

Stormwater: More than just what falls from the sky

Stormwater, or urban runoff, is the water that flows through gutters and into storm drains when it rains. Stormwater should be mostly rainwater, but it also contains water from irrigation, car wash runoff, and any pollutants that may be carried by the water as it flows across paved surfaces and landscapes.

This water flows into one of over 2500 storm drain inlets located along street gutters and enters the City's storm drainage system. The water then moves through the storm drain piping below our streets and fills the Davis storm water detention and wildlife

ponds, which support an array of wildlife species.

Because stormwater never enters our Wastewater Treatment plant for cleaning, it's important to be careful with the water that flows to our rivers, creeks, wetlands, sloughs, delta and eventually, the Pacific Ocean. To protect these areas it is important to minimize the amount of pollution going into curbside gutters and catch basins.

You can help prevent stormwater pollution by:

- Keeping gutters and openings free of

yard debris

- Setting your irrigation timers according to season or watering needs, minimizing runoff
- Using alternatives to pesticides and fertilizers
- Going to a car wash facility where the water is recycled
- NOT dumping anything into the storm drains

To remind everyone about the importance of preventing stormwater pollution, the city of Davis has installed storm drain inlet markers near each drain. The City is currently in-



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stalling new markers in the Core Area and other locations throughout the community.

If you see any unmarked drains or damaged markers, please call Public Works at (530) 757-5686.

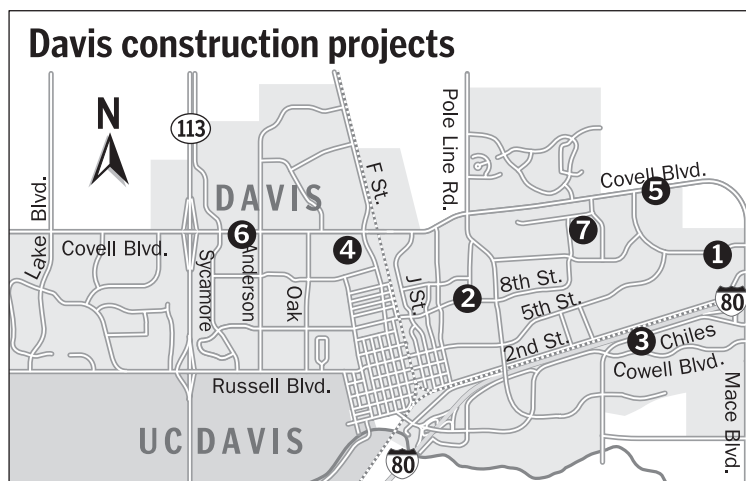
Building on success: Updates on city construction projects

A variety of long-awaited public construction projects are continuing around Davis. For more information, visit: www.cityofdavis.org/pw/CIP/

1. John Barovetto Neighborhood Park — Construction on this 6.9 acre park located at the corner of Alhambra Drive and Arroyo Avenue in Mace Ranch is nearing completion. The playground features and picnic amenities have been installed, and the plant establishment period has begun. Expect a grand opening celebration later this spring.

2. 8th Street Corridor Improvements — Enhancements between L Street and Pole Line Road will provide better pedestrian, bicycle and transit access in the neighborhood. With the help of federal grant funding, construction is expected to begin in summer 2007.

3. Water Well #32 — The first phase has been completed of this new deep-aquifer well located near the south landing of the Dave Pelz bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing. Phase two is currently being designed and will result in the construction of above-ground improvements including piping, elec-



tronic controls and landscaping. This well should be operating by fall 2007.

4. Community Park Bike Path — This project will result in a safer connection between the parking lot, the Community Pool complex and the tennis courts.

The Davis Joint Unified School District is partnering with the city on these enhancements. This project will be completed by spring 2007.

5. Covell Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Undercrossing — This project will provide a connection between the residential neighborhoods north of Covell Boule-

vard and the schools and parks to the south. The crossing will be located between Monarch Lane and Harper Junior High School. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2007.

6. Covell Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation — East-bound lanes between Sycamore Lane and Anderson Road will be completely reconstructed in order to eliminate the undulating pavement caused by ongoing subsidence of the ground underneath. Design is underway and construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2007. During construction, eastbound traffic

will be detoured for several weeks while excavation and reconstruction take place.

7. Manor Pool Complex Rehabilitation — The Temple Drive pool complex will be closed during the 2007 season for a complete renovation. This work is necessary to correct substantial leakage from the aging pools. As part of the project, the city will also improve pool accessibility for the disabled.

Construction contracts will be considered by the city council this spring. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2007 and the pools should be ready for use by May 2008.

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Recycling roundup

Celebrating 33 years of recycling, the city of Davis Recycling Program encourages residents to be a good neighbor by helping make a greener Davis. To help with all of your recycling questions, the city of Davis recycling webpage www.davisrecycling.org is being updated. There will be more information on Household Hazardous Waste, battery recycling, local reuse options and used oil recycling, as well as recycling information specific for curbside residential, business and apartment recycling.

● New rigid plastic recycling available at the landfill

Finally we have an option available to recycle plastic lawn furniture, old plastic toys and 5-gallon buckets. All these items are usually made of rigid plastics, and now

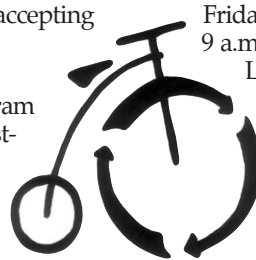
the Yolo County Landfill is accepting them for free recycling.

● Composting classes

The City Recycling Program will be offering free composting classes in the spring on a first-come first-served basis. The classes will be held at the newly renovated compost demonstration area at the Community Gardens on Fifth Street on April 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. To register for a class, call the Public Works Department at 757-5686.

● Free household hazardous waste drop-off event

In order to make disposal of household hazardous wastes easier, this year there will be free drop-off days scheduled the second



Friday and Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yolo County Central Landfill. Don't miss this free opportunity to dispose safely of paint, pesticides, fluorescent light bulbs and other hazardous waste.

● Free daily electronics recycling

The Yolo County Central Landfill accepts electronics for free recycling on a daily basis. Computer monitors, televisions, toasters, video and DVD players, cameras, blenders, vacuum cleaners etc. are all accepted for free during the landfill's normal business hours Monday-Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

● Yard materials

Davis Waste Removal collects yard materials once a week, usually the day before

trash pick-up. To make disposal of yard material easy for you and safe for others, please place your yard material 18" from the curb or gutter. Your pile of yard material should be no larger than 5' in any dimension.

Be aware that your yard material piles can create serious hazards for cyclists; **bike lanes should never be blocked!** Acceptable materials for disposal include: grass clippings, brush, leaves, prunings, weeds, discarded floral displays, indoor plants, branches (less than 8" in diameter) and Christmas trees. Unacceptable materials include sod, soil, fruit, concrete, flowerpots, florist wire, fencing, bricks and stumps.

For more information, see www.davisrecycling.org, or call the City Recycling Program at (530) 757-5686.