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**Subject: Monthly volunteer cleanup in Lost Park**

Starting Saturday, January 22, Friends of Bidwell Park (FOBP) will sponsor a monthly trash pickup and invasive plant removal project in Lost Park. People who want to help can come any time between 9 a.m. and noon. FOBP will provide tools, gloves and water. All ages are welcome to participate and community service credit is available. The goal is to make the public more aware of this downtown parkland along Big Chico Creek and to encourage the development of ideas about how to improve this area. Future dates for Lost Park volunteer days will be posted on the FOBP web site calendar.

Lost Park is the area on both sides of Big Chico Creek between the Esplanade and Camellia Way bridges. The park can be entered from the adjacent city-owned parking lot on East 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

**For more information, email [info@FriendsofBidwellPark.org](mailto:info@FriendsofBidwellPark.org) or call 892-1666.**

Friends of Bidwell Park is a non-profit park advocacy organization. Their web site, [www.FriendsofBidwellPark.org](http://www.FriendsofBidwellPark.org), contains extensive information about the park, links to other organizations involved in the park, and a calendar of park events and volunteer projects. FOBP sponsors volunteer invasive plant removal projects on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. As part of the Bidwell Park Centennial Year celebration, FOBP also sponsors a volunteer restoration project in Annie's Glen on Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon.