

Markham Ravine

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LINCOLN CREEK WEEK 2007 and other MARKHAM RAVINE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE PROJECTS

First call for volunteers to assist in the 4th Annual Lincoln Creek Week, to be held April 21st – April 28th, 2007.

The Markham Ravine Neighborhood Committee (MRNC) hosted and coordinated the efforts to conduct the First Annual Lincoln Creek Week during the week of April 17th - April 24th, 2004. We succeeded in our efforts in large part due to the significant level of community citizen volunteer involvement. Over 200 community residents participated in the various activities throughout the Creek Week events. The primary focus was Saturday, April 17th, when 140 volunteers helped clean up the Markham Ravine.

Because of our success with Creek Week 2004, we decided to sponsor the 2nd Annual Lincoln Creek Week, which was conducted April 2nd - 9th, 2005. The first call for Creek Week 2005 volunteers was made at the January 26th, 2005 Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting. Details of the 2005 Creek Week activities were posted on our website www.markhamravine.org homepage and continuously updated over the subsequent two months prior to the week-long events in April. Over 200 community residents participated throughout the week. One of the exciting activities undertaken by volunteers was the planting of over 200 trees and shrubs throughout the Markham Ravine.

Lincoln Creek Week 2006 was conducted April 22nd through April 29th 2006. The creek clean-ups were expanded to include Auburn Ravine and Doty Ravine. Again, almost 200 volunteers contributed time and efforts throughout the week. It is that time of year again! The 4th Annual Lincoln Creek Week will be conducted April 21st – April 28th, 2007. We are seeking over 300 volunteers this year. A complete schedule of the Creek Week 2007 activities is being posted on our website. Stay tuned for updates throughout the upcoming months prior to April 21st.

We need volunteers to participate at each of the activities being scheduled.

The Markham Ravine Neighborhood Committee itself is a completely volunteer effort. The Committee membership started in 2002 at only three Lincoln residents. The Committee has grown and fluctuated in size over the past five years. During this time the Committee members have been working very closely with the City of Lincoln in restoring and enhancing the Markham Ravine to a more natural state, and towards the creation of a recreational area for the community, including a multi-purpose trail system and the expansion of the Markham Park. Eventually our efforts will result in a vast open space riparian

habitat, with trails throughout connecting to Auburn Ravine and eventually to the new Placer County park areas being established East of Lincoln. What beauty in the midst of our ever-growing population!

During the next two years the Markham Ravine Neighborhood Committee will be focusing our efforts of work in conjunction with Foothill Associates in implementing the Markham Ravine Nature Area Project (MRNA). To be successful in this effort we need additional community residents to volunteer their time in service on the Committee. The Committee is officially recognized by the Lincoln City Council and is now designated as the Markham Ravine Task Force. Our ideas are presented at City Council meetings throughout the year. The Task Force meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, at the Lincoln City Hall building. Please view our various MRNC website menus for specific details about our planned activities and needed volunteer tasks.

Throughout this process of MRNA development the Lincoln City Council will be taking action on our recommendations, in conjunction with Foothill Associate's proposed activities necessary for the full implementation of the goals of the Markham Ravine Nature Area Project. Public hearings will be conducted. City Council meetings will be held. The community needs to attend. Even if you decide not to be a Committee / Task Force member please let your voices be heard at these public Council meetings. The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The essence of a democracy is volunteers in action.

There will also be many other, as yet unplanned, activities focused on the Markham Ravine each year. All of these endeavors will be enhanced by community volunteer efforts. Please track these activities through the calendar menu of our website. If you would like to volunteer your efforts in any of our events or activities please contact us by email at webmaster@markhamravine.org or through our website. You can also contact Bill Plumb at 677-9762.

Thank you VOLUNTEERS very much for all of your hard work up to this time. Continued and increased volunteer efforts will significantly enhance the Lincoln area in general and the Markham Ravine area in specific.