

You Can Be the Master of the Plan

We all need a plan – a GIS system to get us to where we are going, or a compass to steer us to our destination. The District’s GIS system and compass is you, the public. The District’s Recreation Master Plan process is in full swing, with input from Berry Creek, Oroville, Forbestown, and the Palermo area so far. We have survey folks out to get your comments in different parks throughout the District.

It’s your plan, and they are your parks and programs. Sure, you have heard that before. Sure, it’s all a bunch of Sharkey malarkey. But it’s true. Different Board members will move on at different times. District staff will evolve and change over time. But many of you will be here to enjoy the fruits of the labor of this recreation master plan after we are gone. Call 899-1913 and talk to Greg Melton or Noel Carvalho at Land Image, who are leading the Master Plan update process and collecting all the information and data that is needed. Don’t be an armchair quarterback – get involved. It’s not uncommon for me to hear someone say to me, “It doesn’t matter what I say. The District Board and staff will do what they want.” Ultimately, you are right if you don’t get involved. I have seen many projects and programs sit idle until someone comes along to herald the cause to get something going or done. For example, one of our Board members, Jan Hill, sees the need for a dog park. She’s making it happen. Loren Gill is part of the Berry Creek community, whose desire is to create a community center out of the abandoned Harts Mill Fire Station. John Allen is looking to support the Palermo community to renovate portions of Palermo Park. Vene Thompson heralded the Bedrock Skate and Bike Park. Monique Gurr has been a strong proponent of youth soccer at Riverbend Park. Local resident Jennifer Kremen saw that there was a need for non-competitive youth sports programs, and actively pursued the Junior Giants program for the community. You can do the same.

Once again, call Greg or Noel at Land Image at 899-1913. Or come to the final public workshop, which will be held at the Thermalito Grange on Monday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. You can even call 533-2011 and schedule some time to sit down with myself and District staff to voice your ideas. If you can’t make it down to the District office, you can e-mail your input to bob@frrpd.com. We truly welcome all comments, because this Master Plan is once again about you and your community. Don’t let it pass you by, because your voice is important.

FRRPD Master Plan Public Workshop

Mon., July 21 at the Thermalito Grange Hall, 479 Plumas Ave. 6:30 p.m.

Quote

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” ~Mark Twain

Fun Facts

What is GIS? A geographic information system (GIS) integrates hardware, software, and data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information.

CD Compass. Want to learn how to make a compass out of an old CD? Go to <http://www.ehow.com> and type “CD compass” in the Search bar.

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays & Thursdays – Come cool off after a long, hot day during **Night Swim!** Nelson Pool and Palermo Pool, from 7 – 9 p.m. Cost is \$2.

July 17 – Thursday Night Concert in the Park. Be sure to come check out **Gravybrain**, as they bring its funk, fusion, jazz and rock tunes to Riverbend Park from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

July 19 – The Junior Giants Program kicks off at the Nelson Sports Complex at 9 a.m.

July 19 – Flick ‘n Float. Bring your floaties or tubes to Nelson Pool and enjoy the movie “The Sandlot” while floating in the cool water. Showtime is 8:30 p.m.

July 24 – Thursday night Concert in the Park. Come enjoy the original rock and funk tunes of the **Jeff Pershing Band** at Riverbend Park from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

See you in the parks!