



Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed

Creek Talk

August, 2008

Volunteering Opportunities:

- **Creek Cleanup** Planning Committee (between now and the end of September)
- **Creek Cleanup** SEPTEMBER 20TH in both Brentwood and Oakley!
- **GPS Monitoring** Get out into the creek and help us map out the creek using specialized GPS equipment. The weekend of September 27th.
- **FOMCW Tables need to be staffed.** We need folks to help out at the FOMCW table at the Farmers Market and the upcoming Almond Festival.

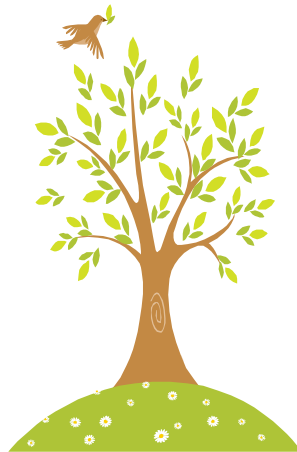
To get involved in any of these volunteer opportunities email info@fomcw.org or call Diane at 925.325.2908

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." **Anne Frank**

We're BACK.....

The FOMCW website went down for a few weeks due to some technical difficulties but now we are back! For more information check out the article that came out in the July 28th issue of the [Contra Costa Times](#).

This month's meeting: August 14th 6PM to 8PM



We are excited to have **Mike Moran, Naturalist for the East Bay Regional Park District** discussing **Successful Creek Restoration Projects**. Mike is popular with the folks here in Marsh Creek Watershed. He is a wealth of information and is very familiar with our unique features and challenges.

The meeting will be held at the Summerset Clubhouse off of Baldwin in Brentwood. To get to the clubhouse you must go through the gates on Baldwin off of Fairview. Coming South on Fairview from Balfour you will turn Left onto Baldwin. If you are coming North on Fairview from Concord Blvd you will turn Right on to Baldwin. A volunteer will be at the gate to let you in. Please arrive between 5:30 and 6:15 so that our volunteer gate monitor will be able to attend the meeting too!

Click here for a google map.

Exciting Times!!

Did you hear? The city of Oakley was granted a \$1 million dollar grant through Proposition 50 funding, the California River Parkways Program to enhance Marsh Creek and Oakley's neighboring Creekside Park which is under construction at Laurel Road and Creekside Way. Sarah Puckett of the Natural Heritage Institute (and an FOMCW member!) worked with the city of Oakley to write the proposal in collaboration with the FOMCW, Flood Control and the East Bay Regional Park District. Isn't it great!!?

This site will be the staging area for this year's Oakley Marsh Creek Cleanup on September 20 so check it out!

For a couple links to articles about this great accomplishment check out these articles: [Contra Costa Times](#) [Oakley Press](#)

Upcoming Speakers:

September 10

*Eban Schwartz,
California Coastal
Commission*

Discussing Creek
Cleanup

October 9

Meet the Candidates

November 13

*John Cain, Natural
Heritage Institute*

*Tom Williams,
Ironhouse Sanitary
District*

Discussing the future of
creek land in Oakley

December 11

*Wayne Reeves, Liberty
Union High School
District*

Discussing plans to build
the new high school on
Sellers and it's
relationship to Marsh
Creek.

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Butterfly Counts~

It is time once again for the Lange's Metalmark Butterfly counts at Antioch Dunes National Wildlife Refuge! **Lange's Metalmark butterflies are found nowhere else in the world, except at the Antioch Dunes National Wildlife Refuge!! Don't miss this opportunity to see this endangered species!!!**



US Fish and Wildlife Service will be counting butterflies one day/week for several weeks in August, September, and possibly into the first week of October. The dates that we will be conducting butterfly counts will all be on Wednesdays with one exception on August 14. The weekly count dates will be: August 6, 14 (THURSDAY), 20, 27, September 3, 10, 17, 24, and possibly Oct. 1.

They will be conducting counts until ZERO butterflies are seen, whenever that may be. Our counts will start at 9am and may go until 4pm. You'll be briefed on what to do and what to look for on each day of the count, so first-timers are welcome!

For more information contact: Susan Euing
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Marsh Creek Cleanup~ September 20th



Mark your calendar and help spread the word!!! This year the cities of Brentwood and Oakley are partnering with the East Bay Regional Park District, the Resource Conservation District, the California Coastal Commission and the Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed to do Marsh Creek Cleanup on September 20th from 9 am to 11 am with a celebration following immediately at the staging areas for each city.

If you belong to a service group or would like to organize a group of your own to go out and participate together you can preregister with the cities and get a site assigned to you.

If you have time to volunteer now we need helping secure donations, arranging for activities, managing the logistics and making sure we publicize the heck out of it! Call Diane at 925.325.2908 or email her at info@fomcw.org to help!

