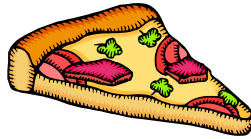


Fall 2012

COMING UP

PCA Board Elections and Pizza Party Wednesday, November 14, 2012 6:30 to 8:30 pm Hillside Covenant Church, 2060 Magnolia Way

- Meeting downstairs – Parking OK in either lot
- Free pizza, salad, drinks and cookies
- Childcare and videos for the kids.



6:30— Pizza
 7:00— Board
 Elections
 8:00— Program



Come to meet our new

Contra Costa County Supervisor, Candace Andersen. She will be our guest speaker for our Fall Meeting. She will cover County issues relevant to Parkmead with some questions and answers. You can submit questions in advance (or bring them with you) on Parkmead's Facebook or e-mail us at parkmead@parkmead.org by November 7. As of September 2011, Parkmead is represented by one County Supervisor in District 2 along with Saranap, Rossmoor and Lamorinda plus Danville and San Ramon. The remainder of Walnut Creek is in District 4 with Pleasant Hill and Concord. So mark your calendars now and bring your neighbors, we always enjoy new members! Barbara Martinez, PCA Event Coordinator ■

Christmas Caroling!

The PCA will be hosting the third annual **Parkmead Caroling Night** this winter! All ages are welcome. This event jointly organized by both our board and neighborhood youth. If you and your family are interested, join us in front of **Parkmead Elementary at 7:00 p.m. on December 22nd, 2012.** Lyrics are available online for printing on the PCA website at <http://www.parkmead.org>. Please dress appropriately (layer up!) and feel free to break out your most spirited holiday garb. See you there!

By Hannah Edgar and Julia Cohen ■

Cast Away

Every vote counts. Cast your ballot on **Election Day, November 6.**

JOIN PARKMEAD BOARD

We always welcome new board members, district representatives, officers or help on a committee. The board meets monthly in the evening. If interested contact PCA President Richard West at richard.west@hill-rom.com. See map on page 3 for PCA districts. ■

President's Message

By Richard West

I hope you all have enjoyed your summer with the family, traveling, camping and/or just sitting on your porch listening to the birds! Whatever your summer consisted of, I hope it was good.

The Summer Block Party was held in late August at the Dewing Park Pool. This venue offered more to do for the children, with two pools and grounds for playing on. It also allowed us to have restrooms to use and picnic tables for sitting and eating at.



It seemed that we had more attendees and more importantly many guest stayed longer than usual. We had great live



music and it was distant enough to have



conversations by the BBQ pits and beer keg. Many thanks to all that participated and also to

Pyramid again for donating the beer.

We kicked off the Newell Pathway Fundraiser at the Summer Block Party and have already collected over \$1,200 toward our goal of \$9,000. The Newell Pathway has been in dire need of maintenance as it was built over 10 years ago. The decomposed granite fines need to be scarified, replenished and compacted. Fortunately the wood edge boards of the pathway are still intact and in good shape.

I have noticed that we have had a few house sales this summer and with that, new neighbors. Say "hello" to them and invite them to the Fall Pizza Meeting in November.

Enjoy the fall and be sure and vote next month!

Hope to see you all for pizza! ■

City and County News

By Pete Johnson

Chabad Synagogue and Child Care Center – After 18 months and 3 public hearings with the County Zoning Administrator (staff person), the County has approved, with conditions, the Chabad synagogue and childcare facility at 1671 Newell. Since Chabad had never sought approval as a religious organization from the County this was part of their application too even though they had been in operation there for several years. The main neighbor concerns revolved around traffic and parking plus improving the appearance of Chabad near an entry to our neighborhood.

The key breakthrough in the lengthy process came when Chabad arranged to lease parking space from Kaiser on

weekends. The conditions on the synagogue in particular and the childcare center to a lesser extent were the result of input from the neighbors and the PCA. This takes effect for the synagogue now and for the childcare center when it is opened in the future. Plans for opening the childcare facility are still being worked out and it may be in spring 2013 or even as late as the next school year per Chabad. Conditions include Chabad having a parking monitor on site for large events, a formal "complaint system" for the neighbors with reports to the County, limiting late night synagogue activities, keeping trash cleaned up and some minimal landscaping. Chabad is to work with the PCA on the pathway and landscaping suggestions.

The PCA does not take positions on such projects but did express concerns about traffic and parking and worked to involve the immediate neighbors in the review process. We will update the PCA website www.parkmead.org when we have more definite news about the childcare center opening dates. The website also has some background information on the project, if you want to know more.

1500 Newell High Rise at S.Main - the developer will begin demolishing the 8 story building as this newsletter goes to print. They will begin with internal demolition of walls and then it will be demolished floor-by-floor with no dramatic implosion. The 7-11 and store next to it have closed. Most of the work will be completed in November. Watch the website for updates.

"KFC Site" at S. California Blvd. and Bothello NW corner – Kentucky Fried Chicken is gone and there are plans to raze the building and construct a multi-story mixed-use

structure with retail/restaurant and 24 condos above plus another pedestrian access to Alma Park. We will be kept informed by the City.

We will keep the website current on these and other City and County News

www.parkmead.org ■



Hear what the neighborhood is doing and talking about on the neighborhood Nextdoor website!

[Nextdoor Parkmead Neighborhood](#)

Join/Renew Now

Forgot to join the PCA this year? Never too late!!

You can join for \$12 at the Pizza Party.

Or you can get information on how to join at www.parkmead.org or contact a board member

(see list in this newsletter).

Not sure if you are a member?

Contact us at

membership@parkmead.org.



District Map

0 125 250 500 750 1,000 Feet

District Boundary
District Boundary/City Limit Line
City Limit Line



At the annual block party in August, there were ...



Neighbors eating and chatting at the Pool Party



County Supervisor Andersen

... Come eat and chat at the Pizza Party on November 14!

Got something you would like to share? Interested in writing about your Parkmead experience or what makes our neighborhood special to you? We are looking to hear from you. Send your ideas to our e-mail or Facebook and you may be published in our next newsletter

New street sign on Newell



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