

SNOWMAGEDDEN CELEBRATION



Snowmagedden was a challenging time for our entire community, especially those in our higher-elevation neighborhoods. Our community came together in an amazing way to take care of the needs of our neighbors. Countless personal hours were spent plowing, delivering supplies including propane and food, cooking meals for those without power or propane, and shoveling roofs when damage was imminent. To celebrate Forest Ranch and our local

heroes which sacrificed their own time, money, and comfort for our

community, some local individuals spoke out and called for a party

The call was answered through a group of dedicated individuals which planned and coordinated the <u>We Survived Snowmagedden Party</u> which took place at the Forest Ranch Community Center on April 15th. The party consisted of a potluck lunch with some incredible food made by the attendees, a thank you card station, a kid's painting station, and cornhole. We presented hats which were embroidered by Kathy Meyer and sponsored by the Forest Ranch Women's Club to local heroes which were nominated by the event organization group. While we realized that we were unable to provide gifts to every single local hero, we did want to do what we could to acknowledge the efforts and care of those which we were aware of. At the peak of attendance, we had approximately 85 people with our total estimate being around 100 community members who stayed for hours of fun. I would personally like to thank all of those who planned, coordinated, and attended this amazing event!



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The Forest Ranch Post			
A monthly publication of the	UPCOMING EVENTS		
Forest Ranch Community Association			
Editor: Beth Wattenberg			
E-mail: forestranchpost@gmail.com (530) 570-6319	May 5-6-7	Love Forest Ranch Beautify Days (see page 1)	
FRCA Officers	May 6	Taco Fiesta Day (see page 1)	
President: Mishka Nobel	•		
Vice-President: Steve Konstenius Secretary:Heather Childs	May 10	Food Commodities from	
Treasurer: Nancy Bacon		11:00 am to noon	
Treasurer. Traincy Dacon		Mtn Joy Fellowship Church	
FRCA Board Members		15522 Nopel Ave	
Marlene Fune			
Sharon Hintz	May 13	Recycling at FR 'Mall"	
Corrine Hayes		9:00 am to 11:00 am	
Kathy Meyer			
	May 17	Election of FRCA Officers at	
David Mitchell		FRCA Meeting	
	June 24	Monte Carlo Night	
Community Reps to Board		At FRCA Center	
FR Charter School: Stephanie Mock FR Womens Club: Sharon Hintz			
FR Lions Club: Jill Collins	????	Company 24 BBQ	
Fire Safe Council: Dorr Lewright		Date to be decided	
Vol. Fire Dent · Dona LaFranchi	.		
CERT: Rick Pero	Oct. 7th	Cornhole Tournament	
Mtn. Joy: Dan Christian			
Jeanette Christian			
FR Post: Beth Wattenberg		Forest Ranch Community Association	
Center Coordinator: Kathy Meyer		Logo Competition	
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P.O. Box 381		The submission should be suitable for use on a variety	
		of colored backgrounds. The winner will be announced on June 24th	
Website:		during our Monte Carlo Night.	
https://forestranchcommunity.com		Submission Deadline: June 16th, 2023 11:59pm	
A link to the Post is available on the Website each month	Email submission files to <u>forestranchcommunity@gmail.com</u>		
		Multiple submissions will be accepted.	
		Happy Designing!	
		FRCA Board of Directors	



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It seems that after a truly memorable winter and a week of Spring, when the Dogwoods flowered, we now have Summer!

The Snowmagedden was a wonderful event, bringing people together to celebrate how the challenging winter brought out the best in folks. The celebration provided an opportunity to meet new people, including neighbors you may have nodded to, but never talked to.

There is no way to acknowledge everyone who pitched in to help his or her neighbors, but needless to say, people helped each other because it felt good, not to get rewarded.

We are trying to revive the 'neighbor helping neighbor' so when crises do occur no one is overlooked. Please read Mishka's article on page 7.

The school reunion was also a chance for people to reconnect...lots of smiling faces and memories.

Enjoy this wonderful weather!

Beth



GARDENING **Tip of the month... Container planting.**

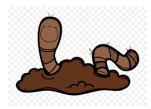
What can you plant in a container? The better question might be, what can't you? Vegetables, flowers, herbs—almost any plant can thrive in a container as long as it has the proper soil and care. Whether you lack enough land, live in the forest area, or just don't have the time or energy to tend an outdoor plot, container gardening provides a viable alternative for you to grow your own food and a beautiful garden.

SELECT THE RIGHT CONTAINER

Containers come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and composition, from sturdy terra-cotta cauldrons and eye-catching ceramic pots to half-barrels crafted from wood. Select the style that suits you best, but make sure the container has at least one hole in the bottom to ensure proper drainage. Also pay attention to your priorities when you're considering container size—large containers allow you to grow a greater variety of plants, while smaller ones promote portability.

Until next time, Keep the bugs off

Happy Gardening, Scott and Lynelle



MAY	2023					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Yoga Crafts	3 FRWC	4 Yoga	5 Love FR Event	6 Love FR Event Fiesta Taco Party
7 Mtn Joy	8	9 Yoga Crafts Lions	10 FRFSC Commodities	11 Yoga	12	13 Recycling
14 Mtn Joy	15	16 Yoga Crafts	17 FRCA Mtg	18 Yoga	19	20
21 Mtn Joy	22	23 Yoga Crafts Lions	24	25 Yoga	26	27
28 Mtn Joy	29	30 Yoga Crafts	31			

Yoga Classes are presently being offered through Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am in person on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am & 9:30 am. If you are interested please contact Lisa Weber at lisa.weber@yahoo.com or 591-5917. Each class costs \$10.00. (You only pay for classes you attend.) Sewing & Crafting: Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm; contact Dona LaFranchi at: (530) 895-8847 or ddlaf@sbcglobal.net

Food Commodities: Usually the 2nd Wednesday of each month; Food can be picked up at Mtn Joy Fellowship Church: 15522 Nopel Ave; from 11:00 am to noon.

Recycling: Thanks to all who donated their recycling last month to The Forest Ranch Lions Club. The recycling we collected help us to donated \$123 to the FRCA which is used to help off-set some of the production costs in printing out the monthly issues of The Post. Our next **Recycle Day is Saturday, May 13th.** Please bring your sorted plastic, aluminum and glass CRV recyclables to us in front of the Vet Store between **from 9:00am to 11:00am**. You can also bring us your eyeglasses, hearing aids or old cell phones no longer being used and we will recycle them for you. Lions Clubs International will take these items and see that they are given to others who need them but can't afford new and will distributes these items throughout the world.

FR Lions: Meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

FR Fire Safe Council: Meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

FRCA: All meetings begin at 6:30 on the third Wednesday of each month. General Meetings are held in January, March, May, July, September and November. Board Meetings are held in alternate months. Anyone can attend the meetings, however, only Board Members can vote at Board Meetings.

In Forest Ranch, One Community Shows Appreciation for Another (edited article)

by CARLOS RAMIREZ, CTSP

Nothing makes work go more smoothly and productively than a good, unified team effort. Teamwork is a topic I have always espoused as essential. This is never truer than in our own exceptional line of work – tree work!

Beyond the crew cohesion is our safety culture, in which we recognize we are our brother's keeper, and the value of the shared comradery of our unique trade. What if the whole thing became a community effort? I am fortunate to share our recent experience working in the Forest Ranch community in Butte County, California. That is exactly where our work became a great, collaborative team and community effort!

Our organization (*P31 Enterprises, Inc.*) has been fortunate to be one of the many tree companies involved in these state- and FEMA-funded fuel-reduction programs in these areas and mountain communities such as Forest Ranch.

Crews with P31 Enterprises Inc. performed wood management, removing any trees with potential to strike the road or that could become fuel for fire near the road, then clearing brush and the debris from tree removals.

Residents have been seeing huge numbers of their local trees trimmed or altogether removed. Work has been going on for days or weeks on end in some cases. Drivers have dealt with traffic-control delays. They have been funneled through work buffer zones, navigating through tree-work signage. They have put up with all the inconveniences such work imposes. All this can often be enough to make the already-undervalued work seem more like a detriment. It's not worth the hassle to some residents.

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Value and necessity

Granted, the tree work is at no cost to residents, since it is needed for the protection of energy and transportation infrastructure. And it is part of the forest management for the overall safety and often beautification of these communities. But, ultimately, as stated earlier, the value and necessity of the work being performed is so often missed.

But not in Forest Ranch. The value and necessity of forest-management work in their community did not go unrecognized. So what was so different about Forest Ranch? Forward-thinking leadership in a community is key to improving the overall sentiment toward vegetation-management endeavors.

In September 2022, work began alongside California Highway 32 near and around Forest Ranch. Stephen "Tank" Konstenius, Ph.D, is a well-known Army veteran, local business owner and Forest Ranch resident. He also is president and co-founder of 40 Plus LEAP (Learn, Engage, Act, Process) VETS Veteran Equipment Trading Post Store in Forest Ranch. Konstenius quickly became involved and engaged with our tree crews working in the area.

Here are some of the fruits of this collaboration between tree crews and the people of the community of Forest Ranch. Charitable projects

Much of the wood salvaged from the tree trimming and tree removals will be used to raise funds for veteran organizations and needy veteran families. In other cases, items such as picnic tables and chairs will be made for use in various parks and community rest areas.

Wood management

The logs – cedar, pine and fir – will be manufactured into lumber, kindling for firewood, etc. A sawmill crew with the 40 Plus LEAP Veterans Work Cadre Project, affiliated with the 40 Plus LEAP store, will cut much of this wood into various lumber products to make picnic tables, patios, retaining walls, etc. This project will provide work for veterans and other individuals in the Forest Ranch community.

Viking Logging

Gunnar Anderson, president and CEO of Viking Logging of Oroville, Calif., receives sub-contracting work from the company I work for, P31 Enterprises Inc. Anderson and his crew perform specialized and technical tree felling for P31. They remove all logs and undergrowth deemed potential fire hazards or hazardous for local and semi-truck navigation through this area on Hwy 32.

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Luncheon and gifts

The 40 Plus Leap Veterans Work Cadre Project and the Forest Ranch Community Council provided a barbecue with burgers, chips, cold drinks and more to the workers from P31 Enterprises Inc. and Viking Logging. The Veteran Equipment Trading Post also invited all workers to select a pocket knife from the store free of charge. P31 Enterprises Inc. crew members were feted with a BBQ by the community of Forest Ranch.

Military service and veterans assistance

Konstenius and his wife, Amanda Konstenius A.Sc., a registered nurse and certified notary public, operate the 40 Plus LEAP VETS Veteran Equipment Trading Post Store. This certified, veteran-owned small business and California Partnership provides diverse services to veterans and their families. This includes job placement, job training, DD214 corrections, application for disability, etc., as well as emergency housing when needed. Conclusion

It takes a village, as the old adage says. People often don't understand the forest-management component of tree work. We hope, as an organization within our trade, to help make an impact, not only beautifying community-bordering forests and making forest communities safer, but also benefiting the environment by following environmental best management practices, respecting the local wildlife and helping preserve healthy community forests for future generations. This can happen with teamwork and collaboration when these opportunities arise.

Carlos Ramirez, CTSP and ISA Certified Arborist, is in charge of field-site safety with P31 Enterprises Inc., a TCIA member company based in Oroville, Calif.

Steven "Tank" Konstenius, Ph.D, president, CEO of 40 Plus LEAP; Shaun Sinegar, 40 Plus LEAP store manager; and Tamara Behr, business service representative at Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc, in Chico, Calif., contributed to this article.

Please check out complete article: https://tcimag.tcia.org/workforce-training/in-forest-ranch-one-community-shows-appreciation-for-another/

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DISCOUNTS FOR Member of Forest Ranch Community Association Charter School Staff/1st Responders/Military/Veterans Lions/Women's Club



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Letter from Mishka Nobel, President FRCA

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In light of the circumstances which were created by the heavy snowfall, we are now acutely aware of the logistical and communication issues associated with helping our community during times of duress. With this in mind, the Forest Ranch Community Association is now launching a Neighborhood Outreach Initiative to connect with our community, provide resources, collect contact information so that we can stay in touch, and identify those in our community which may need extra assistance during unexpected circumstances or natural disasters. We have divided Forest Ranch into 20 neighborhood areas, and we are asking for representatives from each neighborhood to help us to collaboratively get in touch and stay in touch with our entire community. If you are interested in connecting with your neighbors and keeping them informed of events and resources, we would love to hear from you!

Please email forestranchcommunity@gmail.com or call 530-255-4330.

We are looking forward to a new era of community involvement and growth as we reconnect with our long-term neighbors and embrace our new neighbors.

Wishing this beautiful community an amazing May!

Mishka Nobel

FOREST RANCH SCHOOL REUNION

One hundred and forty-five years of education in Forest Ranch was celebrated at the Charter School and the Community Center. The site where the Community Center sits served as a one room schoolhouse in 1878. In 1901, 1903 and 1933 the school buildings burnt to the ground, but new structures were built to continue



offering educational services to the community. In 1964 Chico Unified School District took over running the school and in 1991 built a new school, which now serves as the Forest Ranch 'Charter School. (To read the complete history go to: http://www.forestranchcharter.org/history-of-frcs.html

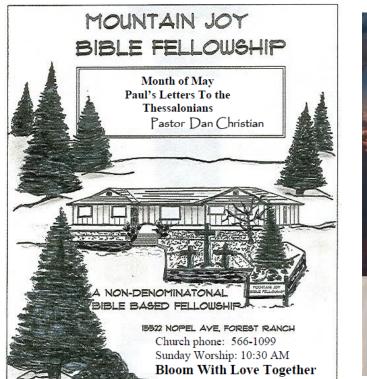


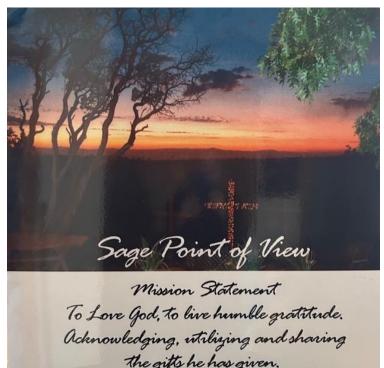
Approximately sixty people attended the reunion, visiting the FR Community Center and the school. There were food and craft booths as well as a local band. The weather was warm and sunny.

FOREST RANCH CHARTER SCHOOL is seeking Forest Ranch Community members who would like to serve on the school board. It meets monthly. Here is a chance to support your community!

Bus Driver for the school: needed for next year. Please call 530-891-3154 if interested in either position.

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NEW MEMBERS OF FRCA

Debra Lou Hoffman & Matt Luksic

Reminder: Discount for Flight Care if you are a member of FRCA. (530) 332-6774 or enloe.org/flightcare

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

a Big Success



The annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Forest Ranch Lions Club was enjoyed by all in attendance. There was an abundance of prizes, candy and eggs for the Hunts which were hidden by members of the Forest Ranch Volunteer Fire Department and controlled by the Middle School Students from Forest Ranch Charter School. Lion Henry Johnson and his sister cooked the yummy blueberry, chocolate chip and regular pancakes, Lion Dave Stewart assisted while Lions Rich Faringer, Todd Brownell, Pam Sage, took care of cooking the eggs and sausages while Lions Sherry Alpers, Debby Stewart served everyone. Lions Brian Raffaelli, Jared Nobel worked checking everyone in and handing out tickets for prizes. A special thank you to our Easter Bunny, Mishka Nobel and Scot Steenson with Road Roasters for the coffee that was served at the event. A big thanks to Lions Dan Christian and Steve Wallenburg and the others who helped to set up all the tables and chairs in advance. With the sales of the Bake Goods in advance while selling tickets to the event, along with profits from the Pancake Breakfast, the Forest Ranch Lions Club was able to donate \$500 to the Forest Ranch Charter Jr. High Students to help them with their upcoming trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. (see photos from Brian Raffaelli)

Silver Dollar Fair Volunteers Needed

The Silver Dollar Fair will be coming to Chico this Memorial Day Weekend, **May 26, 27, 28 and 29th**. The Forest Ranch Lions are contracted to work 100 hours picking up litter on the Fairgrounds (which excludes the Fun Zone and Carnival areas.) We are looking for Forest Ranch residents that would like to volunteer to help us out for a 1.5-2 hour shift(s) during the holiday weekend. For helping us out, you will receive a free day pass and a parking pass for the day that you are scheduled to work. We will supply you with the necessary tools (picker-uppers and trash bag) to help you with picking up the trash. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Lion Steve Wallenburg at (530)899-1275 to see what shifts are available. You are only required to work the shift(either 1.5 hours or 2 hours shift) and the rest of the time is yours to enjoy the Fair! Thank you!

Local Club attends District Lions Convention in Redding

Lion members Jill Collins and Steve Wallenburg participated in the 63rd Annual District Lions Convention held April 21-23 at the Red Lion Hotel in Redding, California where 24 different Lions Clubs from all over Northern California met to celebrate our successes in our Communities, share ideas, meet new friends and greet old friends. This is a picture of the Forest Ranch Lions Club participating in the Friday Night Food Fair where the theme was "Prehistoric Times". Each club decorated their booth, wore costumes and served different types of food to go with the theme of the event. Our Club served Hot Molten Chocolate Lava over Mini Chocolate Bundt Cakes which were a big hit with everyone

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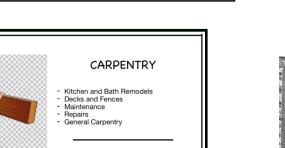
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Community Event

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WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Wildfire preparedness day/weekend is - May 5-7

Come out and help us prepare and keep our Historic Community Center and Educational properties Safe and Prepared



Community Center at 15807 Forest Ranch Road Friday. May 5th: 9am - 1:00 pm

Charter School 15815 Cedar Creek Rd. Sat. & Sun. May 6th and 7th: 9am - 2:00pm

Show up any day and or all days, whatever times you can help. Please wear safe shoes/boots, work clothes, bring your gloves and hydration. You will be asked to sign a release of liability waiver. There will be a variety of opportunities to do HARD brush clearing, to simple stacking or racking. Some in door cleaning and minor maintenance. Once you arrive, we can figure out where/what you can help.

If you are not able to help, please stop/swing by and there will be educational information available for folks to take. We hope to have some demonstrations and other educational assistance for community residents to use on your properties. We hope to make this LOVE Community Event an annual tradition.

After all your hard work, come celebrate at Mishka Nobel's TACO FIESTA on May 6th at 3:00 pm at 4864 Tippietoe Lane, Forest Ranch.

(All proceeds go to FRCA!)