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December 2010

McDonald's Update

1st Public Hearing Tentatively Set for 1/27/11

By Joe Casey

There is little to report on the McDonald's proposal to place a fast-food restaurant in the former bank building at the corner of Oak Grove and Citrus Drive. The traffic study funded by McDonald's but conducted by an independent contractor hired by the City Planning department began their initial surveys the week of November 8th. The complete survey, study, and drafting of the report will take several weeks to conduct. The public hearing to discuss the results of the traffic study, and other findings relevant to the application, is tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2011 at City Hall.

The Woodlands Association Board's has heard from the community and is still waiting to hear from McDonald's on this important issue. The Board organized a community meeting at the Woodland's Cabana Club in late September to give residents a voice on this subject. Immediately thereafter, the Board contacted the designated McDonald's representative to offer assistance in organizing a follow-up community meeting so they could articulate their position, and also hear directly from the community as to their concerns and answer important questions. McDonald's has not yet proposed a date to meet with the community, but we anticipate they will hold a meeting once the results of the traffic study have been completed (hopefully it will be completed by early December). As soon as we learn additional information on a proposed community meeting we will communicate it to the community through the newsletter, e-mail and website.

Please visit our website www.woodlandsassn.org for the most up-to-date information and to sign up for our e-mail distribution list. We will e-mail and post any updates on this issue as new information becomes available. If you have any questions or comments please e-mail us at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.

Woodlands Advertising Rates for 2011

The Woodlands Association will be increasing most of our advertising rates in the Woodlands Newsletter effective February 1, 2011. This will be our first increase in our advertising rates in over 5 years. The new monthly advertising rates will be as follows:

1/8 pg. - \$20, 1/4 pg. \$30, 1/4 page on back cover \$50, 1/2 page \$50, full page \$90. The price for want ads will remain the same (\$13 non-residents and \$5 Woodlands residents).

We know this will be difficult for many long time loyal advertisers so we will allow advertisers to take advantage of the lower 2010 rates if they meet one of the following requirements:

- 1) Prior long time advertisers - for advertisers who paid for an advertisement with us for at least 6 months during 2010, we will continue to offer the existing rates for a similar or larger ad for one more year or;

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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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Board email ID's can be found at www.WoodlandsAssn.org

Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, December 4th
 at 8:15 am
 and
Saturday, January 8th
 at 8:15 am
 in Carl's Jr.
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Be a Helping Hand over the Holidays...

By Jessica Williams

...by giving back to those not necessarily on your Christmas list. A great example of giving back would be to participate in the Blue Star Moms Holiday Drive - article written by Kay Ready this month. This year, if you have children, you could make the act of giving a family effort by choosing to donate gently worn clothing to a nearby charity or shelter. Encourage your children to select the clothing from their own closets and bag them up. Together, make a trip to personally deliver the items. Similarly, you could clear out your pantry to donate food packages to drop-offs at retailers. How about a friendly visit to a senior center or a Veterans hospital as not everyone has family and friends to share this season with? Perhaps you could research and donate to a charity that you have not yet supported. Try to do one new act of giving each week in the run up to 2011. This would be a step for all of us towards having a spirit of giving that doesn't just occur during the end-of-year Holidays. As a nation, we are currently going through a period of great challenges and difficulties, testing our values and character. Share your good fortune with those who may feel that they are not experiencing theirs at this time. You're sure to warm the recipient's heart as well as your own.

Happy Holidays!



Blue Star Moms Holiday Drive

By Kay Ready

Blue Star Moms of Contra Costa County are collecting NEW items to send to the troops overseas. We will be collecting items beginning Nov. 1st through Dec. 10th. Items wanted: trail mix, tea bags, cocoa mix, unscented bar soap, q-tips, disposable razors, fingernail clippers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, AA batteries, playing cards, cough drops, Benadryl, word game and crossword books (no Sudoku).

As for the K-9 care packages, items needed are new: hand towels, dog treats, sturdy tug dog toys, rawhide chews, rubber balls, stainless steel food and water dishes, and grooming brushes.

* Each box costs approx. \$12.50 to mail. Monetary donations will be accepted. Please make checks payable to "CC Blue Star Moms."

Kay Ready is accepting donations on behalf of Blue Star Moms for the Woodlands. Donations can be dropped off at Kay Ready's home: 511 Persimmon Rd. Thank you!

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2) Prepaid advertising - advertisers who would like to take advantage of the lower 2010 rates can prepay their 2011 ads for 3 to 12 months (3 month minimum) to take advantage of the lower 2010 rates. Each month that you prepay by February 1, 2011 can be paid at the 2010 rates as long as you prepay for at least 3 months.

If you are interested in advertising in the monthly Woodlands Newsletter which is delivered to 900 homes in the Woodlands, please e-mail us at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com, or go to our website www.woodlandsassn.org.

School News

Source: VV e-Voice: November 2010

SALAD BAR: Can YOU Help?

Looking for Salad Bar Helpers

Did you know that children who buy school lunch can visit our very own salad bar on Tuesdays and Thursdays at no extra cost? Valle Verde introduced the salad bar two years ago and ever since all the fresh produce has been a huge success with the students.

Our cafeteria manager Mary Schneider is doing a great job prepping the fruits and veggies each week. However, we do need parent volunteers to supervise the salad bar. It's a once-a-month commitment from 11.45 until 12.30 on a Tuesday or Thursday.

If you'd like to help, please contact Sabine Kroeber at skroeber@astound.net. Salad bar is available for third to fifth graders only.



A BIG Thank you to all the parents who are already helping with salad bar:

Denise Bird, Kim Bowe, Karen Brajkovich, Karen McKimmy, Janet Richards, Gila Sagy

SCHOOL PLAY: PETER PAN

We are excited to announce that the Valle Verde School Play for the Year 2011 will be...

PETER PAN

4th and 5th graders, please mark your calendar for the auditions. They will be held on:

November 29th and November 30th

2.45 til 4.30

MUR

You only need to come to ONE audition.

Callback auditions will be December 2nd and 3rd (not everybody needs to attend - we will let you know).

Every child who auditions will get a part!

We are looking forward to fun-filled weeks of dancing, singing and acting...always ending with a great show featuring the talents of our Valle Verde thespians!

For those of you who like to get the dates on the calendar early:

- Rehearsals will start Tuesday, January 4th.
- Shows will be on March 17th, 18th and 19th.
- Mandatory parent meeting will most likely be Wednesday, December 8th at 7pm.



Questions? Contact one of our producers:

Denise Bird, dbirds5@att.net, 288-1233

Sabine Kroeber, skroeber@astound.net, 296-0948

Sara Wade, dansarawade@astound.net, 934-4104

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Source: VV e-Voice: November 2010

PLEASE CONTINUE TO TURN IN BOXTOPS:



Each year Valle Verde has an opportunity to earn hundreds (even thousands), of “free” dollars just by turning in special Box Top coupons from commonly purchased items. These are things we currently buy: e.g. General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty, Huggies, Avery labels, Pillsbury refrigerated doughs & more.

It’s simple. You find the boxtops and turn them into the office in a baggie with your child’s name and class. We submit them and get money for our school. It is just like a treasure hunt for our kids, so let them join in the fun.

Our goal this year is \$650.

For a complete list of participating products and fun collection sheets, as well as great recipes, coupons, activities for kids, and parenting tips, go to: www.boxtops4education.com If you sign up as a participating member, you can earn even more Box Tops credits for our school.

Questions? Contact Betty Huang at betty_huang@hotmail.com or Lindsey Hansen at mrslindseyallison@yahoo.com

VALLE VERDE CHILDREN CENTER NEEDS HELP:

Needed for upcoming projects: Baby food Jars

They also need things to keep their art closet full of fun things for the children to use (corks, fabric scraps, ribbon, beads, soda lids, sponges, buttons, yarn, odd size boxes, etc.) So, please remember our Children’s Center when you clean out your garage, sewing box, junk drawer or craft closet.

They can always use what you don’t need. Just drop items by the Children’s Center anytime M-F between 6:45am-6pm!



DOES ANYONE HAVE AN UNWANTED Wii?

Our Children’s Center is saving up to buy one, but if anyone has an extra, please consider donating it to our Center.

DID YOU WORK ON YOUR YARD AND HAVE LEFT OVER BARK, ROCKS OR WEED BARRIER PLASTIC? The Children’s Center is in need of these items to redo their fenced-in “bunny yard.” If you have any spare materials, please contact Christine.

School News

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SPELLING BEE: 1/25



It's time to start studying for Valle Verde's annual Spelling Bee. This year it will be held on **Tuesday, January 25, 2011 in our MUR at 8:45 am**

This competition is open to all 4th & 5th graders. Each class will selection 6 students to compete and they have 2 alternates per classroom. Most classes will give a special test to see who wins the honor of representing their classroom. To start improving your spelling, go to www.spellingbee.com. The user id is: millerr@mdusd.k12.ca.us and the password is vikings.

A paper copy of tips and tricks to improve your spelling skills is in each classroom.

We will need 6 parents to help with our Bee, so please call the office if you'd like to help that day. Tracey Garber will be proctoring the Bee.

OUR ANNUAL GEOGRAPHY BEE IS COMING UP:



ATTENTION 4th and 5th Graders! It's time to pack your bags and get ready for...

VALLE VERDE'S 8TH ANNUAL GEOGRAPHY BEE

Thursday, January 6th

8:30 am for 4th graders

Friday, January 7th

8:30 am for 5th graders

FINALS will be held on Friday, January 7th at 1:00 pm

Teachers will be giving a preliminary test to see who will be representing their classroom

STUDY TIPS: USE THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WEB SITE and CHECK OUT THE ATLAS & WORLD MAPS

HEY...CHECK THIS OUT: The Terra Cotta Warriors were discovered in 1974. Try to find out when they were first created!! It's an amazing piece of history.



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.

10-33594 11/11/10 22:31:31 **Suspicious Vehicles** Perada Drive / Citrus Avenue. Parked near the bridge and occupied by an unknown number of subjects. Cars described as white SUV and dark colored sedan. No further information. Dispo: Both vehicles gone on arrival. Small amount of Burger King trash in road where vehicles were parked. RP called and advised. Ofc. Harman

10-33551 11/11/10 16:26:04 **Theft** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Theft of a red mountain bike from in front of the store. Reported by phone.

10-33505 11/11/10 08:50:35 **Service to Citizen** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. RP requests officer check on 2 males who are cleaning some equipment on a trailer across from the school. RP is concerned about toxic chemicals being washed into the gutters. Dispo: Workers washing a concrete mixer. No chemicals being used, only water. Ofc. Clemente

10-33461 11/10/10 20:22:13 **Miscellaneous Traffic** Peachwillow Lane / Citrus Avenue. Vehicle driving recklessly in the area. Heard only. Dispo: Area check is negative

10-33463 11/10/10 20:45:55 **Littering** 2200 block Oak Grove road, behind building. Two mattresses covered in blood and bloody clothes. Dispo: Bag of paint, clothing and mattress dumped behind shopping center. Ofc. Mauro

10-33464 11/10/10 21:20:48 **Reckless Driving** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Tan SUV with partial plate 5PLS almost hit officer. Dispo: Subject contacted. Ofc. Mauro

10-33343 11/09/10 23:48:43 **Assault** 400 block Peppertree Road. Dispute between husband and wife. Female struck male in the face. Dispo: Parties separated for the night. Case sent to District Attorney's Office. Ofc. Mangini

10-33318 11/09/10 17:37:15 **Fraud** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Fraudulent check being passed by a heavy set black female adult with purple hair. Subject wearing black leather jacket and blue jeans. Occurring at Bank of America. Dispo: 18-year old female arrested for passing fraudulent check. Ofc. Watson

10-33199 11/08/10 22:30:12 **Altercation** 500 block Banyan Circle. Second hand information to RP who is not at the location. Kids are fighting physically, one has a bat. Dispo: Verbal argument over a shirt. Situation mediated and resolved; no merit to physical altercation. Ofc. Wallace

10-32900 11/05/10 19:20:25 **911 Hangup** 500 block Peppertree Road. 911 open line with infant crying. Busy on call back. Dispo: Contacted the resident and determined 14-mo. old playing with phone. No assistance needed. Ofc. Silver

10-32826 11/05/10 09:26:06 **Miscellaneous Traffic** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Road rage occurred in front of school. RP was getting son out of car; subject sped up, peeled out and drove by numerous times. Subject yelled obscenities. Suspect vehicle was older red sports car. Dispo: Note left for registered owner to contact officer regarding the incident. Ofc. Clemente

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Please note: the actual sizes below allow for binding/bleed space. Size = height x width in inches

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- ½ Page – 5 x 7.5 - \$45/month
- ¼ Page – 5 x 3.5 - \$25/month
- ¼ Page on back cover - \$45/month
- 1/8 Page – 2.5 x 3.5 - \$15/month
- Want Ads - line ad with 30 words or less:
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Next Advertising Deadline

Please submit all ads and
payments for the next issue by
December 15, 2010

Submission Guidelines

- Please submit your ad in the actual size/dimensions listed above.
- Ad should be formatted with any artwork you want included at the time of submittal.
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- Exterior - Interior
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- Clean out Gutters ▪ Installation of gutter screens

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