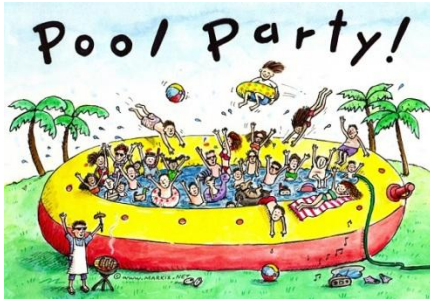


SUMMER 2014



COME JOIN THE FUN AT OUR ANNUAL POOL PARTY AT DEWING PARK!

Sunday, Sept. 14, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

It's that time of the year again. Come join your neighbors for sun, fun, swimming, music, and good eats at Dewing Park on Olympic at Newell. Let the kids cool off in the pool while you spend a relaxing afternoon catching up with neighbors. Or jump in the pool yourself and swim some laps. We'll provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts and drinks (including cold beer, compliments of Pyramid Brewery).

Please bring a favorite side dish to share.

We have a special treat for you this year. We have arranged for some talented local students to provide the entertainment. Alan Osmundson, a Las Lomas student, will be playing with a **jazz quartet** composed of high school students from the local music community. Osmundson is a distinguished musician who has played in the Contra Costa County Honor Jazz Band since his freshman year, and last year he was selected from hundreds of applicants to participate in the California All-State Music Educator's Conference (CASMEC) All-State Band. In addition to playing solo trumpet in Las Lomas' Jazz Band, Osmundson plays with The Berkeley Jazz School Studio Band and SFJAZZ's All-Star Band, high school ensembles which feature some of the greatest young jazz talents in the Bay Area.

Olympic Corridor Trail Connector

The next public meeting on the proposed Olympic Corridor Trail Connector for bikes and pedestrians is set for Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 at Parkmead

Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room at 1920 Magnolia Way. For a copy of the "Olympic Corridor Trail Connector Study Draft Preferred Alignment Report" and other details go to the county website at: www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/trailconnectorstudy.

President's Message

How was your summer? Did you get to visit some of your favorite places? Did you get to camp outdoors or visit some great city someplace in the United States or abroad? Would you like to share some of your stories with others?

I want to encourage you to come to our Summer PCA Pool Party on September 14th at Dewing Park and share your summer tales with all of your neighbors. Come down to the pool and cool off! This is our most attended event all year. Don't miss your chance to meet some new people and share some summer stories. There will be food, several beverages and plenty of fun in the sun and shade at Dewing Park Pool.

We are having our first ever Parkmead Business Fair on November 1st at the Hillside Covenant Church. This unique event will showcase our neighbors that have businesses where they are the sole proprietor. Please sign up if you have a business where you want our local community to know about it. Encourage your teenager if they have a business like babysitting or car-washing to promote and brag about their business!

We will be serving pizza from Extreme Pizza. Please come by just to see what your neighbors are doing for fun and income!

Also, I want to encourage you to attend one of our PCA Board meetings to learn more about what we do and how you can help. You don't need to be a board member to attend a meeting or to help us in so many ways. We meet every second Wednesday of the month at one of our member's homes. If you plan to attend a board meeting contact us at parkmead@parkmead.org.

Please feel free to join us.

Richard West, PCA Board President

Dorris-Eaton School Closing

The Walnut Creek School District (WCSD) voted in May to let the Dorris-Eaton School's lease expire at the end of the 2015 school year. The 1847 Newell Avenue campus will be reabsorbed into the school district. Exactly how the campus will be utilized by the WCSD likely won't be known until after school recommences. The district will review enrollment and offer several campus configuration alternatives to the governing board in addition to taking community comment. The Parkmead Community Association will monitor the situation and update the community as information about the Dorris Eaton School campus acquisition becomes known. The next WCSD Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for September 8th.

Parkmead Local Business Fair

On November 1st, the Parkmead Community Association is hosting a **Local Business Fair** at the Hillside Covenant Church upstairs in the large, multi-purpose room.

We have over 600 homes in our area in Walnut Creek and many residents own their own businesses, create their own art or products, or provide consulting that others would be interested in hearing about.

Please plan on attending and seeing what your neighbors are doing to pay the bills!

If you want to have an 8' table and take part, please submit your application on the PCA website at: parkmead.org. We will want all applications in before October 1st.

Feel free to email parkmead@parkmead.org if you have any questions.

We will follow promptly with our Fall General Meeting and Board Elections in the same room.

Poker Tournament

Mark your calendars for October 18, 2014! A friendly neighborhood "**No Limit Texas Hold Em Poker Tournament**" will be held at 191 Camelia Lane, courtesy of Liz Menkes. Buy-in will be \$65 and include dinner and there will be re-buys until the half. Money goes to fund the Parkmead Pathway - make checks payable to PCA. Prizes will be awarded to the top 4, maybe more depending on participation. Dinner and getting situated begins at 5:30, tournament starts promptly at 7:00 pm.

More information will follow with flyers or email parkmead@parkmead.org for details & to sign up. Send checks to 190 Arlene Drive to reserve your spot. Parkmead neighbors are welcome along with any friends you would like to include as this is a fund raising event.

We are also looking for people to donate any wine or beer for the event to keep costs down. Or donate items for a raffle; you don't have to play, but are contributing to help the pathway!

CERT training offered this fall in Walnut Creek

Become a volunteer Disaster Service Worker for the City of Walnut Creek by taking the upcoming **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training**. Classes will be held on seven consecutive Monday evenings from Sept. 8 – Oct. 20, with a final graduation exercise the morning of Saturday, Oct. 25.

The purpose of CERT is to teach people how to safely respond to the needs of the community in the event of a major disaster. CERT graduates are sworn in as volunteer Disaster Service Workers for the City of Walnut Creek upon completion of their training.

If disaster strikes, CERT team members check on their own families and home first, and then assemble at a pre-designated site to work together to respond to the needs of the neighborhood and gather information for the City's Emergency Operations Center.

CERT classes are a combination of lecture and hands-on training, and include light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and CERT team organization. Skills students learn include use of hand-held radios, when and how to shut off gas and how to properly operate a fire extinguisher.

The Sept. 8 class will be at City Hall; the remaining classes will be held at Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation, 2890 Mitchell Drive. The final graduation drill on Saturday, Oct. 25 is being hosted by the Rossmoor CERT team.

There is a \$25 program fee, payable the first day of class. Register online at www.walnut-creek.org/CERT or call the CERT registration line, 925-256-3556. Space is limited, and classes fill up quickly.

Save the Date

CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

The PCA will be hosting the fifth annual Parkmead Caroling Night this winter on Saturday, December 20th!