

THE WOODSIDER



A WOODSIDE TOWN NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2004 EDITION

COMMUNITY CALENDAR*

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Rotary Club Pooch Pageant
- 14 Town Council 7:30 PM
- 15 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
- 20 ASRB 4:30 pm
- 28 Town Council 7:30 pm

OCTOBER

- 4 ASRB 4:30 pm
- 6 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
- 9 Earth and Art Day at the Farm
- 12 Town Council 7:30 pm
- 18 ASRB 4:30 pm
- 20 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
- 26 Town Council 7:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- 3 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
- 8 ASRB 4:30 pm
- 9 Town Council 7:30 pm
- 11 Holiday - Town Hall Closed
- 17 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
- 22 ASRB 4:30 pm
- 23 Town Council 7:30 pm
- 25 Holiday - Town Hall Closed
- 26 Holiday - Town Hall Closed

* Meeting dates are subject to change. For more information, call 851-6790.

AGENDA HOTLINE: 306-0327



Call for information
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From the Desk of the Town Manager

Been wondering what's up at Town Hall these days? **Barkley Fields and Park** is well on its way to becoming a reality. On June 2nd, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the needed permits for the project and, since no appeals were filed, the Town Council immediately authorized the preparation of construction drawings, which are now about 90% completed. We hope to put the project out to bid within the next sixty days and to start construction this calendar year. Located off of Farm Hill Boulevard, next to the CalTrans maintenance yard, the park will provide overlapping soccer and baseball fields, a playground area, walking paths, a restroom, and parking. If all goes well, the park will be ready for use by late next summer. We're planning to have a town-wide party on-site to celebrate opening day. Look for your invitation about a year from now!

Planning and organizing are in their last stages for **Woodside Earth and Art Day at the Farm**, formerly known as the **Environment Fest**. The affair is set for Saturday, October 9th at the Runnymede Sculpture Farm. The fourth year of this great event is ushering in a few changes and it promises to be the best yet. This year's **Environmental Champion** will be honored,

the winners of the **Heritage Tree Awards** will be announced, and a new award, the **Creeks Champion**, will be introduced. Additional information about these awards is included elsewhere in this edition of *The Woodsider*, as is a separate insert about the details of the event itself. Make sure to mark your calendars.

Have you taken a look at the **Woodside Community Museum** yet? Formerly a turn-of-the-century (20th, that is) farmhouse, the old house has been lovingly and carefully transformed through adaptive reuse into a beautiful community jewel. The main room houses the museum itself, which is currently featuring a terrific display showcasing Woodside's first residents, the Ohlone and Costanoan Indians. Two of the three offices in the building have been leased out to local non-profit organizations and the rental income pays for the museum's upkeep. The museum was made possible by the efforts of the Friends of the Woodside Community Museum, under the leadership of Rob Flint, and by the private donations the Friends were able to secure from within the community. This is a beautiful example of applying imagination and positive energy into the restoration of a piece of the Town's history. Hats off to everyone who contributed his or her resources to make it happen!

Noticed a new look in the landscaping around Town Center? Through the efforts of the **Woodside Landscape Committee**, a dedicated group of individual residents who privately raise funds to support the planning, installation, and maintenance of landscaped areas on Town property. The Commit-

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tee has dramatically spruced up Town Hall, the Alec Donald Triangle, Village Hill, among others, and has a project pending for the front garden/parking lot at the Woodside Library. The Committee also currently contributes funds to the Town to support 50% of the cost of the landscape maintenance services. From the ornamental pear trees that grace the perimeter of the parking area at Town Hall to the wonderful daffodils that erupted with a frenzy last spring, the touch of the Committee is evident everywhere. Many thanks to Robin Whalen, who chairs the Committee, and to all those who continue to work so hard to add some natural beauty to the Town.

On June 22nd, the Town Council adopted a **budget** for the fiscal year that started on July 1st. Unlike many of our neighbors, we continue to enjoy a healthy fiscal status, with reserves in the bank and no need to make budget cuts. The new budget includes funds to support a few special projects, including a **Management Audit** of the Town's **Engineering Services** functions, in an effort to improve customer service by identifying specific ways to improve and streamline the process. The budget also supports a major review of the Town's fee schedule, which has not been analyzed comprehensively since 1995. A third important area that the budget supports is the implementation of portions of the Town's **Fire Management Plan**. The Plan, which is available on the Town's website (www.woodsidetown.org) or at Town Hall, includes a recommendation that the Town more aggressively manage the vegetation on its own public property and in the rights-of-way along Town roads. Town staff has made this a top priority this summer and has been systematically cleaning the fire fuels that have accumulated along the roads. We also tackled Kite Hill, off of Jane Drive, earlier this summer. It was covered with dry grasses, shrubs, and small non-native trees that were a fire disaster just waiting to happen. Because the 14-acre site is strewn with rocky outcrops, clearing it is a challenge. The answer: **goats**. We hired Goats R Us, which provided about 650 goats, a goat herder, and a dog. The 14 acres was cleared within a week and provided some great photo opportunities and neighborhood entertainment to boot. The

goats even eat star thistle, scotch broom, and poison oak. We're looking for other ways to utilize this natural fire fuel clearance method around town. If you're looking for more information or are interested in hiring a herd to clear your own property, go to www.goatsrus.com.

There are other things in the works that you will be hearing more about in the upcoming months. The **Noise Ordinance** will be heading back to the Town Council for further discussion and public input early this fall. We'll send a postcard out to let everyone know when this will be on the Town Council's agenda and we'll put the staff report on the website. We've hired a consultant to begin the drafting of an **Historical Preservation Element** to the General Plan. The first stage of the project will include a series of public forums. Separate announcements will be sent out to everyone about the timing of these forums.

I hope you're enjoying the last days of summer. Please feel free to call or e-mail me (sgeorge@woodsidetown.org) with questions or comments. See you at Woodside Earth and Art Day at the Farm!

**“NCEFT WEEK”
in Woodside
October 3-10, 2004**

The National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy (NCEFT) provides physical and occupational therapy to disabled children. Woodsiders are invited to celebrate NCEFT's 33 years in the community at events such as a reception at the Village Pub, an Open House at NCEFT, or a Pancake Breakfast at the firehouse.

More information?

Call (650) 851-2271, ext. 5#

or e-mail summer@nceft.org



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Do you know a

Woodside Environmental Champion?

A *Woodside Environmental Champion* is a resident of Woodside who has made significant contributions toward preserving and enhancing our rural environment, protecting and augmenting our native plants, trees, wildlife, creeks, and/or landscapes in and around our community.

If you know someone who deserves recognition for his or her outstanding environmental work and who meets the above description, please write a brief nomination paper (one page maximum) that includes your nominee's name, specifically what he or she has done to deserve this recognition, and when he or she undertook the qualifying actions.

Send your nomination paper to:

**Environmental Champion
Town of Woodside
P.O. Box 620005
Woodside, CA 94062**

Nominations must be received no later than **September 17, 2004**. The Awardee(s) will be announced and honored at **Woodside Earth and Art at the Farm** on Saturday, October 9, 2004.

Questions? Call Environmental Champion Award Chair Holt Ashley at 365-1920.

Or maybe there's someone you know who is a

Woodside Creeks Champion?

A *Woodside Creeks Champion* is a resident of Woodside who has made significant contributions toward preserving, protecting and restoring the Town's beautiful creeks, including the native steelhead runs, riparian vegetation and watershed; promoting creek conservation and restoration; and/or contributing to education and awareness of the creeks and riparian wildlife in the community.

If there's a Creeks Champion in your life, you can nominate him or her by writing a brief paper that includes your nominee's name, what he or she has done, and when it was done (one page maximum).

Send your nomination to:

**Woodside Creeks Champion
Town of Woodside
P.O. Box 620005
Woodside, CA 94062**

Nominations must be received no later than **September 15, 2004**. Awardee(s) will be honored at **Woodside Earth and Art Day at the Farm**, October 9, 2004.

Questions? Call Creek Award Chair Jack Sculley at 851-7800.



*Don't forget to nominate a
neighbor or friend for the*

**2004 HERITAGE
TREE AWARD**

*See the insert in this
"Woodsider" for details.*



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