



Chapman Woods Call

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CHAPMAN WOODS, CALIFORNIA

June 2003

“Summer Twister” - Rock & Roll Around the Clock

Saturday, July 19, 2003

Cocktails begins @ 6 pm

Dinner begins @ 7 pm

followed by Live Auction

Juke Box Music & Dancing 8-11 pm

at the home of

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\$30 per person — No Host Bar—Guests Welcome

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First Time Attending Event

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

Number of Attendees (\$30 each) _____

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *Taking it to the next level - Mitch Kauffman*

"Return something borrowed in better shape than when you received it...". Annoying as it was to hear for the first 18 years of my life, my mother's words still ring in my ears! Their wisdom has become more apparent as I've grown. The phrase sets a higher bar of conduct as to how we treat each other and our possessions. When I reflect, it occurs to me that we are all really caretakers just passing through island home called earth, and this wonderful town called Chapman Woods. Rather than just maintaining it, what can we do to actually better it for ourselves and for those who will follow?

TRADITION: One way is to promote our tradition. CW is rich with heritage that dates back hundreds of years. Inspired by a thriving area, teaming with floral and embraced by a gorgeous mountain range, we are blessed with a land that is as beautiful as its residents are warm and welcoming. Neighbors are approachable, open and caring, a rarity to be treasured these days in suburban life. As a way to remind us of this, each Call edition will offer 1-2 pages of *Heritage Corner*. This feature will share touching memorabilia of our CW tradition. Longtime residents will be reminded of and newer ones inspired by our fascinating past.

BEAUTIFICATION: The second CW Beautification Day (on May 4th), despite threatening weather, was again a tremendous success. Our concern for the local upkeep combined with neighbor camaraderie to clear trash along the Rosemead and Huntington walls (see Pg. 5).

I am sure my fellow residents will agree, however, that once a year is not enough, as weeds again became unsightly since our last Community Clean Up. Taking this to the next level, it makes sense to institute a CW Beautiful Program. Here the Board has arranged regular, professional yet affordable, maintenance on a monthly basis. This will hopefully free up our volunteer efforts to focus on the next level, beautification of the main corner entrances to CW. Our hope is that through new planting and upkeep our entrances can become coveted landmarks of quality and prestige. To fund this, we will initiate fund raising events such as auctions and sales.

WHAT IS YOUR BOARD DOING? Residents have every right to know the status of local issues affecting the Woods and what the Board is doing about them. The new column "What's Your Board Doing?" will keep you apprised. See (see pg. 3-4)

TRAFFIC & ZONING: Few issues are closer to CW resident's hearts. This especially so since the new Madre Gold Line Station is expected to open in July. As part of the aforementioned updates, each Call issue will keep you posted on Board progress on important traffic issues. Local residents lending feedback to authorities as the Sheriff (626-285-7171) and Highway Patrol (626-296-8100) will help.

CLEARMAN'S VILLAGE PROPERTY: Long term residents agree that the eventual re-development of the southwest corner of Rosemead and Huntington is inevitable. Reliable real estate sources suggest the 6-acre parcel would be highly desirable for numerous retailers. Recent property appreciation has apparently motivated the longtime owner to seek a sale. KOHL'S CORPORATION, a Wisconsin-based specialty department store, is currently in the very preliminary stages of reviewing the property for possible development. First, however, issues such as additional traffic, design, and other potential impacts to surrounding neighborhoods will need to be analyzed and addressed. CW residents can rest assured that your Board is aware of the situation and is prepared to keep residents informed. Kohl's has strong incentive and a positive reputation for incorporating community issues into their projects. ❖



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SOCIAL AGENDA -Carolyn Lee, VP Social

Considering my other time demands, it was after considerable internal debate that I decided to accept this position on the board. I did so after thinking about why my family and I love it here. The first time we drove through Chapman Woods, when looking for a home in 2001, we felt an immediate connection with the community. People were friendly and waved even though they didn't know us. The day we moved in our neighbor (yes, you Bob Fitzpatrick) came to our door with two gin and tonics. Now *that* is my idea of a welcome wagon! I was also wrong about the time commitment. Everyone on the board and other community members are "active" participants in event planning and organization. It is truly a team effort. Realizing the joy we derive from living here, I thought that it was important to participate in sustaining the climate and culture that many have worked so hard to create.

This year's summer party has a "Rock and Roll" theme so you can dress anyway you like to enjoy the evening with your fellow Chapman Woods neighbors. We have heard that there may be an "Elvis" sighting and you just might get your picture taken with the King. A live auction is planned with some fabulous entertainment opportunities. Pie and Burger will provide a yummy cuisine and the cocktail hour will include all of your favorite libations. So come and join the good vibrations with us. We look forward to seeing you on July 19th.

ZONING & TRAFFIC—Dick Patton & Mitch Kauffman

Truck Parking: During the past year the overnight parking of big rigs (monster trucks) on the west side of Rosemead has noticeably increased to a point of becoming unsightly and at times a traffic hazard. The matter is discussed monthly with the Sheriff's Department and CHP. Since Rosemead is a state highway and current ordinances permit such parking, the Sheriff has no jurisdiction. During monthly meetings at the Temple City Sheriff's Station a number of solutions have been considered and all have, to date, turned out to not be viable.

CHP representatives who routinely attend these meetings are themselves investigating the possibility of posting signs stating: "NO OVERNIGHT PARKING VEHICLES OVER 10,000 POUNDS-9:00PM TO 6:00AM". If this can be accomplished the problem would be alleviated. It must be understood that there is no guarantee this can be done and we will continue to keep residents informed.

Motorcycle Shop: The matter at this point has been referred to the District Attorney's office for follow up. We will again keep residents apprised of progress.

New Gold Line: As many know, the new transit system is planning to begin commercial operation in late July. The Sierra Madre Villa Station, during this first phase, will be the furthest eastern stop with expansion not projected until 2013. Several issues that Board members including Pam Bolenbaugh have explored with transit authorities include:

Parking: To minimize potential on-street parking impacts near the station, the City of Pasadena has proposed several regulations tailored to encourage transit patrons to park in the 1,000-space structure.

Traffic: Motorists exiting the station will be restricted to right-turns only on Madre (i.e. north) due to the presence of a raised median. The majority of commuter traffic will most likely utilize Foothill, Rosemead and San Gabriel Boulevards. We are assured that studies will be done at the community's request in the event bypass traffic does adversely impact our neighborhood roadways.

Speed Control: Supervisor Mike Antonovich recently announced implementation of CHP radar speed enforcement on San Pasqual and on California. This should hopefully increase traffic safety.

Stop Signs: The intersection of San Pasqual Street and Lotus Avenue was deemed to not have sufficient traffic to warrant a multi-way stop. The 24-hour traffic count study found that the intersection fell below the nationally accepted levels for which multi-way stop control is considered most effective. (more)

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Call will be printed four times this administration. Watch for fliers as to due dates for submissions.

Comments, announcements, suggestions, neighborhood news, etc. are always welcome. Please contact Mitch Kauffman, 3543 E. California Blvd., (626) 795-6874, mitchk@mitchk.net

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WHAT IS YOUR BOARD DOING? (cont.)

ASSOCIATION DUES – SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE-

Maria D'Amario, Membership Director

The Chapman Woods Association membership drive ended on May 1, with a majority of residents submitting their dues to renew and many new residents joining for the first time. Thanks so much to everyone who responded. Annual dues are only \$15.00 per household, but they fund many important Association efforts to preserve and protect the quality of our neighborhood.

And this year, the Association will publish its bi-annual update of the *Chapman Woods Residential Directory*. Only dues-paying members will receive a copy of this valuable resource when it is published this summer. Even though the deadline for dues has passed, and we are busy compiling the directory information, dues can still be submitted to Maria D'Amario, Membership Director, at 3449 San Pasqual Street.

FILMING IN THE WOODS-

Richard W. Patton, Filming Director

Lately most filmings have been TV ads or photography with very little done on movies. Many production companies are now parking their employees out of the area and bussing them to the location site in order to help eliminate congestion. There has also been a noticeable increase in locations used since the start of February, perhaps indicating the economy is now moving forward. The income received for this fiscal year comes from many home owner locations and to date is over \$3,000. In most all cases when a company declines to make a donation the reason is because the homeowner did not inform the location manager or make sure that their agent did so. Experience shows that the production companies are glad to make this support for our area.

Recently I was asked to go back on the Board as Director in charge of filming as well as continuing my role to be the main contact for both Woods residents and the location or production managers. Filming money received this year will be used to continue charitable support and to clean up and repaint the south wall on Huntington Drive. With more than \$30,000 received over these past five years your Board has been able to fund many worthwhile projects.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH- Connie Kofahl

Let's keep our Neighborhood Watch Program current and expanding. Plan to have a meeting for your block. Call me for information on Sheriff Office participation. I'd like to hear any of your stories about how Neighborhood Watch helped you or your neighbors. We'll put it in the CALL next time. Connie Kofahl 405-9954. ❖

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