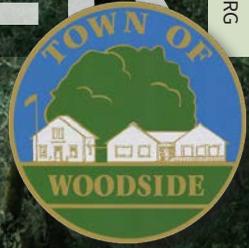


NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF WOODSIDE

WOODSIDER



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Winter Storm Watercourse Protection

As storm season has arrived, the Town would like to remind property owners to maintain watercourses within their property. Driveway culverts are also the responsibility of the home owner and shall be kept free and clear of debris.

This maintenance will help as the Town of Woodside does not have a formal storm drain system, as many other jurisdictions do, and relies on the natural creeks and earthen channels to facilitate drainage to the bay. The Town consists of publicly and privately maintained culverts, ditches, and swales that flow to the creeks. Town crews work diligently to maintain public drainage facilities throughout the Town. Together, we can keep our channels flowing and continue to maintain water quality throughout the Town of Woodside.

Please note that doing work other than maintenance and altering the drainage pattern (diverting flows, installing pipes, etc.) may require a Site Development Permit. Please check with the Town.

THE DEFENSIBLE SPACE MATCHING FUND PROGRAM

Fire season is now a year-long reality in California. As part of its efforts to prevent a catastrophic fire within Woodside, the Town is in the ninth year of the Defensible Space Matching Fund Program.

The Program provides a direct financial incentive to property owners to maintain defensible space around their property. Defensible space has two clear benefits. First, defensible space gives firefighters a better chance of protecting private property by limiting the spread of fire on a property. Second, having properties that have adequate defensible space reduces the speed at which fire spreads throughout the community, giving firefighters a better chance at containing any fires that do start.

Since the Program's inception, property owners within the Town have collectively spent nearly \$1 million on defensible space projects. As an example, in the last fiscal year alone property owners have removed over 46 dead or dying pine trees and 34 eucalyptus trees.

“Wildfire is not an individual problem, it's a community problem. The Town of Woodside has created a highly successful program that pulls resources together to assist the entire community in creating and maintaining defensible space in our neighborhoods.” DENISE ENEA, FIRE MARSHAL

CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE

The following activities are examples of ways to create defensible space:

- Removal of dead brush and woody debris;
- Mowing annual dry grasses;
- “Limbing up” trees that are within 100 feet of a structure;
- Removal of trees for fire protection as recommended by the Woodside Fire Protection District.



In support of these efforts, and to improve the fire safety of the whole community, the Town will reimburse property owners 50% of the cost of creating defensible space, up to a total of \$2,000.

To apply for the Program:

1. Obtain an application and contact the Woodside Fire Protection District at [851-1594](tel:851-1594) to schedule a Defensible Space Assessment.
<https://www.woodsidetown.org/community/defensible-space-matching-fund-program>
2. Bring the completed and signed Application and Assessment to Woodside Town Hall.
3. Town staff will notify you if the application has been approved, usually within one day.
4. After receipt of the approved application, you may have the defensible space work done on your property.
5. Submit a copy of your Defensible Space Assessment to Town Hall indicating which items have been completed. Include copies of paid invoices for the work.
6. The Town will reimburse you for 50% of the accomplished work, up to a total of \$2,000.

If you have questions about the Program, please contact the Town Manager Kevin Bryant via e-mail KBryant@woodsidetown.org or by calling [650.851.6790](tel:650.851.6790).

Welcome

Welcome to the newly resurrected Woodsider newsletter! Your newly minted newsletter is in direct response to your feedback from citizen surveys. The Woodsider provides a great way of highlighting some of the valuable and important programs available to the residents of Woodside.

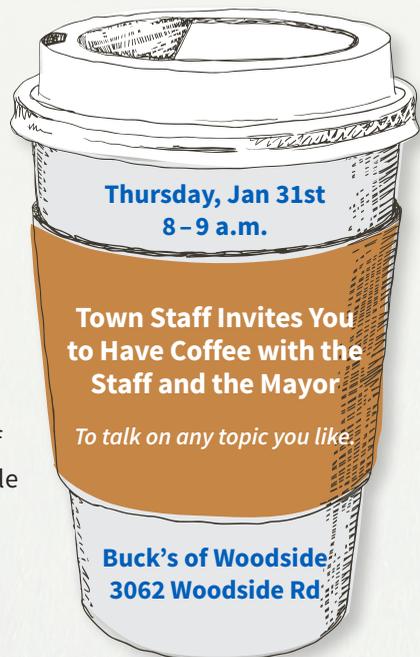
As the winter rains return, it is important to keep in mind the devastating fires of the past summers and understand the threat of wildfires should one occur in our heavily wooded environment.

The Town of Woodside is aggressively proactive at reducing fuel loads, helping to create defensible spaces, and ensuring that our community has a robust emergency preparedness plan. The major programs in place include:

- The Woodside Fire Protection District Chipper Program. Initiated in 2006, this annual program offers roadside chipping of fire fuel and debris free of charge to Woodside residents. The current budget allocates \$25,000 to the program.
- The Defensible Space Matching Fund Program. Perhaps one of the most important ways homeowners can help protect their property and neighborhood. This program reimburses property owners up to \$2,000 to reduce fire fuel loads on their private property. Woodside has spent nearly \$500,000 on this program and the program is currently budgeted at \$100,000/year.
- The Hazardous tree Removal Program. The program is a collaboration of the Town of Woodside, the Woodside Fire Protection District, and PG&E. Led by Fire Marshal Denise Enea who created an inventory of hazardous trees (primarily eucalyptus) growing in the Town rights-of-way and Town owned property, which represent a threat to infrastructure and access in the event of fire. Woodside has dedicated \$100,000 to the program in the current budget.
- Citizens Emergency Response Preparedness Program or CERPP coordinates and works with the Woodside Fire Protection District and Portola Valley. The program increases our preparedness in the event of a natural disaster where normal emergency services would otherwise be limited or unavailable to our town. Woodside includes \$15,000 for CERPP in the current budget.

I encourage all our residents to take advantage of these and the multitude of other services available to all the residents of Woodside.

Kevin Bryant
Town Manager



COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

First Friday, Yoga, Sound Meditation, Backyard Habitat, and More!

You may know that the Town Council is served by ten Citizen Advisory Committees. What you may not know is the programming that these committees do in support of the wider community. The Town invites you to take advantage of the programs organized by your fellow citizens. Here is just a sample...



The **Woodside Arts & Culture Committee** sponsors the popular First Friday series. The First Friday events aim to strengthen multigenerational community involvement in Woodside. The Committee seeks to encourage local art, creativity, and cultural activities which showcases local creative talent.

You can visit their website at <http://woodsideartandculture.org/> to view upcoming First Friday events. You can also use the website to apply to be a First Friday presenter.

The **Town's Recreation Committee** also provides an avenue for community engagement but features a more active approach. There are currently yoga classes sponsored by the Recreation Committee as well as Sound Meditation.

The list of classes and activities sponsored by the Committee can be viewed at: <https://www.woodsidetown.org/recreation>.

The Town's recently reconstituted **Environment: Open Space, Conservation & Sustainability Committee** has a program which rewards property owners who emphasize the natural environment. The Backyard Habitat program aims to promote the creation of corridors and pockets of land left in its natural state, where native vegetation can thrive, and wildlife can move and forage freely through the Town. The program is open to all properties in Town, regardless of size. To date over 50 residents in Town have earned the Backyard Habitat distinction.

You can learn more and apply at:

<https://www.woodsidetown.org/boardsandcommittees/backyard-habitat>.



Despite being a small town, Woodside does have its own museum dedicated to the Town's local history. The Woodside Community Museum is tucked in roughly between the Village Pub and Town Hall, at 2961 Woodside Road. The Museum is staffed by volunteers of the **Woodside History Committee**.

The Museum is open from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. on the first and third Saturday of each month, or by appointment by calling [\(650\) 851-1294](tel:6508511294). The current exhibit highlights Blacksmithing, Incorporation, Estates, and features the history of wine and winemaking in Woodside.

In addition to taking advantage of these programs, you can also volunteer your own time. The Town Council appoints members to **Citizen Advisory Committees** each February and whenever there are vacancies, which do occur from time to time.

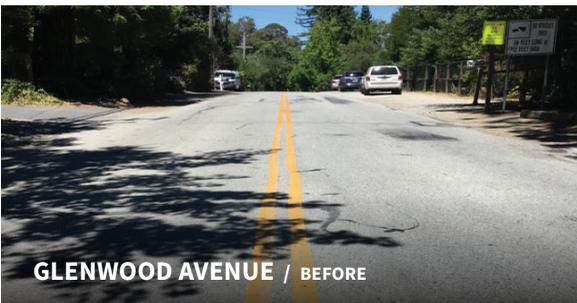
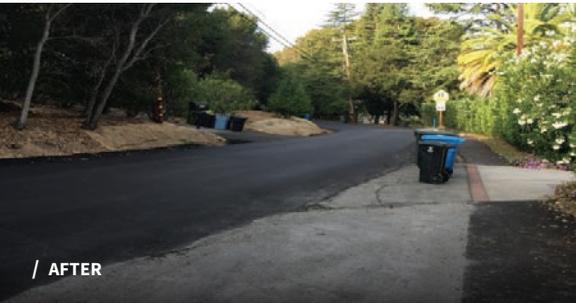
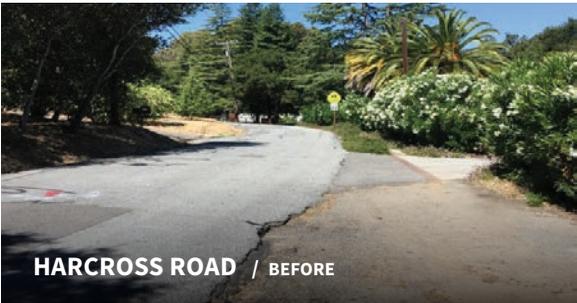
To apply, visit: <https://www.woodsidetown.org/volunteer>.

Town of Woodside Roads

2018 ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

In summer 2018, the Town of Woodside resurfaced approximately 7 miles of the Town’s 49 mile public road network as part of the 2018 Road Rehabilitation Project. Work was done on 21 Town roads: 14 roads were resurfaced and 7 other roads received asphalt pathways, asphalt drainage swales, crack sealing and/or asphalt digouts. The annual project is part of the Town’s Road Rehabilitation Program. In recent years the Town has budgeted between \$325,000 and \$475,000 for the project; for the 2018 project the Town Council authorized \$626,000 to accelerate work on Town roads, and respond to the results of the 2018 Town-wide Community Survey in which many residents expressed an interest in seeing more road maintenance. Over the previous nine years from 2009-2017, the Town resurfaced an average of 1.8 miles per year; the primary reasons for the significant increase this year were the additional funding, including some from SB1 approved in 2016, and the use of microsurfacing.

In addition to resurfacing, asphalt pathways, asphalt drainage swales, crack sealing and asphalt digouts, the project narrowed the vehicle lanes on Canada Road to calm traffic and complete the class II bike lanes, widened a dangerously narrow section of Harcross Road, and reconstructed the asphalt pathway between Fernside and Adelante School for use by schoolchildren and local residents.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

The 2018 Road Rehabilitation project also improved pedestrian and equestrian safety at three intersections as part of the Town’s Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program, consistent with recommendations from the Town’s Circulation Committee, and the Town’s 2013 Walking and Bicycling Audit and 2014 Safe Routes to School Study.

At **ROMERO ROAD** and **CANADA ROAD** the crosswalk was moved and restriped to increase visibility and eliminate additional crossings.



At **LANING DRIVE** and **CANADA ROAD** a high visibility crosswalk was added across Canada Road and the Laning pathway connected to the intersection.



At **CEDAR LANE** and **MOUNTAIN HOME ROAD** a high visibility crosswalk across Mountain Home Road was added.



All SR2S improvements were completed this summer in response to a request from Woodside Elementary School parents. A fourth project to extend the Albion pedestrian and equestrian trail from Prospect Street to the school and provide a new crosswalk across Albion at Woodside Road has also been completed.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

JOANNE KURZ

Building Official

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

I am the Building Official, and also provide emergency guidance for our Emergency Operation Center. I am a member of the Emergency Managers Association for San Mateo County, and am on the California Building Officials Emergency Committee. I am responsible for administering the California Code of Regulations TTL 24 (Building Codes), as they apply to building. I help property owners, architects, engineers, contractors, and other staff with code interpretations. I meet with applicants ahead of permit submittal to go over any questions, and provide building permit plan review. I conduct preconstruction meetings prior to permit issuance to go over the basic construction rules, regulations, and conditions of approval. During project construction, I receive questions and concerns from neighbors and address them with the contractors. I have been with the Town for over 17 years.

What is the best thing about working in Woodside?

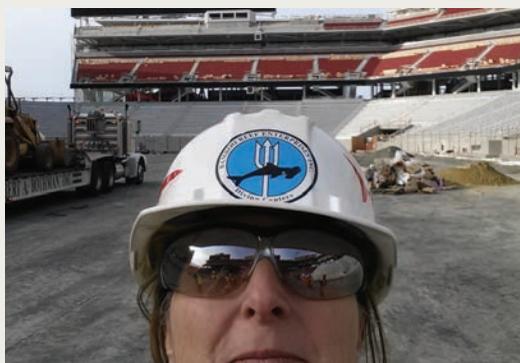
I love the small Town feel of Woodside. Unlike many larger cities, I know everyone who works for the Town and the staff has real team spirit; always willing to help each other out. I can pick up the phone and reach out to the Town Manager, a Council member, the Fire District, or a property owner at any time. I feel involved and connected with the community.

What is one thing you will never forget about Woodside?

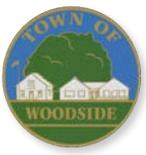
During the first month I started working for the Town, a property owner came in and announced that two horses were loose and running through the Robert's Market parking lot towards Cañada Road. The property owner knew I had a horse and asked me to help catch those horses. Without a pause, the rest of the staff said, "go," and off I went. I'm happy to say we got the horses safely back to their rightful house. After that incident, any time there is a loose dog or other animal, people have asked if I know who they belong to. I often do know, and have returned dogs to their homes over the years. It is one of the advantages of being out and about conducting inspections. I knew from that day I was going to like it here, and every day is different.

What do you enjoy outside of work?

If you could not tell from the story above, I love animals. I love to go hiking with my husband and my dog. I am an avid photographer and quilter, entering projects into the County Fair. I am hoping to get accepted into the next set of Master Gardeners classes.



Joanne at Levi's Stadium. Joanne enjoying the day with husband, Roland, and Pluto.



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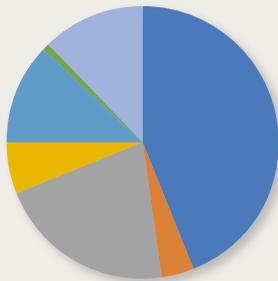
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Fiscal Year 2018 Revenues and Expenses

The Town Administration and Finance Department has prepared preliminary final figures for total revenues and expenses for all of the Town’s funds for Fiscal Year 2017-18. These figures are as of June 30, 2018 and are unaudited.

REVENUES // ALL FUNDS

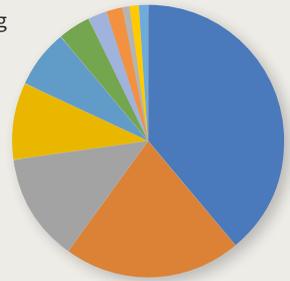
- Taxes / 44%
- Franchise Fees / 4%
- Fees & Permits / 21%
- Current Services / 6%
- Other Agencies / 12%
- Interest / 1%
- Other Revenue / 12%



Total Revenue = \$12,352,471

EXPENDITURES // ALL FUNDS

- Public Works & Building Regulation / 39%
- Safety Services / 21%
- Administration & Finance / 13%
- Planning / 9%
- Capital / 7%
- Overhead / 4%
- Barkley Fields / 2%
- Buildings & Grounds / 2%
- Library / 1%
- Recreation / 1%
- Trails / 1%
- Town Council / 0%



Total Expenditures = \$11,198,895

