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# FRIENDS OF VILLA **GRANDE NEWS**

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#### **OUR MISSION:**

- IS TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL RESOURCE, THE NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE BEACH.
- **BE FINANCIALLY** PRUDENT IN THE BEACH'S ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT
- KEEP THE BEACH OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE VILLA GRANDE COMMUNITY, THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS, SENIORS, AND RENTERS.
- **ESTABLISH A MECHANISM WHEREBY** OWNERSHIP OF THE VILLA GRANDE BEACH STAYS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

WE ARE NOW ON THE WEB!

**CHECK US OUT AT:** 

**WWW.VILLAGRANDE.ORG** 

## WE ARE NOW A 501(c)(3) ORGANIZATION!

WE ARE A 501(c)(3)AND ROBERTO ESTEVES MAKE THIS HAPPEN. WHAT RESIDUAL OF \$6,137. THIS MEANS IS THAT WE ARE NOW ABLE TO ACCEPT TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS AND GRANTS TO REALIZE THE GOAL OF PURCHASING THE VILLA GRANDE BEACH.

IN ITS FIRST SIX MONTHS, FRIENDS OF VILLA GRANDE REPORTS \$7,595 IN CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH PURCHASE INCLUDES ITS FIRST MATCHING GRANT FROM THE SCHWAB FOUNDATION.

ABOUT 55% OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED WERE FOR ANNUAL

FRIENDS OF VILLA GRANDE IS MEMBERSHIPS, 43% FOR THE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT BEACH ACQUISITION FUND, AND 2% FOR THE 4TH OF JULY ORGANIZATION! KEN WIKLE CELEBRATIONS. IN THE SAME SIX MONTH PERIOD. \$1.458 WORKED LONG AND HARD TO WAS SPENT, LEAVING A

> OUR ORIGINAL GOAL FOR THE FIRST YEAR WAS \$5,000. WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATION

WHICH WONDERFUL!

# **OPTION TO**

WE HAVE ALSO ENTERED INTO AN OPTION AGREEMENT WITH THE TORR FAMILY TO PURCHASE THE

VILLA GRANDE BEACH FOR \$215,000. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF WORK TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS A REALITY. WE NEED TO ACQUIRE ENOUGH FUNDS TO PURCHASE THE BEACH. THIS NEEDS TO OCCUR WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DONATIONS. YOU CAN HELP!



### WHAT YOU CAN DO.....

- BECOME A MEMBER OF FRIENDS OF VILLA GRAND. HAVE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY JOIN. (MEMBERSHIP FORM ENCLOSED) YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS A FORM ON OUR NEW WEBSITE WE HAVE MET OUR FIRST YEAR GOAL OF \$5,000. WE NEED MORE TO MAKE OUR BEACH ACQUISITION A REALITY.
- VOLUNTEER YOUR SKILLS AND TIME. CONTACT RICH HOLMER 707-865-2998.
- MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO FRIENDS OF VILLA GRANDE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THE BEACH.
- WE HAVE RECEIVED OUR FIRST MATCHING GRANT FROM THE SCHWAB FOUNDATION. IF YOU WORK FOR A COMPANY THAT WILL MAKE A MATCHING GRANT, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO DO SO. THIS IS A GREAT
- OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU AND FOR THEM TO RECEIVE A TAX DEDUCTION, IF YOU ARE RETIRED, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DO A MATCHING GRANT WITH SOME PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS. CONTACT ROBERTO ESTEVES AT ESTEVES@COMCAST.NET FOR MORE DETAILS.
- IF YOU HAVE A CONTACT FOR A NONPROFIT, LET ROBERTO ESTEVES KNOW.



OUR NEXT COMMUNITY
MEETING WILL OCCUR DURING
THE WEEKEND OF JULY 5-6.
DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

AT THIS ANNUAL MEETING WE WILL ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP DUES, DISCUSS THE ANNUAL REPORT AND THE PAST YEAR'S FINANCES. WE WILL TAKE INPUT FROM YOU FOR NEXT YEAR'S GOALS, AND ELECT

NEW BOARD MEMBERS. THERE ARE FIVE ONE YEAR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER, PLEASE CONTACT RICH HOLMER AT 707-865-2998,

FOR DETAILS ON THE TIME AND DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, VISIT OUR WEBSITE.



PLEASE SEND ITEMS THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE POSTED IN FOVG NEWS TO:
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ONE YEAR TERM (ENDS JULY '08)

KATIE GIBSON, MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, EMT

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MIKE MCCABE, ATTORNEY, MEDIATOR

TOM WACKERMAN, MBA,TREASURER OF BOARD, ACCOUNTING CONSULTANT

KEN WIKLE, PRESIDENT OF BOARD, ATTORNEY, FIREFIGHTER, MONTE RIO

TWO YEAR TERM (ENDS JULY '09)

KYLA BROOKE, LMTT, REAL ESTATE AGENT, FRANK HOWARD ALLEN RR ROBERTO ESTEVES, NONPROFIT CONSULTANT, FUNDRAISER, CALIFA LIBRARY RICHARD HOLMER, BOARD VICE PRESIDENT, RETIRED SONOMA CNTY MANAGER LEAH NORWOOD, BOARD SECRETARY, MUSICIAN, ORNITHOLOGIST JOHN PAXTON, REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT

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### **FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES**

FOURTH OF JULY ANNUAL PARADE WILL OCCUR ON THE FOURTH OF JULY AT 4:30 P.M. WE WILL HAVE A COMMUNITY PICNIC AT 1 P.M. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP ORGANIZE THE PICNIC, THE PARADE OR MUSIC, PLEASE CONTACT KYLA AT 707-865-1174. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE HELP! IT IS RARE TO HAVE A COMMUNITY WITH ITS OWN TRADITIONS. JOIN THE FUN!

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