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The Springs Municipal Advisory Council invites community members to attend the second annual Creek and Park Cleanup event at Larson Park

SONOMA, CA. – The Springs Municipal Advisory Council (Springs MAC) is pleased to announce its second annual Creek and Park Cleanup event in partnership with Sonoma Ecology Center, Recology Sonoma-Marin, Springs Community Garden, and Sonoma County Regional Parks.

When:	Saturday, September 23, 2023
Time:	9am to 12pm
Location:	Larson Park, 329 DeChene Ave, Sonoma, CA 95476

"As an environmental advocate, I'm delighted the Springs MAC is once again organizing this event at our beloved Larson Park. We must unite and conserve our creeks and parks in favorable conditions for community use and enjoyment," said First District Supervisor Susan Gorin. "Thank you to all the partnering organizations and volunteers for coming together."

Members of the community are encouraged to come and join the Springs MAC to clean the creek and the cherished neighborhood park. This event is in efforts to commemorate Coastal Clean Up Day which is happening the same day. There is no need to bring equipment as it be provided by the Sonoma County Regional Parks. It's encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes for the uneven paths of the park.

Recology Sonoma-Marin will provide a large dumpster bin for those who would like to dispose of bulky or unwanted items. For a complete list of acceptable items for the Recology bin visit: <u>https://www.recology.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/RSM-Recycle-List-Poster2.pdf</u>

"This will be a great opportunity for our community to come together and feel the comradery of doing something positive for our environment, community, and local parks", shared Jesus Alcaraz, Springs MAC Councilmember organizing the event.

The Springs Community Garden will be open for anyone who would like to wander around and learn more about the various plants and gardening. Seth Dolinsky of the Springs Community Garden will be distributing free plant starters and compost.

The Springs MAC is seeking volunteers for this event. Light refreshments will be provided only for volunteers to get some fuel. Those interested in volunteering and or for questions, please contact Jesus Alcaraz at 707-287-0890.

Springs Municipal Advisory Council (Springs MAC): The Springs Municipal Advisory Council represents the people of the Springs in Sonoma Valley as the voice of the community to elected representatives. The Springs MAC is committed to engage with all community members in meaningful and inclusive ways to promote the health and wellbeing of the Springs.

Meeting Schedule: Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the SVUSD board room.

Sonoma Ecology Center: Sonoma Ecology Center is a nonprofit organization in Glen Ellen that works to address challenges related to water supply and quality, open space, rural character, biodiversity, energy, climate change, and a better quality of life for all residents.

Sonoma Marin Recology: seeks to achieve a World Without Waste. The Recology mission represents a fundamental shift from traditional waste management to resource recovery. We seek to eliminate waste by developing and discovering sustainable resource recovery practices that can be implemented globally.

Larson Park Community Garden: is a community garden in Sonoma Larson Park. The garden offers families the opportunity to cultivate and have access to organic produce.

<u>Sonoma County Regional Parks</u>: Sonoma County Regional Parks provides essential opportunities for people to connect with nature. We contribute to the vibrancy and well-being of our community by expanding access to recreation experiences, serving as responsible stewards of cultural and natural resources, and ensuring that our parks are clean, safe and welcoming.

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