
THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

*Rick Williams, Pastor
Grace Tabernacle Church*

Rev Robert L. Walker and wife Rose celebrated their 30th church anniversary at Galilee Baptist Missionary Church on 8/28/11. Thank you for your many years of service.

Galilee Baptist Missionary Church celebrated Women's' Day on 9/25/11. This function has been honored for over 30 years.

ANYONE CAN BE A VOLUNTEER

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

- Author Unknown

There's plenty of ways you can volunteer to make a difference in Fairmead with;

Community events, build safer neighborhoods, clean & beautify areas or be a cheerleader!



Do you have a tractor and time to volunteer with Fairmead's landscaping projects? We'll reimburse your gas expense when you use your tractor.

Students can volunteer in Fairmead to do their community hours needed to graduate high school.

Give us a call we sure could use your help!

OFFERS

Some thoughtful Fairmead residents have offered an electric stove and a gas dryer to anyone who is in need of one? Call Barbara Nelson for details.

WANT TO JOIN A CLUB?

If you're interested in joining the Red Hat Society the Chowchilla Chihuahua group, contact Bonnie for details at (559) 706-2150.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Graffiti Abatement Hot Line:
(559) 661-5119

Madera County Code Enforcement:
(559) 675-7821

Tires & abandoned furniture disposal:
(559) 675-7821 x3203

Madera County Road Department:
(559) 675-7811

Madera County Connection (M-F)
Fairmead Bus schedule (559) 661-3040

Chowchilla Area Transit Express (M -F)
Fairmead Bus Schedule (559) 665-8655

FYI *For Your Information*

FC & F has a new website, email address and a Facebook page! Check us out at: www.Fairmead.org and Facebook

You're always invited to attend any community meetings held at 22491 Fairmead Blvd., at the Galilee Baptist Missionary Church. **Important community information is shared every 4th Monday of every month at 6:00 pm.** We need your ideas and support on how together we can make Fairmead a better community. **Spanish translators available at every meeting.**

GOOD STUFF!

Fairmead Elementary School had a Peace Rally on 9/12/11. The students wrote words of inspiration on pinwheels they created. The pinwheels were displayed under the shade of a tree in front of the school. The project was made to spread "Peace around the World".

Keep up the good work Gaines Family!
Antoinette Gaines is a FC & F board member; her daughter Tauheedah is head varsity volleyball coach at Chowchilla HS. Antoinette's husband Fred is the varsity basketball coach at Chowchilla HS and Antoinette's son Ishmael celebrates six years at his job at Heartland.

FAIRMEAD COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2011

- Community Flea Market on Saturday, October 22, 2011, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at Sinclair St. Island. Call FC & F for a \$15 space reservation so you can sell your items on this day.

November 2011

- FC & F annual Thanksgiving Feast, November 21, 2011. 12:00 – 3:00 pm at the Galilee Baptist Missionary Church.

December 2011

- Christmas gathering December 10, 2011, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm at Galilee Baptist Missionary Church. There will be a raffle with prizes, cookies, holiday treats, hot beverages and pictures with Santa!

BIRTHDAYS



Help us wish our FC & F committee members' a happy birthday!

Daniel Moore 10/7, Bobby Ortiz 10/20, Diane Williams 11/6, Barbara Nelson 11/15, Vickie Ortiz 11/28, Elaine Moore 12/6

DID YOU KNOW?

June 2, 2012 Fairmead will be celebrating 100 years old. FC & F is planning a celebration with a parade, food booths, music and other goodies. If you would like to be on the committee to help make this event everyone will be talking about for years to come, contact Barbara Nelson.

GOT TALENT?

Do you sing, dance or play an instrument?

We're looking for different types of entertainment for the 100-year celebration. Stop by one of our community meetings or contact Barbara Nelson.

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FAIRMEAD COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

Established May 2007 by founders Barbara Nelson - President & Nettie Amey - Vice President

FC & F is now in its 4th year of advocating for the Fairmead community. Our main goal has always been to help make Fairmead a better place for our families to live in by getting our neighbors involved in taking pride in our community.

A changed life, A better people, A better community.

FC & F Contacts

We hope you enjoy being informed of what's happening in our community.

If you have questions about the newsletter content or would like to have something added to the next FC & F newsletter contact:

President: Barbara Nelson (559) 665-0848

Secretary: Vickie Ortiz (209) 247-8000

email: vortiz@fairmead.org

HOME TOWN HEROES!

No matter how hot or cold the weather is in Fairmead our neighbors David (Mongo) Lane, Keith Bruce and Maurillo Rosales are always out to help us by volunteering their time at every community clean up.



THANK YOU Neighbors

for your support!

Also, a big **THANK YOU** to **Bob Tate** AND **Lawyer Cooper** for bringing their tractors to help out with the clean ups.

THERE IS HELP FOR EVERYONE

Everyone needs help from time to time. Fairmead residents can get assistance with emergency food, and services at the following locations:

- **Community Action Partnership of Madera County**
1225 Gill Avenue, Madera 93637
(559) 673-9173
- **Galilee Baptist Missionary Church.**
22491 Fairmead Blvd., Fairmead
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
Food distribution 10:00- 12:00 noon.
- **Madera County Food Bank**
225 South Pine, Bldg 101, Madera
(559) 674-1482
- **Energy Savings Assistance Program (From PG&E)**
You may be eligible for free energy efficient light fixtures and appliances. Call (800) 989-9744 for details.
- **FREE Seasonal Flu Shots**
(Drive-thru Clinics) For residents 12 yrs +
Chowchilla District Fairgrounds
Tues., 10/18/11, 9:30 am -11:00 am
Madera District Fairgrounds
Thurs., 10/20/11, 9:30 am -11:00 am

FC & F CURRENT GOALS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

You can get updates of our goals at FC & F monthly community meetings.

- ❖ Build a community center for Fairmead, *a need and a must!*
- ❖ Get funding for a Safe Route for Schools in Fairmead.
- ❖ A bus stop shelter on Avenue 22 ½.
- ❖ Shared access to Fairmead Elementary School yard for children to safely play.
- ❖ Fairmead Centennial Celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Fairmead residents Anna and Blas Huerta on the birth of their baby boy, named Blaster. He was born on 6/30/11, 7 lbs 1 oz.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; ladies please get your exams completed.

FC & F is looking into starting a Neighborhood Crime Watch group for our residents. Until then, neighbors watch out for one each other.



Deaths: Jose Trinidad, a 16-year-old Fairmead resident died from a car crash caused by a DUI driver on 8/26/11. Jose was a Chowchilla High School senior who played on the school soccer team.

THANK YOU to the more than 200 friends and relatives who attended a Fairmead candlelight vigil on 8/29/11. A special **THANK YOU** to Silvia Fuentes for leading the rosary prayer that evening.

TOGETHER, IT IS POSSIBLE - ENTRE TODOS, SÍ SE PUEDE!

- ✓ July 9 was "Get to Know your Neighbor Day". FC & F went door to door to introduce themselves to residents. We also had refreshments and cookies with neighbors at Maple St. garden.
- ✓ Everyone was a winner at the FC & F new board member and board officer elections on 7/11/11 and 7/25/11. We have five new board members, Barbara Nelson is now committee President, Nettie Amey is Vice President, and Elaine Moore is our new Treasurer.
- ✓ We had 4 more community clean ups at the Maple St. and Sinclair Dr. islands on 7/23, 8/20, 9/24 and 10/1/11. With community support, we'll continue to beautify Fairmead one island at a time the 4th Saturday of every month. Contact Vickie Ortiz for details.
- ✓ On 8/26/11 FC & F invited Hispanic ladies from the Fairmead community to a special "Latina Ladies Luncheon". One of the items we talked about was how **"it sometimes takes the ladies in a village to get the job done!"**
- ✓ Madera's Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) panel voted on 9/13/11 for Fairmead to be within Chowchilla's secondary sphere of influence. The outcome of this process may provide good benefits for the Fairmead community.
- ✓ Over 100 residents and our other Fairmead community friends enjoyed

the 8/22/11 outdoor community meeting/BBQ potluck. **THANK YOU** Mr. & Mrs. Bob Tate and Diane Williams and everyone else who generously gave monetary donations for the BBQ.

- ✓ On 8/27/11 five FC & F committee members went to research the small community of Richgrove in Tulare County. Richgrove shared their inspirational success stories on how they went FROM rain flooding in their streets and unpaved walkways TO paved roads, cemented sidewalks, and paved alleyways. They even have their own street sweeper!

We want to **THANK** the excellent resources that give their support and encouragement in helping us to improve our community every day.

THANK YOU

Central California Center for Health and Human Services

- Jonathan Mathis, Web site coordinator
- Resource Management Agency (RMA)**
- Norm Allinder, Scott Harmstand, Jerome Keene, Johannes Hovertsz

Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program (CCROPP)

- Sabina Gonzalez-Eraña, Brandie Banks-Bey Cristina Gomez-Vidal

University of California Merced

- Robin DeLugan, Virginia Adán-Lifante, Griselda Barajas, Edith Ibarra

Valero Gas Station

- Nadeen, **THANK YOU** for your generosity and support for our community events.

Tony LoPresti, Berkeley Law Student

- Thank you Tony for recognizing our Fairmead community in your articles.