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Windsor's Pat Elsbree Skate Park - 6th Anniversary *The Town of Windsor Announces Trial Safety Program*

February marked the sixth anniversary of the dedication of Windsor's Pat Elsbree Skate Park. Located at 9680 Brooks Road South, the skate park was dedicated to the memory of Windsor pioneer and conservation farmer Pat Elsbree. "Because the safety of the skate park users continues to be a priority," remarked Community Services Director Donna Legge, "the Town is implementing a new program to strengthen safety laws already in place."

By law, skate park users are required to wear a helmet, elbow pads and knee pads [Windsor Municipal Code 5-3-110]. The Town has announced that starting immediately, the skate park will be closed for the remainder of any day when participants are found failing to comply with the posted safety equipment rules. Park closure will be at the discretion of Windsor police and of Town staff. Individual fines levied for skate park safety violations range from \$50 - \$150.

Other safety hazards which may trigger the closing of the park include inclement weather and unsafe or wet conditions. The park is also closed when graffiti or vandalism occurs. On those occasions, the skate park remains closed until it is deemed safe or when graffiti has been removed or the acts of vandalism are remedied or repaired.

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In further efforts to minimize accident and injury, the following are prohibited at the skate park: skating or skateboarding outside designated areas; drugs; alcohol or being under the influence of alcohol; fighting or other violence; firearms, knives or other weapons; smoking or use of tobacco products; amplified sound before 12:00 noon and after park closure; food or drink; bicycles or scooters, moveable obstacles or objects such as ramps and jumps.

The development of the Pat Elsbree Skate Park was led by the Town of Windsor and was the result of years of planning and fundraising by local skate boarders, the community and the Windsor Rotary Club. The skate park, located next to the Boys & Girls Club, Windsor Middle School, and Hiram Lewis Park, has attracted a steady stream of mostly-teens who use the park during after-school hours and on weekends.

Regular skate park hours of operation are daily: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST and 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. PDST.

Incidents should be reported to the Town of Windsor's Police Department (707) 565-2121 (non-emergency) or to the Town of Windsor Parks Department (707) 838-5399.

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