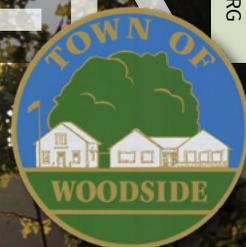


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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Welcome

It has now been nearly a year since our lives were changed forever by the arrival and response to the coronavirus. Given the history of the development of vaccines, it is remarkable that vaccinations are now occurring in San Mateo County and around the world. It is a testament to the remarkable time that we live in.

As I write this, the vaccination roll-out is extremely dynamic. The best single source of local information will be the San Mateo County Health Department at <https://www.smchealth.org/covidvaccine>. I am hopeful that by the time I am writing a message for the next *Woodsider* everyone will have been vaccinated.

Like you, the Town has carried on with critical work. To my pleasant surprise, we continue to see properties in Town changing hands and people making improvements large and small to their homes. This has kept development staff busy, and these projects will contribute to the steady improvement of the Town's building stock.

In this issue you will read about the completion of the Old La Honda Road Bridge Replacement Project. This was the Town bridge that was in most need of repair, and the Town got it finished before the rains started to fall. Also highlighted are upcoming projects that will add a couple of parking spaces at the Library, improve bicycle safety on Kings Mountain Road,

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KNOW YOUR ZONE

Zonehaven is the first public safety platform focused on evacuation management. The platform will integrate with Woodside's existing notification and incident command tools so residents will get immediate notification of evacuations and can check the status of their area zone. The lookup tool is a color-coded interactive map you can use to determine the evacuation zone where you live, work, or are visiting based upon your street address.

Zonehaven is becoming the regional evacuation management platform for the Bay Area, providing first responders across the regions with a consistent approach to evacuation planning and management.

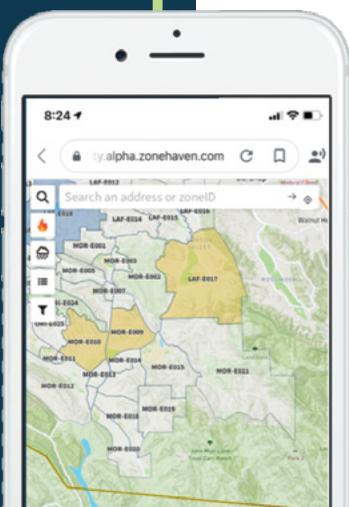
By knowing your Zone, you can help streamline the evacuation process by supporting personal readiness for hazardous weather events. In addition to helping you avoid unnecessary evacuation travel, this tool can also ease overcrowding at local shelters and increase public safety.

Evacuations are only called for when the lives and safety of those in the area being evacuated will be at risk. Once an evacuation has been called, gather your belongings (including your emergency supply kit) and leave as soon as possible for your personal safety. If time allows, secure your home by locking doors and windows. By following evacuation orders, you are protecting both yourself and first responders.

Our district's emergency preparedness program, WPV-Ready, hopes every resident will sign up for their online resources, at <https://WPV-Ready.org/Contact/Social>. Especially important are the "groups.io" discussions and the email sign-up list. Also, be sure you and your family are signed up on <http://SMCAAlert.info>. This is the primary method our Fire Department (WFPD) uses for Emergency Notifications.

Find Your **Zone**

- 1 Go to **community.zonehaven.com**
- 2 **Enter your address** into the search bar
- 3 Find your zone in the pop-up window and **write it down**



COLOR-CODED EVACUATION STATUS

RED There is an immediate threat to life. This is an evacuation order to leave immediately, and the area is closed to public access.

YELLOW Potential threat to life/property. Those who require additional time to evacuate (pets and livestock) should leave immediately.

BLUE Precautionary notice to stay aware and be prepared.

GREEN Clear to repopulate. Be aware of your surroundings and go through your Returning Home Checklist.

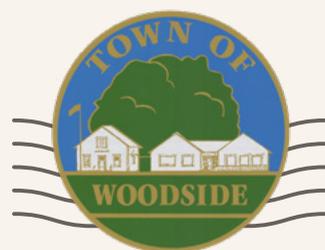
PURPLE Shelter-in-Place, lock all windows and doors, prepare to self-sustain until further notice by emergency personnel.

CLEAR Normal. No current knowledge of threats affecting the area and carry on with normal activity.

Stay one step **ahead,**
with **Zonehaven** myzone.zonehaven.com

PLANNING COMMISSION SPOTLIGHT

The Town of Woodside Invites You to Apply for Appointment as Planning Commissioner to Serve Your Community



This Appointment is for the Vacant District 4 Seat Expiring Feb. 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Friday, April 2, 2021,
by 5:00 p.m.

INTERVIEW AND APPOINTMENT BY TOWN COUNCIL:
Tuesday, April 13, 2021,
7:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission participates in the administration of the planning laws and policies of the Town. It is responsible for recommending to the Town Council ordinances and resolutions necessary to implement the General Plan and adopted development policy. The Commission also conducts necessary public hearings to administer the planning laws and policies of the Town and acts upon applications for zoning amendments, conditional use permits, variances, subdivisions, and other related functions as may be assigned by the Council.

During COVID-19, the Planning Commission meets virtually on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Interested residents are encouraged to check residency requirements, request information, and submit applications to the Town Clerk, Jennifer Li, by emailing jli@woodsidetown.org.

Neighborhood 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.



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.

If you have any questions, please email Dan Dempsey: ddempsey@woodsidefire.org.

2021 CHIPPER PROGRAM DATES

Woodside South	May 17, 2021	Old La Honda, Skyline	May 24, 2021
Family Farm	June 1, 2021	Cañada East	June 7, 2021
Woodside Glens	July 12, 2021	Skywood – Bear Gulch, Rapley Trail	July 19, 2021
Emerald Hills	August 2, 2021	Woodside West & North	August 9, 2021
Woodside Hills	August 30, 2021	Woodside Heights	September 20, 2021
Old La Honda, Skyline	September 27, 2021	Woodside West & North	October 11, 2021

Please look online for specific street names at: <https://www.woodsidefire.org/prevention/chipper-program>



TOWN PROJECTS SPOTLIGHT

COMPLETED AND UPCOMING PROJECTS SPOTLIGHT

OLD LA HONDA ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

This project replaced the existing bridge by installing an 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe culvert and headwalls below the existing bridge deck and backfilling with concrete around the culvert. All improvements were performed within the footprint of the existing bridge and within the existing public right-of-way. The original decorative barriers were preserved. The old bridge had significant deterioration which had previously required load restrictions and other restrictive traffic measures. Construction was completed from June 2020 to November 2020.



/ Old La Honda Road bridge during construction



/ Old La Honda Road bridge after construction

LIBRARY PARKING LOT EXPANSION

Prior to the COVID-19 shelter in place orders, staff heard concerns from many Library patrons and residents that parking at the Library is difficult to find. Staff conducted a parking demand survey of the Library lot which found an overall space availability of 21% in the mornings, and 50% of the time there were no spaces available. The existing path and surrounding medians on the west side of the parking lot will be removed to accommodate two spaces, and a new path will be built. Construction is anticipated to commence in summer 2021.



/ Woodside Library existing pathway location

KINGS MOUNTAIN ROAD BIKE PULLOUTS AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

The project will address the Town's portion of Kings Mountain Road from Entrance Way up to near the entrance of Huddart Park. The project will add high visibility striping and signage and construct a total of seven 5' bike pullouts in the uphill direction. The project would also micro seal and restripe approximately 2,700' of the roadway to refresh the striping and roughen the pavement for increased traction. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring or summer 2021.



/ Future bike pullout area near Entrance Way



/ Future bike pullout area near San Mateo County border



WUNDERLICH PARK EQUESTRIAN CROSSING

High visibility striping, signage, and stenciling of the equestrian crossing between the Boone Equestrian Trail and Wunderlich Park will be installed in spring 2021 to enhance safety for equestrians and also reduce vehicle speeds in the area.



/ Facing south on Highway 84 at Wunderlich Park



/ Equestrian crossing striping location on Highway 84

WOODSIDE HISTORY COMMITTEE

Covid-19 Stories

HOW DID THE PANDEMIC IMPACT YOU & YOUR FAMILY?



The Woodside History Committee is creating a collection to document life in Woodside during the current COVID-19 pandemic. We will be assembling an archive in the Woodside Community Museum to preserve this extraordinary crisis and how it has affected our residents in town. Let us know how the pandemic impacted you and your family, both in good ways and bad, as well as any interesting experiences you had during this period.

Please tell us your stories in 500 words or less. If you wish to remain anonymous, please indicate that on your submissions.

Send your stories to Woodside History
woodsidehistory@woodsidetown.org



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

BOB MULLEN*Woodside History Committee***How long have you been a Woodside resident?**

55 years.

Which Committee(s) have you served on?**Please describe a highlight of your volunteer experience.**

History Committee for over 20 years. I was also active on the committee for the Town incorporation in 1956.

What do you enjoy outside of volunteering for the Town?

Woodside Vineyards has been my passion. Nearly 57 years ago, we started on Kings Mountain Road, where we also had our home. Although the winery moved to Menlo Park 10 years ago, we continue to care for about 25 local vineyards and produce excellent wines.

Please share a favorite memory while living in Woodside.

Many of my favorite memories revolve around the Woodside Village Church. It was the center of the Town social activity and the foundation for many lifelong friendships. Overseeing the design and construction of the “new” sanctuary in 1958-60 and the remodel of the Chapel in 1990 were highlights for me.

What advice would you give to a new Woodside resident?

I would suggest newcomers learn about the history of our Town and the area. Then, become involved in one of the many volunteer committees. This is a beautiful and special place to live. Check out the Woodside History Museum and the current exhibit on vineyards and wine. Also try some Woodside Vineyards wine from Robert’s Market which has carried it for 50 years.



Top picture: Toast to Chardonnay. Bottom pictures from left to right: Working in the vineyard and Harvesting Cabernet grapes in the 137 year old La Questa Vineyard.



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and improve safety in the vicinity of Wunderlich Park. The Town will also be installing two electric vehicle chargers at Town Hall for those of you looking for other charging options.

This issue also has information intended to get everyone ready for fire season. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with what Zonehaven has to offer. During the CZU Lightning fires last August, the platform got an unscheduled test. It is now an important tool that will be used by first responders and all the fire agencies within San Mateo County.

Related to having a more prepared community, please take advantage of the annual chipper program, sponsored by the Towns of Woodside and Portola Valley and the Woodside Fire Protection District. This is one of many ways that we work together to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire. This year’s schedule for Woodside neighborhoods is included.

In each issue of the *Woodsider*, we spotlight a volunteer. This is an opportunity to recognize those that have given their valuable time to help govern the Town. I am delighted that this time we are recognizing someone who was active in the very founding of the Town in 1956. He is the living embodiment of a proverb that I have hanging in my office: “The Past is the Future of the Present.”

After the challenges of 2020, I am optimistic about what 2021 and the years ahead will bring. Woodside is an extraordinary community. I am confident that its best days are ahead.

Stay safe,

Kevin Bryant
Town Manager



COVER PHOTO
Vineyard Sunrise
by Mark Leet