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## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." -Booker T. Washington

*B.T. Washington was the most influential spokesman for black Americans between 1895 and 1915.*

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## COMMUNITY GARDEN

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**Do you have some ideas, material, or experience you can contribute to a Fairmead community garden?**

FC & F wants to plan for a spring community garden, but we need your help.



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!**



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## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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**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

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## WELCOME HOME!

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Mrs. Neva Brown is a long time resident who is a Fairmead Community & Friends charter member. We're happy to see that she is well and now at home.

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## WE'RE LOOKING FOR . . .

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We're looking for any old Fairmead photos?

Does your family have any Fairmead history photos or stories they could share with us to use for the Fairmead celebration? Contact Barbara Nelson for details.



We're looking for Fairmead veterans to honor in our parade. Are you or do you have a family member who lives in or was born in Fairmead who was in the military to serve our county? Contact Barbara Nelson for details.

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## BIRTHDAYS

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

- **Joseph Britt Jan. 6 and**
- **Bobby Tate Jan. 22**

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## FARMER'S MARKET

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What types of fruits and vegetables would you like available at a Fairmead Farmer's Market? Call Barbara Nelson for details.

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## FYI For Your Information

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You're always invited to attend any community meetings held at 22491 Fairmead Blvd., at the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church.

**Important community information is shared every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6:00 pm.**  
*Spanish translators are available at meetings.*

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## FAIRMEAD COMMUNITY 2012 CALENDAR

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### February 2012

Join us for a "Sweetheart of a Deal" fundraiser on Saturday, February 18, 2012, from 1:00 pm 4:00 pm at Fairmead Elementary School.

We're selling Tacos & Nachos Lunches and we'll have a raffle and fun entertainment. Eat there or get a TO GO plate, \$3 and \$5 lunches and \$1 raffle tickets for prizes.

### Upcoming Events to be announced

Even in these winter months FC & F is still trying to have community events for our residents. Look for upcoming fundraiser dates and help us with our Fairmead 100 yr birthday celebration on June 2, 2012.

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## FAIRMEAD IS 100 YRS OLD! (1912 – 2012)

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Don't wait to the last minute to be part of the celebration to mark Fairmead community's 100<sup>th</sup> yr birthday.

On June 2, 2012 FC & F will be hosting a community parade and festival with a BBQ lunch, with arts & crafts vendor booths, live music and all day entertainment.

## GOT TALENT?

Do you want to entertain at the festival?

Do you want to be part of the parade?

If you have the community spirit to help make this event everyone in the county will be talking about for years to come, contact Barbara Nelson.

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## PARADE GRAND MARSHAL

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Do you know who is the oldest living Fairmead resident that can be our Grand Marshal in the Fairmead 100 yr parade? If you do, Contact Barbara Nelson.

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## FAIRMEAD COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

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

FC & F is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year of advocating for the Fairmead community. Our non-profit committee strives to find solutions to problems in our community and to assist in getting our residents involved in creating a better quality of life for the Fairmead community.

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

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## FC & F Contacts

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*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](mailto:vortiz@fairmead.org) or <http://www.fairmead.org>

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## HOME TOWN HEROES!

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Our neighbor Patricia Rosales and her sisters and mother made and donated over 10 dozen tamales for our Bake Sale fundraiser. This really is plenty of labor for anyone to do! We appreciate Patricia's and her family's community support.



In the spirit of Martin Luther King Day even the youngest of our Fairmead children know how important it is to provide community service by helping one another. Sergio Ochoa, 13 yrs old and Brian Ochoa, 9 yrs old volunteered on their own to help clean up weeds at the Maple St. garden.



We also want to thank Carmen Alvarado and her husband for their continued care and upkeep of the Maple St. garden.

16 yr old Ashley Williams knows the meaning of giving and sharing with others who are less fortunate. She looked in her closet this winter to pull out coats that were gently used to give to 3 young Fairmead girls; Esmeralda Gutierrez, Sandra and Maria Andrade. The girls were very thankful for Ashley's kindness this season and Fairmead is truly proud of Ashley.



**THANK YOU Neighbors for your community spirit and support!**

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## THERE IS HELP FOR EVERYONE

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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 Missionary Baptist Church.**  
22491 Fairmead Blvd., Fairmead  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Food distribution 10:00- 12:00 noon.
- **Madera County Food Bank**  
225 South Pine, Bldg 101, Madera  
(559) 674-1482
- **Shepherds Temple COGIC**  
16283 Avenue 24 ½, Chowchilla  
Every 1st Friday of the month  
Food distribution 8:00- 12:00 noon.

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## FC & F CURRENT GOALS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

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***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.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

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FC & F wants to congratulate **our new Fairmead Historians John and Caroline Williams.** They've been working extremely hard finding our Fairmead history for the Fairmead centennial celebration.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Proud parents Pablo Manzo Jr. and Mayra Manzo welcomed their new baby boy, Pablo Armani Manzo on 10/22/11, 7lbs. 13 oz. Also, congratulations to the beaming grandmother, Maricela Manzo of Fairmead.



### YOU CAN HELP MAKE FAIRMEAD SAFE!

**Just like any other community anywhere, there are home burglaries, drugs and children's safety that we all**

**need to watch out for.**

**Help one another and be the extra watchful eye for your neighbors and our children.**

**Call (559) 675-7770, the Madera County Sheriff's office if something doesn't look right in your community.**

**In Remembrance . . .** Long time resident Rhetha Johnson and former Fairmead resident Margie Knott passed away Dec. 3, and Dec 9 of 2011.

Former Fairmead Community & Friends board member, Joe Sanchez also passed on in December 2011.

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## TOGETHER, IT IS POSSIBLE -

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- ✓ The October 22<sup>nd</sup> Fairmead Flea Mkt was a great hit with the community. Residents came out to sell and buy goods in the weather perfect day. We received encouraging comments that they really enjoyed the event and wanted more fundraisers like this.
- ✓ On November 21<sup>st</sup> FC & F had a bountiful Thanksgiving Feast for the community. More than 200 thankful residents came to eat and enjoy the company of other neighbors.

- ✓ FC & F had sweet success at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> bake sale. Thank you Elaine Moore, Nettie Amey, Barbara Nelson, Patricia Rosales, (Lisa Alvarez and Victoria Ortiz - from Modesto), for making and donating cakes, pies, breads, candies and tamales to help make this a profitable fundraiser.

- ✓ The December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Gathering was a fun event with over 150 residents from the community attending. The Fairmead Elementary band played to entertain our residents for the afternoon, the raffle with prizes was exciting, and Lawyer Cooper was the winner of the 32" flat screen TV. THANK YOU to Jose Bustillos for stepping up to be our Santa Claus for the Fairmead children.

- ✓ Cal Trans has found funding to install a bus stop shelter at Avenue 22 ½ and Fairmead Blvd. The goal for them is to try to have it in use by the beginning of summer 2012.

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

### THANK YOU

**Chowchilla Elementary School District**

- Dr. Charles Martin, Ms. Terry Barnes

**Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program (CCROPP)**

- Cristina Gomez-Vidal

**University of California Merced**

- Virginia Adán-Lifante, Griselda Barajas, Edith Ibarra

**Pilot Travel Gas Station**