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Around Town: Central Park Fitness Zone Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Santa Clarita's Central Park now features a healthy fitness zone thanks to more than a year and a half of hard work and planning by Drake Hougo, an Eagle Scout candidate and member of Boy Scout Troop 2222.

Hougo approached the City of Santa Clarita in October 2010 with the idea of constructing "Fitness Island," an outdoor fitness zone at Central Park similar in style to the Healthy Santa Clarita Fitness Zone constructed at the City's Sports Complex. After more than a year of planning and fundraising, Hougo and a team of volunteers installed the new fitness equipment at Central Park Memorial Day weekend, providing a free workout alternative to residents.

In total, Hougo raised more than \$13,000 to make his dream into reality. Parks planning staff worked with Hougo throughout the entirety of his project to identify a suitable location, review equipment manufacturer information, identify additional donations in the form of in-kind services, and develop a project plan with all the steps required for him to complete the project.