



PLAYground PARTNERS

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Are you Handy with a Hammer? Brazen with Bolts? We have a wide variety of volunteer positions available. The jobs range from physically demanding to more clerical in nature and everything in between.

Willing volunteers must be high school age or older.



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Main construction dates are June 21,22,28,29 we also have some limited help needed during the week (M-F). Shifts are available from 8am-12pm or 12pm-4pm.

Volunteers can contact Lisa Brown at 685-0931 or tippytoes@elkgrove.net

Additional information about volunteer positions and duties has been included at the end of this newsletter.

Our Most Valuable Partner (MVP)!



We are extremely proud to recognize **Ryan Jamison** as our Most Valuable Partner this issue. As the Bank manager for the Laguna Branch of River City Bank, Ryan was instrumental in securing a \$50,000 sponsorship from River City Bank in May 2006. River City Bank was our first and largest corporate sponsor; their enormous contribution invigorated our cause and encouraged others to believe in our effort.

Ryan continues to be a driving force behind all our major efforts. His leadership, dependability, and positive attitude have made him an indispensable member of our steering committee. Last year he planned, coordinated, and ran a fireworks booth with volunteers from River City Bank, Playground Partners, Elk Grove Rotary Club, and Franklin Reserve Neighborhood Association. It was our most successful fundraiser ever. In total the booth sold over \$17,000 in fireworks! In a testament to his dedication, Ryan worked the final two hours on July 4th by himself to raise an additional \$1,000 in sales.

In addition to his many contributions to Playground Partners Ryan has been involved in almost every major event to benefit our community, and is member of the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce (and former Ambassador), Elk Grove Rotary Club, Sacramento Chamber Leadership for women's empowerment. We are extremely proud to have Ryan as a leader in our organization and in our community. Please join me in congratulating him on this well deserved and long overdue recognition of his service to our community.

Critical Volunteer Jobs

We still have a few leadership positions available for immediate fill:

Experienced Tile installer: (24 - 27 June)

Tools and Equipment coordinator (21, 22, 28, 29 June) **(Need to fill as soon as possible!)**

Hardware team: Distribute parts and fasteners (21, 22, 28, 29 June)

Safety Captain: Medical training preferred (21, 22, 28, 29 June)

Volunteer Party Coordinator (last day of construction).

Reception Committee: Coordinate volunteer check in during construction. (21, 22, 28, 29 June)

Alternate Construction Captains with construction experience. (21, 22, 28, 29 June)

Tile Sales Event Coordinator: 21 June

Playground Dedication Ceremony Coordinator: August 2008

Please contact Richard Faust at playgroundpartners@surewest.net for more information.

See page 3 for 1 day volunteer events!

Got Tools?

We will need a lot of tools during the construction days. To ensure the tools will be protected we have developed the following system:

- Each loaned item will be tagged and cross referenced to your name and contact info.
- At night the tools will be locked in a steel storage container with overnight guards to protect them.
- Each tool will be issued and returned to a tool coordinator.

Contact Lisa Brown at 685-0931 or tippytoes@elkgrove.net if you can loan us any of the items listed at the end of this newsletter:

Special! Special!

For a limited time, all t-shirts are on sale: \$10 each or 2 for \$15! These are high quality 100% cotton Hanes brand T-Shirts. Show the world you support your community and our efforts! You may purchase these at most of our scheduled events or order online at <http://www.elkgroveplaygrounds.com/store/index.php>

A special thank you goes to **Rodney Blackwell at Circle R Printing** for designing and printing these awesome shirts! <http://www.circlerprinting.com/>

Park Updates!

Daily, there are new amenities added to Morse Community Park.. Examples include skateboarding elements, bocce ball courts, and the labyrinth. (cont.)



Please visit our gallery regularly for new photos:

<http://www.elkgroveplaygrounds.com/gallery2/v/progress/>

www.ElkGrovePlaygrounds.com

Park Updates!

1 day events - volunteers needed!

Here are some one day volunteer opportunities. Please contact Irene Prasad at ireenprasad@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Thu 5/15 530p-7p Pinkerton Park Dedication

Thu 5/29 530p-7p Karamanos Park Dedication

Thu 6/19 530p-7p Schauer Park Dedication

Community Art Project

We are very excited to announce a unique opportunity to immortalize your family with our community art project.

The art project will include 1,600 hand-painted tiles with ocean and butterfly themes. The tiles are 4x4 inches and cost \$10 which covers our cost of the tiles and supplies. You may purchase a single tile or multiple tiles to create a larger image.

The fun all begins with a visit to **I MADE IT!** where you will be able to personalize your tile with seashells, fish, butterflies, flowers or many other options.

You may purchase your tile online through the Cosumnes CSD E-reg system (www.yourcsd.com). **The e-reg course number is 20335.** Additional information will be available on our website in the near future. Also, look for exciting details and photos in our next newsletter!

The first phase of Morse Park is progressing nicely and is on schedule for our 'Build Daze' playground event the last two weeks of June. The contractor will be complete with all items in Phase I except planting, basketball court surfacing and parking lot striping by June 3rd.

The following work has been completed to date:

Phase I restroom
Phase 2 restroom and concession stand
Dog park fencing
Large picnic shelter
Labyrinth
Adult fitness equipment (2 locations)
Baseball backstop walls
Concrete walls for the community art project
Basketball court with the exception of the color surfacing
Parking lots (2) with the exception of striping
Three (3) skate elements
Water play system which includes a 4000 gallon underground reservoir, pump, filter and chemical treatment system.
Water play and playground accent concrete

The following work has started:

Baseball Fields (4) – Field layout and fencing
Bocce ball courts (2)
Horse shoe courts (2)
Picnic area decomposed granite paving
Perimeter jogging trail (.68 mile)
Installation of site furniture (ie. benches, tables, trash receptacles, etc.)
Fabric shade canopies are going up
Soil amendment/preparation has started for planting
Tree planting has started

When will it open?

Phase I: We anticipate the Phase I (playground/sprayground) opening for public use in August 2008. The delay between the completion of the playground construction and opening will allow ample time for contractors to finish their portion of the work and inspectors to certify the playground for use. Get ready for a huge party in August!

Phase II: Phase II of the project will continue through October of this year and is likely to open to the public in the Spring of 2009 once the turf has established in the ball fields, soccer field and dog park.

New Sponsors!

Morse Park Playground & Sprayground Closer to Reality with Donation from Frontier



On June 18, a representative from Frontier Communications will attend the Cosumnes CSD Board Meeting to present a check to help sponsor the Morse Park Playground & Sprayground. The park's vision has been three years in the making. Frontier's donation will help close the \$50,000 gap that remains between funds already raised and the ultimate cost of the project.

"Frontier makes sure its customers get connected and stay connected with family, friends, and business partners," said Senior Vice President and General Manager Denise Baumbach, who heads Frontier's West Region headquarters in Elk Grove. "Contributing to a project like this supports our underlying philosophy of participating in the communities in which our customers live and work – and helping them stay connected personally and professionally."

Additionally, Frontier will round up volunteers among its Elk Grove employees to help with the park's construction in late June.



Allied Waste Services was pleased to have the opportunity to assist Playground Partners. Our company firmly believes in supporting the communities that we serve, and it was with great pleasure to assist Playground Partners with its project when storage containers were needed to store playground equipment that arrived early.

Locally, Allied provides solid waste and recycling collection services to over 80,000 residential customers, and over 7,000 commercial customers in the greater Sacramento area. This includes residential collection services to the cities of Elk Grove, Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova. In Elk Grove alone, we provide services to over 44,000 homes and 400 businesses.

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Across the Country, Allied provides non-hazardous waste collection, transfer, disposal and recycling services to approximately 10 million customers in 37 states throughout a network of 314 collection companies operates 166 landfills, 165 transfer stations, and 58 recycling facilities throughout the United States.

Allied prides itself on its ability to operate environmentally sound and cost effective solid waste and recycling operations. We are constantly evaluating our facilities and programs, and incorporating new and innovative technologies and management practices into our operations. Allied Waste Services takes a proactive approach to management of our operations and focuses on being responsive to our customers; to the communities we serve, to local officials, and to state and federal regulators.

One of Allied's greatest strengths is our financial status and capabilities. Allied's annual revenues exceed \$6.6 billion and our assets total nearly \$14 billion. This financial position provides Allied with

Toddlers need exercise too!

As we should all know by now, exercise is crucial in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It cuts and curtails defective health problems that range from high cholesterol to obesity. Each of us must take active steps and make a commitment to be healthier. If you have a family, you can register for one of many Cosumnes Community Services District's sports activities for your children. You can join a gym membership and become motivated to go at least twice a week. If these cannot suffice or will not work, try to walk more, drive less, take jogs, and do cardiovascular activities within the confines of your own home.

However, exercise is most important when the toddler is young, so it is imperative for children aged 0-5 to start playing and jumping as early as possible. There is proven evidence of a direct link between play and brain development, motor-skills, and social capabilities. Learning is accelerated through pleasure. Research on the brain suggests that the most crucial time for one to develop all types of learning (emotional, social, motor, and cognitive) is in the toddler's earliest years, specifically years 0-5. Playgrounds like Morse Park afford the opportunity for a toddler to utilize space to play and space to maneuver, thereby enhancing every aspect of its mind, body, and potential to succeed in the future.

Please visit First 5 Sacramento Commission Parent Resource Center at <http://www.sackids.saccounty.net/Parent-Resources/default.htm> to find out more about how to raise
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Next Issue:

- First Five Sacramento - Grant awards
- “I MADE IT” - Community Art Project:
“Your child’s art immortalized at the park!”
- Coming Events
- Park Update
- Our Butterfly Garden
- Playground / Sprayground equipment
- And much much more!



Fliers and attachments below!

Playground Build Daze Morse Community Park June 17-29, 2008

CSD Playground Partners needs 200 – 300 volunteers to work half or full day shifts and build the community playground at Morse Community Park, located in East Franklin at Bellaterra Drive and Fire Poppy Way. Join your neighbors to construct this special playground. Willing volunteers must be high school age or older. Volunteer for one or more days. Weekday and weekend shifts are available. Plus, we need people to loan tools for the build.

Contact Build Daze Coordinator Lisa Brown at 916-685-0931 or tippytoes@elkgrove.net for more details.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

General Skill Positions

- Construction Team – Moving playground equipment, preparing equipment locations, assembling equipment, pouring concrete, installing soft fall material, and installing plants in the butterfly garden. Requires ability to do manual labor. **Dates: June 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29.**
- Volunteer Reception Team - Serve as first point-of-contact for volunteers. Check-in/check-out build daze volunteers. **Dates: June 21, 22, 28, 29.**
- Tool Team – Check-in/check-out available tools for build daze volunteers to use. **Dates: June 21, 22, 28, 29.**
- Food Team – Serve and clean up donated lunches. **Dates: June 21, 22, 28, 29.**
- Security Team – Spend the night at the park. Act as deterrent to equipment vandalism. Report any suspicious activity to authorities. **Dates: June 17, 18, 19, 20.**

Specialized Skill Positions

- Construction Captains –Able to read basic construction drawings. Instruct volunteers in completing tasks. Ability to organize and direct 10-15 construction volunteers. Requires good people skills. **Dates: June 20, 21, 22, 28, 29.**
- First Aid/Safety Captain - attend to first aid needs of volunteers, if any. Identify/correct safety issues. Prefer someone with medical background, but not required. **Dates: June 21, 22, 28, 29.**
- Painter(s) – To apply specialized paint to sprayground concrete. Need experience with paint application. **Dates: Flexible between June 24 to June 27.**
- Tile Installer(s) – To apply 1600 tiles (size 4" x 4") in the Community Art Project tile wall. Need experience with tile installation. **Dates: Flexible between June 24 to June 27.**

Tool List - Community Playground Build Daze at Morse Community Park

Volunteers are needed to loan tools for the playground build

All tools will be marked and locked when not in use

Contact Lisa Brown, 685-0931 or tippytoes@elkgrove.net to loan your tools

Tool Loan Dates: Jun 14 - 29, 2008

QUANTITY	TOOL	NOTE
3	Allen Wrench Set	3/16" and 7/32" are the most often used.
2	Broom 24"	For clean up.
6	Carpenter Level	2', 3' and 4' are helpful. Plus a 12" bullet or torpedo level.
1	Carpenters' Square	Useful for stake out.
4	Digging Bar	For large rocks found in soils and for plumbing posts.
4	Drift Punches	To help align holes to accept attaching hardware.
3	Drill - Cordless	3/8" VSR with chuck keys and recharger.
1	Drill - Electric	3/8" or 1/2" heavy duty VSR with chuck keys.
4	Extension Cord	50' or 100' heavy gauge
1	Fire Extinguisher	ABC Type.
5	Goggles	Safety equipment.
3	Hammer	3# for stake out, 10# for perimeter stakes, 3-4# for drive rivets.
4	Handheld Post Hole Digger	To clean out holes drilled by the auger.
2	Ladder	Step and extension are both useful, 6' and taller are the best.
12	Open-End Wrench Set	1/2", 9/16", 3/4" and 5/8" are most needed.
10	Rakes	For spreading loose fill material.
12	Ratchet Set	Wrench, sockets and extensions (5/16", 1/2", 9/16", 5/8").
12	Round Nosed Shovel	For post holes and surfacing installation.
2	Rubber Mallet	For gentle persuasion.
1	Soil Tamper	
6	Tape Measure	25' or 100' steel tapes.
3	Tin Snip	To cut binding on pallets. Wear eye protection.
6	Utility Knife	Needed to open hardware packets and cut packaging.
3	Vise Grip	
8	Wheelbarrow	For moving concrete, fiber, etc. (you can't have too many).
50	Wood Stakes	For stake out. The 12" - 18" tall work the best.