

Real Estate Tip

House Value vs. Lot Value



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QUESTION: What is the proper relationship between the cost of a lot and the value of the house on it?

ANSWER: Old rules of thumb have lost much of their meaning. It used to be that land



THE RELATIONSHIP between the cost of the lot and cost of the house is important.

represented about one-sixth of the home's purchase price. Then it moved up to one-fourth. It will change again as the cost of land continues to rise or fall. Nevertheless, the land value versus house value ratio cannot be totally dismissed because it does, to some extent, affect the resale value of the property. It may not make much difference if you put an inexpensive house on an expensive lot, but it could be a mistake to have too much house for the land.

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Community Farm Stand Now at Mather VA Hospital Parking Lot

On Wednesday mornings around 10:30 am, a white van pulls up to the Mather VA Hospital East Parking Lot. Energetic volunteers quickly begin to unload boxes revealing, beautiful, fresh, lush, and colorful vegetables. Stacks of carrots, beets, lettuce, collard greens, mustard greens, cilantro, onions, squash and green beans fill the tables. Then a sweet and overwhelmingly delicious smell of ripe fruit wafts through the air as strawberries, peaches, plums, nectarines and cherries set out for display.

All of this activity is a result of a collaborative project between Health Education Council, Soil Born Farms and SETA Head Start, "In the Grow. Healthy Food. Healthy Life". Thanks to grant funding from First 5 Sacramento Commission, these organizations are now running three farm stands selling locally grown, seasonal fruits and vegetables in urban neighborhoods where families with children ages zero to five previously had little access to fresh produce.

The Health Education Council approached SETA Head Start to partner with them in the project because a pre-school was the perfect fit for First 5 Sacramento's goal to enhance the health and early growth experiences of children. The Mather VA Hospital farm stand is located across the street from the Mather Head Start Preschool Center. Created by the Prop 10 tobacco tax, First 5 Sacramento funds programs

throughout Sacramento County that enhance the early growth experiences for children zero to five.

The farm stands are open to all residents and accepts cash and EBT for payment.

The Mather VA Hospital farm stand (East Parking Lot 10535 Hospital Way) is open every Wednesday from 11:30am to 2:30pm. The Grant Skill farm stand (577 Las Palmas Dr.) in Del Paso Heights, is open every Thursday from 7am to 10:30 am and the Freedom Park farm stand (6015 Watt Ave.), is open every Thursday from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

For more information about the In the Grow program please contact Julie Dang at (916)556-3344 or by email at Jdang@healtheducouncil.org



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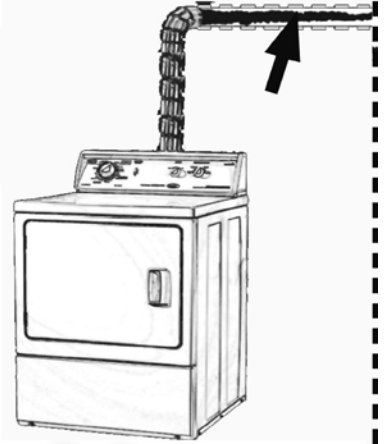
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Events include kid's runs from the Diaper Dash and the "Veggie Chase"...Fit children (ages 5 - 6) who are capable are encouraged to take on the Mile and earn more incentives...Fit children (ages 7 - 8) who are capable are encouraged to take on the 5K (for the MOST incentives).

Parents are discouraged from running alongside during separate kid's events due to potential of falling on other kids. For children ages 5 and older, parents may not run alongside during separate kid's events (ok to run alongside children on Mile and 5K).

Followed by Awards Ceremony and Raffle Drawing for cool prizes! Sunday October 12, 2008 at Hagan Park off of Chase Drive. Take Coloma to Chase Drive near Cordova High School. Race Hotline: (916) 541-6961 E-mail: veggiechase@aol.com.



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