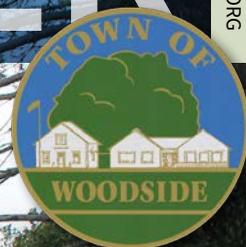


NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF WOODSIDE

WOODSIDER

VISIT US // WOODSIDETOWN.ORG



IN THIS ISSUE

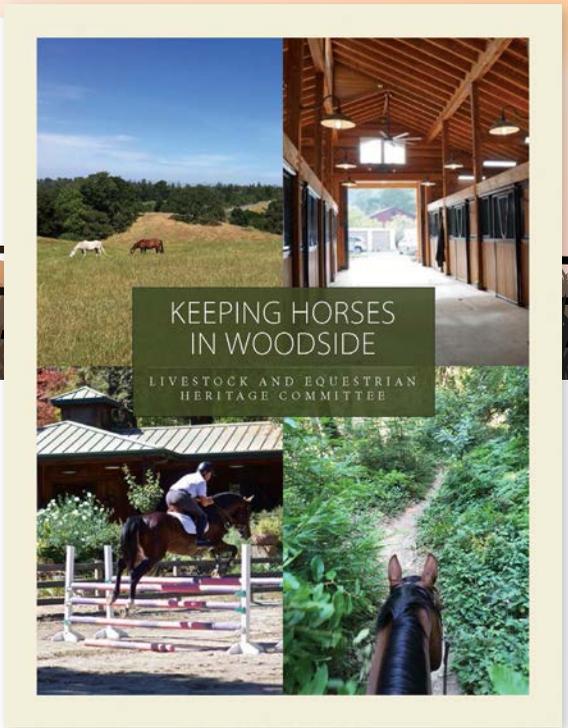
Chipper 2019 Program
 Message from the
 Livestock and Equestrian
 Heritage Committee
 Horses Live Here
 Accessory Dwelling Units
 Ad Hoc Committee on
 Town Volunteerism

Chipper Program

The Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) is continuing its neighborhood Chipper Program in conjunction with the Town of Woodside and the Town of Portola Valley. The WFPD Chipper Program runs from May through November. *Please check the back of this newsletter for your scheduled chipping date or look online at: <https://www.woodsidefire.org/prevention/chipper-program> for specific street names.*

This is a fuel reduction program to help decrease our community threat from wildfire by assisting homeowners in maintaining defensible space around their homes. The chipper will enable the Fire District to easily dispose of large amounts of fuel. The chipping will be conducted with FIRE SAFE San Mateo County & CAL Fire inmate crews. The Fire District asks that you bring all the materials you would like chipped to the roadside by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled chipping day. No signup or registration is required.

This service is provided at no charge, but there are some restrictions. The chipper cannot chip Eucalyptus bark or poison oak. Materials cannot contain nails or screws, as it can damage the chipper and any personnel operating it. Fuels such as brush, tree limbs, and branches with diameters up to 8" are acceptable. Branches need to be stacked in a neat pile with all the cut ends facing the road. Piles are limited to 10 ft wide x 10 ft long. Brush will be chipped back on site with the exception of certain areas. *If you have any questions, please email: ddempsey@woodsidefire.org.*



Dear Woodside Resident,

The Livestock and Equestrian Heritage Committee (LEHC) works in concert with Town of Woodside staff and committees to provide input on both livestock and equestrian needs of our community. Our committee is made up of local citizens who have varied experience with horses and livestock who volunteer their expertise for the benefit of the residential community, Town Council, Staff, Planning Commission, ASRB, Town Committees, potential residents, real estate firms, developers, builders, and anyone who has an interest in best practice guidelines for horses and other livestock.

The General Plan has always considered Woodside to be “Horse Country.” The LEHC has developed an education program to prepare those who are not familiar with horses on what is acceptable and/or recommended for their care. The program includes four levels of information:

- A trifold brochure with a modest overview of what the LEHC offers.
- “Keeping Horses in Woodside,” a booklet of science-based and industry standard practices to help a wide audience make informed decisions. The latter is available in hard copy at Town Hall and can be accessed from the Town website here: <https://www.woodsideside.org/bc-lehc/keeping-horses-woodside>.
- A binder of detailed bibliographical references supporting the information in the booklet “Keeping Horses in Woodside,” which can be reviewed at Town Hall.
- Ombudsman services, through which LEHC members are available to serve in an advisory capacity to any project to help advise interested parties on aspects of planning, modifying, and/or permitting a horse or livestock facility.

We hope you will find this information useful and welcome questions and feedback regarding the material or any other livestock matter. Our committee meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Independence Hall and interested parties are welcome to attend.

Best regards,
Livestock and Equestrian Heritage Committee

“Keeping Horses in Woodside,” a booklet of science-based and industry standard practices to help a wide audience make informed decisions.

THE LIVESTOCK AND
EQUESTRIAN HERITAGE
COMMITTEE (LEHC)

Suzanne Bruch, Chair
Nancy Atkinson
Alexis Bartlo
Laura Burkhart
Brian Rouch
Diane Garcia
Mary Fentress Hall
Anne Van Camp
Kelly Zeytoonian



Horses Live Here!

FACT: Many Woodside residents weigh over 1,000 pounds, have two pairs of legs, and are covered with hair.

If individuals matching this description live where you live, you know that being able to keep horses and other large animals is one of the great joys of residing in Woodside. Their presence can also be a lot to think about when planning for emergencies.

Here is something simple you can do now that will help in such situations: post this sign at the entrance to your property. It will alert emergency personnel that horses and other large animals are on the premises and will help save valuable time in locating them.

Thank you for helping make our community safer!

WHERE TO DISPLAY YOUR SIGN:

- Pick a spot close to the entrance of your property where your sign can be clearly seen from the roadway.
- Mount the sign on a post or other vertical surface as close as possible to the address numbers for your property such as your mailbox post or at the entrance of your driveway.



NOTE:

Post the sign where the street numbers for your property are displayed, even if your barn is served by a separate driveway.



These 5" x 5" reflective metal signs are free of charge to anyone residing within the Woodside Fire Protection District.

Signs and instructions for placement are available at Woodside Town Hall during business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome

Spring is a time of year that the Town Council looks both backwards and forwards with respect to money matters. The Town has an independent Audit Committee, made up of three resident volunteers, who review the Town's Financial Statements independently from the Council and staff. The Audit Committee helps ensure the proper conduct of the Town's financial affairs.

The recently accepted Basic Financial Statements yielded good news as well as highlighted future challenges. Overall, the Town ended Fiscal Year 2018 (June 30, 2018) with combined fund balances of \$10.1 million, which was a 23% increase over the previous year. This growth is primarily due to the continued strong performance of the General Fund, which is the fund that finances most municipal functions. Over 40% of the Town's General Fund revenue is derived from local property taxes.

The Financial Statements also include, for the first time under the rules of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Town's liabilities for pension obligations and retiree health insurance benefits. These liabilities are \$3.5 million and \$1 million, respectively. The Town's total assets exceeds its total liabilities by over \$24 million, a figure that grew during Fiscal Year 2018, even with the inclusion of the pension and retiree health liabilities.

The Town Council will now be turning to adoption of a two-year budget for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021. Through the first ten months of Fiscal Year 2019, the Town's fiscal performance has been good. This means that the Town will continue to have resources available to address long-term needs. The Council has had its first study session on ways to get ahead of funding its pension liabilities. Very soon, the Council will be developing a plan for "pre-paying" some of its future liabilities, to take advantage of its strong fiscal position today and reduce costs that would need to be borne in the future. The Town has had a strategy for retiree health benefits that it has been funding since 2011.

The Town Council will also be reviewing and adopting a new five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as part of its budget. The CIP identifies the five-year investment plan for rehabilitating the Town's aging infrastructure. As with pensions, the CIP will seek to utilize the strong fiscal position of today to reduce costly problems in the future.

To view the budget, financial statements, and OpenGov, a fiscal transparency tool, I invite you to visit <https://www.woodsidesidetown.org/finance>.

I hope you find this edition of the *Woodsider* helpful.

Kevin Bryant
Town Manager

Accessory Dwelling Units

For many years and several Housing Element cycles, the Town has encouraged the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The majority of ADUs in Town are recognized by the State as affordable units under the Town's certified Housing Element; and count towards the Town's share of regionally-established housing goals, which the Town has met to date. No rental rate restrictions apply to these units.

In 2017, the Town adopted a revised ADU ordinance to comply with the latest changes to State law; and, in 2018, the Town adopted a new Efficiency Accessory Dwelling Unit (EADU, a small ADU) ordinance, which was State-optional. The revisions focus on creating greater flexibility with respect to development standards, and streamlining the approval process.

Review of ADU applications do not go before the Architectural Site and Review Board (ASRB); and, an ADU would only go before the Planning Commission if there is a Planning Commission entitlement required (e.g., a Variance, Setback Exception, ...). Any such required Planning Commission entitlements are discretionary, and require that specific findings be made.

SUMMARY POINTS ABOUT ADUs:

- The maximum ADU size is 1,500 square feet. Parcels one acre or greater are allowed two ADUs. ADUs can also be constructed within barns.
- The maximum EADU size is 500 square feet. EADUs are contained within an existing residence, include an existing bedroom, and do not require disruptive construction modifications (e.g., construction of a fire wall).
- Standard setbacks are not required for an existing garage that is converted to an ADU, subject to applicable building code requirements, which currently require 3-foot setbacks to allow for emergency access and egress.
- A Building Permit for either an attached or detached ADU may be approved by staff if it has a separate access to the outside, and has side and rear property line setbacks that are sufficient for fire safety.
- A nonconforming structure may be converted to an ADU without the need to obtain an exception for a change of use, as long as the ADU complies with all building code requirements.
- ADUs are required to have just one parking space per unit. When a garage or carport is demolished or converted in conjunction with a new ADU, replacement parking may be located in any configuration on the same lot as the ADU. EADUs do not require additional parking beyond the standard 4 spaces required for a residence.

Maybe you are thinking about a second unit for additional rental income, space for relatives, downsizing, flexible space for a growing family or live-in help, increasing your home's resale value, or simply doing your part to address housing challenges in San Mateo County.

Feel free to come into Town Hall to discuss your options for developing a granny flat, in-law suite, ADU, converted garage, backyard cottage, or basement apartment on your site! Counter hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Visit The Second Unit Center to learn more: <https://secondunitcentersmc.org/>. The full text of the Town's ADU ordinance is in Woodside Municipal Code Section 153.211, Accessory Dwelling Units.



Ad Hoc Committee On Town Volunteerism

WHO: You are cordially invited to make improvements to the volunteer environment!

WHAT: The Ad Hoc Committee on Town Volunteerism is charged with examining ways for the Town to do the following:

1. Encourage volunteerism in the Town,
2. Make the volunteer experience more fun and rewarding for those who choose to participate, and,
3. Find more and better ways to recognize volunteers for their contribution.

WHEN: Expect to attend four to six meetings between appointment and December 2019.

WHERE: Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062

WHY: To create a volunteer environment that is more rewarding, enables volunteers to achieve, and recognizes them more for doing so.

HOW: If interested, please fill out a Committee Application for consideration by the Town Council. Applications are available in person at 2955 Woodside Road, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., or online at: <https://www.woodsidesidtown.org/boardsandcommittees/volunteer-committee-application>.

Please submit applications by May 31, 2019 to the Town Clerk, Jennifer Li, in person or e-mail jli@woodsidesidtown.org, with expected appointments made on June 11, 2019.



1,050 square foot ADU in Woodside

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

IGNACIO HERNANDEZ *Maintenance Supervisor*

What you do, and how long you have been working for Woodside?

I am the Maintenance Supervisor for the Department of Public Works in Woodside, and have been working for the town for ten years. I am responsible for planning and coordinating assigned maintenance operations including improving streets, clogged drainage pipes, horse trails, and repairing other problems when noticed. During storms, I respond as quickly as possible to downed trees, mudslides, and other issues that could negatively impact the community. I work together with my crew to attack problems right as they are reported and take a great sense of pride in supporting the town.

What is the best thing about working in Woodside?

The best thing about working in Woodside is the small town feeling and the strong sense of community. It is very comforting to be surrounded by co-workers and community members who genuinely love the town and want to see it flourish. Being surrounded by the crowded and chaotic nature of the Bay Area and Silicon Valley, Woodside has a much more calming rural feeling, which makes working here much more enjoyable.

What is one thing you will never forget about Woodside?

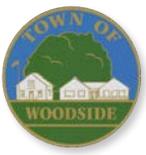
One moment I will never forget is when I received a call about eight years ago, that a tree had fallen on a woman's car and trapped her underneath. I responded to the call immediately and helped remove the tree from the car. We were able to clear the car and the roadway enough for paramedics to arrive and assist her. This moment stuck with me because I was able to help someone who was in a life-threatening situation. It was from this moment that I knew that my job could really make a difference for other people's lives. Knowing that my role helps support the whole community of Woodside allows me to genuinely enjoy what I do.

What do you enjoy outside of work?

Outside of work, I enjoy biking outdoors. Woodside is a great area to immerse oneself in nature. I enjoy hiking and biking on the trails around the area, as well as camping with my family. Going on leisurely drives around town while taking in the scenery is a way that I like to relax and unwind.



Ignacio at Summit Springs. Ignacio enjoying the outdoors on his bike.



TOWN OF WOODSIDE

2955 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA 94062
(650) 851-6790

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
WOODSIDE, CA
PERMIT NO. 205

Postal Customer Local



- 1. Pile of branches ready to be chipped.
- 2. Crew feeding branches to the Chipper.
- 3. Chipper in action.

2019 CHIPPER PROGRAM DATES

The WFPD Chipper Program runs from May through November. *Please check the schedule below for your chipping date or look online at: <https://www.woodsidefire.org/prevention/chipper-program> for specific street names.*

Woodside South	May 20, 2019
Old La Honda, Skyline	May 28, 2019
Family Farm	June 3, 2019
Cañada East	June 10, 2019
Woodside Glens	July 15, 2019
Emerald Hills Wds	August 5, 2019
Woodside West & North	August 12, 2019
Woodside Hills	September 9, 2019
Woodside Heights	September 23, 2019
Old La Honda, Skyline	September 30, 2019
Skywood – Bear Gulch, Rapley Trail	October 7, 2019
Woodside West & North	October 14, 2019

