

Organizers hope that trash-hauling entrepreneur's generosity is contagious

Mittelstaedt comes through in the clutch for Jeff Mitchell Field

By **MIKE ROBERTS**
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Waste Connections CEO Ron Mittelstaedt has agreed to match up to \$100,000 in cash contributions toward Deputy Jeff Mitchell Field in El Dorado Hills.

His generosity provides a shot in the arm to fundraising efforts for the \$1.2 million field that will memorialize slain Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Mitchell, and also pay tribute to police, firefighters and all the behind-the-scenes public servants who contribute to public safety.

Mitchell lived with his family in Serrano before he was shot to death during a routine traffic stop in October 2006.

Mittelstaedt is also an El Dorado Hills resident. The donation is coming from Mittelstaedt's El Dorado Disposal, a Waste Connections subsidiary that has the trash hauling franchise in El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, Placerville and El Dorado County. It comes one month after a contentious trash-fee hike negotiation with the Community Services District was

resolved.

El Dorado Disposal joins Bank of America, Roebbelen and Land Architecture as a major contributor to Jeff Mitchell Field.

Reached by phone, Mittelstaedt said that he anticipates the offer standing through November, but encourages donors to step up now to insure that their contributions get matched. "We're hoping that some of the larger local business people who haven't gotten behind this project yet, the \$5,000 to \$50,000 donors, will take this opportunity to see their contribution doubled," he said.

Mittelstaedt said that he's managed and coached Little League in El Dorado Hills for the last 11 years. "My middle son is still active in Little League, and my oldest played for nine years," he said.

The donation couldn't have come at a better time. After a high profile kick off party in February that featured several professional baseball players who live in the area, donations slowed, and plans for the first phase of the project were scaled back.

Mittelstaedt hopes that

his matching funds will carry the project through the remaining \$300,000 needed for the first phase.

"Deputy Jeff Mitchell Field will be a destination for families all over this area, and something that this community will be proud of," he said. "We'll be able to host regional tournaments, and spread awareness of Jeff Mitchell and the other public servants who risk their lives for our families every day."

El Dorado Hills Little Leaguers currently travel to Rocklin, Elk Grove and even Redding, to play in tournaments, because "those are the places with the facilities," he said.

El Dorado Hills Community Services District General Manager Wayne Lowry is one of the organizers for the memorial field. "The pledge from El Dorado Disposal Service is a huge financial boost to the project," he said by email. "This commitment should inspire additional contributions and bring us dramatically close to initiating construction."

CSD Planning Director Dianna Hillyer is also a key organizer, and made a



Courtesy photo

RON MITTELSTAEDT will match the next **\$100,000** donated to **Deputy Jeff Mitchell Field**. Mittelstaedt is an El Dorado Hills resident and CEO of **Folsom-based Waste Connections**, whose subsidiary, **El Dorado Disposal** holds the trash-hauling franchise in several local communities, including **Placerville and El Dorado Hills**.

special appeal to EDH residents whose employer matches tax-deductible contributions. "With Ron's contribution, you could see your donation tripled," she said.

The CSD's Parks and Planning Committee recently recommended that \$20,000 to \$40,000 of leftover Proposition 40 Bertelsen Park renovation funds be directed to Jeff Mitchell Field. Hillyer explained that construction costs on parking lot and entryway improvements came in lower than expected. The fund transfer will go before the full board in an upcoming meeting. Proposition 40 is

the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act, passed in 2002.

Tax-deductible contributions to Jeff Mitchell Field that will be matched by El Dorado Disposal Service can be made at www.jeffmitchellfield.com, or send a check to EDH Community Vision — Jeff Mitchell Field, 107 Investment Blvd., Suite 145, EDH, CA 95762.

To contribute supplies, materials or in kind services to Deputy Jeff Mitchell Field, call Steve Fuhrman at (916) 786-2858.

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Pit bull mix in custody after escape and attack on terrier

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Thursday morning, Sept. 18, in El Dorado Hills, a pit bull mix that somehow got free of its home attacked a Tibetan terrier.

Authorities are still trying to determine how the pit bull got out, and whether its owner will be cited.

The terrier's owner fell

while trying to stop the 8 a.m. Concordia Drive attack, but was not critically injured.

"The terrier had several puncture wounds, including an eye injury," said El Dorado County Animal Control spokeswoman Maggie Williams. "It's just too early to tell what will happen. We're giving it fluids and giving it the best

care possible.

"We have the (pit bull) dog in custody. It will stay in quarantine for 10 days," said Williams. "Animal Services officers are just beginning to investigate, talking to witnesses, and gathering information to find out what happened. It's too early to say if there will be any citations."

Electronic recycling sites

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Cyberkits is working with El Dorado Disposal in these areas to provide free electronic waste recycling and low-cost confidential paper shredding events at the two following locations:

VPD in El Dorado Hills Town Center on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Camerado Springs Middle school in Cameron Park on Saturday, Oct. 18.

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