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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As some of the 'old timers' of Forest Ranch know, the Volunteer Fire Department originated in the 60's. A Women's Club was instrumental in its founding. According to a [History of the Women's Club History 1964-1979](#), written by Elizabeth James, a fire broke out in the vacant lot next door to a meeting they were holding. In spite of donning high heels and dresses, they used hoses, shovels, sacks in an attempt to put out the fire. They called the CDF Station and Grover Jones arrived with a backpack fire extinguisher and the fire was extinguished. Grover Jones became the first Fire Captain of Company 24.

After Grover Jones, Murlin Hand served as Fire Captain, followed by Sam Daugherty, the longest serving captain. So many of our residents have been volunteers in Company 24. A few I would like to mention: Gene Rolls (one of the first), Bill Batt (*wife is Barbara Batt, local artist*), Scott Johnson, Marlene Fune, Doug Patterson, Gene Dunning (*who moved to Nevada*), Emma Ziebarth (*now a Gridley police officer*) and Carter Moore who moved to Chico.

On Thursday, August 10th, at the Ice Cream Social. Janessa Sederquist, a new member of the charter school board will be bringing her K9 dog and do a demonstration. Should be very interesting. Allen and Helen Cornilson are donating the ice cream and all the fixings...they should be there so you can thank them personally!

A tragic accident happened this week, leaving one person dead and a local resident, Margaret Tinnel, seriously injured. Our condolences go out to the man killed (*cannot locate name*), and a full recovery to Margaret. A reminder to stay alert and drive carefully.

Beth

Gardening tips. August preview:

You have the desire to garden, but not the space.

Or do you? There's no arguing that small garden spaces can present large challenges, but a combination of advance planning, creative thinking, and basic gardening know-how can help you make every inch count.



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- PAY ATTENTION TO THE BASICS (SOIL AND SUN)

First things first: no matter how large (or small) your garden space, if the soil in that space is poor, your yields likely will be as well. Expert gardeners agree that healthy roots and high yields start with rich organic soil so always make sure you add ample amounts of compost to your garden. But don't stop there—adequate sunlight is just as important for plants to thrive, and sunlight can be hard to come by in small spaces. Make time to study the sun patterns of your small garden spot before you map out its contents.

- GROW UP, NOT OUT

No matter how small your garden, you will harvest more by growing plants vertically. And the sky really is the limit if you select climbing plants. The benefits of growing up (and not out) include greater yield, easier harvesting, and the opportunity to “dress up” your garden with ornamental structures that promote climbing. Many vegetables climb naturally—or will reach skyward if so encouraged. Pole beans, climbing peas, and vine tomatoes excel at ascension, as do the ever-popular cucurbits: cucumbers, melons, and squashes, among others. Once you decide which vegetables you want to plant, turn your attention to which supports you will use to grow them. Trellises, arches, fences, cages, stakes, lattices, netting—the possibilities are limited only by your imagination and your tastes. Just be sure the tendrils of your plants can latch onto whatever material you choose.

- INVEST IN SUCCESSIONS

There's no reason to limit any given space to just one harvest, especially if that space is small. Succession planting allows you to reap even more of what you like from a single area of soil. If you really love a certain crop, plant different varieties with maturity dates that stretch throughout the season. Or if you like to sample a range of crops, try planting different vegetables one after the other: for example, follow an early-season crop like lettuce with a late-season one like eggplant. To get the most from your succession gardening efforts, remember to replenish your soil with nutrient-rich compost between plantings.

- CHOOSE HIGH-YIELD PLANTS

Do you really want to devote precious space to a plant that's stingy come harvest time? If you don't have much land to work with, prioritize productive varieties to ensure you make the most of your available land. Leaf lettuce, tomatoes (particularly indeterminate varieties), [cucumbers](#), [squashes](#), [pepper](#), [peas](#), [beets](#), [radish](#) and pole [beans](#) all earn their keep when it comes to productivity.

- THINK IN 3D

Imagine your garden space in three dimensions, not two. You can create more soil surface on any flat landscape by rounding it out (adding a mound and then tapering it down). Make even better use of that space by arranging your plants to maximize the number that fit in it. Avoid square patterns or rows and instead plant in triangles, making sure to adhere to the spacing guidelines and not crowd your plants too tightly.

- CONSIDER CONTAINERS

Vegetables, flowers, herbs—almost any plant can thrive in a container as long as it has the proper soil and care. When you lack lots of land, container gardening provides a viable alternative for you to maximize the space you do have. Perhaps even better, containers come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and composition so they'll help you embellish the nooks and crannies throughout your garden plot.

AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Yoga	2 FRWC	3 Yoga Bake/Ticket Sale	4 Bake/Ticket Sale	5
6 Mtn Joy	7	8 Yoga Crafts Lions	9 FRFSC Commodities	10 Yoga ICE CREAM SOCIAL	11	12 Recycling
13 Mtn Joy	14	15 Yoga Crafts	16	17 Yoga	18	19 CO 24 BBQ
20 Mtn Joy	21	22 Yoga Crafts Lions	23	24 Yoga	25	26
27 Mtn Joy	28	29 Yoga Crafts	30	31 Yoga		

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.

August's Recycle Day will be Saturday, Aug 12th. July's Recycle proceeds allowed us to raise \$102 towards the cost of publishing the Post. We hope to do better this month. The Forest Ranch Lions Club will be accepting all CRV Recyclables on Saturday, Aug 12th from 9:00-11:00am in the downtown parking lot in front of the Vet Store. So bring only your CRV Aluminum Cans, Glass Bottles and Plastic containers to us. You could really help us out by sorting all items by type (plastic, glass and aluminum) and removing the lids off the plastic bottles. The recycling center does not accept them with the lids on. Remember, the proceeds from this service project helps to fund the Post and other Community Projects. Thanks, again, for your contributions

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. **Note: this month's meeting will be at the Ice Cream Social at 6:30 at the school.**

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Community Association
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- Roger & Doris Guthrie**
- Corrine & Bill Hayes**
- Tom & Sharon Hintz**
- Mark & Michelle Jimenez
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- Don & Kelly Mead
- David & Shelly Mitchell**
- Kiersten & Tom Morgan
- Kent & Cindy Neeham
- Carol & Dan Raner**
- Dulcy Schroeder
- Dale & Sharon Ulsh

- *The names in bold indicate those who donated addition \$ for FRCA*

NOTE: Did you renew or join FRCA and don't see your name listed? There was an unforeseen glitch....you will still be in the drawing for the \$100 and your name will appear in the September issue.

TO JOIN FRCA AND HELP US REACH OUR GOAL:

Go to: forestranchcommunity.com

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Volunteer Company 24 Firefighters Annual 2023 BBQ Fundraiser!!!!



New location & date

On Sat. Aug 19th, 2023 from 11:00am to 3:00pm, the annual Firefighters BBQ fundraiser will be held. The Forest Ranch Lions Club is sponsoring this event. The BBQ will be held on the parking lot at Forest Ranch Baptist Church, 4967 Schott Rd., corner of Hwy 32 and Schott Rd. east. There will be no parking on the Church's property. There will be ample parking at the school.

We are also looking forward to welcoming all our new neighbors.

The money raised from the BBQ will keep our volunteer firefighter's equipment and training up to date. Living in this mountain community is our choice, but our volunteer firefighters are here for each and every one of us whether it is a medical or a fire call. As fire season is upon us let's all be fire safe and show our support to our Co. 24 firefighters.

The menu will be, from chef Henry Johnson, hamburgers, bacon burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, Polish sausages, with lots of fixings. Also, chili beans and potato salad. The Lions Club will be in charge of the serving line.

Meal tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children ages 5-10, children under age 5 are free. Your name on your meal ticket stub is good for a door prize. Also, raffle ticket prices are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The Forest Ranch Women's club will have homemade baked goods for sale, as well as a donation of a \$100.00 bill as a door prize.

The Community Association will have soft drinks to sell and t-shirts to sell from the Harley Davidson Store. The Charter School will keep our kids entertained.

We are asking people who purchase raffle or meal tickets to please be present if their name is called. If you cannot be present, please have someone, a representative/neighbor, etc. who may pick up your prize. As time is short, we are relying on community residents once again for donations for the raffle or auction item(s), ASAP, as well as items for the kid's raffle, as this will make the fundraiser a complete success. All artisans and crafting people are welcome to donate to this event.

You may drop off your donated item(s), with permission from our Post Office, with your name on the item at the Post Office Monday – Friday from 9:00am to 3:30pm ASAP. Please do not leave items in front of the Post office. Dead line for donated items is Aug. 16th at the Post Office.

We will not be accepting any used or garage sale items and no white elephants. Items in boxes never used will be accepted. Please no items the day of the BBQ. Also, no alcohol or glass containers at the event.

Any questions you may call Dona at -530-895-8847. Board member and raffle chairperson of Volunteer Fire Co. 24.

COMPANY 24 - 2023



Captain Sam Daugherty has lived in Forest Ranch approximately 36 years. He joined Co. 24 over 25 years ago and within 2 years became Captain. Sam is qualified to drive the Fire Engine, the Water Tender and the Squad. He retired from the Post

Office 5 years ago.

Lieutenant Jim Norman has been a firefighter for Co. 24 for over 20 years. Jim can often be seen driving the Squad to 'call outs'. He is the maintenance man for both the Forest Ranch Charter School and the FR Community Center.



Steve Wattenberg continues to practice law and serve as a mediator as well as volunteering with Co. 24 for over 13 years. Steve drives the Fire Engine when fires ignite in the Forest Ranch area



Craig Kielb also joined up as a firefighter in 2018. He drives the Squad or the Water Tender when responding to emergencies. Craig is the Department

Head of Automotive Technology at Butte College. After his family were burned out of Paradise they moved to Forest Ranch. He does the bi-monthly training for all the Co. 24 firefighters.

Sean Brown also recently completed his Firefighter Training at Volunteer Academy. He works as a Surveyor. Shortly after moving to Forest Ranch with his wife and two children, he joined up with Company 24.



David Bedient is the newest member of Company 24. He completed the Fire Academy last year, works full time in construction and responds to fires and medical call outs.



David Mitchell was a firefighter in Cherokee having completed his training at the Volunteer Academy. He transferred to Co. 24 in 2022. He volunteers at the FR Charter School where his son attends and was recently elected as Vice Chair of FRCA.



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Dona LaFranchi is the community representative to the Co. 24 Board. She has been instrumental in organizing the annual BBQ for over 10 years. She and her husband, Dick moved here in 1976. He was a firefighter for Co. 24 in the late '70's.

Donation to Forest Ranch Community Association


Mishka Nobel, President of the Forest Ranch Community Association, receiving a donation from Dr. Mike Smith, President and Owner of Forest Ranch Lumber Co, Brian Sandlin, Operations Manager of 40plusleap Vet Store and Dr. Stephen "Tank" Konstenius, President, CEO of 40Plusleap (pictured here).




This donation is a result of the combined efforts of 40plusleap, Forest Ranch Lumber Co, Rawe Tree Service (Kenny Rawe) and True Value Hardware, Gary Powers and Pat Welch.

Dead tree removal was required at the Community Center, local companies, identified above, fell, limbed and milled the dead trees into lumber for Garden Boxes. After construction of these garden boxes, they were transported to True Value Hardware for retail sales. A percentage of these sales were donated back to the community center for community projects. Kudos to Kenny Rawe, Mike Smith, Brian Sandlin and Tank Konstenius


The check was for \$250.




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Are you looking for a quiet, private, 4+ acre property with a spacious home in beautiful Forest Ranch? Well, look no further! This property boasts a 1,248 sqft, 2bd/2ba manufactured home on a permanent foundation system and has large covered front and back decks perfect for relaxing and enjoying the surrounding nature. The entire property has so much to offer and the potential is endless! Other property features include; a large covered RV parking space with a 50 amp plug-in, a shop (previously a 2-car garage), a tractor shed, a wood storage shelter, a circular driveway, a private well, a hot tub with gazebo, a fully fenced backyard for your family and four-legged friends to enjoy as well as ample space to create a fenced area for your large animals! **\$285,000**




Ten beautiful acres in a mature mixed conifer forest. This is a very special property bordering 100 acres of Sierra Pacific land. The home is 1,350 square feet with tongue and groove oak hardwood flooring, natural stone tile in both bathrooms, cathedral ceilings with open beam construction. Everywhere you turn is a beautiful view of the forest through all the windows and sliding glass doors. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath home has a wraparound redwood deck with a built-in soaker tub. The acreage includes an established garden, out buildings, a covered picnic area along the creek and a small redwood deck next to the garden. **\$293,000**




Kiersten Morgan
DRE#01808835



PENDING
This home is as cute as a button with tons of surprises! The charming front steps are just an inkling of the surprises you'll discover inside. Heading inside you'll discover a spacious foyer with high ceilings, ample storage space as well as the natural light streaming in through the newer vinyl dual-pane windows. **\$298,000**



SOLD!
Are you looking for a quiet, private, spacious 5-acre property with a SHOP in Forest Ranch? Well, look no further! This beautiful property boasts a 3bd/2ba manufactured home on a permanent foundation with many updates completed and a few left for the next owner to put their personal stamp on. This home features gorgeous views from your floor-to-ceiling windows in the living room as well as a spacious open floor plan with vaulted wood-beamed ceilings. Improvements over the past 7 years include; new roof, almost all new windows throughout, wood-finished ceiling, wood stove, kitchen ceiling, water storage, dog run and more! **\$275,000**



Build your DREAM HOME on this gated, fenced, and meticulously maintained 5.4-acre lot located in Forest Ranch, California. Just off the county-maintained road of Garland with easy access to Chico, this lot has multiple varieties of trees including Pacific Dogwood, Sugar Pine, Incense Cedar, and Douglas Fir. **\$108,000**



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Forest Ranch Lions Club News

Forest Ranch Lions Club's Newest Member - Candy Fish

On Saturday July 22, Candy Fish officially joined the Forest Ranch Lions Club. Candy, shown in the middle, was inducted into Lions by Elisa Coyle, the newly elected District Governor of all the Northern California Clubs. Her induction took place during a Club Officer's Training Class held in Gridley, CA. Pictured next to Candy, on the right is Lion Corrine Hayes, Candy's sponsor. Both Candy and Corrine, along with Lions Jill Collins and Steve Wallenburg, attended the training class to get a better understanding of the operational side to Lions Clubs International. We want to welcome Candy into our club. She will be an excellent addition to our membership as she is committed to helping others in our community and beyond. Her positive outlook and willingness to grow within the world's largest service organization is very commendable.



Lions Raise \$555 for the Forest Ranch Fire Co#24

During our first Plant and Bake Sale held in July was a great success. We will be holding several of these sales prior to the Annual Fire Co#24 BBQ which will be held on Saturday, August 19th in the Baptist Church Parking Lot. (See BBQ Flyer in this edition of the Post) We now have the BBQ tickets along with the Opportunity Drawing tickets available to purchase when we are outside the Post Office during the next few weeks.

Lions Bake Sale for FR Vol. Fire Co#24 - Aug 3rd & 4th

The Lions Club, along with a few volunteers will be in front of the Post Office August 3rd & 4th from 10:00-5:00 where we will be selling home baked goods and flyer fans while also preselling tickets to the annual BBQ. All moneys raised will be going the Volunteer Fire Co #24. Save time on the day of the event by getting your tickets in advance. We will also be selling the Opportunity Drawing tickets to win great prizes donated by different people and organizations. Getting your tickets in advance will allow you to filled them out at home and then place them in the appropriate cans during the event.

ENLOE FLIGHT CARE

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Ice Cream Social



Thursday, August 10th

at the Forest Ranch
Charter School
15815 Cedar Creek Road



**Forest Ranch Community
Association
Meeting at 6:30 pm**

(installation of officers for 2023-2024)

Ice Cream at 7:00

Come meet K9 Oz and handler Janessa Sederquist* from California State Parks. K9 Oz is a 2.5 year old German Shepherd from the Netherlands that specializes in handler protection, criminal apprehension, and firearms detection. Learn about the CSP K9 program, what these amazing dogs can do, and how you can get involved!"

**Janessa is a new board member of FRCS.*

A chance for community members to get together at the end of summer and meet the students, parents, teachers, staff of the Forest Ranch Charter School.

Forest Ranch Charter School still has openings for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten. For the current school year (2023-2024) four year olds who turn five by April 2024 can enroll now in Transitional Kindergarten. We have excellent adult/student ratios and small TK/K classes. We are a small school with a big heart, strong sense of community and an engaging educational program. We welcome new families from Forest Ranch or Chico to come and tour to see if we are the right fit for your family.