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REGIONAL E-NEWS FROM 'BAY AREA BARNs AND TRAILS'

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OAKLAND CITY STABLES

"Horses to Return to Oakland Stables: Chronicle Watch

'...The Oakland City Council voted unanimously last week to bring horses back to the Oakland City Stables. By mid-March, Tami MacKerracher will be bringing in horse from her Central Valley ranch three days a week to provide equine programs while serving Oakland's disadvantaged youth at no cost to the City. After six months, the City Council will consider whether to enter into a long term contract. Oakland Parks and Recreation agency spokeswoman Kip Walsh said that over the next few weeks, the parks department will be developing a marketing strategy, planning youth and adult programs, and cleaning up the stables ".

- Vanessa B. Marlin, chroniclewatch@sfchronicle.com/sfgate.com

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SATURDAY, MARCH 17 - CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION (CNWS) FACTS OPEN HOUSE

The City of Concord will host an informational "Get the Facts" Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Concord Senior Center, 2727 Parkside Circle. The open house is an opportunity for the City to share the information with the community. There will be stations where participants can "get the facts" by studying displays, picking up information and talking to the Reuse Plan team members about the project. Stations will focus on transportation, utilities, natural environment, parks and open space, environmental clean-up, and fiscal and financial issues. This is the first of four workshops in the reuse planning process. Three more will be held this spring and summer to identify land use mixes and evaluate alternative concepts for the property. To learn more about the Concord Community Reuse Project, visit www.concordreuseproject.org or contact Project Director Michael Wright (925) 671-3019.

LAKE SONOMA HORSE CAMP

Construction of Dining Area Roof, Project of Back Country Horsemen/North Bay Unit and the Army Corps of Engineers From Dan Horn: Lake Sonoma Horse Camp

"Saturday's work party was very productive. We formed and poured the post bases for one side of the dining roof."

First Barry and I did the layout and then started digging the footings with backhoe while Barry, Ted and Rhondel cleaned the edges with shovels. Ted and Barry cut and bent the rebar while I drilled casing holes. We leveled and straightened the forms. Barry mixed the concrete; Ted and Rhondel shoveled it in the holes. One more row to go on March 3rd. and we will be ready to start putting up the roof. Del King helped me tack up the post parts and haul them up to the Lake. Ranger Joel did the last of the welding, so the steel posts are all ready to go. Del, George, Barry, Bo and I finished the trusses. Alan and I hauled them up to Lake, so we are ready to go. Looks like we will have the roof up by this spring for camping season.

Bay Area Barns and Trails is pleased to have donated \$2,500++ for this project.

Contact Dan Horn if you'd like to volunteer to help create this new camp...your energy and funds are welcome!

- Dan Horn bearstrap@msn.com

PLANNING FOR TOLAY PARK/SOUTH OF PETALUMA

A public Meeting was hosted by the Sonoma Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission concerning an Interim Plan Project Description of Tolay Park on Monday, Feb. 26th at 5:00 pm at the Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building (1094 Petaluma Blvd. South, Petaluma). Interim Public Access & Management Plan can be downloaded from www.sonoma-county.org/parks/park_planning.htm

Comments or responses can be sent to Michelle Julene, Environmental Specialist at mjulene@sonoma-county.org .

Please reiterate that equestrians need horse-trailer parking, multi-use trails as well as a site for horse camping.

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