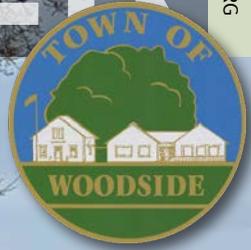


NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF WOODSIDE

WOODSIDER



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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Welcome

I am not the first, and will not be the last, to observe how unprecedented and challenging 2020 has been. The arrival of COVID-19 and the first Shelter-in-Place Orders in March made everything that followed more difficult. At Town Hall, the staff quickly transitioned to a remote work model that we are still employing today. As indicated in this newsletter, the staff is still doing the work of the Town and remains available to help. While we are at a variety of remote locations, the best way to reach us is via email.

Like most of our neighboring cities, the Town Council has made some accommodation to the changed circumstances that are a result of COVID-19. The most visible result of those accommodations are the restaurants who are offering outdoor dining. The Town Council has been supportive of the efforts of businesses to adapt to COVID-19, including loosening regulations that would prevent alternative ways to conduct business and providing financial support directly and through SMC Strong.

The Town also continues to provide its core services, including the permitting of private construction and the maintenance of Town facilities. In addition to supporting private construction through building plan review and inspection, which has continued through the coronavirus crisis,

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THE 4-H CLUB PLEDGE

"I pledge My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service and My Health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

Woodside kids share favorite 4-H experiences that build life skills.

Since many camps and sports are cancelled this summer to minimize the spread of Covid-19, families are looking for safe and fun activities for their children that also helps them develop confidence, discipline, teamwork, and leadership skills.

The Cañada / Redwood City 4-H club has provided these opportunities to Woodside families for decades. Members can join "projects" to learn archery, cooking, gardening, painting, photography or raising and showing animals including chickens, rabbits, sheep, goats, and pigs.

I chatted with two Woodside families about what they enjoy most about their 4-H experiences.

COOK BOYS LEARN IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS WHILE HAVING FUN. Nancy Cook grew up in Woodside and participated in a thriving 4-H club 40 years ago. For the past six years her three sons, Warren, 16, Nolan, 15, and Blair, 13, have been Cañada / Redwood City 4-H club members.

"Raising animals is the best part of the experience," Warren said enthusiastically. "The market chickens grow so fast...it's astonishing to see how quickly they go from a dollar chick to a big, nice looking animal that is ready for the fair. Showing an animal that I raised myself is amazing; preparing the animal for judging by washing and blow drying them was fun." After raising chickens and rabbits, the Cooks progressed to lambs and pigs.

DEVELOPING DISCIPLINE, RESPONSIBILITY, TEAMWORK AND MONEY MANAGEMENT. "We wake up in the morning and feed before school. The animals receive care two or three times a day and they love the attention. We use our own money to buy food, keep receipts, and divide everything by three to keep track of our expenses."

"We built a small arena to practice showing and let them get exercise. When Orchard Supply Hardware closed, we researched how to make animal pens out of pallets. We picked up a bunch of used pallets for free and then figured out what else we needed. It was about problem solving and teamwork because you could not do it with just one person."



Left to right: Nolan, Blair, and Warren Cook with their lambs at the San Mateo County Fair.

This year Warren was elected to serve as President and Nolan will serve as Vice President of the club. When asked about what they learn from being officers, Nolan replied: "Writing a newsletter, presenting to the whole club; public speaking builds the confidence to speak with other people."

Warren chimed in: "4-H teaches you life skills and street smarts. 4-H builds your self-esteem and helps you do the things you want to do, like:

- Communicating well and sharing ideas
- Being a role model and teaching the younger kids
- Working with adults through meetings and emails
- Attending county council meetings
- Being creative and your best self "

Blair, the youngest Cook brother joined 4-H as a primary member at age 7. Younger kids can be a part of 4-H with their older siblings to learn, grow, and hold officer positions such as Supply Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Community Service Officer. Blair has enjoyed the responsibility of raising animals and has been an award winner at the County Fair.



ANOTHER WOODSIDE RESIDENT, MAX MADER, 16, got involved in 4-H after he was intrigued seeing kids showing their animals at the County Fair. He took his first lamb to the 2016 San Mateo County Fair when he was in 5th grade at Woodside School.

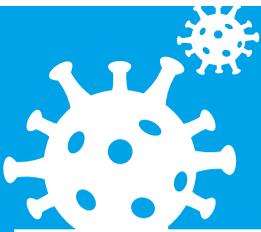
WHAT DID HE LIKE THE MOST ABOUT 4-H? “We learned a lot when we visited different breeders so we understood how to evaluate what we wanted. My favorite part was grooming and clipping the lambs. I liked helping other kids with ‘fitting’ their lambs, and I made a lot of friends. The adrenaline is flowing because the lambs look really good when you get them ready to show.”

WHAT DID MAX LEARN FROM HIS 4-H EXPERIENCE? “I hold myself accountable. I raised the animals by myself. There are no days off. You are on duty twice a day, every day. You have to make sure they are well fed, cared for, and looking good. The first year, I saw one of my club members win and was inspired. I wanted to work hard to achieve that goal. I didn’t want to just raise an animal, I wanted to do well. Even if the Fair seems far away, you must stick with it. At the Fair, it’s their rules and you have to abide by them. The second year, my work paid off and I was fortunate enough to win.”

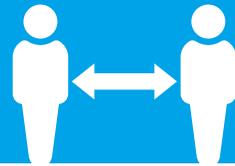
WHICH DID HE PREFER— SHEEP OR PIGS? “Sheep are more high-strung. I like pigs because they seem more relaxed. You can give them treats like marshmallows and rub their bellies — they enjoy it a lot.”

WHAT SKILLS AND BENEFITS DID MAX GAIN? “I learned to write letters to market myself and get buyers for the auction. I also developed confidence when showing my animal in the ring and learned life skills like teamwork, holding myself accountable, managing money, and making new friends.”

There are 6.5 million 4-H members, ages 5 to 21, across the U.S. For information about our local Canada / Redwood City 4-H club, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/rwc-canada4-h>



Ways to Contact the Town during COVID-19



TOWN HALL IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

To meet the requirements for social distancing, Town Hall is open by appointment only with limited staff availability. Most of Town staff are working remotely, or alternating shifts, and email is the best way to reach Town staff.

To view the staff directory or submit a Request for Service, please visit: <https://www.woodsidetown.org/contact>. Common service requests include fallen trees or debris blocking the road, fire safety concerns, and areas in need of attention in the Town’s limits.

You can also email the Town’s general inbox, townhall@woodside.town.org, to be routed to the appropriate staff person.

TOWN COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION, ASRB, AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings of the Town Council, Planning Commission, ASRB, and Town Citizen Advisory Committees are being held by teleconference subject to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, allowing for deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act. The purpose of this is to provide the safest environment for staff and the public while allowing for public participation. Posted agendas will include information about how to join and participate in the teleconference 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Posting boards are located at: the Woodside Library, Robert’s Market, the Post Office, and Town Hall. Please also check upcoming meetings online at: <https://www.woodsidetown.org/calendar>.

SCHEDULING BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Due to the high volume of inspections, you will need to request your inspection 72 hours in advance. Inspections can be scheduled by calling (650) 851-6796.

Please have the property address, permit number, and type of inspection ready. There shall be only one person who will walk with the building inspector. If the building inspector arrives on site and the required safety protocols are not being followed, your inspection will be cancelled, and you will need to reschedule the inspection once the job site follows the required safety protocols.



TOWN PROJECTS SPOTLIGHT

HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR FIRE PREVENTION

BLUE RIDGE LANE EUCALYPTUS REMOVAL

In 2018, the Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) and Town staff identified trees throughout the Town of Woodside within the public right of way and on Town properties that pose a high fire danger. A total of 22 eucalyptus trees were located on Blue Ridge Lane. These trees were directly adjacent to and over power lines running along the road. This project consisted of removing the trees and grinding the stumps to ground level. The work to remove these trees was conducted from May to June.



JOAN OLSON NATURE PRESERVE DEFENSIBLE SPACE

In addition to hazardous tree removal, at the recommendation of the Woodside Fire Protection District a 100' defensible space perimeter around the 6.8-acre Joan Olson Nature Preserve near the Glens neighborhood was created. The perimeter of the Preserve is approximately 2,500' long. This project consisted of removing ladder fuels, raising tree limbs, and removing dead wood and brush within the defensible space perimeter. The work for this project was conducted from late June to August.



2020 ROAD REHABILITATION

This project consisted of repaving approximately four miles of Town roads, including all of Mountain Home Road, Old La Honda Road from Martinez Road to the Town's limit near Skyline Blvd, Kings Mountain Road from Woodside Road to Manuella Ave and Portola Road from north Family Farm Road to the Town's limit with Portola Valley. Approximately 2.3 miles of roads were paved with micro surfacing material and 1.5 miles of road were with hot mix asphalt. This project was conducted from July to August.



BARKLEY FIELD INFIELD RENOVATION

The baseball infield grass, pitcher's mound and infield dirt at Barkley Park suffered from damage due in part to sprinkler irrigation issues. The scope of work for this project consisted of rebuilding the infield irrigation system, mixing infield material with fresh mix, reconstructing the pitcher's mound with new clay, and installing new Ball Park blend turfgrass. The Barkley Park infield renovation was conducted from June to August.



Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

RELAXED REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

BENEFITS OF ADUS Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), commonly known as “granny units”, are encouraged by the Town of Woodside. ADUs create valuable housing opportunities, e.g., housing for domestic helpers and health care aides, aging parents, and adult children; and rental stock. In Woodside, ADUs count as affordable units towards the Town’s allocated share of the region’s total housing needs. Woodside has been successful in meeting its affordable housing needs through the development of ADUs in all of its residential districts. From 2015 to 2019 (i.e., during the current, State-certified Housing Element cycle of 2015-2023), 47 ADUs were constructed in Town. This year (2020) to date, 5 building permit applications have been submitted for ADUs; and more are currently preparing plans for submittal.

2020 RELAXED REGULATIONS In 2019, the California Legislature passed several bills — specifically Assembly Bill 68, Assembly Bill 881, and Senate Bill 13 — which relaxed the regulation of ADUs. These bills, which went into effect January 1, 2020, require local agencies to permit up to one ADU and one Junior ADU per lot, subject to specific restrictions. One of the most significant provisions of these new State laws is the prohibition of regulations that would preclude an ADU of at least 800 square feet, which is 16 feet in height, and with 4-foot side and rear setbacks. The Woodside ADU Ordinance has been updated (Woodside Municipal Code Section 153.211) to comply with State law, and can be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/32uwBpa>

WHAT IS AN ADU? An ADU is an attached or detached residential dwelling unit which provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons; and includes a kitchen and permanent provisions for living, sleeping, and sanitation on the same parcel as the single-family dwelling.

WHAT IS A JUNIOR ADU? A Junior ADU is an ADU that is no more than 500 square feet in size, is contained entirely within an existing or proposed main dwelling, includes an efficiency kitchen, has a separate exterior entry from the main dwelling, and maintains an interior connection to the main living dwelling.

ATTRIBUTES OF ADUS All ADUs in Woodside must have a permanent foundation and permanent utilities and are approved via a Building Permit only. ADUs can be attached to the main dwelling, detached, above a garage, in a basement (with proper egress), or within a barn. ADUs can also be created by converting an existing garage. One parking space is required for ADUs with one or more bedrooms (unless a parking waiver applies), and no parking is required for studio ADUs. ADUs can be up to 1,500 square feet. ADUs can also be rented for not less than 30 days.

NUMBER OF ADUS ALLOWED

The following chart lists the number of ADUs allowed by parcel size and zone district:

Parcel Size or Zoning:	Number of ADUs Allowed:
Equal to, or greater than, 1.5 acres	A maximum of two, whether attached or detached.
Equal to, or greater than, 1.0 acre; but less than 1.5 acres	A maximum of one detached and one attached.
Less than 1.0 acre	No more than one, whether attached or detached, and one Junior ADU.
In the R-1 District	No more than one, whether attached or detached, and one Junior ADU.

GET HELP PLANNING YOUR ADU! Please contact a staff planner to get help planning your ADU, or to answer any questions that you may have. In order to streamline the management of the increased interest in and inquiries regarding ADUs, please contact the staff planner assigned to your district, who can help you from initial inquiry through permitting:

- Districts 1 & 7: Sage Schaan, at sschaan@woodsidgetown.org
- Districts 2, 3 and 4: Joseph Balatbat, at jbalatbat@woodsidgetown.org
- Districts 5 & 6: Sarah Filipe, at sfilipe@woodsidgetown.org

If you do not know your district, please refer to the Woodside Town Council Districts map, at: <https://bit.ly/3khZQBH>

We look forward to helping you plan and permit an ADU!!

It's Election Season!
Are you registered to vote? Do you know how and where to vote this year?

1 REGISTER:

- Register to vote or update your registration at: www.registertovote.ca.gov
- Already registered? Check it to make sure it is up-to-date here: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>
- Last day to register is October 19 and ballots are mailed beginning October 5. Register/Check your Registration before October 5 to ensure your vote counts.



2 TRACK BALLOT:

- Sign up for ballot tracking at: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

This lets you know when your ballot is mailed, received by the County, and counted!



3 SUBMIT BALLOT:

- Vote-by-Mail with the pre-paid postage envelope; or
- Drop off at the outdoor drop box located in the upper parking lot of Town Hall; or
- Vote at the Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road, October 31 - November 2 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and November 3 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Look for this 24/7 outdoor ballot drop box.



Find out more at: <https://www.smcacre.org/smcvote>

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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*Emergency Preparedness Committee &
Arts and Culture Committee*

How long have you been a Woodside resident?

I have lived in Woodside for 35 years.

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

I joined the newly formed Woodside Arts and Culture Committee since I am very devoted to the arts. When the Emergency Preparedness Committee was created that seemed like a perfect way to use my medical training to promote safety in our community. Highlights of Woodside Arts and Culture: a terrific group of people all contributing to the evolution of First Friday. Best moment, when we were packed to capacity and overflowed outdoors. Emergency Preparedness Committee involvement evolved into becoming more active in CERPP (now WPV- Ready and WPV-Cert) which has resuscitated and elevated emergency preparedness in Woodside. Under the marvelous cheer-leader and innovator Selena Brown of WFPD, our town is much better prepared to deal with the eventuality of an earthquake or fire which could threaten us all. Be prepared and don't be scared.

What do you enjoy outside of volunteering for the Town?

For twenty plus years my work was all consuming, and it was a great and rewarding experience, however it left little time for other things. Once I started working part time I started art classes with my daughter, worked at Menlo School as a chorus and drama "mom", worked on the birth of the Village Hub, and had time to be present for my daughter's evolution into a classical singer and performer. Several years ago, I initiated the Woodside Plein Air Painters and have hugely enjoyed the camaraderie of this talented group of artists. And don't forget the wonderful Horse Park and the joy of walking with our dogs there.

Please share a favorite memory while living in Woodside.

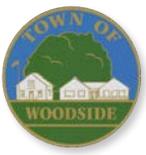
Bringing music to Woodside at the First Friday evenings and the Village Hub. Especially wonderful was continuing the tradition started at the Little Store by Paula Picchi of an Opera Evening. When Pauline passed away we decided to continue the tradition at the Village Hub which we named Verdi in the Village. Having it be a sold out event for several years made me smile.

What advice would you give to a new Woodside resident?

Woodside is a place that allows one to isolate themselves from neighbors since parcels are large. Take advantage of what this town has to offer, what wonderful neighbors you have, and become part of a community. We all need each other, and this is a town filled with a fabulous array of people.



Top picture: The Silicon Valley Humane Society's Fur Ball. Bottom left: A plein air painting of Fogarty's Winery. Bottom right: Arts and Culture Committee's Woodside Plein Air Show.



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the Town has also continued to work on projects that are critical for maintaining public safety and infrastructure. Inside this edition of The Woodsider are photos of two of the Town’s more recent fire fuel reduction projects — creating defensible space in the Joan Olson Preserve and the removal of a stand of eucalyptus trees on Blue Ridge Lane. The current reconstruction of the Old La Honda Road bridge over Dennis Martin Creek near Portola Road will ensure that the critical link in the Town’s road network will remain accessible.

Like all of you, I look forward to a time when COVID-19 is behind us and the simple rituals of community life return —stopping for a quick conversation at Robert’s Market, lingering after dropping the kids off at school, or getting together with your friends to enjoy the amazing natural setting that we are fortunate to have here. The Town’s Arts & Culture Committee looks forward to having you come to a live, in-person First Friday event, instead of the virtual events they are currently hosting.

In the meantime, stay healthy, everyone.

Kevin Bryant
Town Manager



COVER PHOTO
Two horses
by Mark Leet.