

## Yet Another Successful Creek Cleaning Event – 2016: Fourth in a Row!

The 2016 annual creek clean-up on Saturday, October 1st was a huge success! This year, we asked creek-side residents to clean their section of the creek and we asked all residents to clean out drainage areas on their property.

Judging by the amount of debris taken to the chipper station (**about 40 yards of material chipped into 10 yards of chips!**), we'd say many folks participated. And, given the work done the past three years, we are happy to report that there was very little "heavy-lifting" cleaning that needed to be done.

Interested and caring residents are being diligent about keeping the creek clean and healthy so that as much water can flow as possible during winter storms.

### Highlights from this year's event include:

- Cub Scout Pack 50 and their parents/leader picking up trash in creek, making "salmon hats" and learning about watershed conservation,
- a repeat of the chipper station,
- and once again, the great work of the creek captains in scoping out what needed to be done beforehand.

Despite the cleanliness of the creek, we did manage to find some interesting items this year that didn't belong – **an old rug, broken pots, an old pipe and more** – now removed for better flow.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who came out to help and a special shout out to the **Cub Scout Pack 50, James Baigrie** for working with me to assess creek, the **Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District** and **FIRESafe MARIN** for the chipper station and **Sarah Phillips**, the Urban Streams Coordinator for **Marin Resource Conservation District** for leading and educating our volunteers. Thanks also to **Carey Lando** for posting our signage, **Cindy Goefft** for updating our signage and **Judy Ford** for coordinating the scout's participation. What a great community effort!

The rainy season is fast approaching...let's continue to keep our waterways clear of debris! If you're interested in joining the Creek Committee, please feel free to contact me at [eric\\_riemer@comcast.net](mailto:eric_riemer@comcast.net).

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