

Around Forestville

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Chamber of Commerce News

The next Chamber of Commerce Mixer will be at **Nightingale Breads**, 6665 Front St, downtown Forestville, Tuesday, May 19th, 5-7pm, all are welcome.

The Forestville Chamber of Commerce will sponsor **The Town Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 23rd, 10am**. We are looking for volunteers and coordinators to help make our town sparkle. Bring your tools and gloves to the vacant lot across from Mosaic Restaurant. The Chamber will provide garbage bags and water. For more information contact the Chamber at 887-1111, or forest2@sonic.net.

Youth Park News

The Forestville Youth Park will celebrate 49 years of being one of the only parks west of the Rockies that is privately owned and operated by a non-profit organization. The park depends solely on fundraising efforts such as the annual **BBQ coming up on June 6th & 7th, 10am to 8pm**. A **downtown parade** will kick off the event on Saturday morning at 10am.

This year's theme is the *"Rhythm of Forestville"*. If you would like to participate in the parade, contact Leslie at Frame of Mind, 887-8530, or you can download an entry form at www.forestvillechamber.org.

The parade will end at the Youth Park where you can find live music, finger lickin' BBQ, pie & ice cream, fine Sonoma County wines, craft booths, contests and a fantastic carnival. Save on carnival tickets by purchasing them at El Mo Store or Bank of the West. The carnival starts Friday, June 5th at 3pm. www.forestvilleyouthpark.org

Hollydale Community Club

Here's the scoop for the June Hollydale Community Club event: Please join on Saturday **June 20th @ 6:00** for the Hollydale Community Club's third annual **Rootin' Tootin' Boot Scootin' Summer Hoedown** hosted again by Angela Lepori & Chelsea Atkins. The Western theme dinner features "Big" BBQ Bacon Cheeseburgers, Country Coleslaw, Chili, Grilled/Husk Roasted Corn on the Hollydale Cob and a thirst quenching assortment of tasty beverages. Raffle to follow at 8:00.

COMING UP:

Tuesday May 19th - Special Statewide Election Polling Place

Saturday June 20th - BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger Hoedown

Forestville Planning Assoc.

www.forestvillefpa.org
By Richard Naegle

COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE

The FCF received six applications for a total of \$11,600; \$8000 is available. The FCF Committee will evaluate the proposals and make recommendations to the FPA Board. Committee members represent a range of community interests such as the schools, seniors, Chamber of Commerce, Youth Park, local businesses, the FPA, and interested citizens. The awards will appear next month in this column.

TOWN MEETING

Over 50 people attended the Town Meeting on April 19. First we brainstormed in small groups about the visions we have for Forestville in the next couple of years. **The results were gathered and can be seen on the FPA website, forestvillefpa.org**. You can vote there for which issues you think are most important and add new issues. We'll use the results to target community goals as well as establish agendas for future Town Meetings.

Efren Carillo, our County District Supervisor, updated us on current County issues. He spoke of the difficult job ahead dealing with the deficit in the County budget and reported on the County's new **Energy Independence Program** which provides loans to homeowners for energy and water efficiency as well as renewable energy improvements—**www.sonomacountyenergy.org/**. He emphasized that the PRMD will only focus on the Energy Independence permit requested and will not be looking for any code irregularities. In other words, we should not fear the PRMD coming onto our property.

Lucy Barnett-Hardcastle reported on the **Forestville Community Fund**. Several recipients of grants in 2008 spoke of the success of their projects.

Finally, Allan Tilton (innkeeper at Case Ranch Inn and a transportation specialist) presented on the proposed **roundabout at Mirabel and 116**. (The County is recommending a roundabout to Caltrans and hopes to begin construction by late summer, 2010.) Allan pointed out the Forestville community had the opportunity to design the roundabout's center, a circle with a 90 foot circumference. There was great interest in the different possibilities of designing this gateway into our town. The Downtown Planning Committee will be taking up this issue soon. If you are interested in helping with the design, please contact me at richard@forestvillefpa.org.

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I took a short drive this morning and stopped by **Raymond's Bakery** for a tasty treat. Mark tells me that they will return to being open Thursdays-Mondays after Memorial Day. Pizza Night is still on Fridays, with pizza also offered on other days. Plus they are again offering Bed and Breakfast - sounds great! **Cazadero Supply's** Don Berry helped me quickly and graciously and you can get their 15% Discount each 1st Saturday - they have a fantastic assortment of items ranging from gardening supplies and vehicle parts to general merchandise. The Cazadero General Store stocks many daily grocery needs, plus specialty items to save you lots of time and travel. Shop Locally when at all possible!

The **Montgomery Elementary School** will hold graduation on Wednesday, June 3rd, with new graduates Delena Alvarez, Merlin-Velasquez-Greer and Joshua Gluch. Good luck to all!

Work has been underway on the new **Cazadero Community Garden**. Thanks to Homer Canelis, Jeff Parmeter, Mike Dahl, and Alex and Dylan O'Bannon for all of their 'grunt work'. Info is available at the Store and the Post Office.

Tickets will be available soon for the **July 18th Cazadero Wine festival** to be held at the lovely **CazSonoma Inn**. Owner Rich Mitchell promises over 20 wineries, a cheese table, chocolatier and on-site plein-air artists! Contact them at 632 5255 for more information.

The **Cazadero Community Club** meets each 1st Tuesday-7 p.m. at the

Firehall. Please join in and help plan great fund-raisers, such as the Labor Day Sunday Old Tyme BBQ. Proceeds from these events go to the MES, local college scholarships and our Fire Departments.

There was a well-attended meeting in Annapolis regarding the proposed closure and transfer to Healdsburg of the local Public Works Maintenance yard. Many folks from Cazadero's Ft. Ross Road, Annapolis, Sea Ranch and Native Americans from Stewart's Point were heard from. Supervisor Efren Carrillo asked residents to access the county website www.sonomacounty.org and complete a survey which will assist him with some leverage with the other Supervisors. This very drastic proposal with a possible impact on our health and safety is still in the policy making stage at this time.

Wishing very happy May and June birthdays to Amanda Pence-Hopkins turning 21 on May 6th, Miranda Hope will be 25 on the 13th, Tara Caplan celebrates #30, on May 15th, Christopher Quinn-Kelly turns 20 on the 17th. Dustin Hubiak celebrates #29 on May 23rd and Merlin Velasquez-Greer will be 14 on May 30th. Jesse Abend celebrates #26 on June 5th, Tess Bryant will be 23 on June 4th, and Alexandra Hills turns 25 on June 18th. Very Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary blessings to Nancy and Dave Caplan on May 8th and celebrating #39 on June 21st are Natasha and Gregory Pehrson.

Have a great Spring and contact me with info for your Cazadero Column!