



A TOWN NEWSLETTER

# THE WOODSIDER

SPRING 2008

## *From the Desk of the* Town Manager

The New Year brought with it a changing of the guard at Town Hall. Long-time Town Engineer Kent Dewell is retiring this month, after over fourteen years of service to the Town, and his assistant, Senior Civil Engineer Richard Chiu, left the Town's employ in January to take up the position of City Engineer for Los Altos Hills. The Town was fortunate to find Paul Nagengast to assume the role of Town Engineer and Director of Public Works. We lured Paul away from Half Moon Bay, where he had served as City Engineer, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Deputy City Manager. Paul is a seasoned and respected veteran and has already become a vital part of the team at Town Hall.

There is another new face on the scene. In February, Kevin Bryant joined the staff as Assistant to the Town Manager. Kevin, who left a similar position in Sausalito, has responsibility for the day-to-day operation of Barkley Fields and Park and will be the point person on staff to work with the Town's standing volunteer committees. Kevin will be wearing several hats and will be working directly with me on a number of key projects. Kevin is a welcome addition!

As the weather starts to hint of spring-time and the Woodside Landscape Committee's cheerful daffodils burst into bloom, it's time to mark your calendars: the CEHC's bi-annual environmental event, "Green Fair 2008" will be held on Sunday, April 20th, at the Woodside Elementary School. This year's event  
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Sunday  
April 20



Bring your family and join your friends and neighbors on Sunday, April 20, noon to 4 p.m., at Woodside School for a day of fun and fresh discoveries on how to 'green up' your life.

The event, sponsored by the Town's Conservation & Environmental Health Committee, is the Town's Earth & Arbor Day celebration which began in 2001 as "Environment Fest" and evolved into "Earth & Art Day" in 2004 and 2006. This year's event will feature:

- Exhibits demonstrating sensible approaches to reducing our "carbon footprint"— Solar energy, home energy audits, alternative fuel vehicles, local organic foods, gardening as well as other fun and informative exhibits to help us understand the need for, and ways to, reduce our contributions to global warming.
- Tim Cain, award-winning children's singer/guitarist;

- Wildlife Associates will present an opportunity to meet some beautiful wild creatures and learn about their place in our changing world;
- Tasting and display of delicious local, organic, sustainable foods (*advance tickets required, see below*);
- Media room featuring short videos on a variety of 'green' topics;
- Display of children's K-8 art competition;
- The Woodside Village Band;
- Presentation of Environmental Champion, Woodside Creeks Champion, and Heritage Tree Awards. *Nomination forms in this Woodsider.*

The event is free; no admission tickets required. Tickets for the organic foods tasting are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and will be available in a limited quantity at Town Hall, March 24 - April 11. *Town Hall is open M-F, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. 851-6790.*

For information on attending or participating as a volunteer in the event, contact Oliver Bock at 851-7883.



# Community Calendar



# Woodside Recreation Committee

All meetings are held in Independence Hall unless otherwise noted.

## March

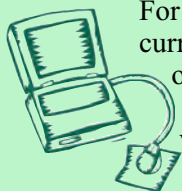
- 3 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 5 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.

## April

- 2 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 22 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.

## May

- 5 ASRB, 4:30 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.
- 26 *Holiday - Town Offices Closed*
- 27 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.



For updates on schedules, current issues, agendas and other information, visit us online at:  
[www.woodsidetown.org](http://www.woodsidetown.org)



To register for classes, call the registrar at 650-851-3534.

For more information on classes and events, visit our website: [www.woodsiderec.com](http://www.woodsiderec.com).

### SPRING CLASSES

<b>Yoga for Everyone</b>	Weekday mornings Instructor: Carla Germano
<b>Low Impact Aerobics &amp; Joyflex Body Toning</b>	Instructor: Joy Lopez Independence Hall
<b>Music Together</b>	Ages 0-4 years 10 week sessions Instructor: Sean Mendelson
<b>Art Workshop</b>	Beginning April 5/6 For Adults Instructor: Liz Holmes



## 86<sup>th</sup> Annual May Day Fun Run, Parade & Carnival Saturday, May 3, 2008

The Woodside Elementary School PTA has chosen the theme "Jazz Festival" for the 86th annual May Day Parade and Carnival, which will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008. The entire Woodside community is encouraged to attend.

Woodside's May Day parade and carnival is sponsored by the Woodside School PTA. This fun filled day starts at 7:30 a.m. with a Fun Run put on by the Woodside Recreation Committee, followed by a Pancake Breakfast put on by the Rotary Club of Woodside-Portola Valley that is held at the Woodside Village Church.

the parade will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Following the parade is the traditional May Pole dance and Citizen of the Year award in the school amphitheater. After that everyone is invited to the barbeque and carnival for which tickets may be purchased in advance at school or at the event.

Also, in early April, the Woodside School PTA will be seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year. Nominations may be submitted to:  
Citizen of the Year  
Woodside School  
3915 Woodside Road  
Woodside, CA 94062

Registration to be in the parade begins at 9:00 a.m. at Woodside School, and

Nominations may also be emailed to:  
[WoodsideCOY@yahoo.com](mailto:WoodsideCOY@yahoo.com).

What's Happening at the

# Woodside Library

Town

# Directory

*Friends of the Woodside Library*

## Book Sale & Native Plant Sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 26



### Events/Programs

#### Guest Author Dana Frank

Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Hear Dana Frank read from her book, *Local Girl Makes History: Exploring Northern California's Kitsch Movement*. Learn the history of the Pulgas Water Temple and the Los Gatos Cats among other local monuments. Book signing after reading.

#### What to Read?

##### A Guide to Choosing Great Books

Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of great book recommendations and explore some wonderful resources to help you choose your next book.

### Children's Programs

#### Spring Into Reading!

Monday, March 10 at 3:30 p.m.

Come hear great stories and then design your own bookbag! Wear old clothes as we will be using permanent markers! Best for ages 5+.

#### Quizzical Quest with Activated Storytellers

Wednesday, April 16 at 3:30 p.m.

See these performers bring two folktales to life. For all ages.

#### Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros

Wednesday, April 30 at 1:15 p.m.

Join us in a musical celebration with Victor Hugo Santos. For all ages.

#### Going Batty at the Library

Wednesday, May 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Meet a few friendly bats and learn the truth about bat fact and bat fiction with Monique Lee, California Bat Conservation Fund. Best for ages 5+.



## Woodside Community Museum

Take a field trip to Town Center and discover local history. Open Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m. or by appointment; 851-1294.

## Clean-Up Day

Sat. May 10

### 8 to 11 a.m. Woodside School

Proof of residency is required. Come early; event ends when trucks are full. *Following will not be accepted: oil, paint or any liquids; chemicals or pesticides; fuel cans; engine parts; gas-powered equipment; refrigerators, freezers or other appliances containing CFCs; tires; regular recycling or large pieces of plate glass, rocks, dirt or concrete.*

### Town Council

- 1 Ron Romines, *Mayor*
- 2 Deborah C. Gordon
- 3 Sue Boynton
- 4 Dave Tanner
- 5 Dave Burow
- 6 Carroll Ann Hodges
- 7 Peter Mason, *Mayor Pro Tem*

### Planning Commission

- 1 Sarah Jorgenson
- 2 Marilyn Voelke
- 3 Sandra Thompson, *Chair*
- 4 Kyle McDevitt
- 5 *Vacant\**
- 6 Elizabeth L. Hobson
- 7 Diane Elder

### Architectural & Site Review Board

- Glenn Atkinson  
John A. Kapel, *Chair*  
Anne Kasten  
Barbara Hoskinson  
Claudia Marshall  
Karen Rongey-Conner, *Vice Chair*  
Peter Rosekrans

### Standing Committees

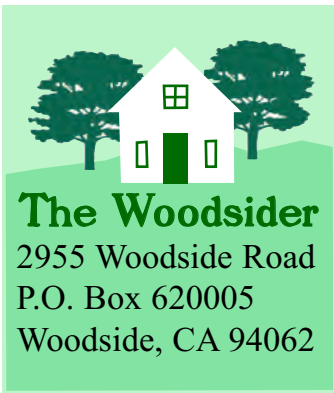
- Audit  
Bicycle\*  
Conservations & Environmental Health\*  
Livestock/Animal Control\*  
Open Space\*  
Public Safety  
Recreation\*  
Trails  
Woodside History

### Town Hall

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Town Manager:             | Susan George   |
| Assist. to Town Mgr:      | Kevin Bryant   |
| Planning Director:        | Hope Sullivan  |
| Town Engineer:            | Paul Nagengast |
| Town Attorney:            | Jean Savaree   |
| Town Clerk:               | Janet Koelsch  |
| Town Geologist:           | Bob Wright     |
| 650-851-6790              |                |
| townhall@woodsidetown.org |                |
| www.woodsidetown.org      |                |

*\*District 5 Planning Commission seat and starred committees have openings. Applications are available on website and must be turned in to Town Clerk by March 31.*

## Town of Woodside



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will focus on the “greening” of Woodside. We are looking for nominations for several awards: the Environmental Champion, the Woodside Creeks Champion, and the Heritage Tree Awards. Postcards have been sent to every residence in Town soliciting nominations and more information is included elsewhere in this edition of *The Woodsider*. The winners will be announced and honored at the event. I hope to see you there.

There are many things on the Town’s plate, as usual. We are continuing to work on improving the permit application review and approval process and will be implementing a new permit tracking and management system within the next few months, giving residents

and their professionals access to the status of their projects via the Town’s website. We are initiating the task of reviewing and updating key regulations, including the rules that govern on-site septic systems and geologic assessment requirements. Fire prevention and safety are high on the list of key projects, as are green building design guidelines. One undertaking that should be of interest to everyone is an assessment by the Town Council of the various policies and programs included in the Town’s General Plan. The General Plan, which has not been comprehensively revisited since 1988, provides the guiding vision for the Town’s future development and covers everything from land use to conservation to noise. The Town Council will review the General Plan over the course of many months, focusing on one

element, or chapter, at a time. This will provide an opportunity for the community to weigh in on the goals and objectives embodied in the plan and for the Town to refresh its commitment to the document. Watch for announcements on the monthly agenda postcards.

As I write this, I am approaching my fifteenth anniversary as Town Manager. It has been a very full fifteen years and I have had the pleasure of serving a cadre of caring and committed Town Councilmembers and working with a broad cross-section of Woodside residents on issues too numerous to recount. It’s been a terrific opportunity and I look forward to Woodside’s continuing successes. Thanks for the chance to be a part of this little town!

*Susan George*