

WESTWOOD PARK ASSOCIATION



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Letter from the President

Welcome to the spring edition of the Westwood Park Association Newsletter. This mailing includes the annual Homeowners Association dues bill and the financial report for the past fiscal year. Thanks again to all who continue to volunteer their time and energy to help keep our neighborhood functioning and looking good.

As we said in our December newsletter, the grandson of one of the builders of Westwood Park, Nelson Foss, generously donated some 90 historical photos of homes being built in the neighborhood. These photos can be viewed on our website and can now be purchased on CD for \$5. Contact the Association if you would like to buy one.

One important item to let you know about: thanks to Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, a meeting was convened with the Association, the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT), and Supervisor Elsbernd to discuss what can reasonably be done to make the intersection of Plymouth and Monterey safer for pedestrians.

The upshot of this meeting is that DPT has agreed to add a pedestrian thumbnail island and YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS signage in the east crosswalk of Monterey sometime in late summer. They will also bulb out the southeast corner of the intersection as part of the Monterey repaving project scheduled for 2007. The Association is grateful to Supervisor Elsbernd for helping to improve the safety of this very dangerous intersection.

Here's to a happy, healthy, and safe 2006.

Sincerely,
Greg Clinton

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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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Perks of the Park

Perks of the Park is a new feature of the Westwood Park Newsletter. As often as possible, we'd like to highlight events, clubs, gatherings, sales—anything creative going on in the Park that would interest and benefit our neighbors. If you would like to submit an item for consideration in *Perks of the Park*, please send an e-mail to newsletter@westwoodpark.com. Tell me what, when and where it is, and whether there is any cost. Thanks!

—Nanette Asimov, Newsletter Editor

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2005-2006 Income/Expense Report and 2006-2007 Projected Budget

	Fiscal Year 2006-2007 <i>Budget</i>	Fiscal Year 2005-2006 <i>Actual</i>	Fiscal Year 2004-2005 <i>Actual</i>
INCOME			
Annual Dues/Liens ¹	43,771	42,473	45,294
WPA DVD Sales	0	330	40
Bank Account Interest ²	100	165	925
WPA T-Shirt Sales	50	277	248
Donations	0	2,510	1,316
Sommerfield Memorial Donation	0	0	1,630
Charles Clark Bequest (residual)	0	6,718	0
Insurance Claims Settlement	0	500	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$43,921	\$52,973	\$49,453
EXPENSES			
CPA Audit/Review/ Tax Preparation	600	510	1,000
WPA DVD Purchases	0	106	160
Gardening:			
Common Area Care	13,750	10,658	9,051
Upgrades to Common Areas ³	0	21,192	10,966
Sprinkler Repair	500	673	161
Tree Pruning	12,300	3,723	16,345
Liability Insurance			
General/Excess	13,000	12,540	12,591
Directors & Officers	3,000	2,939	2,910
Meetings & Events			
WPA T-Shirt Purchase for Sales	50	231	0
Annual Meeting	600	547	545
Halloween Contest	60	60	60
Miscellaneous	0	0	583
Sommerfield Memorial	0	0	1,295
Lien Costs	100	17	35
Office Supplies & Copies	100	60	64
Post Office Box Rental	226	216	226
Publications & Mailings			
Website Domain Name Fee	0	0	0
Newsletter/Dues/Election/ Misc. Mailings	1,750	1,403	748
Postage & Materials	1,600	1,573	1,379
Federal & State Taxes	300	252	252
Utilities			
AT&T	450	423	389
PG&E	1,400	1,150	1,136
West of Twin Peaks Dues	135	135	135
TOTAL EXPENSES^{4, 5}	\$49,921	\$58,408	\$60,031

Account Balances as of: 2/28/06

Checking: \$30,004.19

CD: \$6262.95

Notes:

¹ 90% of dues collected. Liens and fines are assessed on all dues in excess of \$100.

² 2004-2005 interest includes interest earned from Charles Clark bequest.

³ Repairs to gates and upgrades of greens paid from the \$43,000 Charles Clark bequest.

⁴ 2006-2007 budget deficit to be made up from \$6,000 in reserves.

⁵ 2005-2006 and 2004-2005 deficits due to common area improvements paid by Charles Clark bequest.

Ocean Avenue Lives!

By Emmet McDonagh & Eric Brewer-Garcia

In the past few years, positive changes have been occurring on Ocean Avenue, thanks to many neighborhood volunteers and to the merchants and residents who have been active in the Ocean Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (OARC).

You may have noticed Ocean Avenue's streetlight poles decorated with silver garlands and bright red bows over the holidays. This was the second year that the OARC has helped to make Ocean Ave. festive, and we invite you to join us in making this an annual tradition!

OARC is developing two new projects for neighbors and merchants, which we hope will continue to revitalize this important street and help turn it into an exciting place to shop, eat and stroll.

The Ocean Avenue Community Task Force—The Task Force is comprised of neighborhood volunteers who help monitor cleanliness and do easy monthly maintenance along the commercial corridor. Examples include not only graffiti cleanup and sidewalk gardening, but reporting *illegal postings on light poles, trees and buildings*, as well as talking with merchants about *maintaining storefronts, sidewalks and trees*.

The purpose is to show there is a critical mass of neighbors who care about the look and feel of Ocean, and who are willing to join merchants, property owners, and city officials to improve it. To learn more, please contact Dan Weaver at djpweaver@yahoo.com.

Business Directory and Promotional Brochure—Our goal is to encourage community members to shop on Ocean and enjoy the street. A design consultant will create a set of images representing Ocean Avenue based on your answers to a survey to be handed out at a community meeting that is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 6. For additional information, please contact Emmet McDonagh at emmet.mcdonagh@gmail.com.

The OARC looks forward to working with you to make Ocean Avenue a better place to visit and patronize. We love getting community input, so spread the word! ↪

Perks of the Park The Westwood Park Association has an opportunity to invite nationally recognized bungalow expert Jane Powell to talk to residents about ways to remodel our 1920s kitchens without losing their unique character.

Ms. Powell is the author of several books, including *Bungalow Kitchens*.

Residents interested in hearing Jane's presentation should send an e-mail to kobeitiks@gmail.com. If there is enough interest, we will schedule a date for her appearance.

Please note that because we cannot use Westwood Park funds for programs such as this, we anticipate there will be a \$10 donation requested per attendee.

—Kathleen Beitiks

Help Us Improve Ocean Avenue

All are welcome to attend our monthly meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Emmet McDonagh at emmet.mcdonagh@gmail.com for location information.

Sharp Eyes Wanted!

Author Jacquie Proctor is writing Images of America: San Francisco's West of Twin Peaks District, the latest in the popular series of books about San Francisco neighborhoods. Several of the photos she'll use in the book come from our Westwood Park Web site, and she is hoping that WP residents can help her identify the addresses of any of the homes seen on this site:

www.mtdavidson.org/wiki/westwood_park

So if your eyes are sharp enough to shed light on the mystery, please contact the author as soon as possible, at jacquieproctor@hotmail.com.

Her deadline is looming!

Westwood Park's Urban Forest

by Anita Theoharis

As most of you know, we Westwood Park residents are very fortunate to live in a planned community that includes several common area medians and our very own urban forest. The Westwood Park Association is responsible for the maintenance of the common areas and all trees located on the medians.

Our community includes all of the Miramar medians from Ocean to Monterey, upper and lower Plymouth medians, upper and lower Faxon medians, upper Miramar/Monterey median and upper Faxon/Monterey median, and also the Plymouth/Monterey grassy area.

In addition to these wonderful open areas, these medians support an urban forest of seventy-one trees. The trees consist mostly of Eucalyptus, Monterey Pines, Arbutus-Marinas (strawberry trees) and our majestic Italian Stone Pines. In fact, the Association was awarded a \$5,000 grant from San Francisco Beautiful in the mid-1990s to help ensure that our stone pines would thrive.

Storm Damage and Tree Loss

Unfortunately, the January 2006 storms took their toll on our trees. We lost a Stone Pine on the 500 block of Miramar and a mature Eucalyptus on the lower Faxon median. Also, a pine on the upper Faxon Island was lost to beetle infestation. This sad loss cost the Association \$3,722 for necessary removals, in addition to our usual expenses of maintaining the greens and trees.

We are also grateful to and thank the hundreds of Westwood Park Residents who have planted street trees in front of their homes through the Friends of the Urban Forest. Each property owner is responsible for the cost of maintaining these trees. Again, thank you for your contribution to making Westwood Park a truly beautiful place to live!

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Did You Know? Police Captain Paul Chignell from the Ingleside Station sends out a daily e-mail with information about police activity in our neighborhood. If you're interested, just send an e-mail to Captain Chignell at

Paul_Chignell@ci.sf.ca.us

You must reside within the Ingleside Police District to receive these e-mails!