



Successful Community Crime Meeting Held March 7, 2011

By Joe Casey

Members of the Woodlands Community met with Police Department Chief Joel Bryden and members of Walnut Creek City government on Monday, March 7th at Valle Verde Elementary to discuss concerns about criminal activity in the neighborhood and nearby businesses. About 80 neighbors attended.

Chief Bryden introduced Sgt. Sean Conley who is the officer in charge of patrols for our sector of the city. Together they discussed recent crimes in our area, and the police efforts to apprehend those responsible. They reported that they had identified and/or arrested suspects in the business robberies that have taken place near our community in the past 6 months. They also gave statistics for recent robberies and crimes against property, which according to recent data have decreased city-wide. Our recent increase probably represents criminals targeting a specific area, so patrols have been increased to improve security.

In February, the police met with business owners in Citrus Center to discuss security for themselves and their customers. One of the measures that will be taken by the police department is to increase the visibility of the police including the posting of signs describing Business Watch, a program similar to Neighborhood Watch, to involve merchants in noticing and reporting suspicious activity to assist in protection.

Chief Bryden said that the city currently has 76 sworn officers and also uses about 37 trained volunteer civilians to assist in protecting citizens and businesses.

Q&A from those attending:

1) What is being done about homeless persons in Walnut Creek? Chief Bryden described the agencies and county task force which are called in the help.

Fresh Start in Walnut Creek offers assistance and advocacy to help homeless persons. They partner with county agencies such as Project Hope and Shelter Inc. to find homes and fill basic needs. Police and county agencies work together on health and safety issues to resolve these sensitive issues.

2) Door-to-Door Solicitation is controlled by having business owners who are sending out solicitors register them with the city. Each solicitor registers with a drivers' license or other legal identification, and carries a copy of the permit to solicit. Solicitors are not required to show badges or any other identification, but you can ask to see their city permit. Neighbors should call the police if they are suspicious or harassing. They city does not have an ordinance forbidding solicitation.

3) Oversized or suspicious vehicles, trucks, trailers may be parked on a city street for 72 hours; after



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Want to Write Something?



The Woodlands newsletter provides a community service by keeping neighborhood residents informed about issues and events of interest. We encourage Woodlands residents to submit articles for the newsletter and we regularly receive articles that are published in the newsletter.

If you would like to contribute an article, please contact us and we will be happy to work with you to help get it edited and published. Our publication guidelines are relatively simple – topics should be of interest to Woodlands residents, the newsletter can not be used as a forum to air issues between individuals, and articles may need to be edited to fit within available space (typical length is 200 words or less). To meet our publication schedule for a monthly newsletter, we have established a closing date of the 10th of each month. To the extent that space is available, articles received and ready for print by the 10th of the month will be published in the next version of the newsletter.

We appreciate your help in making the newsletter as informative, useful, and relevant to Woodlands residents. To submit an article, please write to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.

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Marvelous Mothers

By Jessica Williams

For the May newsletter, we would like to put together a collection of writings from our neighbors for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8. Here is a chance to share heartwarming and inspirational stories about your mother, whether she is still with us or not. Funny stories are encouraged to bring a smile to brighten Mother's Day. Perhaps share touching poems to salute all mothers on this special day of recognition. Please send your stories to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com by April 15th.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, April 2nd
at 8:15 am
 and
Saturday, May 7th
at 8:15 am
 in Carl's Jr. Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Woodlands Board Elections are Coming

By Ed Wohlers

The Woodlands Board of Directors is made up of four elected and several appointed positions. As required by the by-laws, the elected positions serve two-year terms. Because of limited membership on the Woodlands Board in the past, many of these positions have been filled by appointment, as allowed by the By-Laws.

The Treasurer maintains the books, makes deposits and takes care of financial concerns for the Board, among other duties. The Vice President leads the Woodlands Association when the President is unavailable and represents the organization in the community.

All residents of the Woodlands over the age 18 are eligible for elected or appointed positions on the Woodlands Board of Directors. Interested candidates for these positions should prepare brief (up to 200 words) statements of interest to the Woodlands Board for consideration. Statements of interest for eligible candidates will be printed in the June newsletter. The July 2011 newsletter will include a ballot that will allow Woodlands residents to vote for Treasurer and Vice President for a two-year term. All submissions or questions should be sent to the Woodlands Board at woodlandsassn@yahoo no later than May 2, 2011.

Help the Wild Animals at PAWS

By John Gardella

I am a volunteer at PAWS (Performing Animal Welfare Society). This is a wild animal sanctuary located in San Andreas. Check out www.pawsweb.org. The elephants, tigers, bears, and lions love fresh fruit and vegetables. Oranges, apples, grapefruit, etc. and any vegetables are needed. No lemons or spoiled fruits. Please drop them off at 3415 Peachwillow or call for pick up at 930 9487.



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that they can be reported to traffic control and will be cited and may be towed.

4) Addressing felony drug activity in 2008-09, Chief Byden said that Walnut Creek has a reputation among criminals that Walnut Creek is not a good place to buy and sell drugs because of the work of the police to pursue and arrest those committing such crimes. He cautioned that robberies are usually crimes of opportunity committed by those needing money to support a drug habit. Work is being done in the high schools to educate students about the dangers of becoming involved in drugs, and he said that such a program will be given next month at Northgate High School.

Safety Tips from the WCPD

Some of the things we can do to improve our own security are to notify the police when we will be away from our homes for more than a day. Vacation security can be done by making it appear that someone is home, setting lights radios to turn on and off, and having a trusted neighbor or friend to regularly check the house inside and out. The police will also do welfare checks when you're on vacation or if you're concerned about a neighbor.

Additional tips included - don't let newspapers and mail pile up on the driveway or walkways. Always lock cars and take your keys with you. Don't leave any items of value (i.e. phones, cameras, or brief cases) on the seats or visible. Unlocked doors and vehicles present "crimes of opportunity" to those walking thru the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch programs have shown to decrease criminal activity in residential areas. Mayor Cindy Silva said her neighborhood has had this program for 25 years, and found it to be an effective deterrent to crime. The police indicated that a neighborhood watch is one of the most effective crime deterrents. Please see the article "Walnut Creek Police Neighborhood Watch Program" in this newsletter for additional details about starting a neighborhood watch program.

School News

SPRING FLING - APRIL 9



Check out all of our *fabulous* Live Auction Items:

- Concert Tickets to Taylor Swift, Glee Live and U2
- Front Row Seating at Graduation plus Reserved Parking
- Dinner for 12 at Flemings with wine donated from Shadowbrook Winery
- Paella Dinner for 8 hosted by Northgate's very own Mr. Tubio
- Signed Buster Posey Jersey and Giants Tickets
- 1 Week Stay at a Tahoe Donner Vacation Home that sleeps 12
- Girls Overnight Package for 4 at Renaissance Club Sport incl. mani-pedis and much much more!



Donations Needed for our Fine Wine Bar

We are looking for donations of red or white wine with a minimum dollar value of \$25. You can drop off your donations to Gail Markham at 2876 Deerpark Drive. Questions? Email GailMarkham@sbcglobal.net or call at 323-4061

Below are links to forms and key contacts
We look forward to seeing you there!!
Tickets \$50 per person.

SPRING CAMPUS CLEAN-UP - APRIL 2

Last September, over 400 student and parent volunteers descended on the Northgate campus. In one morning, they picked up trash from one end of campus to the other, planted 20 trees, spread over 120 cubic yards of mulch, weeded the campus, cleaned the forum, and started the transformation of the auto shop into an engineering and design center with a fresh coat of paint. They made the campus a better place. Don't miss this new opportunity to help....

Saturday, April 2nd
9 am - 12 pm

1. **Come work** on Clean-up Day. Students can earn an extra credit certificate for working at least two hours! Email [Julie Chestnutt](mailto:jjchesnutt@att.net) (jjchesnutt@att.net) to sign-up. Encourage your *family* to come work together. Bring your tools!a
2. **Donate food** for volunteers such as bagels, donuts, muffins, fruit, cookies, or cases of water. Contact [Julie Khorsandi](#).
3. **Painting** inside-WE NEED ADULTS TO PAINT! If you are willing to paint please email [Heather Stover](#)
4. **ADULT AREA LEADERS NEEDED!** We need adults to help oversee our inside and outside projects. Email [Julie](#) to help.

FRESHMAN families- This is a *great* way to get involved at Northgate!

If you have any questions, please email [Julie Chestnutt](mailto:jjchesnutt@att.net) (jjchesnutt@att.net)



School News

GRAD NIGHT PACKET

Grad Night 2011 - It's Time To Register!!!



Dear Senior Parents:

The Grad Night preparations are well underway and the evening is sure to be a hit! We are requesting that you visit our website and access the Grad Night 2011 packet. You can complete the forms on your computer and then click on the Print Form button that is on the top right corner of both the first and the last page of the document. Or, if you prefer, you can print the forms and then complete them by hand. The filled out forms need to be returned to school; you can either mail them to the school or have your child drop them off in the office along with a check made out to Northgate Grad Night.

In order to secure our entertainment and begin decorating, we need to collect registration fees. The fee per student to attend Grad Night is the discount rate of \$110 if paid by March 14. This fee includes all entertainment, food, drinks and prizes - your student will not need to bring additional money to Grad Night which will be held on **Thursday, June 9, 2011** at the Concord Centre following the graduation ceremony.

Please visit our website <http://www.northgategradnight.com/> to download the 2011 Grad Night packet. There is a link on the home page of our website which will open up the packet on your computer. If you need a printed out copy, just contact me either at the email address or phone number below.

Any questions can be directed to: Pam Bond at pambond@astound.net or by phone at 925-451-3902

Thanks!!

Pam Bond, Grad Night Chairperson

GRAD NIGHT CASINO DEALERS NEEDED

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GRAD NIGHT

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2011

9:30 TO 1:30 OR 1:30 TO 5:30

GREAT FOR PARENTS OF ANY STUDENTS

CONTACT: TRACEY GARBER at TRACEY.GARBER@YAHOO.COM or call 934-7076

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Woodlands Neighborhood Watch & Valle Verde Elementary School



Please remember to keep our school in your Neighborhood Watch plans. If you see any suspicious activities on or around our campus (especially after hours), please let your neighborhood Block Captain know and call the Walnut Creek Police Department immediately at (925) 935-6400.



We appreciate any help you can provide to your community elementary school!



WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to Kathy Master
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*

The information in this Crime Report is taken from the Police Daily Bulletin as posted for public viewing on the Walnut Creek Police Department's website. The entire Walnut Creek police daily bulletin can be viewed at: www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp. Some issues of the Woodlands Newsletter may include only a portion of the monthly police activity in our neighborhood, as available print-space varies from issue to issue. The most current information available is listed first.

11-7357 03/05/11 00:17:12 **Suspicious Vehicle check** Perada Drive / Bayberry Drive, license plate 4AAF399. Dispo: Juvenile cited for possession of marijuana and lighter. Ofc. Slater

11-7194 03/04/11 03:00:27 **Service to Citizen** 500 block Candleberry Road. Trash cans and garbage in street. Dispo: One trash can in the street. Debris removed from roadway. No damage to trash can or nearby parked vehicles. Ofc. Slater

11-7195 03/04/11 03:48:10 **Suspicious Circumstance** 600 block Candleberry Road. RP states her photo, address and phone number posted on internet. Believes ex-boyfriend is responsible. Ofc. Harman

11-6914 03/01/11 19:54:43 **Service to Citizen** 600 block Sitka Drive. RP reporting violation of court order. Was supposed to have visitation with her 15 year old child tonight and child is not home. Dispo: RP given advice regarding visitation with her daughter. Ofc. Spoto

11-6306 02/25/11 05:45:00 **911 Hang-up** 300 block Peppertree Road. Open line with static. Dispo: Resident called back advising phone problem. No emergency, PD not needed.

11-6179 02/23/11 18:43:23 **Reckless Driving** Oak Grove Road / Peachwillow Lane. Road rage, white male adult in red vehicle screaming at the RP. Dispo: Vehicle went into Concord, CPD advised. Ofc. Spoto

11-6123 02/23/11 08:55:28 **Welfare Check** 600 block Candleberry Rd. Adult Protective Services request check. Dispo: Subject was fine and did not need further police assistance. No problems with his daughter. Ofc. Barrientos

11-6081 02/22/11 20:17:01 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Suspicious vehicle is pretty banged up black VW Jetta, license 9601UDP. Parked in handicap space near ATM. RP is passerby. Vehicle legally parked. Ofc. Spoto

11-6075 02/22/11 18:54:28 **Collision** 500 block Banyan Circle, Jeep license 5RDH625 vs. parked car. Driver is Hispanic male adult, 5'11, 200 lbs, 17-19 years old, driving 60mph in residential area. Dispo: Non-injury collision, driver not under the influence. Information exchanged. Ofc. Thompson

11-5899 02/21/11 08:04:07 **Contempt of Court** 500 block Banyan Circle. White male adult reportedly stalking RP's adult daughter. Subject is former boyfriend. Showed up to RP's residence and left 2 min. ago when RP asked him to leave. Left in gray truck, unknown direction of travel. Dispo: Arrested Andrew Botter, 22 years old. Booked at County jail for violating temporary restraining order. Ofc. Kan

11-5756 02/19/11 19:06:44 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. RP is Mary's Pizza Shack manager. States the Beauty Source next door is unlocked, lights are off but no one around. Dispo: Contacted owner who will respond to lock up. No ofc. assigned

11-5484 02/17/11 09:34:24 **Attempted Burglary** 3000 block Citrus Circle. Refer to 11-5450. RP states attempted burglary to business. No entry made. Dispo: As reported. Ofc. Kan

11-5450 02/16/11 19:40:00 3000 BL CITRUS CR ALARM- (Redacted 04) Alarm- False 3 80 Spoto

11-5440 02/16/11 17:26:11 **Theft** 3000 block Citrus Circle. 25 checks stolen from accounting business, 3 cashed in San Francisco yesterday. RP suspects recent hires. Ofc. Donleavy

11-5385 02/16/11 05:42:32 **Runaway Juvenile – returned** 500 block Banyan Circle. Dispo: Subject removed from Missing/Unidentified Persons System. Ofc. Hibbs

11-5373 02/15/11 21:57:45 **Runaway Juvenile** 500 block Banyan Circle. Dispo: Report. Ofc. Lestrangle

11-5334 02/15/11 15:06:19 **Vehicle Burglary** Peachwillow Lane / Banyan circle. RP states red Ford truck entered between 1200-1500 hours. RP found the door open, unknown point of entry, RP says truck was locked. Loss: Make up bag with white dots containing make-up and medication. Ofc. Kan

11-5284 02/15/11 03:06:24 **Suspicious Person** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Meet with Security regarding subject dressed all in black on bike with dog. Subject fled. Unable to locate. Ofc. Hahn

11-4867 02/11/11 13:51:01 **Suspicious Person** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Female pandering for money outside of the Post Office. Described as Hispanic female adult, 5'4, 170 lbs, black hair and dark complexion. No children with her but asking for money for hungry children. Dispo: Area check, unable to locate. Ofc. Keagy

11-4836 02/11/11 09:47:48 **Suspicious Circumstance** 300 block Persimmon Road. RP reporting credit card fraud, all charges have occurred outside of Walnut Creek jurisdiction. RP has possession of card. Dispo: Fraudulent charges with credit card in San Ramon and San Jose. Unknown how subject obtained card info. ID theft pamphlet given. Ofc. Appel

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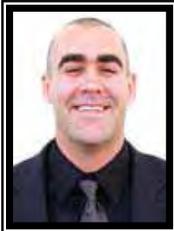
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The session will meet at the same time during its four days.

Cost: Members - \$50.00 Non-Members - \$80.00

Times: 12:30 noon, 1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30 pm, 5:00pm, 5:30pm, 6:00pm, 6:30 pm.

Session 1: 6/13, 14, 16, 17

Session 2: 6/20, 21, 23, 24

Session 3: 6/27, 28, 30, 7/1

***Session 4:** 7/5, 6, 7, 9

Session 5: 7/11, 12, 14, 15

Session 6: 7/25, 26, 28, 29

Session 7: 8/1, 2, 4, 5

Session 8: 8/8, 9, 11, 12

*** Note:** This week lessons are Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, & Friday due to July 4th Holiday.

Space is limited--register early. Please list 1st, 2nd and 3rd time choices for each session.

Confirmations will be e-mailed. **Payment must be made at time of registration.** Sorry, we cannot honor requests for specific instructors.

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Student's Name	Age	Gender M/F	Session	Time Choices			Fee
				1 st	2 nd	3 rd	
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

Total Amount Due: _____

Make checks payable to **Woodlands Cabana Club**. Send swim lesson registration and payment to: **Woodlands Cabana Club, 111 Longleaf Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598, Attn: Swim Lesson Coordinator**. Please note: **No refunds after June 1, 2011**. Rescheduling of classes will be made on a space available basis only.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

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