

Paradise South News

P A R A D I S E S O U T H W E E D A N D S E E D

Mission –to revitalize the Paradise South neighborhood through community and multi-agency partnership in order to reduce crime and blight and improve the quality of life for residents and the quality of life for residents and the surrounding community.

Vision - A community where neighbors look out for each other and residents and businesses can thrive in a safe and vibrant neighborhood.



WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

It's neighbors getting to know each other and looking out for one another. Working together with the assistance of your crime prevention officer to solve issues in your neighborhood.

Residents are trained to recognize and report suspicious activities, and implement crime prevention techniques.

Neighborhood Watch members receive monthly crime information and newsletter via email. Join now!

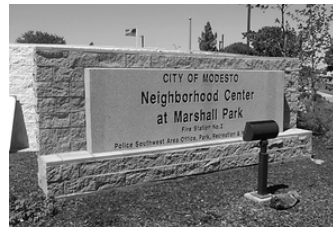
Your Crime Prevention Officer is here to assist you. Contact Rosie Fabela 341-2987, fabelar@modestopd.com, office hours: Tue-Fri 7am-5 pm

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER AT MARSHALL PARK BY CINDY RHEA

The Weed and Seed Office moves to Marshall Park! Weed and Seed is an initiative to fight crime and improve the Paradise South Neighborhood via meeting, engaging, and collaborating with the local community.

The new Neighborhood Center at Marshall Park combines Fire, Police, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Department activities into one service center location. This is the first facility of its kind in the Modesto metropolitan region. Fire Station Number two was relocated to this site. The facility provides the Marshall Park Neighborhood with an opportunity to interact with one another as well with city employees for recreation, crime prevention, and fire prevention activities.

The Neighborhood Center is also ready to turn into an emergency haven in case of particular local crisis or emergencies.



Paradise South residents are very fortunate to have the Weed and Seed project in Modesto. Every year, hundreds of cities nationwide compete for this federal initiative which grants Weed and Seed communities up to \$1 million in federal funding over a five-year period.

We are now finishing our third year of funding in which

we were awarded \$150,000 to help continue the efforts to reduce crime and blight and increase services for the approximate 17,000 residents who live in the area. These activities include: extra law enforcement to focus on gangs and drugs; increased code enforcement to reduce blight; youth programs such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Jr. Cadets, camps, activities at Maddux Youth Center; and free income tax preparations at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center.

I encourage residents to take advantage of the activities and services available in the Paradise South neighborhood and to get involved in the Weed and Seed efforts to help our local community. You can help make a difference in Paradise South!

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FREE REMOVAL OF UNWANTED VEHICLES

Got a car you don't need?



Give us a call! Its FREE!

Stanislaus County is offering a new service to residents of the unincorporated areas of the county. The Abandoned Vehicle department will remove, FREE of charge, vehicles that have been abandoned or are no longer running, as well as some vehicle parts (such as engines). The Abandoned Vehicle department will also remove things like campers, motor homes, diesel rigs and even boat trailers carrying a boat at no cost. If you have a vehicle you would like removed please call us at 1-877-2ASSIST (1-877-227-7478) for more information. Remember, its free!

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Many crimes can be prevented by reporting suspicious activity to the police non-emergency dispatch number at 552-2470. Crime prevention is more than just a police officer's job. It is the responsibility of all of us who live, work and do business in Modesto.

When you see a crime in progress do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. If you're calling from a cell phone, call 558-HELP, this will connect you to Modesto 9-1-1.

You do not have to give your name, phone number and address when reporting a crime or suspicious activity, you can be **anonymous**.

Be a good witness, give the location of activity, details, and a complete description of the person(s) involved starting from head to toe. If the suspect(s) are in a car, give a license plate number if possible, color, make or model of vehicle, and anything that makes it stand out

(such as a missing hubcap or stickers), and how many occupants and direction of travel.

A suspicious person is anyone who loiters in your neighborhood, place of business, or someone going door-to-door. The person may be male or female dressed in any manner, of any age, race, color or cultural background. Be alert for cars cruising or circling your block. It could be a burglar looking for any easy targets or opportunity.

Frequent visitors coming and going from a particular house, apartment or street corner especially at odd hours on a daily or regular basis could indicate illegal drug activity. You can call the drug hotline, 571-3784 to report what you have observed. Your information will be recorded on an answering machine. You do not have to leave your name or address but again could be helpful in case more information is needed. Your information is confidential.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2009 IS CELEBRATING ITS 26TH YEAR ON TUESDAY AUGUST 4TH. National Night Out is an event designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participations in local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as block parties. If you are interested in having a National Night Out party in your neighborhood contact Rosie Fabela at 341-2987. Deadline to sign up for a party is **July 16, 2009**.

There will be two large National Night Out park parties: at Marshall Park, 420 Chicago Av., and Cesar Chavez Park, 615 Sierra Dr.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **GREAT CAMP—JUNE 29-JULY 2, 2009** - at the Westview Gardens Community Center (Housing Authority).
- **JULY 9, 2009** "Modesto's Night Out" Band concert in the park, at Graceada Park, 104 Park Av., starting at 3:00pm.
- **JULY 16, 2009** - National Night Out entries, Road Closure permits, and Flyer Contest due.
- **National Night Out—August 4, 2009—** Neighborhood Block Parties at Cesar Chavez Park and Marshall Park
- **Monthly Community Safety Meetings—** Neighborhood Center at Marshall Park, 420A Chicago, 6pm— 1st Thursday of each month



THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

**WESTVIEW GARDENS
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Westview Gardens Community Center offers a variety of services and activities aimed at assisting adults, youth and families in our community

Services available such as:

- Free GED Classes
- Free ESL Classes
- Free Computer Classes
- After-School recreation program
- Jr. Cadet Academy
- Girl Scouts

Just to name a few, for more information regarding these services and other center activities please call 557-2051 from 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm Monday-Friday.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER
AT MARSHALL PARK**

420-A Chicago Avenue

209-341-2980

MADDUX YOUTH CENTER

615 Sierra Drive

209-341-2950

These community centers offer a variety of activities for young and old:

- Sports & Fitness
- Arts & Crafts
- Computer Classes
- Girl Scouts
- Music in the Park

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Emergency 9-1-1
Emergency from Cell Phone: 558-HELP (4357)

CITY OF MODESTO RESIDENTS:

- Non-Emergency Dispatch: 552-2470
- Crime Prevention—Neighborhood Watch: 572-9676
- Nuisance/Code Enforcement: 577-5250
- Animal Control: 558-7387
- Abandoned Vehicle Abatement: 342-6172
- Graffiti Abatement: 342-2259
- PAL—Police Activities League: 572-9614

STANISLAUS COUNTY RESIDENTS:

- Non-Emergency Dispatch: 552-2468
- Nuisance/Code Enforcement/Abandoned Vehicles:
1-877-ASSIST
- Graffiti Abatement: 525-6700
- Report/Request Info on-line:
<http://user.govoutreach.com/stanislaus/>

OTHER RESOURCES

- Anonymous Crime Reporting:
Drug Hotline: 571-3784
Crime Stoppers: 521-4636
- Center for Human Services: 526-1440
Salvation Army: 523-7577
- Women’s Haven—Victim Assistance: 577-5980
- Bulky Item Pickup—Call garbage company:
Bertolotti 537-8000
Gilton 527-3781
Modesto Disposal 800-283-1582
- Weed and Seed Meetings (Call to Confirm Date/Time):
Steering Committee: Bi-Monthly
Weed Sub-Committee: 4th Wed. 3pm @ Marshall Center
Seed Sub-Committee: 4th Thurs. 4pm @ Marshall Center

URGENT CARE CENTER

West Modesto Community Center

401 Paradise Road, Suite E, Modesto, CA
Hours Open:
Monday-Friday— 800 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday— 10 a.m.– 6 p.m.

Medi-Cal accepted! Sliding fee scale for uninsured.
For information, call: (209) 558-7212
No appointments necessary!

New MAX Route 43

The Modesto area express (MAX) bus system has added a new route, Route 43, which conveniently has a stop directly in front of the Paradise Medical Office and Urgent Care Center. Monday through Saturday this route stops at our location at 5 and 35 minutes after the hour starting at 6:05 a.m. and running though 7:35 p.m. Sunday times are hourly from 8:50 a.m. through 5:50 p.m. The basic fare is \$1.25 but discounts are available for Seniors and Disabled MAX Card Holders and Students, children 4 and under ride free. For more information on MAX please call (209)521- 1274.



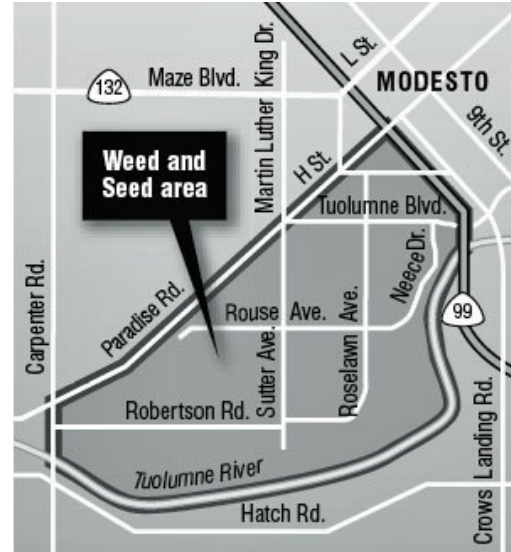
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**PARADISE SOUTH
WEED AND SEED**



*'Weeding' out
crime and
blight;
'Seeding' in
services and
opportunities.*

The Weed and Seed strategy
consists of four components:

- Law Enforcement**
- Community Policing**
- Prevention/Intervention/
Treatment**
- Neighborhood Restoration**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.PARADISE-
SOUTH.COM**

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