



A TOWN NEWSLETTER

THE WOODSIDER

SPRING 2012

May Day Parade & Carnival *Viva Woodside* Sat. May 5

The 90th annual May Day Parade, sponsored by the Woodside Elementary School PTA, will be held on Saturday, May 5. Woodside and surrounding communities are encouraged to attend. Early arrival is encouraged; the Woodside Road parade route will close at 8:00 a.m.

The event theme this year is “Viva Woodside” as the parade falls on Cinco de Mayo. Everyone is invited to dress up in accordance with this fun and festive theme.

WES Assistant Principal Steve Frank will be honored this year as the Parade Grand Marshal.

Tickets for the BBQ and carnival may be purchased in advance at school or at the event. Parade forms and food/carnival ticketing advance orders are available at the Woodside Elementary School Office at 3195 Woodside Road. Parade registration forms are due by Monday, April 30th

Schedule of Events

- 7:30 a.m.** **Fun Run** sponsored by the Woodside Rec. Com.
- 8 – 10 a.m.** **Pancake Breakfast**
Woodside Village Church sponsored by the Rotary Club
- 9 a.m.** **Parade registration**
in front of WES office
- 10 a.m.** **Parade**
- 11:15 a.m.** **Amphitheater program**
May Pole Dance
Citizen of the Year Award
- 12 – 2 p.m.** **BBQ**
- 12 – 3 p.m.** **Carnival games/crafts**

From the Desk of the

Town Manager

It’s spring, the time of year to celebrate renewal and new beginnings. At Town Hall, we have experienced some renewal and new beginnings.

Part renewal and part new beginning, the Town Council adopted a new General Plan on January 10th. The Plan lays out the goals and policies that will guide the development within the Town for the next 20 or so years. Not surprisingly, the main themes of the new General Plan are similar to the ones found in the prior plan which was adopted in 1988. Following an extended process which involved 35 volunteers who worked for nearly 18 months as the General Plan Task Force, the review of all of the Town’s advisory committees, the Architectural and Site Review Board, the Planning Commission, and the careful review of the Town Council, the General Plan

reasserts the values that make Woodside unique: preserving the rural, scenic, and historic character of the community; supporting the equestrian heritage and lifestyle; and respecting the natural environment, just to name a few. The new General Plan also more clearly articulates the Town’s commitment to sustainability principles. The Town Council will now focus on implementing the Plan, including updating the rules and regulations to ensure that we are fulfilling the goals of the General Plan.

The first major undertaking in that process is the update of the Residential Design Guidelines. The new Guidelines will not only provide guidance on preserving Woodside’s community character, desired site planning principles, and the design of buildings and landscape elements, it will also be a better

tool for explaining the planning process and how to address issues such as fire safety and sustainability. A committee made up of Councilmembers Anne Kasten and Peter Mason, Planning Commissioners Diane Elder and Adolph Rosekrans, and Architectural and Site Review Board members Barbara Hoskinson and Thalia Lubin has been working diligently on the update, and it is anticipated that the public review and adoption process will take place between May and July of this year. Keep an eye out for this important work, and plan to let us know what you think.



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Town Hall Calendar



Woodside Recreation Committee

All meetings are held in Independence Hall unless otherwise noted.

April

- 2 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 10 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 24 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Special Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

May

- 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.
- 28 Town Hall Holiday Closure

June

- 4 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 6 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.

July

- 2 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 4 Town Hall Holiday Closure
- 10 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 ASRB, 4:30 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Town Council, 7:30 p.m.

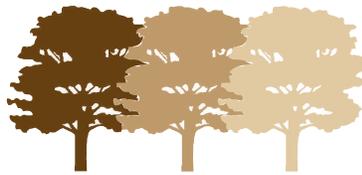
For updates on schedules, current issues, agendas and other information, visit TOW online at: www.woodsidesidetown.org



Classes run year-round at Independence Hall and Woodside Village Church. For information on events and activities or to register for classes, call the registrar at 650-851-3534.

Visit our website: www.woodsiderec.com

Yoga for Everyone	Spring session weekly classes are currently filled. No drop-ins. Please call to be added to the waiting list: 851-3534.
Exercise Classes	Classes held Monday and Friday 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. Independence Hall.



Woodside & Portola Valley SOD-BLITZ ~ June 2 and 3

A short training session on Sudden Oak Death /Phytophthora Ramorum will be held on Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m. at Woodside Town Hall. At this meeting volunteers will learn to:

- Identify bay trees, frequent carriers of the disease.
- Collect samples of bay leaves.
- Record sample locations using addresses or GPS. Samples may be collected anywhere in the area, including areas sampled in previous years.
- Use distributed materials for specimen collection and labeling.

Matteo Garbelotto, Associate Adjunct Professor in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at U.C. Berkeley will answer questions about Sudden Oak Death and this study.

Samples will be collected by volunteers on Saturday, June 2 and/or

Sunday, June 3. All samples will be returned to either Portola Valley Town Hall or Woodside Town Hall for pick-up by 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Berkeley diagnostic laboratory will analyze samples through microscopic and DNA analysis. A map will be generated confirming the presence or absence of the pathogen in the area. This map will expand the mapping generated by the SOD-BLITZs held 2008 through 2011. To see results from previous years, visit: www.matteolab.com.

Next fall a U.C. Berkeley SOD expert may be available to visit local SOD hotspots discovered during the Blitz and give disease management recommendations.

For more information, contact: Town Manager Kevin Bryant at 851-6790 or kbryant@woodsidesidetown.org.



What's Happening at the Woodside Library



Saturday, April 28
Friends of the Woodside Library
Book Sale
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Events/Programs

Poetry Reading & Reception

Thurs. April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Local poets Lorene Zarou-Zouzounis and David Glick will be reading from their works.

Uncle Jer's Bee show

Sat. May 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Learn the fascinating secrets of bees at this family program which includes puppets and two-frame observation hives with real live bees!

Flute for Kids

Mon. May 14 at 4 p.m.

Jennifer Henderson presents an interactive program for young children.

The Bubble Lady

Mon. June 11 at 4 p.m.

Interactive show for children features giant bubbles.

Wednesday Musical Storytimes

(Note: No Storytimes in May)

10:00 a.m. - Babies and Books

11:00 a.m. - Toddler Storytime

Reduce Waste from Energy Leaks!

Woodside has teamed up with a local non-profit, Acterra, to provide a free, step-by-step approach to saving energy — without making a significant impact on your home operation.

The High Energy Homes program offers you customized recommendations for finding “free money” in your utility bill. Using an innovative software program, Silicon Valley residents in four towns similar to Woodside are now saving an average of over \$700/year on their PG&E bills.

Using SmartMeter data, this easy, online analysis is specifically designed to reduce energy usage in larger homes by offering recommendations tailored to your home's energy use profile. It doesn't require someone to come to your home and all data is held confidentially.

Discover how you can stop home energy waste and pick up this “free money” by going to:
www.acterra.org/highenergy.

Based on a grant from the California Energy Commission, the High Energy Homes program is available through **April 22nd** to 180 Woodside residents. Sign up today and stop your energy leaks!

Primary Election ~ June 5, 2012



A ballot box for vote-by-mail ballots will be located in the Town Hall lobby.



WOODSIDE BACKYARD HABITAT

Keep the Woods in Woodside

The Open Space Committee is now accepting applications for the 2012 Backyard Habitat program. Anyone interested in learning more about the program or nominating their property for evaluation may visit the Town's website at:
www.woodsidetown.org/boardsandcommittees/backyard-habitat.

The 2012 deadline for applications is June 1st.

Rummage Sale

Woodside Village Church

Thurs. May 10 & Fri. May 11

Everyone is invited to this popular semi-annual event, first held in 1937. Great treasures at great prices. For information, call the church office at 650-851-1587.

Clean-Up Day

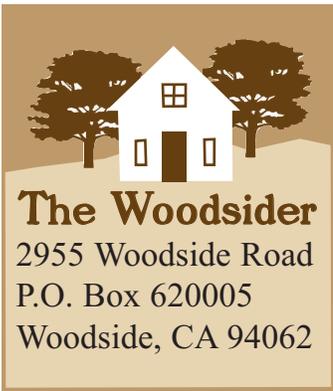
Woodside School

Sat. July 21 ~ 8 to 11 a.m.

Proof of residency is required. Come early — event may end before 11 a.m. if trucks are full.

Go to Greenwaste.com for a list of acceptable and unacceptable materials.

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(From the Desk of the Town Manager, continued from front page)

For another new beginning, you will note that for the first time in nearly 20 years, Susan George is no longer the author of this piece. I feel honored to have been selected by the Town Council to serve this wonderful community as Town Manager. Woodside is a visually stunning place, a true respite from the urban and suburban environments that sit nearby. However, the primary attraction of working in Woodside is the passionate people who lead this community, from the Town Council and all of its volunteer committees. That so many people volunteer their time to preserve Woodside and strive to make it a better place to live is, to me, what really makes Woodside so special.

You will find in this Woodsider, as you do in most, more fruits of the Town's volunteer labor. Town advisory committees are responsible for the Backyard Habitat program, the

Sudden Oak Death Blitz, and organizing recreation classes and events. Volunteers are also responsible for the long-running traditions of the May Day Parade and the Rummage Sale. Notably, the May Day Parade is now in its 90th year and the Rummage Sale is in its 75th year. This is just a small sample of the things that get accomplished thanks to volunteers.

April is the month of Earth Day and I hope you will take advantage of a unique opportunity to go online and learn how you can reduce energy waste in your home and save money as well. Participants in the Acterra High Energy Homes program are saving an average of over \$700 per year. This opportunity, which has an April 22nd deadline to enroll, is featured in this edition of the Woodsider, as well.

Finally, I'd like to call your attention to a very important organization, the

Citizens Emergency Response and Preparedness Program (CERPP). CERPP's goal is to promote emergency preparedness and response capability at the citizen and neighborhood level. It grows out of the knowledge that in a major emergency, the first line of response will be neighbors helping neighbors, for up to 72 hours until emergency response personnel can respond. CERPP is working to revitalize itself, including establishing some new communication tools, including a Twitter handle: @bereadytoday. To be most effective, CERPP needs everyone's participation. Please call me if you would like to get involved, or you can visit their website at www.bereadytoday.org to learn more.

We at Town Hall are here to serve you, so don't hesitate to call if you've got a question, suggestion, or comment. We'd like to hear from you.

Kevin Bryant