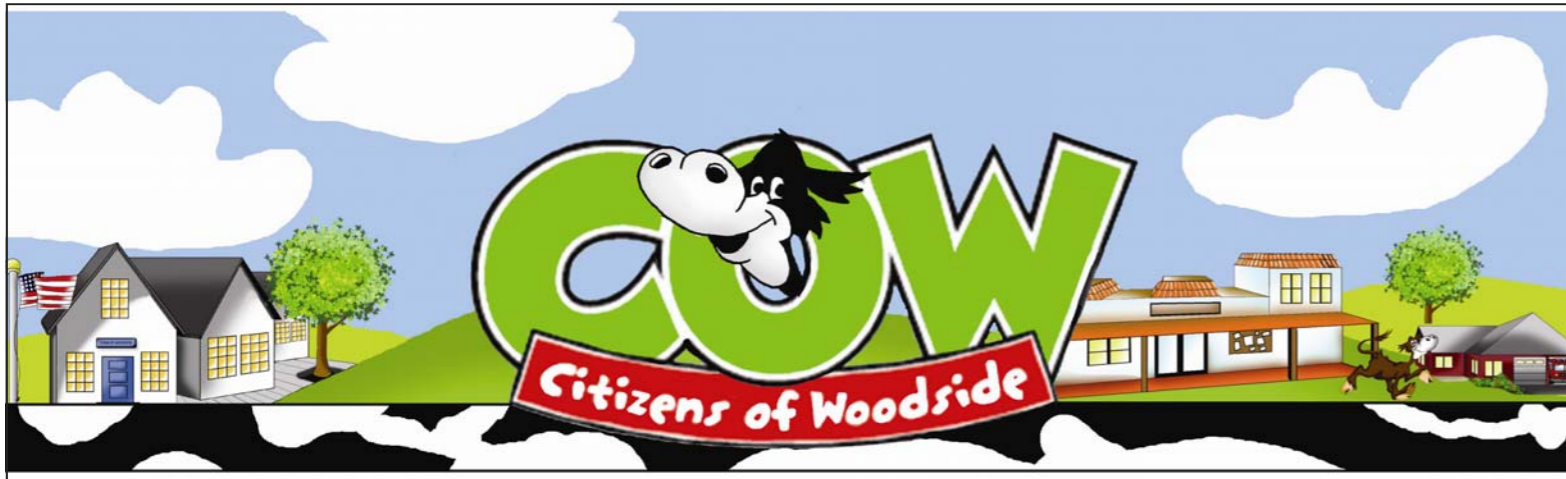




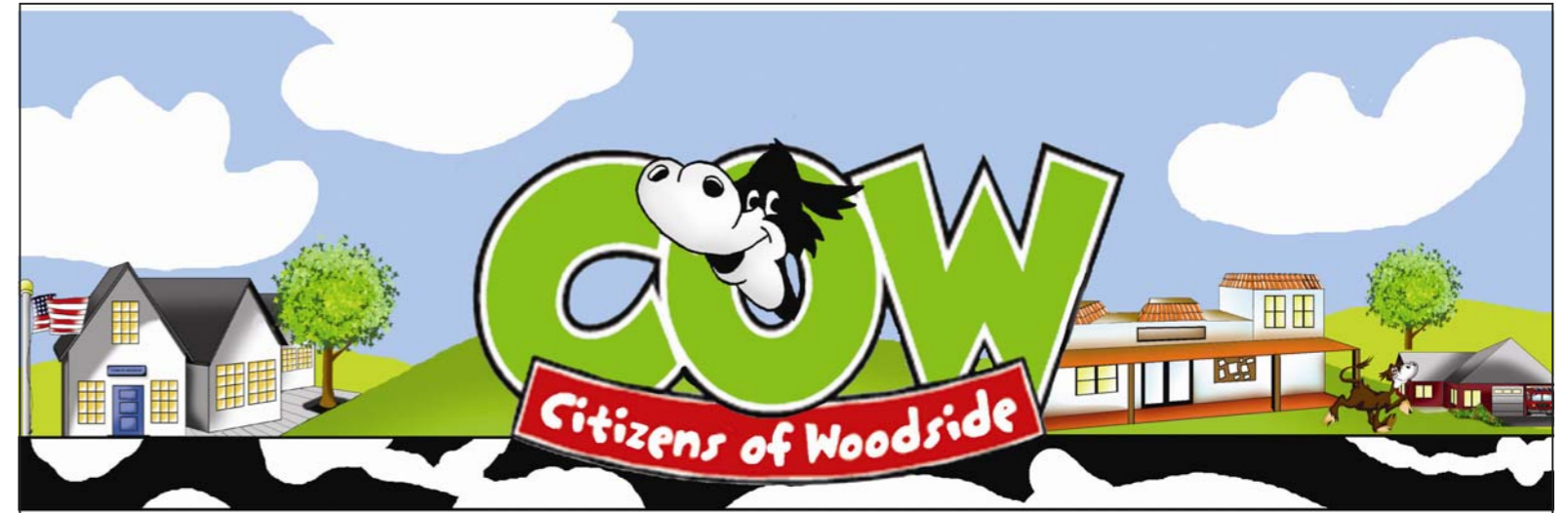
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### **Calling all Cows**

We want to welcome you to the COW newsletter and tell you about our organization and purpose.

**Who We Are:** Citizens of Woodside is an organization made up of residents and business people who believe that in a democracy, government should treat its citizens with fairness, impartiality, transparency, and respect. Therefore, we have joined together to form a bully pulpit to monitor, report on, and share views about the Town of Woodside.

**Our History:** When the town celebrated its 50th year as an incorporated town, COW celebrated its first year as a community voice.

In 2005, Citizens of Woodside who wanted a stronger voice about how local control was exercised also incorporated and created this bully pulpit. We were moo-ved to become Citizens of Woodside, or COW. Since then, many of our neighbors have joined us, realizing that the voices of the whole herd together are better than one lone moo. Our mission is to: foster Communications among concerned citizens, to promote citizen Oversight of town activities, and to Work together for the betterment of our community. We believe in democracy and want a government which treats its citizens with fairness, impartiality, transparency and respect.

### **Udder-ly Exciting**

Kick up your hooves! We have been together for two years now and we are no longer between hay and grass at this community web site production. We have new features that you have to see. So kick up your hooves, let your cow bells ring and skedaddle to the nearest computer to visit COW. Here's what's new:



COWncil Webcasts! Remember when we COWS raised all that money, \$32,000, to give to the Town to pay for webcasting of council meetings, just like is done in other cities? COW believes we all could and should be more involved in our town government. But then the Town refused the check. After the Council held a meeting on it Town Manager Susan George was supposed to research the idea. Well, just as we haven't heard a moo about Susan George's investigation into staff's retaliation against citizens, we still haven't herd back about webcasting either. We have been sitting on our hooves long enough and decided no more of this dilly dallying so now you can watch webcasts here on our Amoo-zing Mootube! (Its in audio for those of you who are still limited to dial up.

That's right COWs, see COWncil webcasts starting with the meeting of Tuesday October 9th on our new Mootube along with cow videos from the internet which our members or viewers have found interesting or aMOOzing. Of course it wouldn't be Mootube without videos of Woodside. You can contribute by visiting the website

See the Cow-lendar for local meetings and events of interest to COWs. If you have a meeting or event you would like posted, send it to us and we will try and add it.

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### **Moosings — Tell Us What You Think!**

COWs want Woodside to be neighborly, horse, bike, cow, dog, cat and people friendly. It should remain, beautiful, safe and unique. It has a rural environment but also should celebrate its history of large estates. Woodside is not isolated, it is part of San Mateo County and the Bay Area and the State.

Last year we had a survey which told us that COWs had a real concern about the building review process. COW depends on those who continue to let us know what they think and what we should write about. So what do you think of Woodside and how it should be? What concerns do you have? What is your vision for Woodside? Let us know. Are there items you would like to see discussed? Are there things you would like us to investigate? Please let us know what you think. If you're opinion is different than ours, fine. All opinions are welcome – all COWs deserve to be "herd". Have a voice contact us.

Visit our website at [www.citizensofwoodside.com](http://www.citizensofwoodside.com) or write us at Citizens of Woodside, P.O. Box 620166, CA 94062, to read all our stories and more. We are also looking for events to add to our new Cow-lendar and for any moo-vies to add to our collection at Moo-tube. Don't be afraid to join in.



## Who Are Our Two New COWncil Members??

We have been trying to put a hoof around our two new Council Candidates, Peter Mason and Dave Burow, to learn who they are and what they stand for. COW's want to know what is their vision for Woodside and what do they want to accomplish. We sent them each a letter, about 3 weeks ago, inviting them to tell us. We offered to print whatever they wanted to say unedited. Sadly one was unmoo-ved by our request to get to know him; However, Mr. Burow responded. You can see his response on the website.

What we do know from several sources in Town and on the internet is that Mr. Burow has lived in town some 20+ years. He came to the Bay Area from Chicago in 1979 to work in the semiconductor industry. He is currently the CEO of Catalytic Inc. Being top wrangler for several large companies, we are cautiously hopeful he would be an open minded, no moo-larky addition to the council.

We are a bit more cautious with the other Council Candidate Mr. Mason. We have concerns over some of Mr. Mason's statements and voting record on the ASRB as being unduly harsh and udderly unneighborly...

To read more of this story, please visit [www.citizensofwoodside.com](http://www.citizensofwoodside.com).

## Past MOO-ies

### We have been raising concerns about what is happening in our small town...

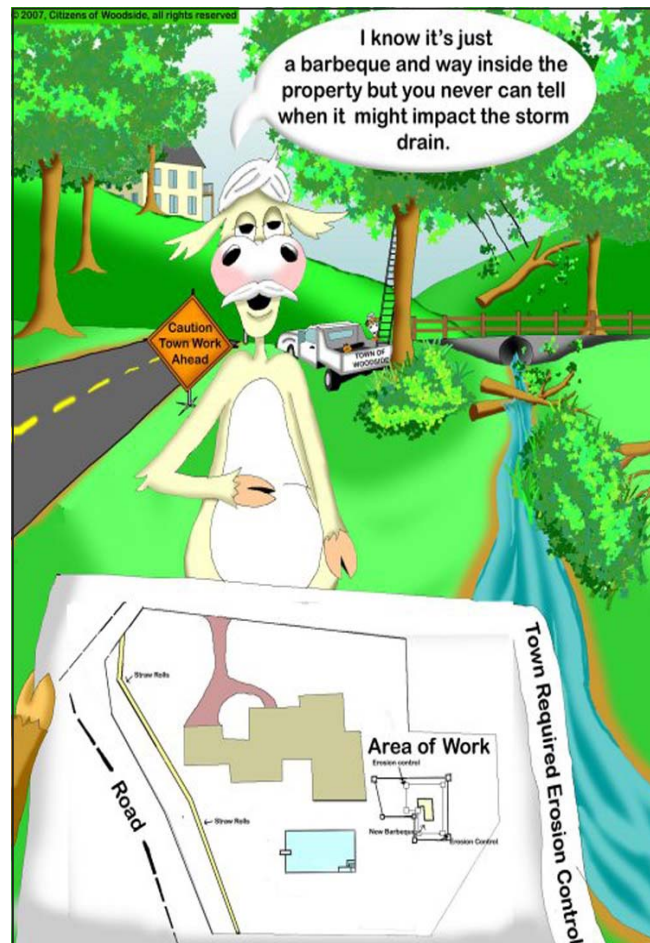
We wrote in "Our Beef" on September 4, 2007 about the increase of apparent apathy in Woodside regarding anyone or anything even when it is a potentially life threatening circumstance..... To finish this article please visit: [www.citizensofwoodside.com](http://www.citizensofwoodside.com).

### We told you about neighborhood complaints regarding the butchering of plants and private property...

Our story "Yikes! Butchers in Woodside?" on April 3rd, 2007 tells about people's landscaping being chopped down and left to rot, some in areas that could pollute the water in the storm drains that go to the bay..... To find out what happened see: [www.citizensofwoodside.com](http://www.citizensofwoodside.com)

### We heard it through our Grapevine and brought you the details of wonderful local winery's and their current tasting schedules..

Check out our story "Grape Tails" from July 19th, 2007 for what you can do with guests or just for you right here in Woodside. Read the rest at: [www.citizensofwoodside.com](http://www.citizensofwoodside.com).



## MOOvin and Groovin in Woodside!

We here at COW think the Woodside Recreation Department is great and we all are very lucky we have these wonderful volunteers. We put our hooves together to thank the Rec. Committee members for their hard work and for giving all COWs the opportunity to play together.

Woodside Rec. improves our quality of life and makes the herd happy. These unsung Woodside heroes spend a lot of their own free time to organize all kinds of fun activities for the rest of the herd to enjoy. To read more see the website at: [www.citizensofwoodside.com](http://www.citizensofwoodside.com).



## Blue Ribbon For the Town!

The San Mateo Grand Jury released a report in July making 5 recommendations that town councils should consider regarding electronic communications amongst city officials. The Town of Woodside was singled out as the only city in the County with an email policy for Council members.

So, let's put together our hooves to applaud and ring our cowbells for the progressiveness of our Town!! However, after digging our hooves a little deeper into the Town dirt, we uncovered some interesting information. It seems it took a lawsuit or two to achieve this small degree on transparency.

Both lawsuits were settled in favor of the plaintiffs with the Town required to create specific e-mail accounts for council members, create a written procedure and train staff in handling public records. To read more about this story, visit our website: [www.citizensofwoodside.com](http://www.citizensofwoodside.com)



## Countdown to Halloween

There are some exciting opportunities in the area that will provide a fun, entertaining, and even frightening night as one of our favorite holidays is approaching. Below are a few adventures worth the trip in the area!

Take you and your young ones down to the 28th year **Grandpa Kevin's Pumpkin Patch** at 4240 El Camino in Palo Alto. It has fun features such as a giant slide, a jumper and a choo-choo train coming



soon. This exciting location is open from Sept. 28-Oct. 31.

For those newborns and little calves, head on over to **Halloween Spooktaular** at the Red Morton Community Center in Redwood City for some carnival games, a mad scientist lab, graveyard photo backgrounds, and a costume parade at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 27

While in the area, make sure to stop by **Scare on the Square**, a series of

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Stampede-able! Also check out our moo-verlous and so popular free COW greeting cards. We have a whole new section with COW cards that are printable or can be sent as e-cards.

Our stories are still our most important feature of course and we will be bringing you the real news that you might not be able to get elsewhere. Please keep the stories and tips coming. We count on you.

Bull-riliant and colorful design and new features! We hope you find the improved COW site much easier to use. There are all kinds of interesting things to see including Town COWncil Webcasts! So moo-sy on over and take a look at our website and let us know what you think.

Halloween-inspired outdoor movie nights on the Courthouse Square in Redwood City. You can see a listing of times and movies playing at [http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/scare\\_square.htm](http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/scare_square.htm).

Or perhaps a visit to the **Second Annual Spook Night with Dave Keane** at Kepler's in Menlo Park will suit you better. The local author will be entertaining kids of all ages with tricks and treats. Visit [www.keplers.com](http://www.keplers.com) for more information!

Everybody here at COW wishes you an exciting and safe Halloween!

Greeting cards like these can be viewed and printed from our website. Come check them out and send them off to your herd!

