

THE WOODSIDER



A WOODSIDE TOWN NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2005 EDITION

COMMUNITY CALENDAR*

SEPTEMBER

- 5 **Holiday—Town Hall Closed**
- 6 Town Council—Special Meeting
7:30 p.m.
- 7 Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Town Council 7:30 p.m.
- 19 ASRB 4:30 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Town Council 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3 ASRB 4:30 p.m.
- 5 Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
- 8 **Day of the Horse**
- 11 Town Council 7:30 p.m.
- 17 ASRB 4:30 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Town Council 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 2 Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
- 7 ASRB 4:30 p.m.
- 8 **Election Day - Town Council Meeting Canceled**
- 11 **Holiday - Town Hall Closed**
- 16 Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
- 21 ASRB 4:30 p.m.
- 22 Town Council Meeting Canceled
- 24 **Holiday - Town Hall Closed**
- 25 **Holiday - Town Hall Closed**

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



AGENDA HOTLINE:
306-0327

HEARD ABOUT THE DAY OF THE HORSE?

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 8th**. Come and help celebrate the horse! See the two inserts in this edition of *The Woodsider* for details about the **Horse Fair** and the **Progressive Ride** to be held that day.

Don't miss it!



From the Desk of the Town Manager

What's the good word these days? Here's a brief look at current Town Hall activities.

Did you know that next year we will celebrate the **Town's fiftieth anniversary**? We plan to mark this auspicious occurrence with a series of parties and special events that will be held throughout the year. I have formed a small advisory group to help with the planning and we are already busy thinking of ways to make this a memorable year for everyone in Town. If you have ideas that you'd like to share, we'd love to hear them. Call or e-mail me at Town Hall. And give the *Woodsider* Trivia Game a shot (page 3) to get yourself into the mood.

One event that will be a large part of next year's celebrations is the opening of **Barkley Fields and Park**. We are in the final throes of going out to bid, with construction to get underway in October. This project has taken the efforts of many people and has required time and patience, but it's going to provide the Town with a gem of a park and much needed playfields for the kids. Feeling flush? We're still looking for donations, any size.

By the time you read this edition of *The Woodsider* major construction activity will already be nearing completion at the **Woodsider Library**. The old parking lot is being renovated and

expanded, a handicap ramp is being installed, new lighting is being placed, and new landscaping materials are being planted. The library is to be closed until the week of August 29th while the work is in progress. The project is funded with Town Library funds and a private contribution through the *Woodsider* Landscape Committee. Thanks to everyone who made this possible. Be sure to check it out later this month.

Have you been following the County Parks and Recreation Department's development of a new **Master Plan for Huddart and Wunderlich Parks**? In June, the Town Council took a formal position on the plan. The Council opposes the closure of any trails and the prohibition of in-stream horse crossings. A key recommendation in the Master Plan is that the trail easement connecting Raymundo Drive to Huddart Park, which is a part of the Crystal Springs Trail, be closed. The Council is specifically opposed to this recommendation. The Council is supportive of finding a means to provide Valley-to-Skyline connections for mountain and street bicycles, although it feels that any such connections that involve park lands should be constructed in such a way to totally preclude access to the rest of the park. The Master Plan is tentatively scheduled to be considered by the Board of Supervisors in October or November. If you'd like a copy of the Town Council's Position Paper, call Town Hall and we'll get one to you.

Last year the Town commissioned a **study of the Engineering Department** and related development activities. The consultant has completed the study and presented the findings and sixteen recommendations aimed at improving service and streamlining the process. The recommendations include the addition of an engineering

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position dedicated to the plans review function, as well as a series of administrative improvements to the process and improvement in communications techniques between the Town and applicants involved with development projects. We will have the final report placed on the Town's website within the next week. If you'd like a paper copy, just call Town Hall. We'll be happy to send a copy to you.



The Town's franchise agreement for **Cable Television** services expires late this calendar year and preliminary discussions have begun with Comcast. The Town is working with Portola Valley on the negotiation effort and I have formed a small ad hoc committee of interested residents to work with me on this effort. If you have specific input on CATV services (or the lack thereof), drop me a line so we can address it during the negotiation process.

We have recently adopted a new policy concerning **Public Records Act** requests. As you may know, the Town must provide copies of all public records upon request and almost every document at Town Hall is a public record. We have been bombarded with requests for copies of individual property files within recent months. Because I believe that property owners have a right to know when the files pertaining to their property are being reviewed or copied, we will send a postcard to the property owner of record whenever property files are the subject of a public records request. The postcard will simply tell the property owner that the files have been requested.

Looking ahead a little, there are items of interest on the horizon that may be of interest to you. We are going to take another shot at a **Noise Ordinance** and the Conservation and Environmental Health Committee's draft **Tree Preservation Ordinance** will be before the Planning Commission this Fall, before it moves on for a hearing before the Town Council. Watch for your agenda postcards if you are interested.

That's it for now. I'd love to hear from you if you have questions, comments, or concerns. E-mail me at sgeorge@woodsidetown.org or call at (650) 851-6790.

DO YOU CONTACT TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS VIA E-MAIL?

If your method of communicating with your Woodside Town Council representatives involves electronic mail, make sure that you have their correct e-mail addresses. As of the end of January, each Councilmember was assigned an address on the Town's server and the members of the Council are using only their Town e-mail accounts to conduct Town business. These are the only e-mail addresses that should be used by members of the public who wish to contact the Council electronically. Each of the following end in "woodsidetown.org":

Deborah Gordon: [dcgordon@](mailto:dcgordon@woodsidetown.org)
Sue Boynton: [sbboynton@](mailto:sbboynton@woodsidetown.org)
Joe Putnam: [jputnam@](mailto:jputnam@woodsidetown.org)
Paul Goeld: [pgoeld@](mailto:pgoeld@woodsidetown.org)
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Pete Sinclair: [psinclair@](mailto:psinclair@woodsidetown.org)

Correspondence and documents that are received by or sent from the members of the Town Council through their e-mail accounts on the Town's server are public records and are subject to disclosure by the Town pursuant to the Public Records Act, except as exempted by the Act. The Town has established a two-year retention period for these e-mail communications.

Questions?
 Call the Town Manager at 851-6790 or e-mail her at sgeorge@woodsidetown.org.

Do your children take **fluoride supplements**? Beginning in September Cal Water customers in Town will be receiving fluoridated water. The County Health Department recommends that supplements be discontinued once the fluoridated water is on line to avoid any potential over-dosing.

Questions? Call Cal Water at (650) 367-6256.



TOWN HALL DIRECTORY

TOWN COUNCIL

District		Phone
1	Vacant	
2	Deborah Gordon	851-1642
3	Sue Boynton	851-0610
4	Joe Putnam	851-8563
5	Paul Goeld	261-9829
6	Carroll Ann Hodges	851-7264
7	Pete Sinclair	851-3990

PLANNING COMMISSION

(May be contacted through Town Hall)

1	Sara Jorgensen
2	Yvette Ma
3	Richard Anderson
4	Stevan Patrick
5	Tom Livermore
6	Elizabeth Hobson
7	Diane Elder

ARCHITECTURAL & SITE REVIEW BOARD

(May be contacted through Town Hall)

Glenn Atkinson	Peter Mason
John Kapel	Karen Rongey-Conner
Anne Kasten	Peter Rosekrans
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STANDING COMMITTEES

(May be contacted through Town Hall)

Audit
 Bicycle
 Conservation & Environmental Health
 Livestock/Animal Control
 Open Space
 Public Safety
 Recreation
 Trails
 Woodside History

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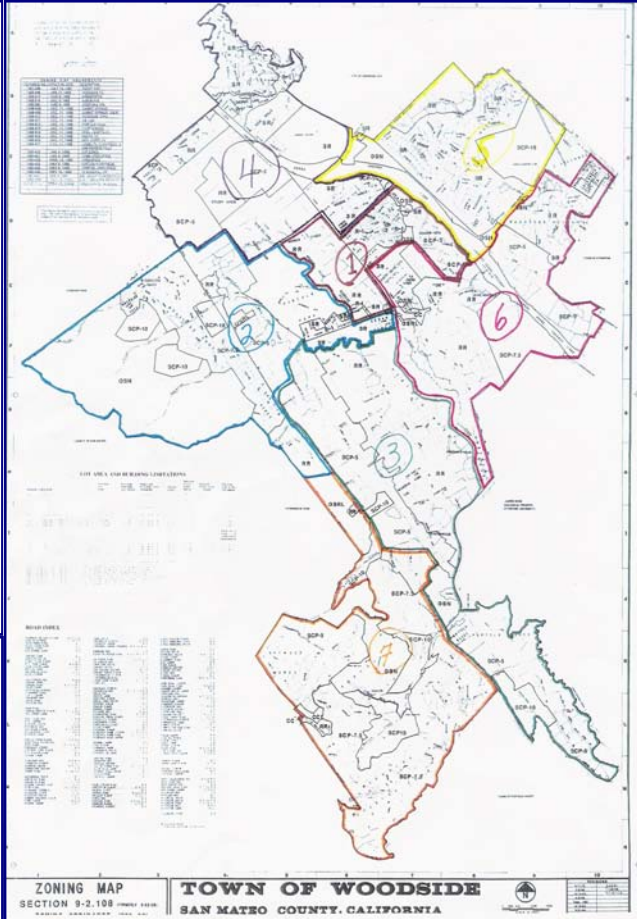
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Town Attorney	Jean Savaree
Town Clerk	Janet Koelsch
Planning Director	Hope Sullivan
Town Geologist	Bob Wright

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COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES

On June 14th, the Town Council approved adjustments to the boundaries of four of the Council districts. State law requires Town Councils to look at the composition of council districts whenever an annexation of land occurs. The Town annexed the Greenways-Ward Tract, which is off of the Alameda de las Pulgas, in early 2003, adding about 150 new residents to Councilmanic District 6. When the Town acquired the 2000 census data needed to ascertain the relative populations of the seven Council districts, it became apparent that the Town's total population of 5,495 was not equally divided among the districts. The populations ranged from a high of 925 in District 6 to a low of 627 in District 2.

Following State law, the Council held a series of meetings to discuss the options for adjusting the district boundaries in order to even out the populations of the districts. The Council studied four options, deciding in the end upon a plan that shifted area from Districts 1 and 3 to District 2 and area from District 6 to District 1. Districts 4, 5, and 7 were not impacted. The map to the right delineates the new district boundaries. If you are not sure which district is yours, feel free to call Town Hall for assistance.



In Celebration of Fifty Years: The Woodside Trivia Game—Installment 1

How much do you know about your wonderful hometown? Play the Woodside Trivia Game and get in shape for next year's festivities!

- During its first forty-nine years, how many people have served as members of the Town Council?
 - 79
 - 63
 - 55
 - 84
- The ballot measure that launched Woodside's successful incorporation required a simple majority (50% of the votes cast, plus one) for approval. What was the final result?
 - 51% for, 49% against
 - 53% for, 47% against
 - 62% for, 38% against
 - 51% against, 49% for
- Who was the first Town Clerk and how long did she serve?
 - Joan Olsen; 10 years
 - Jane Hicks; four weeks
 - Irma Lewis; five years
 - Councilwoman Rose O'Neill; 1 meeting
- How many Councilmembers have also served as Mayor during the first forty-nine years?
 - 62
 - 70
 - 27
 - 55

Answers: 1. C 2. B 3. B 4. C



JEAN SAVAREE APPOINTED AS TOWN ATTORNEY

When calendar year 2005 was ushered in, so began the tenure of a new Town Attorney. Jean B. Savaree was selected by the Town Council to follow in the footsteps of Bob Lanzone, who served the Town for twenty years. The Town issued a Request for Proposals for Town Attorney services late last year and, after evaluating the responses and interviewing the top candidates, appointed Ms. Savaree to the position.

Jean is a partner with the firm of Aaronson, Dickerson, Cohn & Lanzone. She received her J.D. with Honors from the University of San Francisco in 1981 and specializes in municipal law and employment law. Jean also serves as the City Attorney for Foster City and as the attorney for the South County Fire Authority. She served as the City Attorney for the City of Belmont until early in 2005.

When not practicing law, Jean is actively involved in several legal organizations, including the Legal Aid Society. She volunteers at her younger son's high school and is an avid backyard farmer. She likes to hike, read, bicycle, and is a yoga devotee.

A belated welcome to Jean!

If you want to vote on November 8th, you'll need to be registered. The last day to register for the upcoming November election is October 24th!

Voter registration forms are available at Town Hall.



With the recent resignation of Councilmember Dave Tanner, the seat for Town Council District 1 is now vacant. The Council will be interviewing applicants who are interested in filling this vacancy until a Special Election can be held to fill it.

Live in District 1 and want to apply? Contact Town Hall for an application packet. The application deadline is Wednesday, August 31st.

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