

Community Partners Help Central Park Gardens Grow

The next time you go to the Farmers Market, don't forget to visit the west side of Central Park to explore the recent renovations of the gardens along B Street. Community volunteers have been hard at work for the last two years transforming the gardens into themed demonstration plantings. Volunteers from the UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Yolo County, Davis Farm to School Connection, Davis Garden Club, and UC Davis Arboretum have partnered with the City of Davis Parks & General Services Department to spearhead these renovation efforts.

The recent plantings were strongly influenced by a 2006 survey of over 100 Central Park visitors, in which respondents indicated their preferences for how this public demonstration garden should be developed. Not only can you now stop and smell the roses, but you can also see hummingbirds visiting salvias. You can enjoy your picnic on a stone bench accompanied by the fragrance of lavender and the soft texture of lamb's ears. You can watch meadow grasses sway in the breeze and marvel at tiny native bees collecting pollen from yarrow. You can taste a cherry tomato fresh off the vine and compare the scents and flavors of different basil varieties.

You can also take advantage of the Central Park Gardens as a place to learn. Free monthly workshops led by UC-trained Master Gardener volunteers offer practical advice for how to have a more successful garden with less water, fertilizer, and pesticides. Easy-to-read plant labels allow you to explore the plantings on your own and gather ideas for what to plant in your home garden. In the coming months, look for new interpretive signs and a self-guided tour brochure to learn even more about



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leveraged through partnerships to enlist hundreds of hours of volunteer service and to raise over \$37,500 in grants and donations to support garden renovation, maintenance and educational programs.

Although great progress has been made, the renovation is still not complete. The Central Park Gardens volunteer team is seeking additional help from the community.

Funding is still needed for the construction and installation of beautiful metal archways to frame and define the entries of the Rose and Flower Garden near the 3rd & B Building. The new archways will support climbing roses and flowering vines and create a lush and inviting gateway to the gardens. If you enjoy the gardens, please consider sponsoring an archway.

Additional volunteers are also needed to help with garden maintenance and renovation projects. Community members are welcome to join biweekly volunteer work days on Wednesday evenings in the spring and summer. Projects are also available for service clubs and volunteer groups.

For additional information, visit the Central Park Gardens website at www.centralparkgardens.org or contact Bob Stephenson at (530) 757-5656.



Manor Pool to Open Soon

After many months of anticipation, the Manor Pool Grand Opening will take place some time in June. Neighbors and the Davis community will be notified soon about the grand opening ceremonies in Slide Hill Park at 2850 Temple Drive.

From every direction, Manor Pool looks to be the "coolest" place in Davis this summer. The renovated complex will feature amenities for all ages. In addition to relaxing by the pool in a lounge chair and having a snack at our new concession stand, guests can also enjoy an impressive waterslide, a zero entry pool, one and three meter diving boards and a splash pad complete with playful water features.

For more information call the Community Services Department at (530) 757-5626.

Friday Night Concert Series in Downtown Davis

- Every Friday from, May 23 to the Labor Day weekend
- E Street Plaza on E Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets
- All concerts are free and take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For more information visit: www.davisdowntown.com or call (530) 756-8763



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City police patrol cars are one of the best examples of the quality of today's re-refined motor oil. The police cars stay in service for about four years and usually accumulate over 100,000 miles of service before they are retired. This is severe service driving.



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Numerous companies sell re-refined motor oil in bulk deliveries to fleets, but the availability of re-refined motor oil in quart sized containers is limited. Some local quick lube business do offer re-refined motor oil, just ask! Quick lube operators want your business and will offer re-refined lubricants if enough of their customers request it.

You don't have to pay a premium for re-refined motor oil. It is usually priced the same or less than many major-brand nationally-sold motor oils.

For the do-it-yourself oil changer, check out the city's website at: www.davisrecycling.org. You can complete the recycling loop by recycling your used motor oil and filter and purchasing quality re-refined motor oil. This reduces energy, reduces the chance of polluting our ground and water resources, and helps reduce our energy dependence on imported oil.

Getting Back to Nature..

Davis Bike Loop

In 2007 the City of Davis sprayed markings on bike paths establishing a loop around Davis at the suggestion of a local group, Davis Bicycles!.

This route, now known as the Davis Bike Loop, offers safe passage for cyclists (and pedestrians) in a ring around town. The loop features several underpasses and overpasses, grade separated bike paths and amenities.

The main portion of the loop totals a distance of 12 miles and is marked in green with the Davis highwheeler bike logo, the words "Davis Bike Loop" and directional markers. Riders who follow the loop will travel on the Dave Pelz I-80 Overcrossing, the I-80 Underpass, scenic Davis neighborhoods and through community amenities such as the UC Davis Arboretum and Davis Community Park. Complete bicycle maps are available in kiosks at various locations on the loop.

For more information about the Davis Bike Loop, contact the Public Works Department at (530) 757-5686.

Herb & Wildlife Garden Path

A transformation is slowly taking place along the bicycle path that runs east and west between the new John Barovetto Park in Mace Ranch, across the bicycle path heading over the Dave Pelz overcrossing and ending at Fifth Street.

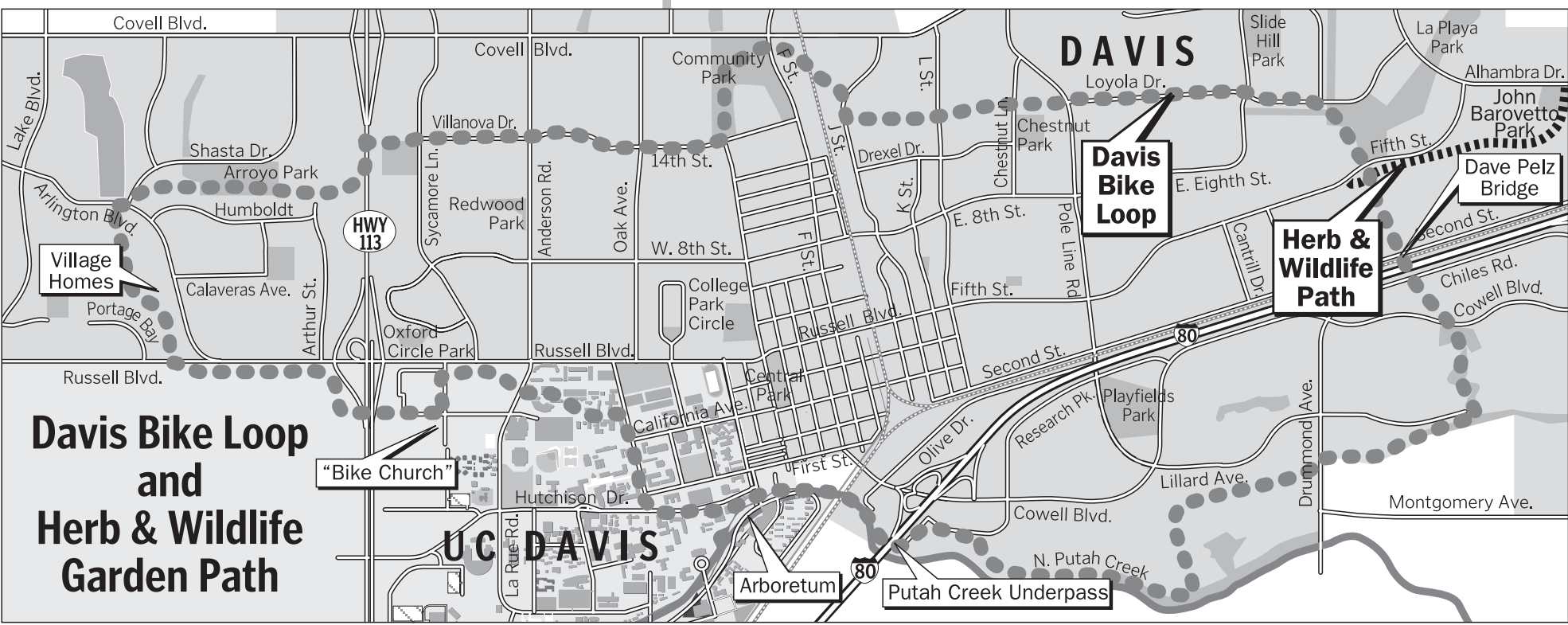
The path that parallels the fenced Mace Ranch drainage channel is being turned into the country's longest public herb garden. Thanks to volunteers, the landscaping will be truly "green" in that no pesticides or herbicides

are being used for the almost mile-long garden.

The south side of the path is currently being weeded and planted. After the ground is "solarized" using the sun to burn off any weeds, the north side of the path will be planted this December with 8,000 plugs of native grasses. In 2009 the north side of the channel inside the chain link fence will be planted with landscaping designed to attract hummingbirds. In 2010, the path on the east side of Barovetto Park will be planted.

There are regular work parties scheduled on most Saturdays where volunteers perform such chores as: weeding, planting cuttings, setting out sheet mulching and trimming bushes.

Interested volunteers or groups can contact Bob Stephenson, Community Services Program Coordinator at (530) 757-5642, extension 7329 or e-mail at: rstephenson@cityofdavis.org



**Davis Bike Loop
and
Herb & Wildlife
Garden Path**



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Davis students are showing off their Street Smarts, creatively expressing themselves while learning more about the importance of traffic safety.

can also be viewed at www.cityofdavis.org/streetsmarts/contests.cfm

Last November, Street Smarts held its first Poster Contest for elementary students drawing more than 100 entries. Participants were asked to create original artwork focusing on the importance of safe bicycle riding, proper helmet use and/or crossing the street safely.

The students were honored for their work at an awards ceremony featuring special guest KCRA Traffic Pulse 3 Reporter Adrienne Bankert. The posters are being used in a variety of Street Smarts marketing materials in Davis. Information about the 2008-09 elementary school poster contest will be announced soon.

Street Smarts is focusing much of its efforts this year on school-aged children. In addition, adult drivers, bicyclists,

and pedestrians will continue to be target audiences. Street Smarts banners, newspaper and radio ads, and bus stop signs focusing on a wide variety of behaviors can be seen throughout the city.

Street Smarts recently installed new signs near Davis schools. Messages such as: "They Thank You for Slowing Down", "Share the Rules, Share the Road" and "Add Years to Your Life, Use the Crosswalk" remind bicyclists and drivers that they have equal rights and responsibilities on the road.

Drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians, young or old, can all do their part to make Davis' streets safer.

For more information about Street Smarts, visit: www.cityofdavis.org/streetsmarts or contact Street Smarts Coordinator Crystal O'Hara at (530) 757-5640 or cohara@cityofdavis.org



Access, Street Smarts invited students in Grades 7 through 9 to create 60-second (or shorter) videos highlighting safe bicycling. Working either alone or in small groups, students focused on one of two themes, "Use Your Head, Use Your Helmet," or "The Rules of the Road." Videos were judged on content, creativity and video production.

Contest winners were awarded prizes at a special "Focus on Safety" ceremony at the Davis Varsity Theatre. The videos are being shown on public access Channel 15 on the Comcast cable system and

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Street Smarts, a traffic safety public education campaign, held its first "Focus on Safety" video public service announcement contest for junior high students in order to spotlight the importance of safe bicycling.

Teaming with Davis Media

Two New Names... Same Excellent Services!

City of Davis Parks & Community Services is now TWO Departments!



The former
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Senior Services.....	757-5696
Facility Rentals.....	757-5626
• Buildings	
• Parks & Picnic Areas	
• Pools	
• Athletic Fields	
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Davis Community Transit.....	757-4408
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Government Channel Programming.....	757-5667
ADA Accessibility Services.....	757-5691

Parks & General Services

Urban Forest Management and Maintenance...	757-5549
• Street tree removal requests	
• Downed trees/limbs	
• Tree modification permits	
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• Broken sprinklers/flooding in landscaped areas	
• Playground equipment—Restrooms	
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Property Management.....	757-5689
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Information Technology Systems.....	757-5656

Cassel Lane Subdivision to Provide a New Affordable Ownership Option in Davis

High housing costs should not deter you or someone you know from living in Davis. There are ongoing affordable housing opportunities for interested households with special preferences for members of the local workforce. In addition to an ongoing option for condominium units available at Southfield Park on Greene Terrace this summer, pre-applications will be available for households interested in purchasing one of the five affordable units to be sold in the Cassel Lane Subdivision, located on the north end of Sycamore Lane.

The five units, just starting construction, will be comprised of four single family attached two-story units and one single-story detached unit. The units will include both two and three bedroom units, with gross square footage ranging from 1180 to 1400 square feet. These units will have access to local greenbelts, shopping and Highway 113 and they will feature amenities including granite countertops and tile flooring. Construction of the five affordable homes should be completed this October. Lottery applications for these units will likely be due in July. The lottery awarding these units will incorporate the city's Incentive System that provides additional lottery tickets to members of the local workforce, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

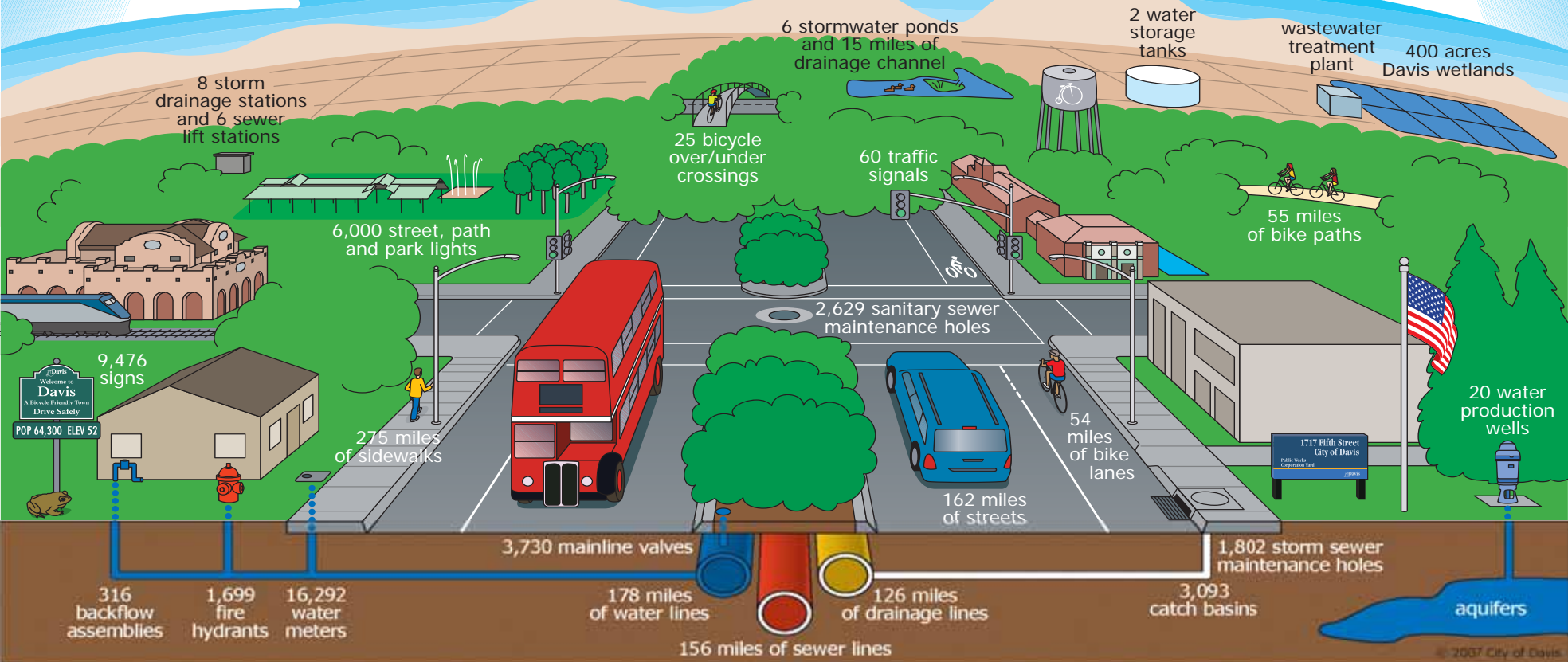
These units will likely be priced in the \$200,000s, but more information about specific prices for each unit will be available within the next couple of months. To qualify for purchase of one of these affordable units, a household's gross annual income cannot exceed moderate income levels for Yolo County, currently at \$85,200 for a household of four. Additionally, the household must occupy the unit as their primary residence and all units will have an appreciation cap of 3.75%, compounded annually. The resale of these units is overseen through a city program that matches up affordable units to qualifying households when the owner decides to sell.

More information about these affordable units, including their pricing, will be advertised in The Davis Enterprise, the city website (www.cityofdavis.org/housing/affordable), and will be made available at city offices this summer.

Individuals who would like information and a pre-application mailed to them directly can contact City Housing Services within the Community Services Department by calling Danielle Foster at (530) 757-5691 or emailing a mailing address to dfoster@cityofdavis.org.



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