

## To Make a Difference

To make a difference you have to make a change. Every day we can make a difference if we choose to. Just being here all of us are making a difference in who we are and how we approach changing things for the good.

October 25<sup>th</sup> is *Make A Difference Day*. Feather River Recreation and Park District will be celebrating a difference by planting riparian corridor trees to enhance and rehabilitate the Feather River low flow channel. You're welcome to join this endeavor to invest in the future of our sustainable planet. Your planting a tree will make a difference that will be long and treasured by those now and in the future. To plant a tree is something that I've always enjoyed. There's nothing like seeing something living and growing that continues the life of this community. This event enables us to do something individually but also together and making a difference should be shared so it is more powerful in its statement and its value.

The trees will be purchased with a grant from the Proposition 50 which is funded by the Resource Agency of California. The funding has helped make a difference to Riverbend Park and its enhancements, such as a restroom on the north end of the property as well as another large pavilion (Eagle Point) and linked another section of the pedestrian/bike trail from the main part of the park to the Wildlife Fishing Ponds.

The District is proud to state that because of working together with the City of Oroville staff and members of the City Council we were awarded this grant of \$1,553,000. We'd like to thank Sharon Atteberry, Pat Clark, Tom Fitzpatrick, and Amy Bergstrand. This truly was a collaboration to accomplish something for the community and make a difference to Riverbend Park.

We would also like to thank Mayor Steve Jernigan and Supervisor Bill Connelly for their support and commitment to working with the District. And I can't thank Monique Gurr, Chairman of the FRRPD Board of Directors, enough for all her hard work, as well as Oroville Youth Soccer and the members of the Supplemental Benefit Fund (SBF) Committee for their commitment to helping the District garner \$1,020,000 from the SBF for turf at the north end of Riverbend Park.

Kay Bowles and Cathleen Papa are spearheading a group of people in the community to plant trees on October 25, but we look forward to others of you who would like to be a part of our *Make A Difference Day* that will re-vegetate our riparian habitat to its natural historic state. Between 100-200 trees will be planted on October 25<sup>th</sup> along the north bend of the river and the east side of the new restroom and paved trail. Ultimately, the District plans to plant roughly 600 trees to restore the area. For more information on how you can participate, please contact FRRPD at 533-2011.

**Pat Alley Memorial Dog Park**

The Feather River Recreation and Park District is proud to announce that the future dog park at Riverbend has been formally dedicated as the Pat Alley Memorial Dog Park to honor local resident, longtime dog trainer and lifetime animal lover Pat Alley. A memorial fund for donations for the Pat Alley Memorial Dog Park has been set up through FRRPD. For more information, call the District office at 533-2011.

### **Quote**

“You must be the change you want to see in the world.” ~Mohandas Gandhi

“It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference.” ~Tom Brokaw

“We all have ability. The difference is how we use it.” ~Stevie Wonder

### **Fun Facts**

*Make A Difference Day* is the most encompassing national day of helping others. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, it is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. For more information, visit the official *Make A Difference Day* website, at [www.usaweekend.com/diffday](http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday).

In 2007, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on *Make A Difference Day*, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns.

Among the list of indigenous riparian trees that will be planted at Riverbend Park on October 25<sup>th</sup> are California Sycamores (*Platanus racemosa*), White Alders (*Alnus rhombifolia*), and Cottonless Cottonwoods (*Populus fremontii*).

### **Upcoming Events**

October 18-30 – The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Pumpkins in the Park** will be held at Riverbend Park. Come pick out your pumpkin, enjoy a hay ride, go through the hay maze, jump in the bounce house, and play in the park! Open to the public Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. and Sat.-Sun., 12-4 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, contact Amanda at the FRRPD District office at 533-2011.

October 25 – **Make A Difference Day!**

November 4 – **Election Day**. Don't forget to vote, and make a difference!

*See you in the parks!*