

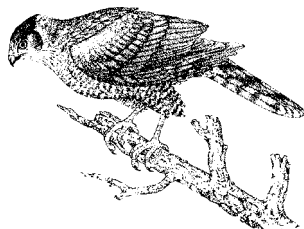


# Friends of Pinole Creek Watershed

May/June 2005

## New Program for the Upper Pinole Creek Watershed

The Friends of Pinole Creek Watershed is launching a new program to expand our watershed stewardship activities in the upper Pinole Creek watershed within unincorporated Contra Costa County.



We are implementing several activities to involve residents of the unincorporated upper Pinole Creek watershed including:

- Distributing an upper watershed resident survey to receive input about how this program can meet the needs of upper watershed residents (please see survey section below for more information)
- Holding Friends of Pinole Creek Watershed meetings in the upper watershed
- Publishing newsletters with information of interest to upper watershed residents
- Developing a web page with resources, educational articles, and links specific to the water quality needs of upper watershed residents.

*Thank you to the Community Watershed Stewardship Grants Program of the Contra Costa Watershed Program for funding these activities.*

## Upper Watershed Resident Survey

**Do you live in the upper Pinole Creek watershed?** Please take the time to fill out and return the survey that will soon be arriving in your mail box. The survey is intended to offer you and other upper watershed residents the opportunity to convey your level of interest in participating in collaborative watershed improvement efforts, and express how you would like your stormwater utility assessment fees used to directly benefit your community and watershed. Please help the Friends develop a program that meets your needs.

For more information, contact Nicholle Fratus at (510) 231-5784 or [Nicholle@thewatershedproject.org](mailto:Nicholle@thewatershedproject.org).

## May Meeting: Upper Watershed Stewardship Program & Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 - 9:00p.m.  
Fire Station 19 on Garcia Ranch Road  
To carpool meet at the Pinole Library  
parking lot at 6:30p.m. or contact Nicholle  
at [nicholle@thewatershedproject.org](mailto:nicholle@thewatershedproject.org) or  
(510) 231-5784 for directions

Please join the Friends of Pinole Creek Watershed for the official launch of our upper watershed stewardship program. We'll review the results of the upper watershed resident survey, discuss the needs of upper watershed residents, eat yummy ice-cream and enjoy the company of our neighbors! **Ice-cream treats will be provided!**

*All are welcome and upper watershed residents are especially encouraged to attend!*



Visit our Web site at [www.pinolecreek.org](http://www.pinolecreek.org)



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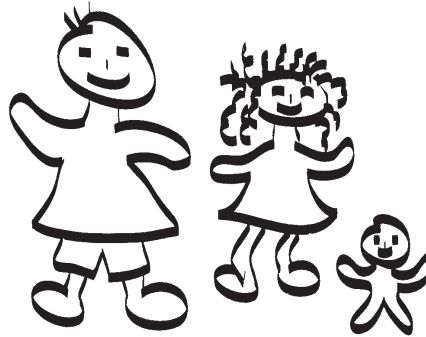
Join us at the next **Friends of Pinole Creek Watershed Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Fire Station 19 on Garcia Ranch Road

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**Kids Creek Fest**  
**An Environmental Festival for Pre-Schoolers and their Parents**

Sat., May 14th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Fernandez Park, Pinole  
(just west of the intersection of San Pablo Ave. and Tennent Ave.)

Kids Creek Fest is a fabulous, FREE event for kids 0-5 and their parents. An entertaining and fun environmental fair complete with a Native American storyteller, juggler and juggling games, Native American crafts, optional creek clean-up and tour, organic gardening practices, fun hands-on activities, nature art crafts, free organic snacks and product sampling, visits from the BugMobile, the Oakland Zoomobile, the Marine Mammal Center, REI's PEAK program, the Pinole Fire & Police Departments, raffle prizes and more! Kids Creek Fest will help you teach your children the importance of caring for the earth. **For more information call (510) 741-8336 or email carolt@futuregraphics.com**



*Sponsored by the Friends of Pinole Creek Watershed, Mama Bears Playcare, Bayside Early Learning Center, The City of Pinole, The Watershed Project, The Contra Costa Marketplace Magazine and First 5 Contra Costa.*

**Thank You**



- Thanks to the **Pinole Garden Club** for their donation of native plants for our native plant garden at the Pinole Library!
- Thanks to **Balance Hydrologics** for their donation to support our work of protecting and enhancing the Pinole Creek Watershed!
- Thanks to **Mary Hamilton** for donating snacks and drinks for our March restoration workday!

**Upcoming Events**

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**May**

- Wednesday, May 11  
Monthly Meeting  
7:00 - 9:00 P.M., Fire Station 19
- Saturday, May 14  
Kids Creek Fest  
10 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.,  
Fernandez Park, Pinole
- Saturday, May 21  
Creek & Garden Workparty  
9:30 A.M. - Noon, Pinole Library

**June**

- Saturday, June 25  
Creek & Garden Workparty  
9:30 A.M. - Noon, Pinole Library

**Call to Report Dumping and Spills in the Creek**

- For dumping in progress, call 911.
- For spills and dumping in Pinole creeks, storm drains, and waterways, call (510) 724-9010.
- For spills and dumping in Hercules creeks, storm drains, and waterways, call (510) 799-8252.
- For spills and dumping in Contra Costa County creeks, storm drains, and waterways, call (800) NO DUMPING.

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