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Update on Proposed Parkway Changes

by Dennis Searles

The response from Fountaingrove II residents about the Parkway Alert has been extremely productive. Numerous residents provided input to Jason Nutt, Deputy Director of Public Works - Traffic, by e-mail or letter. There was unanimous agreement to stop the installation of concrete barriers. Most of the Fountaingrove II input to City Traffic stressed safety concerns regarding access for emergency vehicles, and the need for routes in or out of the streets in case of fire or medical emergency. The subsequent review of the plan by the fire department confirmed these concerns, and City Traffic has trimmed back their plans for erecting concrete barriers in the Fountaingrove II area.

On January 10th Jason Nutt and Walter Laabs of Santa Rosa Traffic met with the OSMA Board and members of the Fire & Safety Team (Eleven Fountaingrove II residents were present at this two-hour meeting). The productive meeting revealed that City Traffic is conducting further studies of the Daybreak and Sedgemoore intersections to determine if the sight lines can be improved enough to maintain the intersections' full access or if the current plan restricting left turn access will proceed.

Under the revised City Traffic Plan there will be: (1) no full median closure at Sedgemoore; two stoplights will be installed at the intersections of Rincon Ridge/Hadley Hill (priority #1) and Parker Hill (priority #2); and (3) residents of Daybreak and Sedgemoore will be able to make a left turn onto the parkway in case of an emergency. Walter Laabs has asked us to contact him about every two weeks to obtain the progress reports of their continuing studies of these two streets.

City Traffic plans to spend \$400,000 to \$500,000 in safety improvements for the entire parkway, which extends from Mendocino Ave. to Brush Creek Road, in the 2008 timeframe. A stoplight costs about \$250,000, so it is unlikely more than one light will be installed from the current funds earmarked for spending. There are current city budget problems, but we hope this will not impact the planned spending for parkway safety projects.

City Traffic has agreed to share their final recommendations with the OSMA Board and Fire & Safety Team before they submit those recommendations to the City Council. They have also offered to meet with the OSMA Board and Fire & Safety Team once more, if we request such a meeting. In addition, there will be an open meeting with City Traffic with all Fountaingrove II residents sometime in February or March (date and time to be announced). Hopefully the final recommendation will be closer to what the residents of Fountaingrove II desire.

You've Got Mail! Or Do the Thieves Have It?

Yes, the mail thieves are out to get you—and your identity. This time of year, especially with year-end information landing in your mailbox, is highly attractive to thieves. Recently, several area mailboxes were hit. What's in your mail these days—W-2's, 1099s, bank statements, credit card offers? Don't be a victim! Install a locking mailbox. You wouldn't leave your home without locking it—why would you do the same with your mailbox?

Break-Ins in Our Area...Be Safe!

Recently, there have been break-ins in our neighborhood. One occurred during the day when residents were home. The intruder did not think anyone was home and made his way through an unlocked gate and into the sliding back door. Everyone was safe and nothing was taken - but the intruder was not caught. Another break-in took place after vandals broke into a car in the driveway and opened the garage door using the opener that was in the car. Be safe - always lock your gates and doors - and never leave anything in your car.

There are at least two functioning Neighborhood Watch groups active in the Fountaingrove II area. Has your neighborhood started one? It's easy! Just have a get-together to meet each other and share information. It's a great way to keep us safe in our community!

Our New Web Site is Online!

The OSMA is excited to announce the launch of our new community website. We hope the new website will serve as a forum where we can make announcements, post information, and exchange ideas. Some features of the new site are: a discussion forum, interactive frequently asked questions, community photo gallery, events calendar, easier navigation and auto email alerts. **You must register to gain full access to the site.**



Visit us at our new address: www.fountaingrove2.com

Interesting Accident Facts for Fountaingrove Parkway

2005 - Total Accidents: 62
2006 - Total Accidents: 33
2007 - Total Accidents: 15

Thanks to the efforts of the Santa Rosa Police Department (writing over 1300 tickets in 2007), accidents have decreased dramatically since 2005.

More Firebreak Work for 2008

Each year, the OSMA is responsible for maintaining a 100 foot firebreak along the properties bordering our 200 acres of open space. For fiscal year 2008, the OSMA Board expanded the firebreak budget to work on further reducing some of the fuel hazards, particularly in thickets that occur beyond some of the 100 foot firebreaks.

The newly formed Fire & Safety Team, which has recently been working with the City on parkway issues, will be walking the firebreak and making recommendations to the Board as to where more fuel reduction should occur. Firebreak work should begin sometime in the spring.

OSMA Landscaping Update

With the new year comes a newly restructured Landscape Team to assist the OSMA Board in making landscaping decisions throughout Fountaingrove II. Several eager residents signed on to this committee with the hopes of helping create a more cohesive look to Fountaingrove II, while following the directive in the development's by-laws that native plantings make up the bulk of the landscape. A master plant list was brought back, with some tweaking, removing some plants that proved unsuitable in the past, and adding others. The first project the new Landscape Team hopes to complete is infilling the original plantings along the western slope of Fountaingrove Parkway between lower Hadley Hill and Kendall Hill.

The OSMA's most recent landscaping projects included the completion of the cul-de-sacs in the Siena development. Also approved and ready to go is another parcel in the Siena area - a long strip along lower Crown Hill Drive.

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

See a Problem?

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