

Todd, Lynn & Cross Way News

Proposed City CERT Drill

The City of Concord plans to have an emergency response drill at least twice a year in the spring and fall. Each time a drill has been held in a different residential neighborhood. It was proposed to have our neighborhood to be the site of the next drill this spring. The command post would be set up on Cross Way, the site of our annual block party. With the go ahead, the Police Department will mail an official letter having the date and details of the drill, and contact information for volunteer participants and for opting out.

In the drill, Community Emergency Response Team members are urged to participate and practice their skills. Neighbors would volunteer their house to be the subject of damage assessment, search and rescue. The home is not entered; instead CERT members will pretend they found damage and victims. People volunteering to be victims will pretend to have injuries and will be medically triaged by CERT members.

For more information, contact your Neighborhood CERT Co-Captain Dave Pitman at 689-0605, dpit@sprynet.com. Also, please see the Emergency Preparedness page on the www.concord-park.org website for photos and fliers from past CERT drills conducted by Concord Park and the City.

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Clean Up Day Saturday, June 1



The City of Concord will supply four dumpsters for residential trash and junk disposal. Unfortunately, again this year, there is no brush/tree chipping crew for this event. Thanks to all those who volunteered to monitor the dumpsters, enabling us to have this benefit provided to our neighborhood by the City. We still need monitors for June 1. If you can help, please call Dave Pitman at 689-0605 or email at dpit@sprynet.com to volunteer.

Detroit Avenue Walkability Audit

On August 18, 2012, residents of the Monument Community, including myself, worked with Contra Costa County Health Services and the National Environmental Protection Agency to do a "walk audit" of Detroit Avenue. We identified issues with speeding traffic, crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops and cleanliness. Please see the report on the Work Plans page of www.concord-park.org website.

On January 26, 2013, we had a follow up meeting attended by the audit participants and City of Concord officials. We were asked to select and prioritize issues for short, medium and long-term action. Councilmember Ed Birsan and myself sat in the long-term workgroup. We identified the Laguna intersection as not safe for pedestrians to cross. The "vertical curve" of the bridge over the flood channel obstructs driver's view. To make crossing safer, the solution is to make Laguna & Detroit a controlled intersection, i.e. stop lights or signs. *(continued on page 2)*

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Meet your neighbors at Nextdoor.com

Concord Park has launched its new social network website at ConcordPark.Nextdoor.com. Nextdoor makes it easy for you to communicate with your neighbors about important issues. Our Nextdoor website is password protected and available only to people living in our neighborhood.

About Concord Park

Our neighborhood is the Concord Park subdivision built in 1950. It consists of 64 single family homes on Todd Avenue, Lynn Avenue, Cross Way and Detroit Avenue.

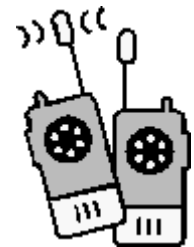
Our Neighborhood Association was established in 1998 as a Neighborhood Watch group in formal partnership with the City of Concord and Concord Police Department. Association membership consists of all residents and property owners in Concord Park. The partnership gives us a direct link to work with the City to improve the neighborhood where we live. Our Neighborhood Association has many accomplishments. Please see our neighborhood website at www.concord-park.org.



Neighborhood Radio Network

The CERT Disaster Communications Plan has neighborhood CERT teams using Family Radio Service (FRS) two-way radios, and amateur radio operators for CERT teams to communicate with the City's Emergency Operations Center.

The Concord Park neighborhood CERT team practices using our radios every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM on FRS Channel 8. All neighbors and CERT members are invited to "check-in" on our Neighborhood FRS Radio Network. No license is required. We will gladly provide instruction on how to use your radio.



Detroit Avenue Walkability Audit (continued)

Since the January 26 meeting, Councilmember Birsan contacted City Staff about the selected issues, and Staff has responded. They recently conducted a traffic study and found enough traffic at Laguna and nearly enough at Sunshine/Lynn to warrant stoplights at these intersections. Staff is now in the process of applying for grant money to build these stop lights. In the meantime, these intersections may have all-way stop signs installed.