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Bear Mountain Park Achieves Infrastructure Upgrades

Local Community Groups Use Funds to Improve Baseball Fields

Kern County, CA — Comité Progreso de Lamont, Committee for A Better Arvin, the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, and Recology Blossom Valley Organics achieved a “[good-neighbor agreement](#)” in 2017, which resulted in a commitment to reduce local pollution, be available to have community meetings if the community finds it necessary, make a hotline where community members can file issues, and an allocation of funds for local residents to use to improve their community. This came after Recology had bought Community Recycling, which had been involved in [extreme issues](#), with local communities citing pollution issues, two community members passing away, as well as land use issues.

Spearheaded by Comité Progreso de Lamont and Committee for A Better Arvin, this agreement has resulted in tens of thousands of dollars for needed infrastructure investment for local parks, including new park lights and now a renovated baseball field done by the outstanding Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District staff.

The community gathered Friday evening to celebrate the infrastructure upgrades. Pictures from the event can be found here: [Picture 1](#), [Picture 2](#), [Picture 3](#). Pictures of the renovated baseball fields can be found [here](#).

Below, Lamont community members offer some statements regarding the park investments:

“We need to invest in our parks to provide safe and fun space for the children to prevent from being in the streets.” **said Jose Mireles, President of Comité Progreso de Lamont**

“The improvement of these two baseball fields will provide necessary recreation for the youth of our community as well as improving the infrastructure of our green spaces.” **said Tim Prado, Community Outreach Representative of Comité Progreso de Lamont**

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Comité Progreso de Lamont's mission is to achieve a healthy environment and improve the community's quality of life for the residents by involving the community and creating a voice and collective power to advocate.

Committee for a Better Arvin seeks environmental justice by exercising leadership in their community to protect the quality of water, air and land for a healthy Arvin and Valley.

Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment is a national environmental justice organization providing legal, organizing, and technical assistance to grassroots groups in low-income communities and communities of color. Their mission is to achieve environmental justice and healthy, sustainable communities through collective action and the law.

Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District's mission is to serve as recreation and parks, providing exceptional and sustainable services to our community. These projects align with our core values.