



The Forestville Lions, a youth football team, started this year to hopefully be a feeder program to El Molino Football. It has had a fun and exciting season. Three coaches, Gary Packard, Frank Lambert, and Mark Reab, have taken a group of 23 6th, 7th and 8th graders from Forestville, Guerneville and Willowside Schools, and created a team that has had some crowd pleasing moments. The boys have been practicing three days a week, with a game on the weekend. The last game will be October 28th at 2:00 on El Molino's football field. Come and cheer on the Forestville Lions! If you would like to sign up for next year, please call Mike Roan at El Molino High School.

Youth Park News

By Fred Von Renner

As always, the Forestville Youth Park has many people to thank for the support you provide throughout the year. As most—but not all!—people know by now, the Forestville Youth Park is one of the ONLY privately owned public parks in the USA and we're mighty proud that we take care of our own! This month I want to thank:

The El Molino High School students of Student Interact who come by to rake leaves. We need all the help we can get. Those lovely trees that provide much appreciate shade throughout the summer, drop an amazing number of leaves each fall! Specifically, we want to thank Rachel Lafek and principal Frank Anderson who both organize the raking and get out there and rake, and rake, and rake. We ALL thank you for your efforts on our behalf!

The Forestville Youth Park Golf Tournament, designed to raise much-

need funds for maintaining the park, was a huge success thanks to all the community members who participated, brought their friends, donated goods, services, time, energy and amazing amounts of all kinds of support. Thank you once again for all you do for our community park!

Coming up: NEW DUGOUTS for the Minor League field! Right now they are in the design phase and, if all goes as planned, will be complete by the fall of 2008. Something to look forward to!

If anyone wants to be a part of our family team who keep this park open, maintained and available 365 days a year to sports teams and families looking to enjoy the great outdoors, please call me and we'll get you nominated to join our board of directors. Every year we welcome new people who bring fresh perspective to our time-honored tradition of providing a place to play in Forestville. - Thank you!

Community Grants

Home Depot Program: Summary: This program funds nonprofit organizations who engage volunteers to: Construct, refurbish and maintain play spaces (such as playgrounds, parks, and trails); Refurbish or maintain community gathering places (such as community centers); Build, refurbish or maintain affordable or transitional housing; Rebuild structures damaged in weather-related disasters. Grant amounts vary up to \$3,000. Preference will be given to requests that offer volunteerism opportunities, encourage civic engagement and reflect and encourage inclusion of diverse communities. **Deadline: Open**

<http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>

THE FPA REPORTS

The Forestville Planning Association

By Richard Naegle, President

TOWN MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

4-6, ODDFELLOWS HALL

“THE STATE OF THE TOWN”

- **Roundabout proposal for intersection of Mirabel & 116.**
- **Celebration of completion of Green Valley Creek Restoration Project.**
- **The Thiessen development—latest plans and designs.**
- **Plans for the Town Square.**
- **And more.....**

Come meet with your neighbors, find out what's going on, express your opinions, and find out what you can do to make a difference.

Small Town Rumors

In any small village, lots of stories and opinions go around—especially about an organization like the Forestville Planning Association. So let me set some things straight.

The FPA is anti-development! Yes, absolutely. The FPA was formed in reaction to the huge storage unit facility being built without any Town input. There was no forethought. Otherwise, any sensible planner would have placed the storage units next to the bypass rather than the Burbank Housing project. And, yes, we argued with the developer of Woodstone for fewer units and more landscaping.

The FPA is pro-development! Yes, absolutely. When the County has approved development in our area (whether Forestville likes it or not), we are willing to work with the developers to come up with plans and designs that fit with the style and values of Forestville rather than just live with whatever they come up with. One example is the way the FPA has worked with the proposed Thiessen development. In addition to providing Town Meetings where the plans are presented for public input, the FPA has had its Downtown Planning Committee meet regularly with Orrin Thiessen to review details. The Town's input is a major reason why a Town Square is being included in the design.

The FPA is anti-quarry. Yes, absolutely. As primarily an educational organization, we have consistently tried to inform the community about the ramifications of quarry expansion. We did not assume that expansion was a done deal, but asked you to consider the facts about pollution, noise, truck traffic, etc. By putting our spotlight on some of the environmental impacts, several helpful mitigations were written into the County permits.

The FPA is pro-quarry! Yes,

absolutely. As the County was poised to approve Blue Rock's expansion, the FPA negotiated with the Bodean Company to come up with a Good Neighbor Agreement that has promoted greater communication and understanding as well as a yearly financial contribution for downtown improvement.

Remember, Friends, like any non-profit Board in Town, our Board members reflect a broad spectrum of values and opinions. We have our share of “pro's” and “anti's.” Yes, we've had a Board member who also belonged to Citizens for Sensible Growth. We also have Board members who belong to the Chamber of Commerce and volunteer for the Youth Park. We reflect the variety which is Forestville. Even so, our Board consistently is dedicated to the FPA's primary goal of educating you, letting you make up your own mind about what is right, and informing you on how best to make your voice heard.

So come to the next Town Meeting. This is grass roots community in action!

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