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OSMA Board Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at Focus Real Estate & Investments, Inc., 3936 Mayette Ave. Call 544-9443 to confirm the time and date.

The Fountaingrove II Gazette is a continuation of previous newsletters of the Association. Previous newsletters can be found at www.fountaingrove2.org

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Woodstock for Rincon Ridge Park!

By Kim Nielsen-Glynn, OSMA Board Member and Park Committee Chairperson

Charles Schulz created a host of lovable, unforgettable characters in his Peanuts comic strip: Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy (well, maybe she is more unforgettable than lovable), and that crazy beagle Snoopy. But of all the possible characters that might befit our tree-studded mountaintop, who better than Woodstock—he seems created for just such a site. This summer the City of Santa Rosa will be erecting about 70 statues, a la the Charlie Brown statues last year, with proceeds going towards art scholarships and a permanent bronze statue for the airport. Statues will be placed throughout Santa Rosa beginning the week of May 22nd. Wouldn't it be fantastic to have a Woodstock placed at Rincon Ridge Park – forever?

The City has already given us the OK; now all we have to do is raise enough funds to sponsor and purchase our own statue. The cost is \$4,000 to sponsor and another \$2,000 to buy the statue. There is another \$1,000 for the artist fee, but we may be able to have that waived if we provide the artist.

A small polling sample of neighbors indicates there are many people out there who would be interested in contributing to this

public art centerpiece for the park. If you'd like to help bring Woodstock into our neighborhood and a smile to many a face, send in your donation! Please make your check out to OSMA Woodstock Fund and mail it to Focus Real Estate and Investments, Inc., 3936 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. For questions please call Kim Nielsen-Glynn at 707-544-7871.

Just think - you'll help make a lasting contribution to our community and to the memory of Charles Schulz and his lovable characters.



February Special Evening Board Meeting

The February 2006 OSMA Board Meeting will be held in the evening so that more residents can attend. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. The location is the same as for all Board meetings: Focus Real Estate and Investments, Inc., 3936 Mayette Avenue (Cross street is Yulupa, across from the Whole Foods Shopping Center).

Landscaping plans and projects will be a

major topic of discussion. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend this Board meeting.

Those of you reading this by hard copy only will probably receive this too late. However, this newsletter was made available electronically on January 24th. Make sure you are on the Web update e-mail list. Send your request to: editor@fountaingrove2.org

Landscape Fall Projects Completed

The Landscape Committee is pleased to report the completion of the three fall landscaping projects:

- Plants and mulch to fill in areas planted two years ago on the east side of Fountaingrove Parkway south of Rincon Ridge Drive (lower end).
- Completion of plantings on a section of Parker Hill Road north of Crown Hill Drive (north).
- Planting on the west side of Fountaingrove Parkway from Rocky Point to Boulder Point.

For each planting area, shrubs and perennials were added to areas that already had trees planted, and the entire area was mulched. A few additional trees were also planted. Irrigation upgrades were more extensive than first thought, and were completed as part of each project.

Future projects will be discussed at upcoming Board meetings, starting with the February 7th meeting (see page 1 for more information). Projects for next year may include plant and mulch installation from Rocky Point to the edge of the Summit, a small section of Parker Hill

Road from Crown Hill Drive (north) to Crown Hill Drive (south), Darlington Court and Sage Hill Place.

The additional project nearing completion is the extension of the irrigation system to service the now landscaped area along Sage Hill and at the corner of Rocky Knoll Way and Rincon Ridge Drive. Replacement plantings are planned for both areas, and there will be completion of the mulching of the entire length along Rincon Ridge Drive.

The OSMA apologizes for the delay in completing this project. There were problems getting hooked up to the City water system, and various problems, most recently the weather, which prevented the contractor from completing the job as expected.

Trash Pickup Volunteers

We sincerely thank the volunteers who are picking up trash in our open spaces, one of whom is Babette Allcock. If you know the names of others that we can thank, please e-mail their names to editor@fountaingrove2.org

Correction to the Fall Newsletter

The Fall 2005 issue of the *Fountaingrove II Gazette* has Manzanita (Emerald Carpet) on the OSMA Plant List. While the City of Santa Rosa has used this plant extensively along the Parkway, it has been deleted from the OSMA Plant List because it is not on the list of approved plants which are part of the CC&Rs for Fountaingrove II.

Board Member News

At the October 2005 Annual Meeting, the following people were elected to two-year terms on the OSMA Board of Directors: Keith Kerr, Kim Nielsen-Glynn and Sy Rothbard. These two-year terms became effective January 1, 2006.

In November 2005 Board Member Rosemary Yates resigned for personal reasons, leaving a vacancy on the Board for a term expiring January 1, 2007. At its January '06 Board meeting, the Board appointed Jeff Schween to fill the vacancy for the duration of the term. Keith Kerr was named CFO of the Association.

The Board sincerely thanks Rosemary Yates for her service to the community.

Got Vandals?

Residents Urged to Report Vandalism

By Kim Nielsen-Glynn, OSMA Board Member

Ah, restless youth. Many of us remember those halcyon days when our minds were somewhere between the care-free elementary school days of recess and play dates, and the looming real-life responsibilities of full-time jobs, car payments and doing our own laundry. It is a fleeting time. Unfortunately, for some teens it's a time when their fun becomes someone else's pain and frustration.

Recently, there has been a noted increase in the amount of vandalism and number of pranks perpetrated on neighborhood homeowners. Vehicles have been driven across wet lawns, leaving deep depressions that are difficult to repair. Paintballs have left splatters on the sides of homes. Sleeping homeowners have been startled

awake in the middle of the night by pounding fists on the front door. Harmless pranks? Well, if they didn't happen to you, maybe they are. But...did you know that shooting any type of firearm (paint ball gun, BB gun, etc.) within city limits is illegal? And, what if the car that ran over the lawn was being driven by a drunken teenager?

Please don't just turn the other cheek. Become part of the solution to the neighborhood's problems. If you see someone doing something they shouldn't, contact the police department and file a report. Their non-emergency phone number is 528-5222 or 543-3572. Your watchful eye can benefit everyone around you.

Fountaingrove Joint Safety Committee Meets

The Fountaingrove Joint Committee on Safety met in mid December at the Fountaingrove Ranch Master Association office on Round Barn Blvd. The Committee, chaired by Robert Greenberg, a resident of Fountaingrove II, has recently been re-energized as a way to discuss issues of mutual concern to both the Ranch and the OSMA. (The Fountaingrove Ranch Master Association governs the neighborhoods just to the southwest of Fountaingrove II along the Parkway going towards Mendocino Ave.) The Joint Committee's intent is to speak as a unified voice to the City.

The Committee had a discussion of the progress being made on Fountaingrove Parkway safety. The City is currently engaged in working through a list of priorities for im-

provements established in the Fountaingrove Parkway Safety Audit of May 2005. These recommendations were presented to the City Council by the Public Works Dept. at the November 1st meeting of the Council, and the document is posted on our Web site:

http://www.fountaingrove2.org/Newsletters/News_Headlines/PkwySafety1/Item11.2.pdf

The Committee is monitoring all progress on improvements, staying in touch with the City to keep the lines of communication open. As other news becomes available, it will be posted on our Web site Home page at www.fountaingrove2.org.

As of mid January Bob Greenberg announced that he was resigning as

chairman of the Joint Committee and felt it was a good time to turn the reigns over to someone else. The OSMA Board wants to thank Bob for his large contributions over the past two years toward making the Parkway a safer road.

OSMA Suggests Being a "Pace Car"

We've all seen it—drivers exceeding speeds of 50 mph on the Parkway, and impatient drivers tailgating cars obeying the speed limit of 35 mph. The OSMA would like to suggest that our residents do their part to help maintain safe speeds by refusing to be "pushed" by other drivers. If someone is tailgating you, maintain the speed limit—it works! On single lane sections, others behind you will have to comply with the law!

Board to seek proposals for open space maintenance contracts

The OSMA Board recently decided to seek new proposals for the open space maintenance contracts. The current contract with Cagwin and Dorward was terminated as of January 31st.

A committee was formed to draft a new RFP. Headed by Dennis Searles, a resident of Fountaingrove II East, the Committee is working to issue the RFP as soon as possible to ensure that maintenance to the open space areas of the Association will be accomplished in a timely way. Dennis is knowledgeable in

drafting the RFP, having served previously as chairman of the RFP committee.

There will actually be two separate RFPs issued: one for maintenance to the open space landscaped areas, and another for the open space fire break areas.

Both the landscaped and fire break areas have increased dramatically in size during the last year. Fuel reduction areas to mitigate the danger of a catastrophic wild fire were enlarged by

about 60% last year as fire breaks were widened to 100 feet from property lines (they were previously 30 feet) and these must now be maintained. Additionally, as the building of Fountaingrove II West was completed, new open space areas came under the management of the OSMA. This includes both the fire break areas and the landscaped areas.

The results of the bids for the contracts will be published as soon as they are known.

Stay Informed - Send in Your E-mail Address for News

Our Web site is now in its fourth year, www.fountaingrove2.org. It's a fast way to get current news. Be sure your name is on our Web update list. Get timely and important Web update notification. Your name and e-mail address will not be shared with anyone else, and it will be hidden in group e-mails.

Simply send an e-mail with your name to:

editor@fountaingrove2.org. State that you want to be on the update list

Letters to the Editor & Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to comment or contribute to the newsletter, please send an e-mail to:

editor@fountaingrove2.org



Letters to the Editor and contributions will be published as space permits. Next issue: Spring 2006. Deadline: March 15, 2006

Previous Issues of Newsletters

Welcome to all the new residents of our community!! Because we continue to have many new residents as homes are completed, we thought you might want to know that previous issues of newsletters can be found on our Web site. Here is the URL:

<http://www.fountaingrove2.org/Newsletters/newsletters.html>

These newsletters contain information which may be helpful as you orient to our community.

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Fountaingrove II is a residential community in the hills of northeastern Santa Rosa, CA, in the heart of the Wine Country in Sonoma County. When construction is completed there will be nearly 600 homes within the community.

The Open Space Maintenance Association (OSMA) is responsible for managing the Open Space within the defined boundaries of the community. All homeowners share the ownership and maintenance of this Open Space. The Association strives to preserve the natural beauty of the wooded spaces while promoting safety to homeowners and improvements to the landscaped areas along the streets and Parkway.

Keeping our open spaces beautiful

We're on the Web:

www.fountaingrove2.org