

WESTWOOD PARK ASSOCIATION



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Letter from the President

This year's Westwood Park Association Annual Homeowners Meeting and Picnic will be Saturday, October 7, on the upper Faxon green. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a fun and tasty neighborhood BBQ picnic.

The Association will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken and veggie burgers, and beverages. Residents are encouraged to bring a dish to share. We will also have some guests stop by:

- ◆ Supervisor Sean Elsbernd
- ◆ The San Francisco Fire Department will be there with a fire truck
- ◆ The Fire Department is also planning to have its horse-mounted unit come by—barring security needs that may arise elsewhere
- ◆ The San Francisco Public Library is planning to bring its book-mobile for kids to check out and will also discuss the new Ingleside library
- ◆ Representatives from the Westwood Park Parents Group will also be on hand to share information.

The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to rub elbows with other Westwood Park residents, meet new neighbors, and to find out more about the happenings in and around the neighborhood. Hope to see you there!

Greg Clinton

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Perks of the Park

Do you know which home was the first built in Westwood Park? Which one was raffled off by the Chronicle to a lucky winner in 1922?

"San Francisco's West of Twin Peaks" by author Jacquie Proctor, one of the newest in the series of neighborhood paperbacks by Arcadia Publishing, is now available for \$20 at local bookstores or from the publisher at www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Community Picnic & BBQ

Join us for the next WPA meeting on the Faxon Green

October 7, 2006 at 11 a.m.

(Optional: bring a dish to share and lawn chairs for comfort)

Meeting Agenda

- I. **Welcome Message**
Greg Clinton
- II. **Co-Treasurer Reports**
 - A. Account Balances
Grant Edelstone
 - B. Dues and Lien Collections
Julie Hagelshaw
- III. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Planning and Zoning
Anita Theoharis
 - B. Parking and Traffic
Greg Clinton
 - C. Common Area Maintenance
Greg Clinton
 - D. Website
Danny Burkes
- IV. **Board of Directors Election Results**
Margaret Reed, Inspector of Ballots
- V. **Open Questions from Residents**
- VI. **Adjournment**

Candidate Statements

ANNE CHEN (Incumbent)

I have served on the Westwood Park Board for the past two years. Some of my projects included the upgrading of the Lower Plymouth Island and the Lower Faxon Island; and assisting other board members in working on planning issues. Preserving the quality of the life in our unique neighborhood will be a priority for me. If I am elected to the board again, I will do my best to continue this work.

ANITA THEOHARIS (Incumbent)

As an 18-year resident, I have been proud to serve as a board member for several years. I have served as president and am currently vice president. Participating in the care of the Park has been an honor and source of satisfaction because the current board and many residents have shown intense interest in keeping Westwood Park safe and beautiful, and in preserving its historical value and unique architectural character. I consider it a privilege to volunteer to help preserve and improve the quality of life in our very special neighborhood.

GEOFF AND ÅSA WILLIAMS (Running together for one seat)

Hello neighbors, we are Geoff and Åsa Williams and moved to Westwood Park a year and a half ago. We have two boys that have taken to our new home and neighborhood like fish to water.

We consider community service an important part of our life and like to help the people around us. We are hoping to share a position on the Westwood Park Board of Directors, due to the modern challenges created by work and raising a family. Geoff is a native San Franciscan with a past as a locations scout and manager in film and television. Åsa was born and raised in Sweden and came here in 1993 after finishing law school and has loved San Francisco ever since. We are residential realtors and chose this neighborhood because of its unique architectural continuity and its human and cultural variety. We hope you will have faith in us as active participants in such a great community!

(Note: These candidates live at the same residence. Therefore due to WPA's one-vote-per-household rule, they will share one seat on the board if elected.)



Please use the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope to mail this ballot to:

Westwood Park Association
P.O. Box 27901 #770
San Francisco, CA 94127

Please mail your envelope promptly so that your vote will be counted. Or you may bring your ballot to the Westwood Park Association's annual Homeowners' Meeting and Picnic, where the election results will be announced. The meeting is on Saturday, October 7, 2006, on the upper Faxon green, beginning at 11 a.m.

VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

- Anne Chen
- Anita Theoharis
- Åsa & Geoff Williams
- Other _____

Library Compromise Reached

By Nanette Asimov

The new Ingleside branch library being built on the corner of Plymouth and Ocean avenues will have the service driveway that library officials wanted – but plans for new metered parking along the congested 1200 block of Plymouth will be abandoned under a compromise agreement reached between the city and neighbors.

“The neighbors and I are relieved,” said Anne Chen of the Westwood Park Association, who lives a few houses away from the site of the new library. “There’s still concern about the service driveway on Plymouth. (But) the library staff has assured us there will be only one delivery a day, and the library staff will not be allowed to park in the driveway. We just have to wait to see.”

The dispute, reported in the summer issue of the Westwood Park Newsletter, arose as neighbors in the 1200 block of Plymouth considered a petition drive to force library officials to abandon plans for that street, which neighbors said would further clog the already jammed thruway.

In addition to the service entrance on Plymouth, library planners wanted to add three parking spots on the east side of Plymouth, where parking is now prohibited. They also wanted to eliminate parking on the west side, where parking is currently allowed during certain hours or by permit.

On June 20, city officials attended the Westwood Park Association meeting and discussed the issue with neighbors. Ken Rich of the San Francisco Planning Dept., Christine Leishman from Friends of the Public Library, and Mindy Linetzky of the SF Public Library’s branch improvement program were there.

In July, Linetzky sent an e-mail to the Association, to Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, and to other city officials agreeing that:

- ◆ The existing parking restrictions will remain on the west side of Plymouth.
- ◆ Instead of adding metered spots on the east side of Plymouth, they will go on Ocean Ave., with one green and one blue zone.
- ◆ Plans for a bulb-out on Plymouth will be dropped.
- ◆ Library officials will ask developers of the neighboring Kragen site to allow free parking for library card holders.

In conclusion, Linetzky wrote, “We think this proposal addresses the neighbors’ concerns and look forward to working with everyone to create a wonderful new library.”



We have a winner in the Westwood Park Limerick Contest! After being inundated with a small handful of entries, one of which was actually a limerick, our panel of judges has selected Alex Davis as Limerick Laureate of Westwood Park.

The prize-winner will receive an original Herb Caen manuscript, typed by the late, great columnist himself on his “loyal Royal” typewriter for the San Francisco Chronicle. Here, now, Mr. Davis’ winning limerick:

*The bungalows of Westwood do rock;
Take one hundred Hazelwood block,
Where Craftsman details,
And few garden snails
Make bird life prevail by the flock.*

The judges said Mr. Davis “paid homage to Westwood Park in a successful blend of nature, architecture and modern dance that is unsurpassed in the history of the neighborhood rhyming genre.”

Congratulations, Mr. Davis.

Honorable mentions go to Ms. Ruth Loret de Mola and Ms. Maryanne O’Connell who each penned an exquisite verse about Westwood Park. We thank you for your entries.



Calling All Tree-Lovers!

By Dan Joraanstad

Westwood Park is getting greener. Ever wonder how some blocks of the neighborhood have mature, stately trees, some blocks have smaller trees, and some blocks have no trees?

There have been several waves of tree plantings, the last one led by Laurie Martin in 2002, and we are planning another such effort to beautify our streets and homes for next spring. Last time around, with the help of Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF), Westwood Park planted 125 trees. If you didn't get a chance to plant a tree then, now's your chance.

The cost of the tree planting is subsidized by FUF when we plant as a group. \$100 per tree covers the cost of having the concrete cut in the sidewalk, the hole dug, tree planted, 18 months of care—all of this with the help of experienced arborists. Not counting the ongoing care, such a project would cost about \$300 if done on your own. Besides a great price, there's another significant benefit: you get to know your neighbors by working together to make a positive contribution to the community.

Consider the benefits a tree brings:

- ◆ Trees enhance property values. A block of houses with street trees increases property values by 20%.
- ◆ Trees fight pollution by filtering particulates from the air and releasing oxygen.
- ◆ Trees increase privacy, help absorb traffic noise, and reduce reflected heat and glare
- ◆ Trees create relaxing, beautiful and healthy spaces, and provide seasonal color and fragrance.
- ◆ Trees provide habitat for the city's wildlife (birds, squirrels).
- ◆ Trees shelter homes from strong winds and reduce energy bills.

Please contact Dan Joraanstad at (415) 586-6910 or djoraanstad@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up for a tree. We need at least 30 households to participate. We hope to hear from you so we can far exceed the minimum group size and once again participate in the greening of San Francisco.

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