 |             |              | X                | X                     | X |
| 27                             | Alta Vista Elementary School               | Campus     | USD        | 8.24         |                        |                |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     | X |
| 28                             | Mulberry School (Mirasou Property)         | Campus     | USD        | 6.8          |                        |                |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     | X |
| 29                             | Stratford School (Howes Property)          | Campus     | USD        | 7.3          | X                      | X              |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     | X |
| <b>Quasi-Public Facilities</b> |  |            |            |              |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |   |
| 30                             | Jewish Community Center &Yavneh Day School | Campus     | Non-Profit |              | X                      | X              |                 |             |              | X                | X                     | X |
| 31                             | Calvary Church                             | Campus     | Non-Profit |              |                        |                |                 |             |              | X                | X                     | X |

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF LOS GATOS FACILITIES (CONTINUED)

| Name of Facility                                      | Type          | Ownership  | Size (Acres) | Key Amenities          |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |   |  |
|---|---------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
|   |               |            |              | Multi-Use Sports Field | Baseball Field | Multi-Use Trail | Play-ground | Tennis Court | Basketball Court | Pick-Up Activity Area |   |  |
| 32 Los Gatos United Methodist Church                  | Campus        | Non-Profit |              |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |   |  |
| Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos/ Shannon School      | Campus        | Non-Profit |              |                        |                |                 | X           |              |                  |                       |   |  |
| 34 St. Mary's Church & Elementary School              | Campus        | Non-Profit |              |                        |                |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     | X |  |
| Venture Christian Church & Los Gatos Christian School | Campus        | Non-Profit |              | X                      | X              |                 | X           |              |                  | X                     | X |  |
| <b>Private Facilities</b>                             |               |            |              |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |   |  |
| 36 Hillbrook School                                   | Campus        | Private    | 14           | X                      | X              |                 | X           |              | X                | X                     | X |  |
| 37 Courtside on Winchester                            | Athletic Club | Private    |              |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |   |  |
| 38 La Rinconada Country Club                          | Athletic Club | Private    |              |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |   |  |
| 39 Los Gatos Athletic Club                            | Athletic Club | Private    |              |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |   |  |
| 40 Los Gatos Swim and Racquet Club                    | Athletic Club | Private    |              |                        |                |                 |             |              |                  |                       |   |  |

FIGURE 4

Los Gatos Parks and Open Space Facilities:



1. Bachman Park
2. Balzar Baseball Field
3. Bel Gatos Park
4. Blossom Hill Park
5. Fairview Plaza
6. Heinz Open Space
7. Howes Play Lot
8. La Rinconada Park
9. Los Gatos Creek Trail
10. Live Oak Manor Park
11. Novitiate Park
12. Oak Hill Play Lot
13. Oak Meadow Park
14. Pageant Grounds
15. Santa Rosa Open Space
16. Town Plaza Park
17. Worcester Park
18. St. Joseph's Hill Open Space
19. Sierra Azul Open Space
20. Vasona Lake County Park
21. Los Gatos Creek County Park
22. Blossom Hill Elementary School
23. Daves Avenue Elementary School
24. Louis Van Meter Elementary School
25. Raymond J Fisher, Jr. Middle School
26. Los Gatos High School
27. Alta Vista Elementary School
28. Mulberry School
29. Stratford School
30. Jewish Community Center & Yavneh Day School
31. Calvary Church
32. Los Gatos United Methodist Church
33. Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos & Shannon School
34. St. Mary's Church
35. St. Mary's Elementary School & St. Mary's Church
36. Venture Christian Church & Los Gatos Christian School
37. Hillbrook School
38. Courtside on Winchester
39. La Rinconada Country Club
40. Los Gatos Athletic Club
40. Los Gatos Swim and Racquet Club

- Town of Los Gatos Park or Open Space
- Santa Clara County Park
- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- Local School District Facility
- Quasi-Public Facility
- Private Facility

### A. *Fields*

The Town of Los Gatos is currently home to 15 facilities containing one or more sports fields on-site. These facilities are owned by public, quasi-public and private organizations.

- ◆ Four are owned and operated by the Town of Los Gatos Parks and Public Works Department;
- ◆ Four are owned and operated by the Los Gatos Union Elementary School District;
- ◆ One is owned and operated by the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District;
- ◆ Three are owned and operated by the Union School District;
- ◆ Two are owned and operated by community or faith-based groups;
- ◆ One is owned and operated by a private school.

Of the 15 facilities, two are unavailable for use by outside groups or leagues. Out of the 13 facilities available for use by outside leagues or teams, eight are currently at capacity and do not have any additional field availability. Those facilities include all four of the Los Gatos Union Elementary School District schools, the Los Gatos High School, two schools in the

Union School District, and the Jewish Community Center. There are of two facilities with fields that have complete availability during the spring season; however, one of those facilities, the Mulberry School, is considered very undesirable due to its uneven terrain.



In addition to student and resident use, several of the fields are utilized by local sports leagues for team practices and games. These leagues include: LGS Recreation, Los Gatos Unified Soccer League, Los Ga-

tos Little League, Los Gatos-Saratoga Softball Association, Los Gatos Pony League, Union Little League, Pacific Union Academy and the Branham Hill Girls Softball League. Currently, LGS Recreation and the Los Gatos Unified Soccer League each utilize seven different facilities for athletic activities throughout Los Gatos. Los Gatos Little League holds games and practices at five different facilities within Los Gatos.

Table 1, located in Chapter 1 of this report, provides a summary of each facility's fields and recreational league use. As shown in the table, 13 of the 15 identified facilities currently have one or more baseball fields, for a total of 25 baseball fields.<sup>22</sup> Additionally, eleven of the facilities have a multi-use field area that allows scheduled activities and is appropriate for organized group sporting events. These facilities provide a total of approximately 516,700 square feet of multi-use field space within Los Gatos. These fields are utilized by school children, organized teams and sports leagues, as well as by the general public.

### **B. Parks**

Local parks are essential to the quality of life for many Los Gatos residents, providing recreational opportunities, neighborhood gathering facilities, and natural beauty throughout the community. The Town of Los Gatos contains a total of 16 parks, all of which are publicly owned and operated. Fourteen of these parks are located on Town-owned land and are maintained by PPW. The remaining two parks are owned and operated by the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department. In total, there are approximately 240 acres of parkland within Los Gatos, containing nearly seven miles of multi-use trails and over 65 acres of lawn area.



### *C. Open Space Areas and Preserves*

Open space areas and preserves within Los Gatos help protect the area's natural beauty and contribute to a regional system of hiking, biking and equestrian trails. The Town of Los Gatos contains a total of four open space areas, all of which are publicly owned and operated. Two of the open space areas are located on Town-owned land and are maintained by PPW, while the other two are owned and operated by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. These four Open Space Areas, the Santa Rosa, Heinz, St. Joseph's Hill and Sierra Azul, preserve approximately 1,160 acres of wildlife and plant habitat. These areas offer abundant natural beauty and are available to the entire community for low-intensity recreation and environmental education.

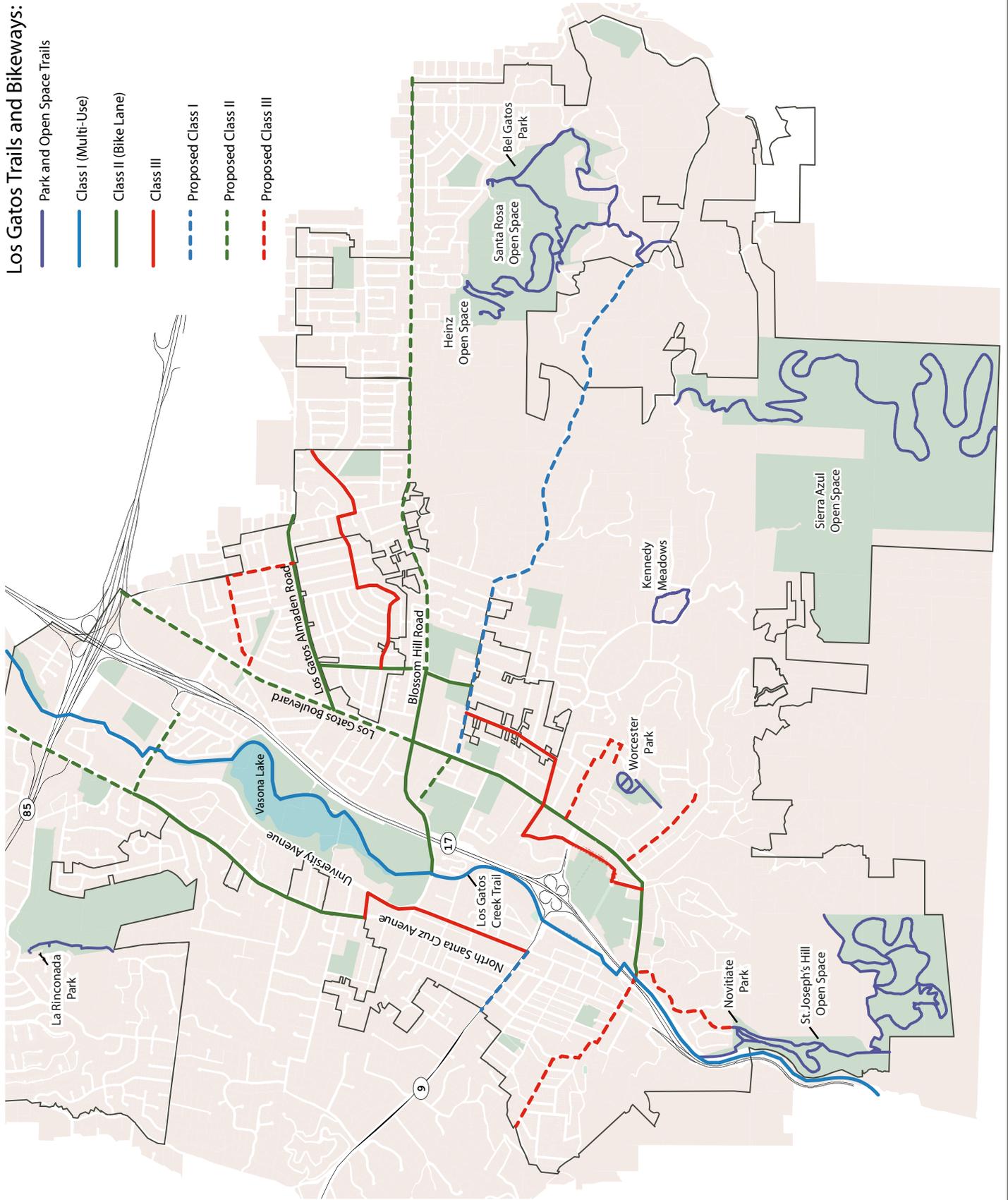
### *D. Trails and Bikeways*

Los Gatos contains several multi-use trails and bikeways which provide important connections and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. As a dedicated pathway for nonmotorized activities and a minimum of eight feet wide to accommodate two-way travel, the Los Gatos Creek Trail is the only recognized Class I bikeway in Los Gatos.<sup>23</sup> In addition to the Los Gatos Creek Trail, all of the open space areas, as well as some of the Town's parks, contain trails that are appropriate for hiking, biking, jogging, horseback riding and informal nonmotorized activities. These trails are located in Belgatos Park, Novitiate Park, Worcester Park, the Heinz and Santa Rosa Open Space Areas, St. Joseph's Hill Preserve and the Sierra Azul Preserve.

Los Gatos also contains on-street bikeways which enable bicyclists to travel within the community, as well as connect to larger trail networks. Class II bikeways provide stripped bike lanes that give bicyclists preferential use and are a minimum of four feet wide. Class III bike routes share the roadway with vehicular traffic and include signs to direct bicyclists and drivers.

Figure 5 indicates the locations of the existing and proposed trails and bikeways within Los Gatos.<sup>24</sup>

FIGURE 5





*The following section provides contact information for local organizations that provide athletic and recreational programs to the Los Gatos community.*

### **1. Soccer**

Los Gatos United Soccer Club  
(408) 358-9289

### **2. Baseball and Softball Leagues**

Los Gatos Little League  
(408) 356-4802

### **3. Los Gatos Pony League**

(408) 356-9756

### **4. Los Gatos Saratoga Fast Pitch Softball**

(408) 291-2148

### **5. Bicycling**

Los Gatos Bicycle Racing Club  
(408) 436-6611

### **6. Birdwatching**

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society  
(408) 252-3747

### **7. Boating**

Los Gatos Rowing Club  
(408) 353-8921

**8. Horseriding**

Los Gatos Horseman's Association  
(408) 354-2307

**9. Local Recreation**

Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education and Recreation  
(408) 354-8700



1. Information regarding facilities owned and operated by the Town of Los Gatos was obtained from PPW's "Parks Program Maintenance Areas Listing" fact sheet, which was provided by Tim Boyer, Park Superintendent. Additional information was gathered during site visits.
2. AAA baseball is for players between the ages of nine and eleven years old. Teams typically have two games and one practice each week during the season which begins in early to mid-March and ends in early June.
3. Peterson, Judy. "New Balzer Field building will serve users of creek trail, Little Leaguers." *Los Gatos Weekly-Times*, January 21, 2008.
4. Information on the renovation of Balzer Field and Baggerly Field at Blossom Hill Park was obtained from the Los Gatos Little League 2008 Letter to parents and players.
5. The multi-use field square-footage estimate for Blossom Hill Park is based on telephone interviews with Steve Rauwolf of LGS Recreation and Tim Boyer of PPW's Parks and Forestry Department, as well as aerial photographs.
6. Majors level baseball is for players between the ages of 10 and 12 years old, and it is the most competitive level of baseball in Little League. Teams begin practicing several times per week in early February. During the season, which lasts from late February or early March through early June, teams may continue to practice two or more times per week and will play two games each week.
7. Dallas, Peggy, Alastair Dallas, and Chris Wiley. "What Will a Skatepark Really Cost?: Actual town expenses; other city's skatepark costs." *Los Gatos Observer*, February 4, 2008.
8. Information on the renovation of Balzer Field and Baggerly Field at Blossom Hill Park was obtained from the Los Gatos Little League 2008 Letter to parents and players.

9. Email correspondence from Curtis Banks with regard to Los Gatos Observer 2/4/08 article, including information provided by PPW.

10. Ordinance 1918: Ordinance of the Town of Los Gatos Amending Ordinance No. 1351 Expanding the District Boundaries and Modifying the Development Standards Effecting Zone Change No. 89 (Fairview Plaza Historic District).

11. April 17, 2008 telephone conversation with Tim Boyer of PPW and Curtis Banks of the Los Gatos Planning Department.

12. The multi-use field square-footage estimate for Live Oak Manor Park is based on a telephone interview with Steve Rauwolf of LGS Recreation and information on the Los Gatos United Soccer League website (<http://www.lgusl.org>), as well as aerial photographs.

13. Restroom and parking facilities are available at Balzer Fields, Oak Meadow Park and Vasona Lake County Park.

14. The multi-use field square-footage estimate for Oak Meadow Park is based on a telephone interview with Steve Rauwolf of LGS Recreation and information on the Los Gatos United Soccer League website (<http://www.lgusl.org>), as well as aerial photographs.

15. April 17, 2008 phone call with Tim Boyer of PPW and Curtis Banks of the Los Gatos Planning Department.

16. School restroom facilities are located inside the school building and are available for use during indoor activities or if access is granted to the facility.

17. T-Ball level baseball is for first-time baseball players ages five and six. Teams will have one weekday practice and one Saturday game each week. The season, which begins in late March and ends in late May or early June, includes approximately 10 games.

Coach-Pitch A (CPA) level baseball is for players between the ages of six and seven. CPA Teams will have one weekday practice and one Saturday game each week. The season, which begins in late March and ends in late May or early June, includes approximately 10 games.

Machine-Pitch A (MPA) level baseball is for players between the ages of seven and eight. MPA Teams will have one practice, one weekday game and one Saturday game each week during the season which begins in late March or early April and ends in late May or early June.

AA level baseball is for players between the ages of eight and ten years old. AA Teams have one practice, one weekday game and one Saturday game each week during the season which begins in mid to late March and ends in late May or early June.

18. The 12U League, for girls ages 12 to 13 years old, and the 16U League, for girls 14 to 17 years old, both use the Blossom Hill School fields for games and practices. During the season, there are two games every week, one during the week and another on Saturday. The 12U and 16U Leagues typically practice twice a week, starting in early February. The regular season begins in mid March and concludes at the end of May. Some playoff games may extend to early June.

19. The Los Gatos Pony Baseball and Softball League is for players ages 13 and 14. The season starts in late March and last until the end of June.

20. Branham Hills Girls Softball (BHGS) League is open to players between the ages five of 14 years old. The league offers recreational and competitive girls fastpitch softball. The BHGS recreational softball season runs from February through early June and the competitive season run from June through the fall.

21. The multi-use field square-footage estimate for the JCC's facilities is based on information provided by Len Connolly, Facilities Director of the Levy Family Campus, information on the Los Gatos United Soccer League website (<http://www.lgusl.org>), as well as aerial photographs.

22. Totals do not include information on the Hillbrook and Mulberry schools' field facilities; we are awaiting response from each school.

23. Information on bikeway classifications and routes obtained from the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan that was published as part of the Existing Conditions Report for the 2000 General Plan Update.

24. The location of the park and open space trails indicated in Figure 5 were obtained from maps provided online by the Town of Los Gatos and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for each of their respective properties. The maps provided online did not include specific geographic coordinates or other locational indicators, and therefore, the routes shown in the figure may not accurately reflect the exact trail alignments.