DUMP NO WASTE

DRAINS TO STREAM

HELP PROTECT ROSEVILLE'S CREEKS

Volunteer to stencil storm drains! Contact the Stormwater Management Program at 774-5751, or e-mail us at stormwater@roseville.ca.us

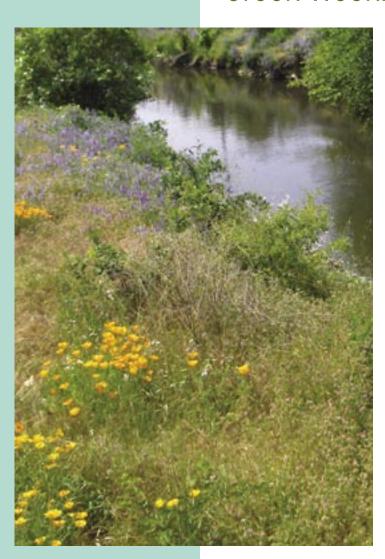
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Creek Week: Give Our Fish a Hand



Creek Week gives you a chance to help our finned, feathered and furry neighbors who live in and along our creeks. Many Roseville residents are surprised to learn that the creeks running through our city are still active breeding grounds for different species of wild salmon and steelhead. There are also dozens of bird species, as well as bats, beavers, reptiles and countless insects.

Although it seems easy enough to leave the creeks alone and let nature happen, without great care and effort, all but the hardiest species would have vanished long ago. Many government agencies, including the City of Roseville, are involved in maintaining wildlife habitats. But a great deal of the footwork and labor comes from volunteers who clean up trash and debris, count salmon during their annual run, and help out in many other ways.

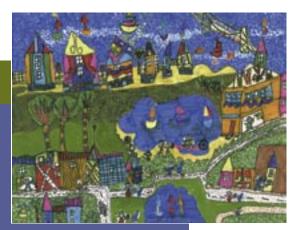
The Dry Creek Conservancy, a nonprofit organization that works to protect our watershed, spearheads many of these activities. Creek Week is the conservancy's most action-packed week of the year with a creek cleanup, nature walks and talks, and other activities aimed at educating the public and protecting our waterways.

We encourage you get involved in learning about the little-known natural wonders of our city and helping to keep them healthy and vital.

Dates for Creek Week 2006 had not been finalized by press time, but should be available along with a list of activities and times at www.DryCreekConservancy.org.

2006 Student Art Calendars Are Here!

Though our natural resources may be dwindling, there is no shortage of creativity in our city's students. This year's Student Art Calendar contest brought in more than 400 entries from Roseville students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The calendar contest, a joint effort of Roseville's Environmental Utilities Department and Roseville Electric, has become a popular effort for students who submit entries through their schools. Working with the theme "Conservation and the Environment," this year's students turned in a wide array of colorful and imaginative drawings.



The illustration above, included in the 2006 Student Art Calendar, is by ALEXANDRA TRAN/2nd Grade/Mrs. Jones/Stoneridge Elementary School.

Many thanks to our judges Roseville City Council Member Jim Gray, and Roseville Public Utility Commissioners Michael Menz and James Hardy who had the difficult task of choosing the 13 entries featured on the calendar's 12 months and cover. And a special thank you to students and teachers who made this year's contest and calendar a vibrant success!

The calendars are free to Roseville residents! Please visit our web site at www.roseville.ca.us to find out when and where they will be available.



The center's new name says it all. The innovative center is being built in our city through the joint effort of Roseville's Environmental Utilities Department and Roseville Electric. The goal is to foster exploration into new ideas to conserve and protect our natural resources. And the new center will offer a gathering place for residents of all ages to learn, share and discover

The Roseville Utility Exploration Center is on track to open in early 2007 as part of the new library facility at Mahany Regional Park. Plans for the center include indoor and outdoor exhibits featuring conservation information and new conservation technologies. In addition, the center will offer an education area for workshops and interactive learning geared for Roseville schoolchildren, residents and business owners.

Sponsorships are available to individuals and businesses interested in being part of this exciting new project. To become a sponsor, contact Martin Bailey at Roseville Electric by calling 774-5617 or e-mailing mbailey@roseville.ca.us.

Drip, Drip, Drip—Ouch!







Tollets, washing machines, showers and faucets make up roughly 80 percent of indoor water use. Take advantage of pur free low-flow plumbing devices and our generous tollet and washing machine rebates to save \$\$ on your utility billet.

Indoor leaks can account for roughly 14 percent of interior water use, which can add up to a sizeable increase to your winter water bill. To avoid indoor leaks, make it a habit to check your interior plumbing fixtures or call us today to take advantage of our free Water Wise House Call. We'll send a trained professional to your home and check your toilets and other plumbing fixtures for leaks, provide you with low-flow water saving devices, and make repair and/or replacement recommendations.

If inefficient fixtures are identified during the audit, we'll give you free retrofit devices for your faucets and showers and information about our rebate programs to purchase new, water-efficient toilets and washing machines. We offer up to \$125 for each new ultra-low flush toilet and up to \$100 for a new high-efficiency clothes washing machine.

For more program and rebate information call us today at 774-5761 or visit our web site at www.roseville.ca.us/savewater.



Efficiency Increased By New Utility Technology

City water and electric meter readers may have to start hitting the gym more often when the city completes installation of its new electronic read technology (ERT) meters.

The new meters offer mobile technology that allows readers to capture meter readings remotely using a handheld device, reducing the route distance considerably. Eventually, these reads will be collected from mobile collection units that will further reduce collection effort. In addition to offering much faster meter reading, the devices eliminate the possibility of human error that can result in incorrect billing and repeat trips to read the meter again.

All new homes and commercial buildings are currently built with this new metering technology as well as those that are having meters installed as part of the meter retrofit program. Over the next five years, water meters in all older homes and businesses will be retrofitted with this new technology.

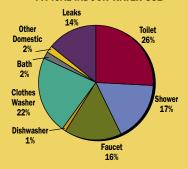
A Little Detective Work Can Save \$\$\$

Does the dreary weather have you stuck inside with nothing to do? With your irrigation system shut down for the winter, now is the perfect time to take a few minutes to evaluate how you use water indoors.

Our online **RE-View Energy and Water Survey** helps you look at a number of different areas, giving you an in-depth look at how you use energy and water. It takes roughly 20 minutes and provides you with a comprehensive report on your use, including tips and advice on simple things you can do to save water and energy.

■ Visit the Water Conservation section of the city's web site at www.roseville.ca.us/savewater.

TYPICAL INDOOR WATER USE



Our HEROES

Each month, our Customer Service Recognition Committee selects one of our employees to receive the department's Honoring Excellence and Rewarding Outstanding Employees (HEROE) award.

Emily Glaspey, administrative clerk at the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, was recognized in October for developing an all-inclusive tracking system



for items received at the plant. This new system is saving Emily and treatment plant managers considerable time when approving multiple payment requests.

November's HEROE, Jeff Vogel, is a refuse leadworker who has taken the initiative to cover customer calls during weekends and holidays when office



staff is not available. Rather than leaving the messages for staff to handle during their busy Monday mornings, Jeff retrieves and handles about 20 customer voicemail messages on a typical weekend and up to double that number on holidays.



If there's an Environmental Utilities Department employee who has provided you with outstanding service, we'd love to hear about it—please call us at 774-5770.



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Comments and suggestions are welcome—please send to the attention of Sean Bigley.

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