

WESTWOOD PARK ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Fall of 2014



September 13, 11AM – 1PM, Faxon Green

Westwood Park Annual Meeting and Picnic

by Kate Favetti, President,
Westwood Park Association



WESTWOOD PARK PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS—COME ONE, COME ALL! The Westwood Park Association Annual Meeting and Picnic is on! In years past we have practically guaranteed sunny picnic weather. This year, we hope that rain—and plenty of it—comes after our Annual Meeting and Picnic!

Come and meet your neighbors and get updates on: issues affecting our neighborhood, the Westwood Park budget and financial condition, our Centennial Committee, new developments on Ocean Avenue, and other concerns affecting the Park.

We will have reports from board members and time for questions and answers. District 7 Supervisor and good neighbor, Norman Yee, will be making remarks. Kathy Beitiks will switch her hat from board secretary to

WPA historian and Centennial Committee Chair to speak on the planning for this exciting event in 2017.

Our long term board member, the wonderful Greg Clinton, has decided to move on to other pursuits and is not running this year. We will miss him terribly, but he has signed onto our Centennial Committee so he will not be far! Margaret Reed will be on hand to tally the votes for candidates to fill his term and announce the newest board member (*see ballot on page 3*).

A drawing for the 2015 volunteer City College of San Francisco Wellness Center Coordinator will be held. Christopher Campbell has been serving as the 2014 CCSF Wellness Center Coordinator volunteer and we thank him for wonderful service.

Following the meeting, enjoy delicious deli sandwiches, chips, soft drinks and cookies. Chairs for adults will be provided, as well as a table and chairs for art activities for children over the age of two. (We thank board member Caryl Ito for her generous donation of art materials.) Climb aboard a fire engine and talk to firefighters who will be on hand to greet residents. And say hello to a working police horse from the San Francisco Mounted Patrol.

The Annual Meeting is fun, informative and a great way to meet your neighbors. We look forward to seeing you there! ❖

Note: Northwood Drive between Pizarro Way and Faxon Avenue, adjacent to the Faxon Green, will be closed to traffic for this event.

Cannabis Clinic “Clustering” on Ocean?

by Caryl Ito

MEMBERS OF THE Westwood Park Association board have contacted city officials about the potential existence of three Medical Cannabis Dispensaries (MCDs) on Ocean Avenue, pointing out that two existing clinics adequately meet the needs of local patients.

Along with other neighboring homeowner associations from Balboa Terrace, Ingleside, OMI, and the Ocean Avenue Association, the board stated that it supports the revitalization of the Ocean Avenue Commercial District with a balance of small and large businesses that serve the needs of the neighborhood.

The Bay Area Compassionate Health Center (BACH) has applied for a permit to open a third clinic (MCD) at 1423 Ocean Avenue, a block away from the Waterfall Wellness MCD at 1545 Ocean Avenue. Another clinic, Ocean Cooperative, is located at 1944 Ocean Avenue.

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2017 Centennial Celebration

Help the WPA build up its archive of historic memorabilia for our Centennial Celebration in 2017. Do you know anyone with vintage family pictures of Westwood Park? Maybe some ephemera, advertisements, maps, coins, etc.? We would love to borrow items for display during our 100th anniversary. Call the WPA at 415-333-1125, or send an email to: board@westwoodpark.com.

Email List Subscription

Westwood Park residents are invited to subscribe to the neighborhood's email list to receive periodic WPA-related announcements. To subscribe, send an email to webmaster@westwoodpark.com



Safeway Remodel Plans Move Forward

After years of working on the proposed remodel of the Safeway at 625 Monterey Blvd, store officials and neighborhood residents are hopeful that final plans will be before the San Francisco Planning Commission in September.

If the plans are approved, Richard Goldman of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association (SNA) says the store could be closed for a year beginning in March 2015, with a re-opening in Spring 2016. Goldman has been acting as the neighborhood's representative, working with Safeway officials, city officials and District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee's staff.

It has been a long seven years, says Goldman, and the current plans reflect the work all parties have done to make the project fit the neighborhood. Updated architectural and renovation details can be viewed on the project's website: sunnysidesafewaysf.com



The new brick building will expand to the current street level parking lot, with the new parking lot located above the store. It is expected the store will include a bakery, deli section, full service meat and seafood, enhanced produce (including organics) and a pharmacy.

Neighborhood residents are encouraged to view the project plans and submit comments to the Planning Commission when a hearing date is set. To receive the latest updates about the project, sign up for the SNA blog. You do not need to be a member of the SNA to receive the email newsletter: sunnysideassociation.org/. ❖

For Your SAFETy . . .

Neighborhood Crime Watch Groups

by Anita Theoharis



As many of you may already know, neighborhoods throughout San Francisco, including the west side, have experienced a recent increase in car and home break-ins.

This type of activity is cyclical and although our neighborhood is relatively safe, Westwood Park residents have reported a recent increase in these sorts of crimes.

If we want to prevent potential crimes in our neighborhood, residents need to get involved.

One great way to do this is to set up neighborhood watch groups through San Francisco SAFE (Safety Awareness For Everyone). SAFE is a nonprofit community crime prevention organization that works in cooperation with the San Francisco Police Department to help the city's residents protect themselves from becoming victims.

SAFE empowers neighbors to learn how to protect themselves, their families and

their property. Neighbors become involved with crime prevention and reduction on their block by getting to know each other, keeping an eye out for one another and reporting suspicious activities to the police.

SAFE is a wonderful resource and guide for neighbors to organize on their block. A SAFE representative will meet with your neighbors and provide advice on how to set up a SAFE group on your block.

If you are interested in organizing your block or want to learn more about SAFE, call 415-553-1984 or visit www.sf-safe.org.

Thanks to our neighbors on the 100 block of Westwood Drive and Pizarro Way, who have recently organized a neighborhood watch group. It's a great way to meet neighbors and work together to keep our special neighborhood safe.

Contact the WPA (board@westwoodpark.com) and let us know if you and your neighbors are organizing a neighborhood watch group as part of our ongoing efforts to keep Westwood Park safe and beautiful. ❖

Cannabis Clinics on Ocean? continued from front page

In addition to its permit application to open a new clinic on Ocean Avenue, BACH has appealed the reissuance of a Department of Public Health operating permit to Waterfall Wellness, which is now under new operators. That Board of Permit Appeals hearing was recently continued to October 29.

The permit appeal decision will have a direct impact upon BACH's application to operate, due to legislation recently authored by District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee.

In response to many concerns expressed by neighboring organizations, Sup. Yee sponsored legislation to require clinics to be 500 feet from each other to prevent another clinic from opening just a block away. This new legislation, now in effect, amended the City Planning Code for the Ocean Avenue Commercial District.

Because of its proximity to Waterfall Wellness, the BACH clinic applicant would be required to file for a "conditional use"

permit to open—if the operating permit for Waterfall Wellness is approved by the Department of Public Health.

In addition to the law requiring 500 feet distance between clinics, there are other important guidelines that require MCD clinics to be 1000 feet away from organizations that serve children, such as schools.

The WPA board is concerned that the two existing clinics on Ocean Avenue were allowed to open years ago, even though there are several child-serving organizations within these parameters; the CYO gym next to St. Emydius Church, the Korean Martial Arts Center, day care homes, the new public Ingleside Library and a private school.

The WPA board will continue to monitor the MCD situation on Ocean Avenue and the findings from the appeal hearing in late October. ❖

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Picnic to Follow

September 13, 2014
Faxon Green
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome Message
Kate Favetti
 2. Treasurer's Report
Anne Chen, Anita Theoharis
 3. Trees & Common Areas Report
Anne Chen
 4. Planning & Zoning Report
Anita Theoharis
 5. Board of Directors' Election Results
Margaret Reed, Inspector of Ballots
 6. Speakers
 7. Open Questions from Residents
 8. Adjournment and Picnic
- Questions? Contact Kate Favetti, 415-203-7606

Westwood Park Association Board Elections

Candidate's Statement :: Ravi Krishnaswamy

I have been living in Westwood Park since the Spring of 2008. The longer I live here, the more I appreciate the quality of life the neighborhood has to offer.

The walking tours I often see on weekends make me proud of how our neighborhood has captured and preserved a valuable piece of San Francisco history through its varied styles of bungalows.

The neighborhood has managed to preserve a suburban feel with the conveniences of being in a big city. It has done this without succumbing to the pressures of growth and commercialization.

I currently help maintain our website, and I look forward to an opportunity to further serve the neighborhood in preserving its rich legacy.



Westwood Park Association :: OFFICIAL BALLOT

• **HOMEOWNERS:** Please use the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope to mail this ballot to the Westwood Park Association. Please mail promptly so that your vote can be counted at the picnic on Saturday, September 13. Or you may bring your ballot to the picnic, where election results will be announced during the meeting portion.

• **RENTERS:** We are all neighbors and part of the Westwood Park community, yet only homeowners possess voting rights in the board election. But we look forward to seeing you at the annual community meeting and picnic, where all residents—renters and homeowners alike—are welcome!

Vote for one:

Ravi Krishnaswamy

Write-in _____



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◆ NOTICE ◆

**Ballot is enclosed to elect
a new member of the
Westwood Park
Association's
Board of Directors**

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Meeting and Picnic
Saturday, September 13, 2014
11AM – 1PM
Faxon Green

Fall ♦ 2014

BOOOO!!!

Unleash your front yard creativity with ghoulish or whimsical decorations and win a prize in the **Annual WPA Halloween Home Decoration Contest!** Judges will be roving the neighborhood on Halloween—or a day or two earlier. Prizes are: \$50 for First Place, \$25 for Second Place, \$10 for Third Place and an Honorable Mention to the first runner up. Homes that have put in wonderful efforts year after year will become part of our *Halloween Hall of Fame*. Interested in being a judge? Send an email to board@westwoodpark.com or call 415-333-1125.



2015 Volunteer Needed to Coordinate CCSF Wellness Center Passes

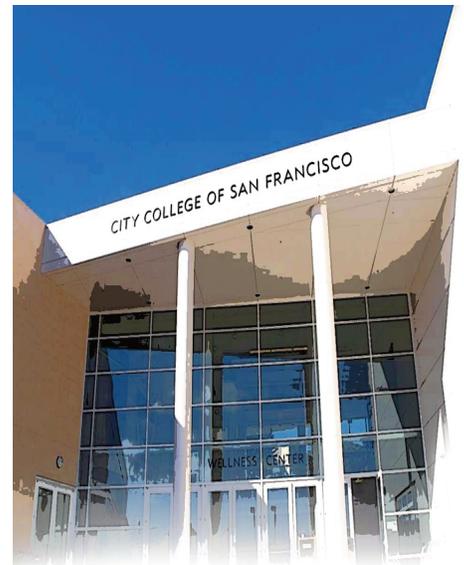
ACCESS TO THE beautiful city college gymnasium and pool along Ocean Avenue is one of the many benefits of living in Westwood Park.

Each semester Westwood Park receives 30 free passes from the City College of San Francisco Wellness Center for neighbors 18 or older, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Last year when the call was issued for a resident volunteer to maintain the waiting list and distribute the passes, there were so many responses that it was decided to establish an annual drawing for a calendar year of service.

Christopher Campbell won the 2014 drawing and has done a great job. Thank you, Christopher!

Anyone interested in volunteering to distribute the passes can call the WPA at 415-333-1125, or send an email to:



board@westwoodpark.com

The drawing will be conducted at the Annual Meeting and Picnic. ♦