

## Volunteers Enhance Parks and Recreation Facilities

The city is fortunate to have many residents who care about keeping Davis a great place to live, work and play. Some are affiliated with service organizations, others are working on specific projects, and still others just want to lend a helping hand. Regardless of the reasons, Davis benefits from the hard work and dedication of local volunteers. It is likely that a volunteer has done something near your home to make the community a better place.

In Mace Ranch Park, the fire pit benches were in dire need of renovation due to serious vandalism. The benches had been splintered and nearly destroyed by an axe. Working

with the Parks & Community Services Department, more than 50 volunteers rebuilt the benches with recycled plastic lumber, and also replanted several trees.

In the Aspen Pond greenbelt, a boardwalk path had become unusable due to age and normal wear and tear. The plastic decking had developed numerous holes and had to be closed to the public. Another group of volunteers took three separate workdays to remove the old boardwalk, frame the new nature walk with recycled plastic boards, and then spread more than 25 tons of decomposed granite and cobbles to finish the project.

The neighbors of the Walnut Park area had for years sought placement of a community bulletin board upon which to post messages of neighborhood interest. That desire was finally met when volunteers installed and spruced up a bulletin board that formerly had been located in the dog park at the cemetery. Volunteers defined an installation area with decomposed granite and enhanced the area with carpet roses.

The city saved consider-



Aspen Pond boardwalk

able money through completion of these projects by volunteers. The true benefit, however, is to the Davis community as a whole. Each public area has been enhanced in a way that makes the area safer and more usable. From park enhancements to public safety, opportunities to volunteer with the city are numerous. Anyone can do it. Why not you?

For more information, contact Parks & Community Services at (530) 757-5626, or the Police Department at (530) 747-4500.



Walnut Park boasts a new message board

## Got Recreation?

Are you a preteen or teenager looking for a new and adventurous way to spend your summer? If so, the city of Davis Parks & Community Services Department offers several amazing outdoor programs just for you! Our programs are challenging, yet provide a fun atmosphere for you to have a good time and meet new friends.

The *Extreme Adventures Camp* and *Camp Putah Explorers* offer opportunities for preteens and teenagers (grades 6-10) to take part in rock climbing, river rafting, a ropes course, team building, and spending a night under the stars. Throughout the

week, participants explore their abilities and limits, and build self-confidence.

*Backpacking* trips offer preteens and teenagers opportunities to visit Point Reyes, Mount Lassen, the Trinity Alps, and Desolation Wilderness. These excursions offer a great way to explore nature away from the distractions of civilization, learn outdoor survival skills, self-sufficiency, and wilderness ethics.

If spending a week camping and backpacking in the wilderness doesn't appeal to you, the city of Davis, Parks & Community Services Department also offers fun, one-day getaways to exciting destinations. Saturday trips include summer fun at Sunsplash in Roseville, Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants baseball games, Paramount's Great America, and Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

So, if you're bored and are looking to get out of town this summer and spend some time with old and new friends, the city of Davis has a trip for you.

For more information on these and other programs, please call the Parks & Community Services Department at (530) 757-5626.



Extreme makeover: Mace Ranch Park fire pit benches

## Attend the Grand Opening of the Davis Senior Center

Even though almost four years have passed since fund raising for the new addition to the Davis Senior Center began, the now-completed result has been well worth the wait. The Senior Center will host the Grand Opening of its Phase III addition on Wednesday, May 18, from 4 to

6:30 p.m. The project encompassed renovation of a portion of the existing facility at 646 A Street, as well as construction of an additional 2,800 square feet of programming space to be shared with the city's Alternative and Inclusive Recreation programs.

The new addition includes a medium-sized multipurpose room, a residential-style kitchen, an office, a conference room, a fireside lounge and a lobby area. The grand opening festivities will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony beginning at 4 p.m., followed by demonstrations il-

lustrating programs and services for all ages, and tours of the facility.

The Davis Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Interested residents are encouraged to stop by the center for a tour or to check out the latest programming opportunities available through the center.

For more information, call the Parks & Community Services Department at (530) 757-5626 or the Davis Senior Center at (530) 757-5696.



Celebrate the new Senior Center addition Wednesday, May 18 at 4 p.m.