

Today's #ThankfulThursday introduces us to the glue of the Association's Operations Department, Smita Parikh! Smita is the Association's Operations Coordinator.

The Operations Department is responsible for, well, EVERYTHING! They keep the community looking beautiful! Everything from parks to trails to tennis courts---the Operations Department has a hand in maintaining them, and Smita coordinates much of it!

Smita is a Southern California native, where she attended UC - Santa Barbara. Smita, her husband and two children have been residents in Sienna for 12 years and she has been employed by the Association for 6+ of them!

Smita says her favorite past times are fitness, cooking, reading, dancing, attending festivals and concerts. The person she admires most is her mother and her favorite "spot" in Sienna is Brushy Lake Fitness Center!

Smita has played multiple roles on behalf of the Association, working in our Special Events division as well. When asked what has been most rewarding in her role(s) with the Association, she says, "When I coordinated events for 5 years, bringing people together, seeing them have a great time and making memories really filled my bucket. Now in Operations, I really enjoy working to keep the community looking its best and finding new ways to improve it as it grows. Being a part of this award-winning community is kind of awesome!"

We think you're kind of awesome too, Smita.

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