

# Forest Glade Estates Newsletter

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## ***Holiday Open House***



*FGE Holiday Open House 2013*

The 2014 Holiday Open House will be held Sunday, December 7th from 3:00–6:00 pm.

Our Open House this year will be hosted by **David & Nan LeVesque, Paul & Pauline Thompson, and Raymond & Elizabeth Gilmore**. A map showing their home locations is on the last page.

FGE will provide wine and nonalcoholic beverages, cups, plates, napkins, plastic ware and name tags. Residents are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert a few hours before the party to the home closest to their own.

## ***January Board Meetings***

The next Board of Director's meeting will be on **Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm** at Tim Barry's home, 1832 Creek Road. All resident are welcome

## ***Park only on the Sidewalk Side of the Street***

Residents should instruct their visitors and service personnel of the need to park only on the side of the street with a sidewalk. This a Fire Department regulation is to allow Fire Equipment access to all streets during an emergency.

## ***Fall BBQ - October 18***

FGE held its Fall Barbecue on Saturday October 18th. It was held at the West End of Creek Road and attended by around 40+ residents.

Below are a few photos from the event.



## **David H. Mertes Jr**

1929 - 2014

Resident of Forest Glade Estates, Livermore. David whose distinguished educational career culminated with eight years as the chancellor of the California Community College System, died Oct. 9, 2014.

After retiring, he poured himself into volunteer leadership, serving 17 years on the ValleyCare Health System Board of Directors including nine years as chairman, as well as helping found and lead the Las Positas College Foundation for 11 years. He is a past-president of the Rotary Club of Livermore and brought Rotary together with ValleyCare on several medical projects.



*David Mertes*

David spearheaded medical projects that often involved multiple Rotary clubs from a variety of countries that provided medical equipment. Among the countries that benefitted were Hungary, Nepal, Azerbaijan, Romania, Turkey and Kosovo.

David attended the University of California, Berkeley and earned a Masters of Arts in zoology in 1959 and his Doctor of Philosophy with original research in zoology in 1966.

He is survived by his wife Barbara.



*Barbara Mertes*

## **FGE Treasurer Resigns**



*James Wang - FGE Treasurer*

After 5 years of dedicated service Jim Wang has resigned as FGE Treasurer to help care for his new grandchildren. Fortunately Wayne Miller has volunteered to take over for Jim Wang through this fiscal year.

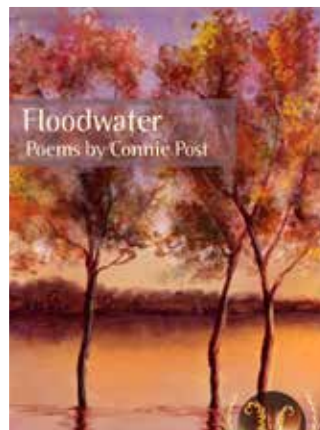


*Wayne Miller - new FGE Treasurer*

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## ***“Floodwater” by Connie Post***

Connie Post, our FGE resident poet, wanted to pass along that her first full length collection of poems entitled “Floodwater” is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



*Connie Post - poet*

## Spray-on DNA could be new weapon against food-borne illnesses



George Farquar (left) (LLNL employee & FGE resident) and Anthony Zografos (right), CEO of DNATrek

To prevent and contain outbreaks of food-borne illness, which sicken 1 in 6 Americans annually, a Bay Area startup is developing bar codes that go directly on fruits and vegetables. But you may overlook them: they're DNA-size.

Using technology invented at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, DNATrek is creating liquids that each contain a unique DNA sequence. The odorless, colorless and tasteless solution peppers the surface of produce, with a genetic bar code that can be identified by a spe-

cial machine.

The technology could solve the enormous challenge of tracing an outbreak's source — the places where food items are grown, packed and shipped.

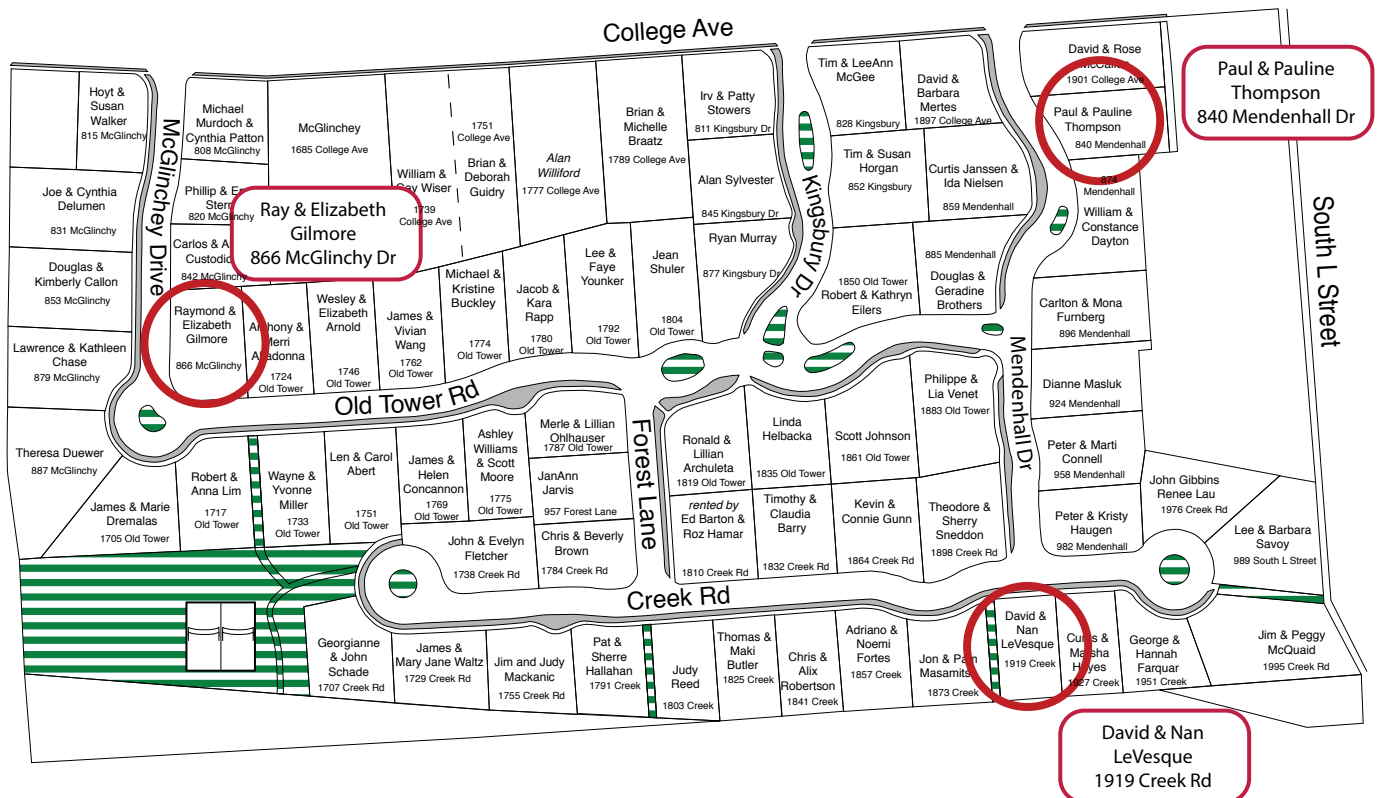
George Farquar, a physical chemist at Lawrence Livermore, patented the product in 2010 with about \$3 million in research funding from the Department of Defense. Read the full story: <http://www.sfgate.com/food/article/Spray-on-DNA-bar-codes-could-be-new-weapon-5880941.php>

## Garden Work Party



Garden Work Parties are planned for the second Saturday of each month starting at 8:30 am. Volunteers should meet at the tennis courts. The next work parties are planned for December 8 and January 10.

## Forest Glade Estates



Common property maintained by HOA  
69 Residents  
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