

# WOODLAKE SUN

August 2025

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## Thanks to the Maintenance Team for Their Monumental Effort

Woodlake is lucky to have one of the most dedicated and hardworking maintenance teams around, and they proved it again with their recent monumental effort in cleaning up the overgrown tules in our beautiful lake.

Led by Maintenance Supervisor Fredie Tamsi, the team including John Cabilin, Aliosky Reyes, Roel Cantoria, Rowel Baliton, and Jorge Castillo (left to right in photo above) took on the backbreaking task of digging up and removing the dense, overgrown vegetation by hand. Their hard work is saving the Association thousands of dollars while helping restore the lake to its natural beauty.

This is just the first phase of a larger project to revitalize the lake. In the future, we plan to remove the accumulated sludge at the bottom of the lake and develop a regular maintenance plan to keep the water and surroundings in better condition for years to come.

We can't thank our team enough for their incredible effort, skill, and dedication. Not only did they accomplish an enormous job with determination and care, but they also continue to demonstrate their long-standing commitment to our community.

These amazing team members have been serving Woodlake for a combined total of 95 years.

- Fredie Tamsi 25 years
- John Cabilin 23 years
- Aliosky Reyes newest member of the team
- Roel Cantoria 15 years
- Rowel Baliton 10 years
- Jorge Castillo 22 years

Their experience and loyalty are a true asset to Woodlake, and we are so proud and grateful to have them. Next time you see one of these hardworking individuals around the property, be sure to give them a wave or a heartfelt "thank you." They've earned it!

#### **Board of Directors**

Nancy Bush, President
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#### **Woodlake Team Members**

General Manager: TBD Facilities Manager: TBD

Operations Director: Seru Raturala Maintenance Supervisor: Fredie Tamsi Facilities Coordinator: Joffree Montenegro Resident Services Supervisor: Joe Ravula

Customer Service Representative: Michael Tamsi

Administrative Asisstant: Liz Segura

#### **Woodlake Association**

900 Peninsula Ave. San Mateo, CA 94401 (650) 342-7002 (24/7) admin@woodlakeassociation.com

#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm Closed for lunch 12pm -1pm Closed Saturday & Sunday

#### **After Hours Assistance or Building Emergencies:**

Call Woodlake's Resident Service Attendant (RSA) (650) 342-7002 Available 24/7

#### **The Manor Association**

Accounting questions: (650) 637-1616 cs@manorinc.com

#### **Woodlake Homeowner Portal**

Owners sign up to receive Association notices directly to your email via Woodlake's online portal. Call (650) 342-7002 or email <a href="mailto:admin@woodlakeassociation.com">admin@woodlakeassociation.com</a> for an access code to register.

## **Woodlake Sun**

## **Advertising Policies**

Both display and classified ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to when the ad is to be placed.

Payment must be received by the 15th of the month prior to when the ad is to be placed.

Management reserves the right to refuse any ad.

Space is limited, and there is no guarantee of where the ad will be placed in the newsletter.

All display advertisements must be submitted in PDF or JPEG formats and emailed to: <a href="mailto:admin@woodlakeassociation.com">admin@woodlakeassociation.com</a>.

Display ads may be submitted by vendors who offer services to Woodlake residents. All vendors must be properly licensed and insured.

Classified ads are free to Woodlake owners and residents and are limited to 2 lines. Classified ads run for 3 months, and can be renewed once upon request.

# **Advertising Rates**

Effective August 1, 2024

#### **Display Ads**

1/8 Page Business Card Horizontal (3-5/8" wide x 2-1/4" high) - \$100

1/4 Page Horizontal (7-1/2" wide x 2-1/4" high) - \$200

1/2 Page Horizontal (7-1/2" wide x 4-7/8" high) - \$400

# Do you have ideas, comments, or suggestions for the Woodlake Sun?

Contact: Nancy Bush, Editor

WoodlakeSun@gmail.com

# A Star-Spangled Celebration: July 4th at Woodlake

Woodlake came alive on July 4th as over 250 residents gathered to celebrate Independence Day with friends, neighbors, and family at our annual BBQ. The sun was shining, the music was playing, and the spirit of community was as vibrant as ever.

Residents enjoyed a delicious BBQ prepared by our talented chefs, Seru and Joe, who kept the grill hot and the plates full. The day started with coffee and donuts, and events that included a watermelon-eating contest, a putting contest, and a team trivia contest, along with games and crafts for the children.

Music throughout the day was provided by DJ Joe Cannizzaro, whose tunes kept the energy high.



We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this event possible:

#### **Events Committee**

Joy (chair), Anica, Jo-Ann, Liza, and Nisa-your planning and dedication ensured everything ran smoothly.

#### **Woodlake Staff**

James, Joe, Laura, Liz, Mac, Roger, Seru, and Tami-we couldn't have done it without your hard work behind the scenes with the setup and decorations.

#### **Volunteers**

We're so grateful to the many residents who volunteered their time and energy, including Barbara, Carol, Darra, Darren, Deeann, Inna, Irene, Jim, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Marilou, Peggy, Rich, Roger, Ruki, Stannie, and Tim.

It's thanks to each of you that our community can come together and celebrate moments like these. Here's to more memorable events ahead!

We're always looking for volunteers to help make Woodlake events fun and successful! It's a great way to meet your neighbors, lend a hand, and be part of the community spirit that makes our events so special.



Contact: Joy at (650) 302-6309

or email **eventswoodlake@gmail.com** 

# The Dog in the Photo: How Suzanne Camac Found Ruby

Suzanne Camac is a familiar presence at Woodlake, often seen with her beloved Australian Labradoodle, Ruby. With a career spanning over two decades at Gap Inc., a passion for antiquing, and a deep commitment to her community, Suzanne's life is full of meaningful connections and dedicated service.

#### A Global Journey

Born in New Zealand to Scottish and English parents, Suzanne's family immigrated to Australia when she was eight. Her accent may be Australian, but her roots span continents. After working in retail in Sydney, an opportunity brought her to the U.S., where she joined Gap Inc. in 2002.

Over the years, she's worked for several of the Gap brands (Gap, Old Navy, and Banana Republic). Suzanne has held diverse roles, from inventory management to logistics, and now thrives in a startup-like division within the company, helping smaller e-commerce retailers leverage Gap's distribution network. "It's exciting to learn new things while relying on my experience," she says.



Just as she carefully curates supply chains at work, Suzanne applies the same discerning eye to her passion

for antiquing. Her condo, purchased when she moved to Woodlake in 2010, showcases her love for historical treasures from the mid-1800s to early 1900s. Among her prized possessions are Roman coins and a watercolor by a British naval admiral, a piece she discovered was worth far more than she paid.

"I've always been drawn to history. There's something magical about holding a piece of the past. Each item has its own story, just waiting to be discovered." This passion for preservation carries through to her community work, where she values both Woodlake's history and its future.

#### **A Dedicated Leader**

Suzanne's commitment to Woodlake runs deep. She served on the Board of Directors for six years, first from 2013 to 2016 and again from 2019 to 2020. Her tenure was characterized by a strong sense of responsibility and a commitment to transparency, particularly during challenging times. Though she humbly downplays her contributions, her leadership helped guide Woodlake through periods of change, always with the community's best interests at heart.

#### **Ruby: A Serendipitous Gift**

Suzanne's life changed forever in 2019 when Ruby entered it. The story of how this Australian Labradoodle came to be hers is nothing short of fate.

One of the most charming chapters in Suzanne's story began during her temporary assignment with Gap Inc. in New York. When the company relocated part of its operations from San Francisco to Manhattan, Suzanne found herself working in a bustling office where permanent desks were scarce.



"I was given a makeshift workstation in a hallway," Suzanne recalls with a laugh. "It had this incredible floor-to-ceiling window with a view of the Manhattan skyline, so I certainly couldn't complain." But there was one problem—when she'd return from weekend trips home to California, she'd often find someone else at her temporary workspace.

A colleague suggested personalizing the space to claim it. Suzanne took this advice to heart, printed out a name tag for her desk, and added a framed photo of a non-existent husband. Then she thought, "What family is complete without a dog?"

Searching online for the perfect canine companion, Suzanne came across an image of an adorable Australian Labradoodle. "There was just something about that sweet face," she remembers. The printed photo joined her husband's picture on the desk, creating the illusion of a complete family and successfully marking her territory.

Little did Suzanne know that this office decoration would prove prophetic. Years later, when a friend encouraged her to finally get the dog she'd always wanted, she found herself face-to-face with a real-life version of that very same dog from her New York desk.

"It was uncanny," Suzanne says. "The breeder showed me this little fluffball, and I realized she looked exactly like the dog in that photo I'd printed years before." That puppy was Ruby, who would become not just a pet but a life-changing companion.

The photo that once guarded a temporary workspace in New York became a symbol of destiny fulfilled. "Sometimes life plants seeds without us realizing," Suzanne reflects. "That little desk decoration turned out to be a preview of one of the greatest joys of my life. The universe gave me the perfect dog," she reflects. Ruby is not just a dog but a source of life lessons, teaching Suzanne patience, kindness, and the beauty of unconditional love.

Ruby's calm demeanor and social nature have made her a favorite at Gap's offices, where she provides "Ruby therapy" to stressed colleagues. "People come down on their lunch breaks just to sit and play with her," Suzanne shares.

#### **Words of Wisdom**

Suzanne enjoys Woodlake's strong dog community and the friendships she's formed through Ruby. When asked what Ruby has taught her, Suzanne smiles. "Dogs show us how to live in the moment, love unconditionally, and find joy in the simplest things. Ruby reminds me every day to be present and kind."

Look for Suzanne and Ruby around Woodlake, especially after Ruby's grooming appointments when she sports adorable little bows!

# NO Cigarette/Cigar Smoking, NO Vaping, NO Pot Smoking



The San Mateo Smoking Control Ordinance (Chapter 7.40 of the San Mateo Municipal Code) establishes regulations on smoking throughout the city. **Multi-Unit Residences:**Smoking is strictly prohibited inside all multi-unit housing, including apartments, condominiums, duplexes, and townhomes, as well as on patios and balconies.
Additionally, smoking is not allowed within 40 feet of these residences or in any enclosed or unenclosed common areas.

Offenders will be required to attend a hearing and face fines of \$500.

# **Woodlake Bids Farewell to General Manager Jeff Chin**



As Jeff Chin prepares to depart Woodlake on July 31, 2025, we want to take a moment to recognize and thank him for his dedicated service to our community. Jeff arrived in 2021 as Assistant General Manager under Bonnie Brose and quickly became an integral part of the Woodlake team. When Bonnie left in 2023, Jeff stepped into the role of General Manager, bringing a fresh approach marked by strong communication, accessibility, and a genuine commitment to residents.

Jeff's leadership style was rooted in trust and collaboration. Rather than micromanaging, he empowered his team—Freddie, Seru, and others—to handle day-to-day operations stepping in only when needed. "I just take everything a day at a time," he shared. "As long as we get it all done, that's what matters." His hands-off yet supportive philosophy fostered a strong, efficient team dynamic.

Residents quickly noticed the difference under Jeff's management. Where past leadership had been distant, Jeff made sure people felt heard. "Jeff made people feel valued; that wasn't always happening before," one resident remarked. Jeff credited mentors like Jim Valentine for shaping his approach: "You have to show up. If you disappear, people notice." And show up he did—whether resolving accounting issues, advocating for residents, or simply being present.

Outside of work, Jeff is a devoted family man. He lives in San Francisco with his wife, their six-year-old son Miles (a budding aviation enthusiast), two dogs, and an albino turtle. Jeff studied 3D animation at the Art Institute in San Francisco, and he still finds time for creative projects, like building elaborate Lego sets with Miles.

In his next chapter, Jeff will remain with Common Interest Management (CIMS) but transition to a new set of properties, allowing him to spend more time with his family.

Jeff leaves behind a legacy of integrity and kindness. As he put it, "I want the team here to succeed," a sentiment he has carried through even while preparing for his own transition.

Jeff, thank you for everything you've done to support this community and for leading with humility and heart. We wish you and your family all the best in this next chapter!



#### The Manor Association

1820 Gateway Drive, Suite 100, San Mateo, CA 94404 (650) 637-1616 cs@manorinc.com

#### **ACTIVITIES AT WOODLAKE**

#### **BINGO**

Every Thursday 2pm - 4pm Redwood Room in the Clubhouse





#### **CALIFORNIA MAHJONG**

Every 2nd & 4th Friday 11am - 1pm Redwood Room in the Clubhouse

#### **EXERCISE CLASSES**

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30am Baywood Room





#### CARD-MAKING CLASSES

Saturdays: 8/23, 9/20, 10/18 & 11/22 11am - 12:30pm Clubhouse - RSVP Required

# Join Woodlake's Book Group

AUG 19	Songs for the Brokenhearted by Ayelet Tsabari				
SEP 23	Body and Soul by Frank Conroy				
OCT 21	The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich				
NOV 18	The Spectator Bird by Wallace Stegner				
DEC 15	Dust Child by Que Mai Phan Nguyen				

For more information call (415) 840-6115

# **Happy Anniversary!**

Michael Tamsi - 3 years

# **RSA Monthly Report**

This month, the RSA team responded to the following reports of incidents:

#### Package Theft

Package thefts reported in Buildings 801, 803, 815, and 818.

#### Vehicle Vandalism

Vehicle vandalism reported in Building 801 and the C garage.

#### **Suspicious Activity**

Suspicious activity reported in the B garage.

#### **Marijuana Smoking**

Odor of marijuana reported in Buildings 800, 835, and 902.

#### **Wood Smoke**

Odor of wood smoke reported in Building 902.

#### **Balcony & Parking Violations**

Several citations and violations issued for balcony and parking infractions.

We thank our RSA team for their ongoing dedication and prompt response. If you see something that concerns you, don't hesitate to call RSA at **(650)** 342-7002 — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Together, we can help keep Woodlake safe and welcoming for all.

# **Earthquake Insurance Now Available through Motus**

Woodlake participates in the Motus Earthquake Insurance Program, which gives owners the option to purchase individual earthquake insurance.

**Please note:** Woodlake does **not** carry earthquake insurance for the community.

To learn more or to enroll, contact:

Motus at (833) 668-8746 or info@motusins.com.

The deadline to sign up or renew is **August 15, 2025.** 



# **Classified Ads:**

Do you have something you'd like to advertise or sell? Woodlake residents may place a free ad for 3 months in the Woodlake Sun. Email the HOA Office <a href="mailto:admin@woodlakeassociation.com">admin@woodlakeassociation.com</a> by the 15th of the month. Guidelines for Ads: 2 lines maximum; posted for 3 months. We reserve the right to refuse any ad.

- **❖ Searching For:** Female caregiver for mother to accompany her while she is recovering, 2-4 hours per week. Contact Danette Conley at (209) 570-8510 or <a href="mailto:danettefconley@gmail.com">danettefconley@gmail.com</a>.
- Searching For: 3 or 4-drawer filing cabinet. Contact April at (415) 793-8554.
- ♦ For Sale: File Cabinet with 1 small & 2 large drawers, like new with platform & keys \$40.00. Also available: Teak Wood Table Top, Electric outdoor BBQ grill, used once, still in box with papers \$40. Contact Carmen at (650) 291-1758.
- ♣ For Sale: Tire chains for sale: SCC, SZ131 Super Z6, one pair for passenger cars, pickups, or SUVs. Brand new, never opened. \$79.95 on Amazon. \$45 or Best Offer. Contact Jeanne (650) 245-8096.
- ♣ For Sale: Two (2) deck chairs with cushions \$40 or best offer. Can send a photo if interested. Contact: Ruki (650) 346-1845
- ♣ For Sale: Black and grey padded bench with a set of 25 lbs barbells and a set of 10 lbs barbells. Purchased during COVID, but rarely used, \$60 or Best Offer. Perfect condition. Contact Jeff (650) 483-0601.
- ♣ For Sale: Kitchen Utility Table (44" L x 20 1/2" W x 36" H), \$80.00 or Best Offer. Also available: Two Wall Clocks \$25.00 each. Contact Gen at <a href="mailto:genhum40@gmail.com">genhum40@gmail.com</a>.

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	2
3	4 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	5	6 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	7 BINGO 2-4pm Redwood Rm in the Clubhouse	8 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood Mahjong 11:00am Clubhouse	9
10	11 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	12	13 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	14 BINGO 2-4pm Redwood Rm in the Clubhouse	15 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	16
17	18 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	19 Executive Session 6:30pm (Closed Meeting) Book Club 7:00pm Zoom	20 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood Board Meeting 6:30pm Clubhouse	21 BINGO 2-4pm Redwood Rm in the Clubhouse	22 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood Mahjong 11:00am Clubhouse	23 Card-Making Class 11am-12-30pm Clubhouse
24	25 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	26	27 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	28 BINGO 2-4pm Redwood Rm in the Clubhouse	29 Exercise Class 9:30am Baywood	30
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# **Handmade with Heart: Monthly Card-Making Class**



Looking for a creative way to spend your Saturday and meet new neighbors? Join us each month for a fun and inspiring Card-Making Class led by Susan Ahearn.

Susan brings everything you need, supplies, materials, and plenty of creative ideas, to help you craft two unique, handmade cards.

Just bring your imagination and enjoy making something special!

For just \$4.00, you'll enjoy a welcoming atmosphere, connect with neighbors, and take home two beautiful cards to keep or give as gifts.

Saturday, August 23, 2025 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Clubhouse

eventswoodlake@gmail.com (650) 302-6309

Space is limited—reserve your spot today!

# **WOODLAKE REALTOR REPORT**

#### **COMPASS**

# YTD ACTIVITY AT WOODLAKE

	Active Avg Price	SOLD Avg Price
TH 3 Bed   2.5 Bath	1 Unit \$1.2M	1 Unit \$970K
TH 2 Bed   1.5 Bath	1 Unit \$940K	N/A
2 Bed   2 Bath	2 Units \$839K	1 Unit \$740K
2 Bed   1 Bath	2 Units \$699K	3 Units \$702K
1 Bed   1 Bath	7 Units \$543K	7 Units \$553K
Studio	1 Unit \$498K	2 Units \$429K

**Note:** 14 Units SOLD this year versus 12 Units SOLD in 2024 and 19 Units in 2023.

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# Your Woodlake Neighbor, Here to Help with Real Estate!

Hi, I'm Ruben Hernandez, a proud homeowner at Woodlake and a real estate agent with Kinetic Real Estate—one of the top teams in the Bay Area! Our company has been around for 5 years, recently reaching \$1 billion in sales. I love living here and would be thrilled to assist my neighbors with their real estate needs, whether you're a first-time homebuyer, seller, or investor.

If you're considering buying or selling, let's chat! I'm here to ensure a smooth, stress-free experience. And best of all, I don't charge any fees for advice—I'm always happy to help.

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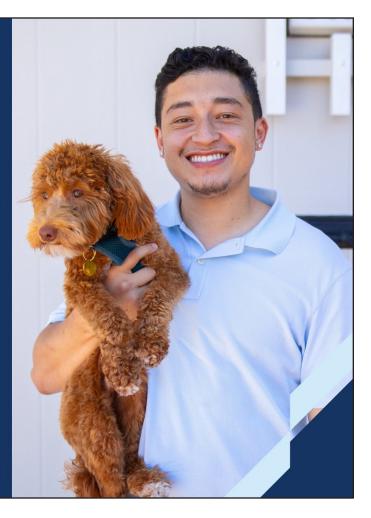


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Attend a Woodlake

#### **BOARD MEETING**

Third Wednesday 6:30pm

Every month Clubhouse & via Zoom

During the meeting, Owners can speak for up to 3 minutes in the Open Forum. To participate, submit a speaker's form (available on the portal) to Woodlake Administration by 3 PM on the day of the Board meeting.

#### For More Information Contact:

admin@woodlakeassociation.com (650) 342-7002



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**Woodlake Anchor Property Management** 



Management

Did you know...

# Woodlake Anchor has served the Woodlake community since 1997!



Renewed Sales Activity at Woodlake: despite the Balcony project, units are being listed and sold at Woodlake. As one of the premier complexes in the Bay Area, Woodlake is holding its own!

#### **COMING SOON**

STUDIO - Perfect Entry-Level Property at Woodlake

# **August Update**



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