

WILLARD CLUBHOUSE GRAND OPENING



Wednesday, June 25, 2025

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

2720 Hillegass Ave, Berkeley, CA 94705



Parks
Make
Life
Better!

THE NEW WILLARD CLUBHOUSE



BEFORE

AFTER



The new clubhouse replaces the former 565 square foot one-story, one-room clubhouse with a 3,301 square foot facility that features flexible-use community rooms, a kitchen, a staff office, and gender-neutral restrooms. The clubhouse opens to an outdoor terrace that can accommodate various recreation programs and community activities. The public restroom at Willard Park has also been replaced with an upgraded facility near the tennis courts.

The expanded clubhouse space will allow afterschool and recreation programs to increase their enrollment size to 75 students. During emergencies, the clubhouse can serve as a care and shelter facility for the City. The clubhouse will also be available to rent for events, gatherings, and celebrations.

SUSTAINABLE FEATURES

The new clubhouse was designed to meet LEED Silver requirements, but is currently on track for LEED Gold certification. Below are some of the exciting sustainable features of the building:

- Bird safe glass
- All electric
- Solar panels and batteries
- Radiant heat flooring
- Induction stove in the kitchen
- Dark sky compliant exterior lighting
- Native or adaptive vegetation
- Carefully selected materials
 - Environmental and Health Product Declarations
 - Recycled materials
 - Sustainably certified wood

FEATURES



Kitchen



Mosaic Wall – Coming Soon!



Gender-Neutral Restrooms



Bird Safe Glass



Divisible Community Room



Outdoor Terrace



Staff Office



Solar Panels and Batteries



Radiant Heating System

SPEAKERS

Paul Buddenhagen

City Manager

Adena Ishii

Mayor

Mark Humbert

Councilmember, District 8

Lori Droste

Fmr. Councilmember, District 8

Christina Tarr

Golden Gate Bird Alliance

David Masenten

ELS Architecture + Urban Design

PROGRAM

2:00 PM

Opening Remarks

2:25 PM

Ribbon Cutting

2:30 PM

Clubhouse Tour

Light Refreshments

SPECIAL THANKS

City of Berkeley Residents
Berkeley City Council
Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

Funding Sources	Measure T1, Parks Tax, General Fund, CIP Fund	
Architecture	ELS Architecture + Urban Design <i>David Masenten, Antonia Bowman, Kenneth Loretto, Dana Bazzi</i>	
General Contractor	Buhler Commercial <i>Kapone Molina, Ester Pak, Ruben Albor, Julian Radoslovich, Pedro Botero, Jin Tang</i>	
Construction Manager	O'Conner Construction Management, Inc. <i>Tim Peel</i>	
Inspectors	Freddie Mares <i>Planning & Development, City of Berkeley</i>	Corey Ross <i>Fire Department, City of Berkeley</i>
	Diego Figueroa <i>Public Works, City of Berkeley</i>	Matthew Doughty <i>4Leaf</i>
	Special inspections by Ninyo & Moore	

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CITY OF BERKELEY STAFF

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