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Valley's Edge Vision

A Community Surrounded by a Park

For residents, Valley's Edge will provide a high quality, family friendly living environment offering a broad range of housing types, lifestyles, and amenities. Use and enjoyment of parks, trails and open space become part of the daily routine at Valley's Edge. Picnic outings, evening walks and pick-up games introduce neighbor to neighbor, and child to child. Saturday morning begins with a family stroll to the Village Core. The kids ask if it's okay to ride their bikes, which the parents encourage, knowing that Chico's most extensive network of bike trails provide safe routes of travel.

In the Village Core under the shade of majestic oak trees, the neighborhood café is serving breakfast, sourced with fresh produce from the community garden. A group of bicyclists from across town ride in from the Steve Harrison Memorial Trail, parking their bikes and greeting new friends. An art show is happening in the outdoor terraced seating area, just steps away from the café's outdoor dining patio. As interesting as this weekend's event is to the parents, today the kids are far more interested in the fountain feature and tot-lot structures, joining friends they have made at the nearby elementary school.

After a quick stop at the neighborhood grocer, the family heads home along a paved pathway through one of many linear parks to gear up for the soccer tournament held at the Community Park. The final game whistle blows, meaning there's plenty of time for a swim and maybe a game of tennis, bocce or pickle ball. It's a short 200-yard ride from the Community Park, along designated bike paths, across a creek footbridge to the Valley's Edge community clubhouse located in the Village Core. The family is joined by neighbors and friends from throughout Chico, among them the grandparents residing in one of the Senior neighborhoods in Valley's Edge.

There's a job opening at the new mortgage firm located in the Village Commercial area, and the idea of working within walking distance of the children's school has far more appeal than the daily commute across town. Life gets easier the closer we are to daily destinations. Life gets healthier the more we walk, ride, and spend time outdoors. Our children become happier the more we play and spend quality time together. The environment where we spend time influences all aspects of our lives, and the vision for Valley's Edge is to create a special place in Chico, bringing families and people together to live, work, and play in a community surrounded by a park.

