



Chapman Woods Call

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CHAPMAN WOODS, CALIFORNIA

September 2003

Let's Picnic! Chapman Woods Sports Family BBQ, Picnic & 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2003, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

at the home of Roger & Michele Engemann
731 Madre

\$5.00 per Adult—Kids free!

Baseball Batting Cages—Tennis—Golf Putting Green—Horse Shoes—Ping Pong—
Badminton—Swimming - Clown - Games - Dodger Dogs!

Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Bring your homemade chili or homemade pie; win the prize of your dreams!!!

If you don't bring chili or pie please bring a salad to share.

Please bring a picnic blanket- No host beverages

RSVP by September 7, 2003 (PLEASE) to Pam Hicklin, (626) 568-1705
(Let me know if you're bringing a salad or chili.)

RSVP (by September 7th) COUPON

Please detach and return this coupon **along with your check** payable to Chapman Woods Association
by September 7th to: Pam Hicklin, 3449 Yorkshire Blvd. Pasadena CA 91107. Question, call (626) 568-1705

New Resident

First Time Attending

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ Number of Attendees (\$5 per Adult; kids free) _____



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *Pooling Our Efforts - Mitch Kauffman*

By the time this Call is printed, many of you will have seen the movie "Seabiscuit". On the surface it's the touching story of a great racehorse with tremendous determination. But the underlying tale highlights how two imperfect beings, an undersized, inadequate horse ridden by an oversized, unsuccessful jockey, bond together to create something much greater than they could achieve individually.

The Seabiscuit analogy can be carried to our own lives as well. Is it not the same story we live each day, whether it be with our families, friends or work? It's that spirit of unselfishly pooling our individual strengths that helps us achieve wonderful things.

When it comes to our neighborhood, it's not too dramatic to see ourselves as a small enclave fighting for survival amidst an encroaching outside world. The tiny voices of 450+ individual households have little hope of making a dent against such formidable forces. But by "Associating", we have created an entity with the potential of preserving our quality of life and property values. Our western neighborhood, San Marino, has an incorporated city with a tax base and ordinances to preserve their local beauty while Chapman Woods has only its pride and hard work.

As you may have noticed, the CW Board has been taking a stronger, proactive stance in recent years. These efforts have been geared toward preserving our local heritage and quality of life. Our success or failure rests on the volunteer efforts of our residents. When faced with unexpected challenges early on, it was gratifying to find support from residents who had previously served your Association. In particular, Dick and Lynda Patton have heroically donated their efforts to filling a Board vacancy and providing immeasurable support for our recent "CW Beautification" auction. They did this now, after the last decade having between them served as three Association Presidents and on innumerable Board positions. We owe them our gratitude.

But their example begs another question: *Where is everyone else?* Certainly we all have tremendous time demands, whether from family or work. But to maintain our lovely community, we need a viable Association Board. The Board has accomplished great things, including restoring the Rosemead-Huntington Walls, instituting monthly maintenance along Rosemead Boulevard, and as evidenced on page 4 of this Call, is actively campaigning local officials for further improvements. Our continued efforts have one purpose in mind: The preservation and improvement of our community.

With the second half of this administration beginning, we are actively seeking residents will serve on the next Board. As a volunteer organization, our success or failure will rest on your willingness to pitch in. But new challenges are evolving, what with the Gold Line opening and possible development of Clearman's corner, much remains to be done. An Old Testament quote comes to mind "... If not you, then who? If not now, then when?"



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WHAT IS YOUR BOARD DOING?

BEAUTIFICATION

Thanks to the efforts of many as noted in the Summer Party recap, the CW Association was able to raise over \$2,500 from our auction. The funds are specially earmarked and will go a long way toward maintaining our monthly clean-up service on Rosemead. ❖

TRADITION

Continuing our efforts to promote CW Heritage, this issue features some truly historic exhibits. We welcome your feedback and encourage any materials, stories or other contributions that you may wish to make. Again, our plan is to provide the Heritage section as a regular Call fixture in all future issues. ❖

SOCIAL AGENDA -Carolyn Lee, VP Social

Fall Family Picnic and Sports Extravaganza: Plans are underway for the upcoming Family Picnic on Sunday, September 21st from 3 PM to 6 PM. Roger and Michele Engemann have graciously offered their backyard, complete with swimming pool, batting cage, tennis court and putting green, to assure fun for all ages.

We hope many of you will participate in the chili cook-off (last year's was a great success) and others may want to bring their favorite pie and compete for the pie cook-off. Awards will go to those selected as the pie and chili gourmands.

Circle September 21st on your calendar, and bring your bathing suit, towel, tennis racket, picnic blanket and love of sports and competition (or just sitting!) to the Fall Picnic. We look forward to seeing you all there. If you have any questions or want to help in the planning, please call Carolyn Lee at 229-9951 in the evenings. ❖

ZONING & TRAFFIC—Pam Bolenbaugh

I just talked to Bob Masuda of Cal Trans this morning, he said the County is currently working on a new ordinance for Rosemead from the 210 to Temple City to prohibit all truck parking over 10,000 lbs. The recommendation will be made to the County Board of Supervisors in September (probably) and then will be reviewed by Cal Trans and if approved the signs will be posted. All this may be done by the end of the year (maybe). I called the main complaint, Jack Reberry and left him the above information. Also I asked about the plan to pave Rosemead this summer; he said that it is currently scheduled to be go out to bid in January 2004 with plans for paving in the summer of 2004. This may change since Sacramento (state government) will probably run out of money and then all projects will slide.❖

Since the **Gold Line** has opened, residents have expressed concern over it's impact on local traffic patterns. Local authorities are interested in our feedback, so please do not hesitate to call as the Sheriff (626-285-7171) and Highway Patrol (626-296-8100) with any issues.❖

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH- Connie Kofahl

Neighborhood Watch is not about spying on your neighbors. It is about caring for your neighbors so one can help in an emergency or report a suspicious event. We need to have more block meetings to keep our interest alive. Call me if you would like to have a meeting and I will give you the number of the person at the sheriff Dept. to call for a speaker. We have a new contact person. I also have booklets for the meetings. As a matter of interest, send me a story of how Neighborhood Watch has helped you or your neighbors for the CALL. No need to mention names. Connie Kofahl 405-9954.❖

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.)

Credit Where It's Due: While this is addressed to me as CW President, in reality it is through the tireless efforts of other CW Residents and Board Members like Pam Bolenbaugh that we may be seeing progress on this issue. Concerned residents should feel free to direct their personal concerns to Mr. Antonovich himself.



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
SUPERVISOR

July 21, 2003

Mr. Mitchell Kauffman, President
Chapman Woods Association
3543 California Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107

Dear Mr. Kauffman,

As you know, Rosemead Boulevard is a State Highway and Cal Trans is responsible for improving and maintaining it. The issue of the center median has been debated for several years by the community and Cal Trans.

Over the years, my office has met repeatedly with representatives from Cal Trans, as well as, your local State representatives to discuss ways to interest Cal Trans in improving the Rosemead Boulevard medians. Unfortunately, we have made little progress in those efforts. Cal Trans maintains that their internal policy is to not improve center medians.

I share the community's frustration with this issue and have asked the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to begin the process of relinquishment of Rosemead Boulevard from the Foothill Freeway to the Temple City boundary from the State to the County. I am pleased to take this first step to improve the appearance of the area however, please be advised that the process can take up to two years to complete.

I would like to thank your association for their efforts to resolve this historical issue and look forward to working with the community to make their visions of an improved Rosemead Boulevard median a reality.

Best regards,

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Supervisor

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Cc: Jim Noyes, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
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