

# SPARE WOOD COLONY

*Dedicated to the preservation of our heritage.*



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OUR BOUNTY IS GREAT



Spare Wood Colony is dedicated to bringing you the most factual news possible for what's happening west of the 99 freeway.

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## Upcoming Events

### Website

#### Website for SWC!



We're working on getting a website up and running for a future informational base.

### January 14, 2014

#### Modesto City Council

January 14, 2014 5:30 pm in downtown Modesto. 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Come out and let your voices be heard!

### Internet Radio

#### The Backstory

Each week day at 11:30 am you can hear



Former Mayor Carmen Sabatino at:

[www.blogtalkradio.com/thebackstory](http://WWW.BLOGTALKRADIO.COM/thebackstory)

### Great Advice

#### The Valley Citizen

Check out this article on The Valley Citizen for new about Wood Colony and some sage advice.

<http://thevalleycitizen.com/tactics-to-save-wood-colony-an-opposition-strategy/>

### Future Meeting Date

#### Hart-Ransom Meeting

At print time, we're not sure if there will be another meeting, but we'll keep you posted.

### RESIDENTS COME TOGETHER

**A**t the January 7<sup>th</sup> Modesto City Council meeting, residents came out in overwhelming numbers.



There were over 250 people in the Chambers while more filled the overflow room. Although the numbers were mighty, the crowd was, for the most part, civil and were singing one song as if it had been rehearsed for many generations.



Alan Cover gave an emotional speech on what our community is about. If you missed it in person, you can see it here, at the 2:20:20 minute mark.

[http://www.modestogov.com/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?](http://www.modestogov.com/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=620&doctype=AGENDA)

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# What Science Says About Wood Colony Soil

One of Vance Kennedy's first jobs for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) was a study of "sediment transport" in streams throughout the state of Georgia. He probably got the job because of his degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and because he was the first student ever in the first course ever in the subject of Applied Geochemistry.

When you study the streams and sediments of an entire state you acquire a lot of first-hand knowledge about soil and water. Kennedy's study took two years and provided a nice pragmatic base for his later college courses in geology and hydrology.



Wood Colony almond orchard on Woodland Avenue, east of Dakota.

Kennedy has a PhD in hydrology from the University of Colorado.



Read more here: <http://thevalleycitizen.com/what-science-says-about-wood-colony-soil/>



Blight on  
McHenry Avenue  
just north of 5 points.

## Letters to the Editor at the Modesto Bee

"Vast orchards of aged, stately walnut groves used to stand where today's Vintage Faire Mall sits. Community groups lobbied passionately against the development, but the prime trees were ripped out in the name of economic expansion. Once again we are faced with the urgent appeals of lifelong farmers and community members to halt the destruction of vital, productive farmland to make way for more building."

Read more here: <http://www.modbee.com/2014/01/11/3130077/maggie-lee-costa-save-the-trees.html>