

# WoodBridge Ranch Newsletter

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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic

We all owe **Mark Sawyer** a big thank you as he is the only one to step up and volunteer to be this year's picnic coordinator. He has the caterer, water slide, train and DJ all lined up. Others who have volunteered to help Mark and insure we have a fun filled picnic are **Judy Johnson** and **Trish Steitz**. In addition **Leo Andre** volunteered to coordinate the vehicle parade and **Chris Boyer** is in charge of the kids walking parade. Thanks to all 5 of you.

Like we did last year, the BBQ dinner will be at 6:00 followed by sharing fireworks on the ball field in Lake Park at dusk. This annual homeowners' picnic started back in the 1970's. Back then it was mostly housing contractors who owned lots that attended. Attending the picnic is free for residents PROVIDED you called in your RSVP so that dinners were ordered from the caterer for your family. Guests may attend for the price of the meal paid in advance. See the enclosed flyer.

## New Neighborhood Watch Co-coordinator

Thanks go out to **Don Wong** who served as the Neighborhood Watch Co-coordinator for the Roseville side for the past seven years.

Effective immediately **Renee Wellhouse** has volunteered to be the Co-coordinator for Roseville WBR residents. She can be reached at 916-955-1547. Thank you Renee for volunteering.



## Canada Geese invade Lake Park

Despite our efforts that kept Canada geese from nesting in Lake Park, 3 pair managed to nest nearby and once the goslings were strong enough the adults walked them to Lake Park.

One pair had 9 goslings and the other two pair had 4 and 2 respectively. Having any Canada geese in Lake Park attracts others that fly by. About a month after goslings are born the adults lose their flight feathers and it takes about 8 weeks for them to grow replacements, meaning we are

stuck with at least 21 geese (6 adults + 15 goslings) until approximately the end of July.

A single Canada goose in one (1) day can\*:

- eat up to 3 pounds of grass,
- damage 5 square feet of turf and
- produce over 1 pound of feces.

\*Source City of Pickering, CA.

When a large population of geese inhabits an urban park, grass can become damaged by trampling and consumption. Additionally, feces pose health concerns to park users.

Assuming no more geese get stuck here during the molt, our flock of 21 in Lake Park on a daily basis will strip away 63 pounds of grass damaging 105 square feet of turf. Also, 21 pounds of goose poop will be deposited every day on the walking paths, picnic area, baseball/soccer field and in the lake or 1,260 pounds in June and July alone.

The damage will increase if we are unable to keep additional geese from taking up residence in the park and then lose their flight feathers. Geese fly in and fly out every day attracted by our flock.

Matters could get much worse next year if the 15 goslings mate up and return to Lake Park to raise their young along with their parents. That could result in 36 geese plus their offspring.

Canada geese are a national pest destroying parks, golf courses, cemeteries and any other location that provide them with grass and water.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Semiannual Progressive Dinner

Once again the progressive dinner proved to be an epicurean delight with lots of socializing. This time there were only 16 couples able to attend. Unfortunately, the only weekend in May that Karen Bickford, Art Hawkins and their spouses were in town at the same time was the Memorial Day weekend and they didn't realize it was a holiday weekend until too late. Because of the three day weekend several regular participants sent in their regrets or we might have had 24 couples participating.

This time we had two ladies participate who were single for the weekend because their spouses were out of town. They teamed up and had a fun time doing the entrée. We hope that other singles will join in next time.

There was a surprise reunion that occurred during one of the courses. It turns out that the wives of two couples used to be neighbors many years ago and

had lost touch only to show up and recognize each other. One couple has lived in WBR for many, many years and the other couple moved in about a year ago. That made their evening very special.

Given the popularity of this social evening we may have another one this fall. In order to receive invitations to join in on the Progressive Dinners and the Driveway Social be sure to send an email to Jon Bird at [www.WBRsocial@surewest.net](mailto:www.WBRsocial@surewest.net).

## Webmaster Needed~!!!

On behalf of the Board and the residents of WBR we thank Mike Stodghill for being our webmaster for more years than can be recalled.

We need someone with the technical skills to volunteer to be our next Webmaster. Usually there are only one or two updates per month, primarily the listing of homes for sale and sold and the quarterly newsletter. In addition to those there can be updates in the Members Only section. There are some months when there are no updates. It takes volunteers to run our Association, if you have these skills please put them to use.

## Hazel Entrance LED Lighting

In November 2012 the Board authorized the expenditure of \$1,703 to replace the 14 halogen light fixtures with new state of the art LED fixtures based on a cost

analysis. The halogen bulbs running from dusk to dawn generated a lot of heat and burned out frequently. The electrical and maintenance costs of the halogen lights amounted to \$1,751 in 2012 and \$1,507 in 2011.

The LED lights were installed in December 2012. In 2013 our electrical cost was \$602 with no bulb replacement, a 66% overall cost reduction. We will have recovered the cost of the new fixtures with cost savings in just 18 months and will save over \$1,000 annually.

The Board will be looking into the possibility of replacing the light fixtures at the Old Auburn entrances with LED fixtures.



## WBR Victim of Copper Thieves

A resident reported the tennis court lights at Petite Creek Park were not working. We had our electrician check out the lighting problem and he found that the underground wires had been cut and stolen. The thieves took a seven (7) strands of wire that ran underground from the front court to the other court and from there went around the tennis court to the base of each of 8 light posts.

The wires to the court nearest the parking lot were also cut, but our electrician was able to make repairs and restore electricity to that court. No wire to the first court was stolen. That court is available for play, but needs to

have the net repaired. A work order has been issued and that work is pending.

Going forward we all need to be vigilant as that park could be hit again as well as Lake Park. If a car(s) is parked in the Petite Creek Park after dark and the tennis court lights are not on please alert Judy Cornell 532-6342, Renee Wellhouse 955-1547 or Art Hawkins immediately 725-3026. Capital Private Patrol has been alerted and will be vigilant during their nightly patrols.

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## Important Notice! Attempted Theft

As was previously announced in an e-Alert, an individual driving a brown Mercedes without license plates attempted to steal some equipment from a landscaper's vehicle. Luckily the landscaper saw him and managed to scare him off without losing anything.

Please inform your gardeners to be careful not to leave equipment unsecured while working on your yard. Because of the large lots gardeners must spend a lot of time in the backyards of residents which gives a thief the opportunity to take valuable equipment from their vehicle.

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## The Drought and Landscaping

The Association has very specific rules on front yard landscaping and appearance. One of them being "*Lawns are to be kept healthy, green and growing.*"

Because of the drought we all must comply with the

conservation mandates of our water districts. Accordingly, the Landscape Rules will be relaxed to the extent necessary to be in compliance on water conservation. Yards will still need to be maintained including removal of dead trees / shrubs and weeds kept under control. When the drought is deemed "over" yards must be brought back into compliance.

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## Summer Vacation, WBR Kids for Hire

There are eager kids willing to do yard work, baby sit, walk dogs etc. that have listed their skills in the Members Only section of our website. So if you are looking for help check it out. (Logon: lake, p/w: park)

We probably have some new teenagers that want to be listed in the Members Only section. If so, send your ad into our current webmaster right away so you are not left out.

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## Contractor Signs

Many contractors place signs in the front yards of homes they are working on. Please be aware that signs are to be removed within 15 days of the project's completion. If the contractor fails to remove their sign it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove it.

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## CC&R's Online

WBR's CC&R's are posted on our website. Rather than search in a file cabinet just logon to [www.WoodBridgeRanch.org](http://www.WoodBridgeRanch.org) and click on "Governing Documents." Once you have the

CC&R's displayed you can search the document for your particular area of interest by doing "Control F" for "find" and typing in a key word for a subject, e.g. "Architectural". Each occurrence of your search will be brought up sequentially.



## Lake Park Closing Time

Lake Park closes at "Dusk:" a term that is not tied to a specific hour as it varies on a daily basis.

**Dusk** is the darkest stage of twilight in the evening. During early to intermediate stages of twilight, there can be enough light to read outdoors without artificial illumination. If you need to use a flashlight to read, you have stayed past dusk.

Residents are requested to leave the park at dusk for their own safety and to be respectful of homeowners that have backyards that face the parks.

Residents who live in homes that overlook the park get concerned when they see people moving about after park closing time, especially if they are using a flashlight. That is when a lot of vandalism seems to occur.

When residents see someone in the park after closing time they call Capital Private Patrol. CPP then makes a special trip out here to remove anyone in the park after closing time.

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