

WESTWOOD PARK ASSOCIATION

Newsletter ~ Autumn ~ 2010



Neighborhood Meeting & Picnic is Sept. 25
See you on the Upper Faxon Green, 11am to 1pm



Hugh Byrne

Last year's picnic was a perfect day for burgers, dogs and meeting neighbors. This year will be even better!

By Anita Theoharis

This year we are adding activities and making it even more convenient for neighbors to attend Westwood Park's annual meeting and picnic by providing chairs for everyone. All you'll need is the sunscreen.

Upgraded with new sod and a new border, the upper Faxon green at Pizarro Way is an absolutely beautiful open space to enjoy a sunny afternoon.

During the business portion of the meeting you will hear the latest news affecting our wonderful neighborhood, and meet your current and newly elected Westwood Park Association board members. We encourage you to ask the board questions, and to raise issues important to you and your neighbors.

Also expected at the meeting to answer questions and bring us up to date are three key people from the city: our Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, Assessor Phil Ting, and new Ingleside Police Captain Louis Cassanego.

But the best part of the day comes after the conclusion of business. That's when we fire up the barbecue, children and adults visit with one another and make new friends, and everyone can enjoy the

activities organized by the Association for the entire family.

Here are some highlights:

- Talented Westwood Park chefs will serve hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs with all the fixings, and soft drinks. Feel free to bring an appetizer, chips or dessert—but it's not required. We'll have plenty of food!
- Kids—and grown-up kids—will be able to climb into a real fire truck, sound the siren and meet the firefighters.
- Say hello to San Francisco's four-legged police: the mounted unit will be back this year!

New! We'll have art activities for children age 2 and older who are accompanied by an adult. (We thank neighbor Caryl Ito for her generous donation of the art materials.)

The annual meeting and picnic has always been an informative and fun day, and this year promises to be better than ever. We look forward to seeing you!

The Westwood Park Tribune

By Nanette Asimov

If the distant past has anything going for it, it's that you could get more for your money than you can today – including news of Westwood Park.

In 1956, neighbors not only received a hand-delivered, postage-free monthly newsletter, but the paper offered feature articles, editorial commentary, entertainment and even ads.

You got your Top Ten Tunes. Original poetry. Advice on everything from kite flying to income tax. And you got a few laughs. Best of all, you could find out when the Girl Scouts were coming by with cookies.

Unlike today's pricey rag – which relies on design software, a professional printer and the postal service – the newsletter of 1956 was a bargain at the cost of its paper and ink from the mimeograph. Even its name was better: "The Westwood Park Tribune."

A staff of 5 wrote and edited stories each month, but only after finishing their homework. They attended Sunnyside Elementary, Commodore Sloat, and Aptos.

"We were trying to find something to do, and somebody came up with the newspaper idea," said Ingrid Larson, a lawyer who runs the Downieville Grocery Store in Sierra County. (The story of the Tribune's founding appeared in its March, 1956 issue, reprinted on Page 4 of this newsletter.)

Larson (then called Carolyn) and her sisters Nancy and Rhoda grew up in the old Chronicle house on the Miramar Circle. They were 9 to 13 years old when they created the Tribune with their friends, Carolyn Relei and Hope Johnson.

"My mother had an Underwood upright typewriter and my father

In 1949, the Larsons bought the house that had been offered as a prize by the San Francisco Chronicle a quarter century earlier. Prof. Edward Larson, a survivor of the 1906 earthquake, taught business at City College. He became president of the Westwood Park Association and chose the



Nancy Larson Zadra, March 2010, back at the home she grew up in.

had a mimeograph machine in the basement that he used to prepare his exams for his classes at City College," Nancy Larson Zadra wrote in an email from her home in Montana. "We used this equipment to cut and run the stencil for our publication."

Deodara cedar tree for the Miramar Circle, wrote Zadra, an artist and retired art teacher.

Rhoda Larson became director of foreign studies at Pomona College in Claremont, CA., where she is today. Carolyn Relei is a stained-glass artist in Palm Desert. Hope Johnson's whereabouts were not immediately known.

"Now we're busy having grandchildren," Ingrid Larson said with a laugh.

The Westwood Park Tribune published monthly for a year before going out of business.

"It was fun," Ingrid Larson recalled. "It was a ball. I guess we outgrew it."

News of the Westwood Park Tribune came to us through the generosity of neighbor Tim Emert, who now lives in the "Chronicle House." If you have stories, photos, or just interesting tales of Westwood Park's near-forgotten past, please share them with us by phone, mail or at board@westwoodpark.com.



Larson family, 1956. Back row: Ingrid, Nancy, Doris. Front row: Rhoda, Edward
all photos courtesy the Larson Family

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COOKIE SALE

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Cookie Sale
Girl Scouts will be out selling delicious cookies starting March 2nd. These wonderful cookies come in three different kinds, cream filled, plain, and lemon.

Editor Rhoda Larson
Reporters Carolyn Larson
Carolyn Relei
Hope Johnson
Nancy Larson

Kites

The Easter Bunny will visit you soon. He will stop here first—come in and see what we have.

Ocean Avenue 5 & 10
1616 Ocean Avenue

It's fun to fly a kite,
Soon it will be out of sight.
Flying so high,
Way up in the sky.
When the wind blows hard,
It flies past your yard.

By Carolyn Relei

Riddle
Why are elephants such
unwelcome guests?

Answer

Because they trunk along.

The Way We
Started Our Newspaper

For the best in Men's Wear go to:

THE WINDSOR
Store for Men

1552 Ocean Avenue
San Francisco 12
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The Westwood Park Tribune started this way. Rhoda Larson, Carolyn Larson, Carolyn Relei looked out of the window watching Allan the next door neighbor at the table. Rhoda said, "lets be the star reporters reporting on Allan." Then the girls had a bright idea. "Lets start a newspaper" they said. And thats how the Westwood Park Tribune started.

Top Tunes

1. Lisbon Antigua
 2. The Great Pretender
 3. Rock and Roll Waltz
 4. Mack The Knife
 5. No Not Much
 6. It's Almost Tomorrow
 7. Angels In The Sky
 8. Memories Are Made of This
 9. Band of Gold
 10. Sixteen Tons
- EL REY MUSIC SHOP
1508 Ocean Avenue

For finest meats go to
Dana's at Glen Quality Market.

2808 Diamond St.

What is round on both
ends and high in the middle?

Answer

OTHO

Remember the safety rules
of kite flying.

1. Do not use string or kites with metal in them.
2. Do not fly your kite in the rain.
3. Be careful of power lines and antennas.
4. If your kite catches on a power line do not climb up after it, as this may result in a severe electrical shock.
5. If a power line falls do not touch it, but call the P.G. and E.

How Do You Spell

A knife and a fork a
bottle and a cork and thats the
way you spell New York.

Dear reader of the Westwood
Park Tribune,

The reporters and I enjoy
writing this newspaper for you
very much. I hope that you
enjoy it.

Sincerely,

Rhoda Larson

Rhoda Larson, Editor

Have you figured your
Income Tax? Time is flying by
and soon the time is at hand
when Uncle Sam will say that
your return must be in. How
about it? April 15th is the
deadline.

Westwood Park NERT Needs You

(And you need NERT!)

By Mary O'Connell

Neighbors have long known that they can learn valuable rescue skills and disaster preparation by joining Westwood Park's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT). But here's another reason to join:

Community spirit!

NERT is an important element of Westwood Park's community tradition—and a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors.

Open to all residents, Westwood Park NERT meetings are led by trained volunteers from the neighborhood. We typically meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month in homes, cafes, and, increasingly, in the Activities Room of the new Ingleside Library, 1298 Ocean Ave. at Plymouth.

"The room is the closest thing we have to a regular home," said Greg Morris, a longtime volunteer.

To learn more about Westwood Park NERT, visit wpnert.ning.com. To find out when the next meeting is, contact volunteers Ximena Cordova at ximena_cordova94112@yahoo.com; Melanie Johnson at mdrjohnson@comcast.net; or Greg Morris at gmmorris133@msn.com.

Mary O'Connell is a certified NERT volunteer and a lifelong resident of Westwood Park.

Westwood Park Association Board Members

Greg Clinton
President (term expires 2011)

Anita Theoharis
Vice President (term expires 2012)

Kate Favetti
Secretary (term expires 2012)

Julie Hagelshaw & Grant Edelstone
Co-Treasurers (terms expire 2010)

Anne Chen
Member at Large (term expires 2012)

Nanette Asimov
Member at Large (term expires 2010)

Members of the Westwood Park Association Board of Directors are volunteers elected to serve three-year terms.

Board meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at the home of a board member, and begin at 7 p.m.

For information and the location of upcoming meetings, visit www.westwoodpark.com.

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Candidate Statements

NANETTE ASIMOV (Incumbent)

It's been a pleasure serving on the board and editing the neighborhood newsletter for the past five years. I've enjoyed bringing you stories about our neighborhood, including the history of the Deodara cedar on the Miramar Circle, the Argentinian origins of Caffe d'Melanio, and memories of neighbors we've loved. I've worked with talented neighborhood volunteers to ensure the newsletter also informs you about emergency services, free passes to the City College gym, Westwood Park finances, common area maintenance, Ocean Avenue improvements and more. Since 2005, I've also voted to protect the historic beauty of our homes and spend our resources wisely. I hope to have your support in continuing to serve Westwood Park.

JULIE HAGELSHAW (Incumbent)

I have served as a voluntary board member since the late 1990s. I would like to continue serving on the Westwood Park Board as co-treasurer, which includes collecting the annual dues. The Association has succeeded in collecting dues from an average of 75% of properties in recent years, which are used to maintain the beautiful neighborhood we all enjoy. My personal goal is to increase this success rate to 90% of properties. I hope you agree and will vote for me.

TINA JOHNS

Westwood Park, with its charm, its beautifully designed homes, and its proximity to excellent public schools and transportation, became our family's neighborhood of choice 60 years ago. In the past, I have been deeply grateful for the ceaseless efforts of board members and countless other residents in maintaining the beauty, serenity, safety and character of our neighborhood. I would welcome the opportunity to join them in serving you by becoming a member of the Westwood Park Board, and I respectfully request your vote.



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 will be counted at the picnic on Sept. 25. 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 meeting and picnic, where all residents—renters and homeowners alike—are welcome!

VOTE FOR THREE

- Nanette Asimov
- Julie Hagelshaw
- Tina Johns
- Write-In _____

Westwood Park Association Meeting Notice & Agenda

September 25, 2010
11 a.m. Faxon Green

- I. **Welcome Message**
Greg Clinton
- II. **Co-Treasurer Reports**
 - A. Account Balances (*Grant Edelstone*)
 - B. Dues & Lien Collections (*Julie Hagelshaw*)
- III. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Planning & Zoning (*Anita Theoharis*)
 - B. Common Area Maintenance (*Greg Clinton*)
- IV. **Board of Directors Election Results**
(*Margaret Reed, Inspector of Ballots*)
- V. **Speakers**
 - Supervisor Sean Elsbernd
 - SF Assessor Phil Ting
 - Ingleside Police Captain Louis Cassanego
 - Neighborhood Emergency Response Team
- VI. **Open Questions from Residents**
- VII. **Adjournment & Picnic to follow**

Annual Halloween

Contest!

Perks of the Park

Westwood Park's long tradition of competing to scarify our homes resumes in October!

Judges will tour the neighborhood on

Oct. 31 and award prizes to the three homes that best capture Halloween's spirit—and we mean that literally.

Winners will be announced in the next newsletter, alongside photos of their ghoulish creativity.

Wildlife in Westwood Park



*Bob Boles
Cooper's Hawk in Westwood Park*

Want to share your photos of Westwood Park Wildlife?
Send your photos to board@westwoodpark.com.

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P.O. Box 27901, #770
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Annual Picnic!

*Please join us at
11 a.m. Saturday,
September 25, for
our annual meeting
and picnic on the
upper Faxon Green.*

*We'll have great
activities for the
kids, and the
Association will
provide burgers,
veggie-burgers,
hot dogs and drinks!*