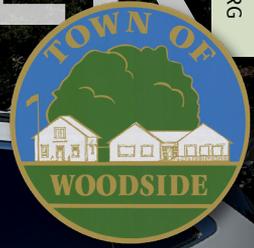


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STORM PREPAREDNESS SPOTLIGHT

As we head into the upcoming winter storm season, we'd like to share some important information regarding the storm drainage system in Woodside and some things we can all do to be prepared. As we were reminded last winter, storms can be quite intense in Woodside and have the potential to cause significant damage to private and public property.

Storm drainage in Woodside flows onto and through private and public property.

The Town is generally responsible for storm drainage within the public right of way, which typically includes the paved roads and shoulders and/or drainage ditches on both sides of the road, and within storm drainage easements that are held by the Town on private property. Most properties do not have a storm drainage easement; to find out if your property has one, refer to your parcel map and/or title report, or contact the Town.

Within the Town's area of responsibility, the Town's maintenance crew completes storm drain maintenance on all manner of storm drain infrastructure including roadside ditches, non-private storm drain pipes and culverts under and along roadways, bridges, and other critical areas, both prior to and then continuously as-needed throughout the rainy season.

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Poison-Free Woodside

The Town of Woodside has recently taken a bold step towards environmental sustainability by going pesticide-free, which includes herbicides, rodenticides, and insecticides. The decision is part of the Town's effort to promote a healthier and more eco-friendly environment for its residents and visitors. The Town has committed to avoid the use of pesticides on all Town property, and we need your help to avoid pesticide use on your property as well!

Pesticides are toxic chemicals that are widely used to control pests and insects in agriculture, landscaping, and public areas such as parks and recreational facilities. While pesticides have been proven to be effective in controlling pests, they are a major threat to local wildlife and can lead to health problems in children and pets as well. An extensive report recently released by the Town's Environment & Open Space Committee showcases regional evidence of the negative impact of pesticides on wildlife, such as mountain lions, bobcats, raptors, and kit foxes. Wildlife is exposed to pesticides through either direct or indirect ingestion. In other words, wildlife like bees, birds or small mammals may ingest the pesticide directly, while large carnivorous species typically ingest it via their prey. Anticoagulant rodenticides have been shown to be the most lethal to carnivorous animal populations.

In humans and pets, pesticides have been linked to health problems including cancer, neurological disorders, and reproductive problems. Finally, pesticides pollute the air, water, and soil — all in all, the toxins in pesticides spread easily to populations beyond where they're used and are associated with a multitude of negative impacts.

The Town of Woodside recognized the negative impact of pesticides on human health and the environment and decided to take a proactive approach to protect its residents and the local ecosystem. In March of 2023, the Town Council voted unanimously to ban the use of pesticides on all town-owned properties and to encourage residents to do the same on their private property.

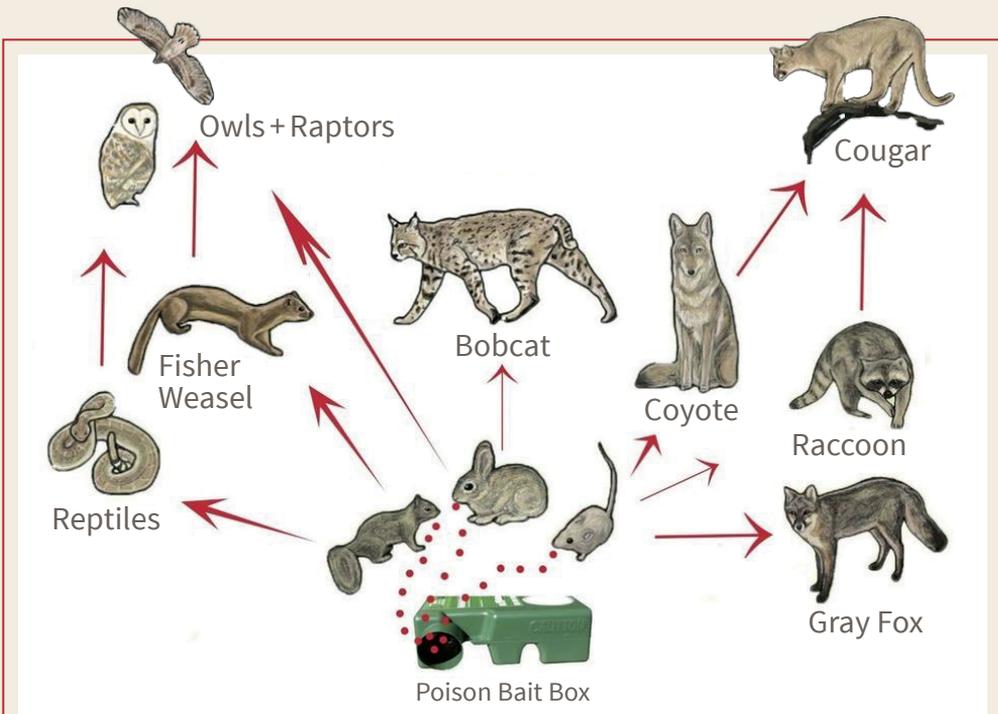
The decision was met with large scale praise from residents who already use pesticide-free approaches to pest management on their gardens and farms. Instead of relying on chemical pesticides, the Town of Woodside has championed a more holistic and sustainable approach to pest control commonly referred to as Earth Friendly Management. Earth Friendly Management promotes problem-solving for pest prevention and landscape enrichment strategies that lead to healthy soil, plant life, wildlife, and structure protection.

Practices like Integrated Pest Management (which emphasizes natural prevention, monitoring, and control of pests) and Organic Land Management are considered Earth Friendly Management if performed in the right way. The following principles are important elements in all such strategies and are practical alternatives to pesticide use.

REPEL: apply non-toxic repellants, such as garlic, castor oil, soap, or tabasco, to name a few examples. Traps can also be used to eradicate pests that cannot be repelled.

EXCLUDE: seal possible entryways — including roof and wall repairs — and ensure any wildlife attractants are removed and securely stored. Make sure garbage is stored in such a way that it doesn't attract pests.

The Town of Woodside is also encouraging residents to plant native plants that are naturally resistant to pests and insects. Native plants also provide habitat and food for local wildlife, which helps to maintain a healthy ecosystem.



All Things Are Connected

Rodent Poisons Are Passed Up the Food Chain

If you use a gardening, landscaping, or pest control service, please specify that poisons of any kind should not be an ingredient in the products used on your property. You can also provide them with a list of products containing pesticides from the Town of Woodside website (see below). Instead, you should request that eco- friendly and non-toxic pest control methods be utilized, including organic pest control products.

In conclusion, the Town of Woodside's decision to go pesticide-free is a testament to its commitment to environmental sustainability and public health. The Town's adoption of natural and organic pest control methods not only benefits its residents but also sets an example for other communities to follow.

The Town of Woodside is demonstrating that it is possible to maintain a healthy and beautiful landscape without relying on toxic pesticides. Please join the Town and others in the local community in saying no to the use of pesticides on your property and instead exploring natural alternatives! The Environment & Open Space Committee appreciates your support and rewards residents with wildlife-friendly landscaping through its Backyard Habitat program. If you already avoid pesticide use, keep some portions of your yard open for wildlife passage, and follow other earth friendly guidelines for landscape management. Apply to the Backyard Habitat program today!

For more information on pesticides and safer, environmentally friendly alternatives, please see the Town of Woodside Environment & Open Space Committee website:

[woodsidetown.org/bc-eoscsc/raticide-and-rodent-poison-alternatives](https://www.woodsidetown.org/bc-eoscsc/raticide-and-rodent-poison-alternatives)

TOWN PROJECTS SPOTLIGHT

GLENS PATH PHASE 2 AND PHASE 3 / CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction for the Glens Path Phase 2 and Phase 3 Project started in June 2023 and is scheduled for completion this Fall. This project will construct a 4-5' wide walking path along Glenwood Avenue from Canada Road to Ridge Court. The completion of this project along with the already completed Phase 1 project on Hillside Drive from Alta Mesa Road to Glenwood Avenue will provide a continuous path along Glenwood Avenue/Hillside Drive all the way from Canada Road to Alta Mesa Road.



WOODSIDE ROAD LANDSCAPED MEDIAN / PROJECT COMPLETE

In May 2023 the Town completed a project to landscape the large center medians on Woodside Road just west of I-280 across from the Park and Ride Lot. The design includes decorative permeable pavers and native, drought tolerant plants interspersed with natural boulders. Plants include manzanita, rockrose, coffeeberry and coastal gum. The project was originally conceived by the Woodside Landscape Committee with generous support from the Woodside Community Foundation.



KINGS MOUNTAIN ROAD EQUESTRIAN-PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPAIR / CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Kings Mountain Road Equestrian/Pedestrian Bridge was damaged by debris that was carried down West Union Creek during this past winter's storm season. The storms brought a major amount of downstream flow and associated woody debris that struck the bridge and damaged its structural integrity. A repair project commenced in June 2023 to repair the bridge. During the repair, additional damage was discovered. Once the current project is complete, the bridge will essentially have all-new structural wood and foundations. The project is currently scheduled for completion in September 2023.



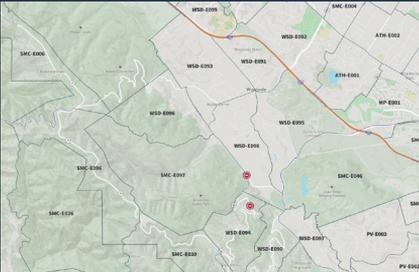
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FIND YOUR ZONE: type your address in the search bar or use your current location



Write down your zone and store it in a visible location inside your home.

STEP 2

Visit smcalert.info

REGISTER: with SMC Alert

Public officials use alerting systems to communicate messages to the community during emergencies.

Alert messaging may include advisories, shelter in place orders, evacuation warnings, or evacuation orders. Not only do we want to ensure community members have subscribed to receive these alerts, but we also want residents to understand what these alerts mean.

STEP 3

Download the Genasys mobile app to follow a zone.



Woodside Is Horse Country

Woodside has been horse country since our community was first settled, and the **Woodside-area Horse Owners Association (WHOA!)** is committed to keeping it horse country even as the local lifestyle, economy, and environment have changed through the years.

HORSES AND WOODSIDE

Horses are everywhere in Woodside: On the Town of Woodside trails that border our streets and traverse our hills. In simple backyard barns and large boarding stables. Loved by children and adults, new riders and lifelong horse lovers.

Today, horses hold a treasured place in the lives of many Woodsiders and fill a wide range of roles in local life. They are part of the family, recreation partner, athlete, therapist, business, and more. If that sounds like horses are still an integral part of Woodside today, that's because they are.

Early in Woodside's history, horses were used mainly for work: transportation, farming, logging, and ranching. Time passed, and new residents have been attracted to Woodside by its rural beauty and convenient access to San Francisco and Silicon Valley — but many new residents are also new to horses and the equestrian lifestyle.

WHOA! — WORKING TOGETHER

In 2004 a group of dedicated Woodside horse owners recognized this and began working together with a common goal: to ensure that the presence of the horse in Woodside and the surrounding San Mateo County communities would be recognized, protected, and promoted. Thus, WHOA!, the Woodside-area Horse Owners Association, was born.

Nineteen years later, WHOA! continues working toward that goal by welcoming new residents with equine-education gift baskets, organizing Woodside Day of the Horse, participating in Town events, and raising funds to donate to Town of Woodside trail expansion and maintenance, equestrian projects, programs, and scholarships.

WHOA!'s mission strongly aligns with The Town of Woodside General Plan, which clearly states that the town's equestrian heritage, lifestyle and facilities are recognized and supported as "unique and defining attributes."



October 13, 14, and 15, 2023

WOODSIDE Day of the Horse

Let it Be in 2023

THE 60'S & 70'S

WHOA! conceived **Woodside Day of the Horse** to celebrate the unique equestrian heritage of Woodside and the extraordinary contribution horses make to the quality of life throughout San Mateo County. Originally dedicated by the Town of Woodside for the second Saturday of October, it has expanded into three days of fun, family-oriented activities that include something for everyone.

Kick-Off Celebration and Youth Art Show begin Friday, October 13, 5 pm to 7 pm, at Sotheby's Woodside parking lot on Woodside Road. Live music by the Beatles cover band "Nigel and Clive and the British Invasion", delicious nibbles, and

thirst-quenching beverages will complement a Youth Art Show featuring artists age 18 and younger. Learn more at <https://whoa94062.org/woodside-art-of-the-horse/>.

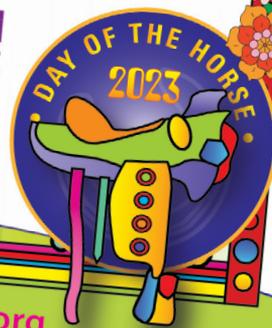
Trail Ride, Costume Contest, and After Party fill the day on Saturday, October 14. Riders costumed in the 60s and 70s

theme follow the official trail ride route on Town of Woodside Trails, and this year a new trail loop inside The Horse Park at Woodside has been added. The Horse Park at Woodside is also the location for the After Party from 3-6 pm, with music by "Nigel and Clive and the British Invasion", plus food, fun, the announcement of costume contest winners, and a demonstration by the talented Woodside Vaulters. Trail riders must register at <https://whoa94062.org/trail-ride/>.

Family Fun Horse Fair and Pony Rides highlight Sunday, October 15, at the parking lot at Woodside Town Hall. The young and young at heart can enjoy free equestrian exhibits, face painting, equine crafts, demonstrations by equine blacksmiths and veterinarians, vaulting demonstrations, live music, and more. Visit the Woodside Community Museum exhibition next door, and the pony rides offered just a short walk away at 3117 Woodside Road, next to the Firehouse. Visit <https://whoa94062.org/horse-fair/>.



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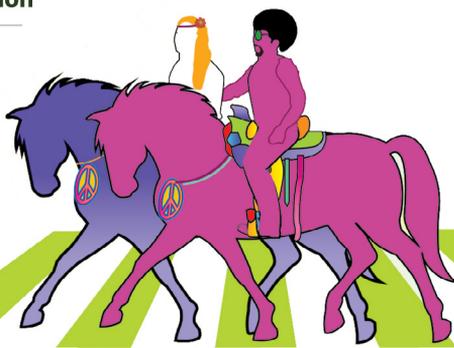
REGISTER TO RIDE & MORE EVENT DETAILS

www.whoa94062.org

WHOA! Woodside-area Horse Owners Association
WOODSIDE IS HORSE COUNTRY

ABOUT WHOA!

The Woodside-area Horse Owners Association (WHOA!) operates under the fiscal umbrella of the Woodside Community Foundation (WCF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, to ensure that the presence of the horse in Woodside and the surrounding San Mateo County communities is recognized, protected, and promoted. Find out more at whoa94062.org.



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

LIVESTOCK AND EQUESTRIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Melinda Stoker, member and former Chair



What is the primary purpose of your committee?

The Livestock and Equestrian Heritage Committee (LEHC) serves as a resource supporting Woodside's charter, its residents, the Planning and Building Department, and Town Council. LEHC provides critical information and best practices for keeping diverse livestock and enriching our exceptional rural lifestyle. The Committee develops helpful guidelines for existing and new construction of barns and paddocks and conducts barn inspections that are required for obtaining stable permits. It also hosts educational events that present opportunities to participate in a plethora of horse and livestock organizations, clubs, and activities that are unique to this area.

What is an exciting project your committee has worked on recently?

Following the devastating fires of 2021/22, LEHC produced and distributed guidelines and protocols for evacuating livestock, including emergency preparedness packets for all barn owners, managers, borders, and trainers including management at the Woodside Horse Park. Materials include:

- Planning guidelines and checklists, including go-bag packing list.
- Laminated horse/livestock owner identification written in both English and Spanish.
- Durable signs for property entrances to identify stables in case of an emergency evacuation.

We also conducted inspections and Q&A sessions on fire/flood/hazard preparedness and prevention at private residences and the National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy.

LEHC collaborated with the San Mateo County Large Animal Evacuation Group (SMCLAEG) to host a live /recorded training event to educate livestock owners and community members on preparedness, evacuation procedures, and the availability of further training through SMCLAEG.

What is a project that your committee is looking forward to working on in the future?

Safety remains a top priority of the LEHC. A new project we started is to identify and help prevent obstacles that may pose dangers to pedestrians and equestrians on a range of multi-use and equestrian trails. Examples include construction debris and illegally parked vehicles on the Town trails. We are developing educational materials to distribute via the Building Department to construction companies and residents.

How would you describe the ideal committee member?

We welcome members who are passionate about Woodside's wonderful rural lifestyle and the many opportunities it enables. LEHC members currently include private and commercial stable owners/ managers, equine veterinarians, and equestrians with knowledge and expertise on a wide range of animal husbandry best practices (raising, breeding, and showing horses, goats, sheep, chickens, and more!)



For more information, please visit www.woodsidetown.org/bc-lehc



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STORM DRAINAGE / CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER



Driveway culverts (pipes running directly under driveways) that are typically located within the public right of way are the responsibility of property owners because they were installed

by the owners for the construction of the driveway. We recommend all residents take some time to inspect the drainage systems on their property. Identify where runoff exits the property in advance of the storm season so that any necessary actions can be identified ahead of time. Ensure that any vegetation, silt, or other debris that is blocking or could block drainage channels and pipes is cleared prior to the rainy season.

Storm drainage maintenance should be done prior to the rainy season and then as-needed throughout the season. Especially in rural, forested areas like Woodside, a significant

amount of silt and vegetation is carried into storm drain systems by storm runoff, especially early in the storm season. It is important to reinspect and clear drainage systems during and after storms to clear any blockages created by the debris.

In addition to storm drainage maintenance sometimes it is necessary to place sandbags around property to prevent or reduce the impact of flooding. The Town provides free sandbags for Town residents and businesses at the sandbag station located in front of Town Hall. The station is self-service and includes sand, bags, shovels, and a filling bench.

If you have any questions about storm drainage on your property or in the public right of way, you can contact Town Hall at 650-851-6790, or submit service requests or inquiries for drainage concerns in the public right of way at the Town's Contact Us page at: woodsidetown.org/contact.

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

Invites Applications for Architectural and Site Review Board

This appointment is for a vacant seat expiring February 2027

The Architectural and Site Review Board reviews and makes recommendations to the Planning Director on certain residential and commercial projects as they relate to the community character, site planning, building design, and landscape elements outlined in the Municipal Code and Residential Design Guidelines.

Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Interested residents may request information and applications from the Town Clerk, Jennifer Li, by e-mailing jli@woodsidetown.org.



COVER PHOTO /
New Town PHEV fleet
vehicle charging in front
of Town Hall.

by Eddie Castellanos