

Dear new Homeowner,

Welcome to Chemeketa Park! We hope that you are enjoying your new home and the wonderful area we live in. We have compiled some important information about living in Chemeketa Park and some fun facts about our history.

HISTORY



Chemeketa Park was developed in 1925 by J.B. Balcomb, a civil engineer from Palo Alto, who acquired a 63-acre orchard in the Santa Cruz Mountains. An advertisement in the Sunday, June 20, 1926 edition of the San Jose Mercury Herald lists a "pre-opening sale" for lots "as low as \$50.00."

Initially, lots were used for vacation cabins. The mountain communities of Chemeketa Park and Redwood Estates were considered too remote and too difficult to access for year-round living. Lots were advertised to Bay Area families as a summer retreat, far from the stress of city living in San Francisco and San Jose.

By the mid-1930's, with the improvement of roads and water systems, many residents began occupying their cabins year-round and combining smaller lots into larger parcels.

Chemeketa is a Kalapuya Indian word with various meanings attributed to it, including "resting place", "meeting place", "old home", or "old camping ground". The Kalapuya lived in the area now known as Salem, Oregon. Chemeketa was an original name of Salem and still exists as the name of a community college, a library, and various parks and streets in the Salem and Portland areas.

When J. B. Balcomb and his wife moved from the mid-West to California, they first stopped through eastern Oregon where they most likely heard the name "Chemeketa". The Native American theme is present throughout Chemeketa Park with street names like "Comanche Trail", "Ogallala Warpath", "Apache Trail", and "Navajo Trail".

CHEMEKETA PARK IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We have compiled the following information to help you become familiar with Chemeketa Park, the services provided by our Mutual Water Company, our Community Association, trash and recycling schedules, fire prevention, electricity and propane, and much more. **You can also visit our website at www.chemeketapark.org to see our By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation.**

CHEMEKETA PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

The Chemeketa Park Mutual Water Company was incorporated in a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation. Its primary purpose is to a water system, roads, and recreational facilities for its members. services are provided at a cost.

The Mutual Water Company is a private company and is mutually owned and operated by property owners of the Chemeketa Park community. We treat distribute drinking water to our residents and maintain the roads throughout the community. Each property owner has one vote at our annual corporate meeting for each improved lot they own. The annual meeting is held the second Sunday of May.



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Because our water source, Moody Creek, is affected by fluctuations in seasonal rainfall, we work together as a community and respond with water conservation measures.

Membership in the Company is attached to ownership of land within the boundaries of the Park. The members own the Company and have ultimate responsibility for the corporation and the services it provides. The Board of Directors oversees day-to-day operations in compliance with the by-laws. The Board consists of five directors and two alternates. The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Clubhouse. Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our water system is operated by a contractor, Miles Farmer, hired by the Board. The Department of Health Services regulates the operation of the water system, including operator certification requirements, water quality monitoring requirements, and reporting requirements. If you encounter a water emergency, contact our Water Master, Miles Farmer at (831) 920-6796.

Board of Directors for 2017/2018 is:

- David Casper – President
- Lisa Ridenour – Vice President
- Dana Hartzell – Secretary
- Richard Buxton – Treasurer
- Lori Morris – Director
- Kim Fletcher – Alternate Director
- Lisa Ridenour – Bookkeeper/Office Manager 408-792-7762

CLUBHOUSE AND PLAYGROUND

We have a community playground in the Park. The Clubhouse is available for parties and events for property owners. Please go to our website, www.chemeketapark.org and click on the CPMWC tab and then will find the forms you need to complete to schedule your event.



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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Chemeketa Park Community Association was established in 2001 to create opportunities for all residents of Chemeketa Park to come together as a community.

The Association funds all of its activities through tax-deductible donations. The Community Association organizes events such as Spring and Winter Concerts, playground beautification projects including landscaping, park benches, the stage, and updating equipment to keep it safe. We hope you will become involved in this Association. For more information or to get involved, contact Jody at mcbruder@garlic.com.

FIRE PREVENTION

The beauty of the trees in the mountains is usually why we choose to live here. It is also very important to be fire safe while living here. We work together as a community to keep our park safe from fire. Here are a few things you can do right away:



- Keep all roofs clean of leaves and debris.
- Move your woodpile 30 ft. away from your house.
- Remove dead trees, brush and branches from your property.
- Remove litter, boxes, etc. from under your deck.
- Install a reflective address sign in front of your house.

We have an Annual Chipping Program for all of our residents. The program allows you to bring your cleared brush each spring to the playground where our Fire Safe Council will dispose of it for you.

The Fire Safe Council's website has information about defensible space. Having a defensible space includes keeping your property clear of surface and ladder fuels (such as those mentioned above), which can cause fire to spread. You can learn more at their website at www.firesafecouncil.org.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING:

Green Team picks up garbage, recycling, and yard waste every Tuesday.

The phone number to start service or for inquiry is: 408-283-8500. Their website is: www.greenteam.com

ELECTRICITY

Pacific Gas and Electric provides the electric service to our park. Their 24-hour phone number for customer service and emergencies is: **800-743-5000** (800-PGE-5000). Their website is: www.pge.com.

PROPANE

There are a number of companies that provide propane to our park. Here are a few:

1. Suburban Propane: 800-776-7263 or website at www.suburbanpropane.com
2. AmeriGas: 408-293-1252 or website at www.amerigas.com
3. Northern Energy: 800-638-0773 or website at www.northernenergy.com

You can also join South Skyline Association to realize significant discounts on propane for a small annual fee. They participate with many propane companies. Contact them at www.southskyline.org.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF

The Santa Clara County Sheriff is the responding department for police emergencies. If you have an emergency, dial **9-1-1** from a land line.

If you are calling from a *cell phone* or through the *internet*, contact **Sheriff Dispatch** by dialing **408-299-2311** and state your emergency. Please note that cell phone and internet usage does not allow 9-1-1- to see where you are calling from, so be prepared to give your exact location.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Santa Clara County, not the Chemeketa Park Mutual Water Company, governs land use ordinances in Chemeketa Park, such as single-family zoning (how many dwelling units per acre/parcel are allowed in Chemeketa Park), restrictions on cutting trees in Chemeketa Park, and noise (barking dogs, hours and days in which commercial power tools can be used in construction, and hours music can be played at a volume audible by neighbors). Contact the County if you have questions about what can and cannot be done with your property.

WHOLE MOUNTAIN SOURCE BOOK

<http://www.mnn.net/> this site contains a wealth of information for every type of service in the Santa Cruz Mountains, from churches and clubs to firewood and shopping centers.

We are happy to have you join our community! We hope to see you at the clubhouse for our community get-togethers and meet your neighbors, and you are welcome to join our monthly board meetings to get to know what is happening within the park.

Sincerely,

David Casper, President

