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Giant LOVE blocks arrive at Mesa Park

Just in time for winter, the blocks carry a secret word for peace

BOLINAS, Calif. (Nov. 16, 2026) Misfit Toys, founded by Bolinas resident Mark Deem, installed its giant wooden LOVE blocks at Mesa Park on Nov. 7-8, working with the Firehouse Community Park Agency.

The people who care for the park chose the spot. The blocks rest on higher ground near the basketball and pickleball court, away from where water pooled last winter and clear of the path cars use during the Fourth of July celebration.

The Firehouse Community Park Agency cares for Mesa Park. The playground is being renovated with a Marin County grant, other grants and local fundraising. A California State Parks grant is paying for a new shaded gathering area. Neighbors can give to a specific project at bolinasparks.org/donations.

> “Mesa Park holds such a special place in the hearts of so many of us in Bolinas. It’s where our kids grow up, where families make memories, and where we all come together as a community. We want to keep making it a place that everyone feels welcome and can enjoy for generations to come.”
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> **Suraya Brendel, park manager, Firehouse Community Park Agency**

Deem, Jules, Ty and Joe installed the blocks over one weekend.

Look closer and the blocks hold a second message. Three more letters, P, A and X, spell pax, Latin for peace. In “The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy,” Douglas Adams made 42 the answer to life, the universe and everything. Deem’s point is simple: peace and love are the ultimate answer.

ABOUT MISFIT TOYS

Misfit Toys builds steel and wood installations for parks, plazas and festivals, from Golden Gate Park to Bolinas. Misfits are the black sheep of the family. See the install at misfittoys.art/mesa-park.

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