

# C. V. Starr Community Center Sigrid & Harry Spath Aquatic Facility

*Friends of the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District*

*As a valued supporter  
of the new center, you  
must want to know . . .*

## *What's Happening!*



*Construction is underway, and  
the walls are going up!*

Construction on the new center is underway at Maple and Lincoln Streets in Fort Bragg. This part of the facility will house an 8-lane competition pool with a diving board, and a warm-water leisure pool with a running river, water slide, children's play structures and a beach entry which allows everyone to enter with ease and dignity. Ultimately, the center will house all of these aquatic features, plus showers, locker, fitness, class and activity rooms, offices, a snack bar, commercial kitchen, and a large gymnasium.

## Construction is Underway!

In November 2005, Paulson Excavating successfully completed the project site preparation on-time and under-budget. In spring of 2006, the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District Board accepted a bid from BRCO Constructors, Inc. to build the first section of the recreation and aquatic center. On June 19, 2006 BRCO began driving 16' long piles into the ground. The sound reverberated throughout Fort Bragg and excitement grew as folks became aware that the long awaited center was really on its way. All 104 piles are now in the ground.

*Why don't we see any  
holes being dug? How  
can they build the  
building before they  
put in the pools?*

Krebs tells us that the contractor can't dig the holes until they get the roof up. "They need solid ground for the crane to sit on while it puts up the huge beams that will become the roof trusses. So BRCO will first construct the walls, bring in the crane and install the roof. Then they will work inside the shell to dig the holes for the pools."

## *What's Next?*

Bob Krebs, district vice chair, reports "This is a massive concrete project. They poured 250 cubic yards of concrete! After rebar was installed, Norcal Aggregate of Willits brought the concrete over Highway 20 with a relay team of trucks. Almost the entire foundation was placed in one day. Now the walls are going up! BRCO is using large cylindrical moulds to build columns that will serve as supports. Fort Bragg Electric is installing the conduit that will later house electrical wire"

## *A Bold Decision!*

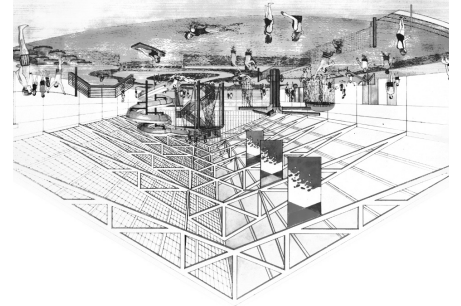
The District Board entered into this contract while fundraising continues for the monies necessary to complete the entire center. Chairman, David Yeomans states, "We strongly believe that failure to award this current low bid would mean that the C.V. Starr Community Center would never be built as currently designed. Experience has taught us that inflation in the construction sector is soaring and that it was prudent to seize this opportunity. At public planning sessions, local residents let us know that they strongly favored

the facility we are now building. . .  
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*The building currently under construction will house the aquatic features pictured at left.*

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We will build as much of the center as present funding allows." Other projects in our area, like Timberwolf Stadium and Friendship Park, have been completed successfully in this way.

The Friends of MCRPD has done a masterful job of raising funds to fulfill the community's dream of a center that will, initially, revolve around aquatic and fitness activities. The largest donation, \$4,000,000, was given by the Starr Foundation in honor of the center's namesake, Fort Bragg's most famous native son, C.V. Starr. Starr was the founder of the foundation and of AIG, the world's largest insurance firm. The public and private sector has stepped forward. Everyone has pitched in.



Elizabeth Norvell, Pictured above has single-handedly raised close to \$5,000 through bake sales, personal gifts and door to door solicitation.

### *How Will We Get the Funds to Finish It?*

Despite our success, additional funds will be needed in order to open the doors of the center. The Board took the brave, bold step of entering into this contract, knowing that they will have to assemble a package of financial support. The financial plan includes conducting a new major gifts campaign, securing financing, and applying for several corporate, foundation and public grants.

The Board looks forward to improved financial prospects based on income from District projects, adept fiscal planning and management, and the bright future of the Mendocino coast where impressive improvements are moving forward. This new facility will be a major community resource as our coastal area moves into a brighter future.

Along with all of the funding sources described above, the Board is looking to all of us for support. This is a community that pitches in and the Board is counting on the kind of local support that is the trademark of our resourceful Mendocino coast community. Your support has been extremely valuable. Your generosity has made it possible to begin construction on this treasured community asset. Simply stated, we will build as much of the facility as funding allows. Chairman Yeomans

states, "We are deeply grateful to everyone who has stepped up to give and to volunteer. The speed with which we will open the doors is dependent on the speed of fundraising."

### *How Can I Help?*

There are many ways to help. You may make a gift of cash or a pledge that you pay over time. You can choose to transfer stock or contribute through one-time or regularly scheduled credit card payments. In some cases, payroll deduction is possible.

It is possible to make a gift through *planned giving*, where your asset can continue to earn you income, reduce your taxes and support the new center at the same time.

Gifts to this project are generally tax-deductible. *Questions?* How to best make your gift? Would you like more information about the project? Call Beth Pine at 707 964-9446.

If you wish to send a gift, please make your check payable to:

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And mail to:  
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