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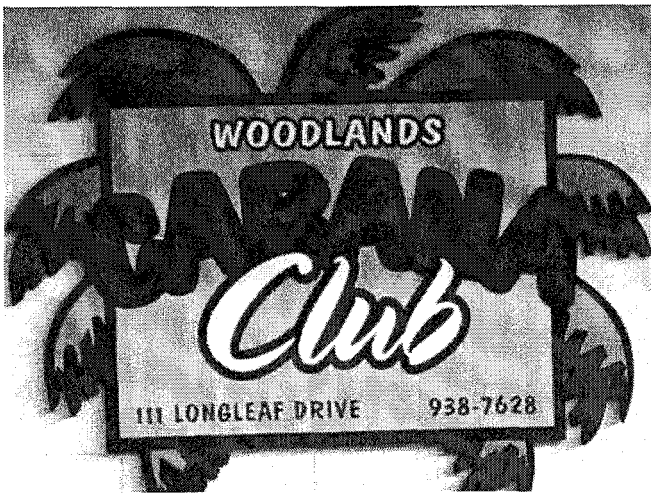


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February 2008

Thanks to the Frattinis

By Audie and Nancy Holian



Please join the new Woodlands Cabana Club board in thanking the Frattinis for all their hard work at the Cabana Club and in the community. They served in various capacities on the Cabana Club Board of Directors for over 7 years.

As a long-time resident of The Woodlands I would get asked if I have a pool in our backyard. I would answer by explaining that I already had a pool. In fact, I have two pools, a baby pool, two bathrooms, plenty of lawn, and a picnic area fit for hundreds of people!

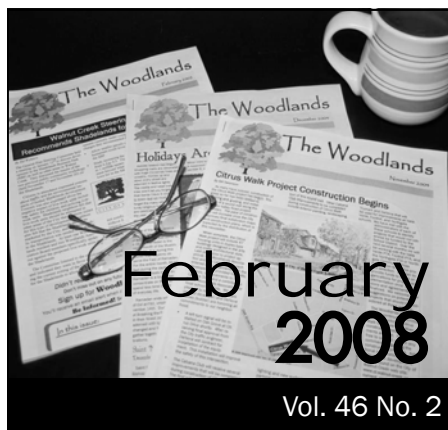
Of course I mean I am a member of the Cabana Club. On behalf of the board of the Cabana Club I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of John and Kathy Frattini.

John and Kathy have overseen hundreds of thousands of dollars in improvements to the Cabana Club including, two resurfaced pools, repainting, new landscaping and irrigation, a new parking lot, and extensive permanent fencing as well as many other items that needed attention at the Cabana Club. Without their leadership the Cabana Club wouldn't be what it is today – a great resource for the community!

If you have been down at the pool at any time starting around eight years ago, you would have undoubtedly seen John and/or Kathy working to make sure the Club was running smoothly and safely.

So if you happen to see John and/or Kathy around school, at the pool or in other situations where they are working to make something better, please say "Thank You."

Without their efforts, I may have had to sink a shovel and a hundred thousand dollars into my own backyard, and who needs that?



Parents Make a Difference

The Mt. Diablo Adult Education’s Parent Education Department is sponsoring the 17th annual “Parents’ Day Out” at Concord High School on Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 8am-2:30pm. The conference features many workshops for people who interact with children. This conference is helpful for parents who have kids or work with kids of all ages. The conference also features two keynote speakers: George Papageorge, a licensed marriage and family therapist and Ruben Dario Nunez Sanchez.

The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Pre-registration must be received by 1/29/08 (registration is also available at the door). The registration fee includes a continental breakfast as well as lunch. This is a conference for adults only. Childcare is available at a cost of \$10 for one child or \$20 for two or more children. For additional information please check the website pdf available at <http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/inews/parentsdayout08.pdf>

By Ed Wohlers



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Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, February 2nd
and
Saturday, March 1st
 8:15am in Carl’s Jr. Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Planning Commission Reviews Proposed Shadelands Development

By *Bill Swanson*

On January 10, 2008 the Walnut Creek Planning Commission held a study session to receive a presentation, hear public concerns, and provide their viewpoints on a proposed development in Shadelands Business Park. The development would include five buildings on the vacant nearly 12-acre lot at the corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Oak Grove Road. It would provide a total of 137,000 square feet of office and retail space, about 75 percent for medical offices, about 20 percent for offices, and the balance for related retail and restaurant. As presented, the proposed development would include 5 buildings (two three-story, two one-story, and one two-story). Traffic access would be provided at an extension of Citrus Ave, an entrance on Shadelands Drive, and a right-turn only exit to Ygnacio Valley Road. The City has stated the project is consistent with the General Plan, and provides more open space than required. During the meeting, about 10 individuals, including a representative from the Woodlands Association, made comments. Following public comments, the Planning Commissioners provided their views. The following topics were raised:

Habitat Values – many people stated that that site provides valued habitat for supporting owls and hawks and functions as an ‘island of refuge’ in an urbanized area. Many stated that the development and planting plan would cause significant negative impacts.

Traffic – the City acknowledges the Oak Grove-Ygnacio intersection is at a level of service of ‘F’, which is categorized as ‘jammed conditions’. Most comments addressed the additional congestion in and around the areas of the entrances to the project. Some commissioners were concerned about the need for an entrance at Citrus Drive.

Parking – the developer is proposing less than the required amount of parking, citing the nearby Kaiser facility as an example of an ‘over-parked’ project. Most commissioners thought the design has too much impervious (i.e. parking lot) area and suggested below ground parking. They also were opposed to a high percentage of compact car spaces.

Site Design – several commissioners thought the design looked like a parking lot surrounded by buildings rather than a campus. Some questioned the proximity of parking to buildings, particularly for medical offices.

Necessity for Project – the developer believes this project will relieve traffic pressure in the vicinity of John Muir. Some members of the public questioned the need for additional office space at this time.

The Planning Commission did not make any decisions, but encouraged the developer to revise their plan based on these comments. No follow-up meeting was scheduled at this time, as that will be determined when the developer is ready to return with a revised proposal. The Woodlands Association is coordinating with several other interested groups and individuals regarding this project. If you would like to get involved, please send us an e-mail at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.

School News

Source: Foothill e-Gazette 12/19/07

Valle Verde e-Voice 12/7/07

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Winners

Patriot's Pen, an essay writing contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and endorsed by the National Secondary School Principals is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6,7, and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy.

Foothill's 8th graders **Andrew Wong, Nicole Ludwig, and Subrahmanyam Parakala** swept the top 3 spots with their essays on the theme "Why I Am an American Patriot" in the local Post 1525 VFW's essay competition. The three winners, students in Mrs. Hoffacker's 8th core classes, earned cash awards and the right to have their essays advance to the next level of competition. The Foothill community is proud of these young writers.

Community Events

Foothill Jazz Band to play at old downtown Walnut Creek Library

The Foothill Jazz Band will play at the BIG retirement celebration on Jan. 13, 2008. "Thanks for the Memories" will be from 2 to 5 p.m. in the old Walnut Creek Library at 1644 N. Broadway.

Come celebrate the long life of the old library before it disappears to make way for the new, 42,000-square-foot, two-story library that is scheduled to open in spring of 2010.

The event is free to the public, and in addition to the Jazz Band, there will be a Children's Storyteller, the Rossmoor Big Band, and the Indian Valley Children's Choir. Visit the [Walnut Creek Library Foundation website](#) for more information.

Musical Theatre Instruction - Brand NEW 8 week classes with professional instructors starting in JANUARY including Singing, Acting and Dancing. All skill levels are welcome. [Click here](#) to request more information.

Parent Education

Support Group for children/teens with parents diagnosed with cancer

Saturdays, 10 am - 1 pm, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10

Fun, creative activities for children ages 5-12 to help them express themselves

Separate group for teens 13-18

Group for parents

Family activity designed to facilitate communication

Sessions are self-contained so families can attend one or all dates

Snacks and Lunch Provided

To register, please call 925-933-0107

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VALLE VERDE NEWS

As 2007 comes to a close, so does your chance at purchasing Valle Verde's school wide yearbook for just \$20.

This book of memories includes the entire school, and will be treasured by your children for many years. Simply make out your check for \$20 to Valle Verde PTA, and bring it to the office so your children can enjoy their memories at Valle Verde.

Note: The price of the yearbook beginning January 1st will increase to \$25. There will be a few yearbooks available for purchase the last week of school, but can only be sold on a first come first served basis. So don't delay. Purchase your \$20 yearbook today!!

Tammy Hurst
Hurst811@comcast.net

6th Annual Geography Bee: 1/28

It's time for our 4th and 5th graders to start studying geography facts.

Valle Verde's 6th Annual Geography Bee will be held on Monday, January 28th (4th graders at 8:30am, and 5th graders at 10:40am). Finals are Tuesday, January 29th at 9am.

Teachers will be giving a preliminary test to choose their class representatives.



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Safety and Environmental Tips

By Kay Ready

Safety:

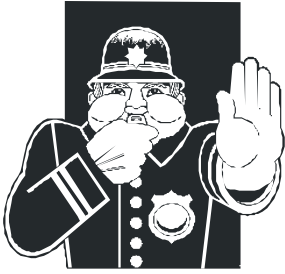
- When walking (even around the block) be sure to carry identification, along with a phone number of someone who can be called in an emergency.
- As soon as you get in to your car, LOCK. Don't leave valuable items in the car or trunk. Lock garage door openers in the glove compartment or take them inside.
- Pruning season is here. Check your sidewalks to be sure 2 people can walk by your property without getting hit by the trees or bushes. Also check the sidewalk for cracks that might cause someone to trip.



Going “Green”: *REduce, REuse, REcycle* at home, at school, at church, everywhere!

- Light Bulbs: Have you replaced your regular bulbs with CFL's? Just remember to properly dispose of CFLs at the Hazardous waste recycling center in Martinez (they also take batteries and paint).
- Bags: Ditch plastic bags. Bring your own reusable bags (2 or 3) to stores & fast food takeouts. After unpacking, get in the habit of the putting bags back in the car. Trader Joes has a sign outside their store reminding customers to bring their own bags. Ask your store manager to do the same.
- Cups & Water Bottles: Bring your own to your favorite coffee shop & stop buying water bottles. Use your own plastic bottle & refill.
- Clothes Lines: Give up the dryer & invest in a clothes line (weather permitting). Hanging up clothes has a side benefit of being a great exercise!

Thanks to Sue Rainey and the City of Walnut Creek for hosting the Eco/Fair program which provided information & ideas on ways we can improve our environment. We, in the Woodlands, can join Walnut Creek's efforts & make changes in our personal behaviors to protect resources for future generations.



WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to John Gregory
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*

- 07-29341 12/10/07 21:18:57 200 BL CONIFER LN REPORTS SOLICITOR BMA EARLY 20'S WRNG BLU/WHI BUTTON DOWN AND BLK EARMUFFS W/ FLYERS REG *KIRBY* AND FOOD FOR HOMELESS. LS 2050HRS. NEIGHBOR X THE STR HAD A AFA SOLICITOR. LS SB CONIFER TWRDS LONG LEAF.. DISPO: UTL/GOA Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Rohwer
- 07-29491 12/12/07 17:19:07 3600 BL PERADA DR BURG FORD SUV, WMA, WHI SHIRT, WAS PARKED SUSPICIOUSLY WHEN RP WALKED OVER TO SEE WHAT HE WAS DOING, HE FLOORED IT, DOT SOUTH ON PERADA OCC 5 AGO. RP REQUEST AN AREA CHECK.. DISPO: AREA CHECK UTL Service to Citizen 3 80 Rohwer
- 07-29593 12/14/07 06:48:47 3600 BL CITRUS AV RPTS SOMEONE VANDALIZED HER XMAS DECORATIONS.. DISPO: RP IS UNAVAILABLE FOR CONTACT AT THIS TIME AND WILL CALL BACK WHEN SHE IS AVAILABLE. Service to Citizen 3 80 -
- 07-29632 12/14/07 14:22:17 3000 BL CITRUS CR RP REPORTS THAT SOMEONE HAS STOLEN, FORGED, AND CASHED HIS BUSINESS CHECK (Redacted 01) FOR \$7500, 6 MONTHS AGO. RP WAITING IN THE CITY PD LOBBY.. DISPO: DETERMINED THEFT OF CHECKS FROM DESK BACK IN JUNE. RELATED TO WCPD 07-14653. UNK WHERE CHECK WAS CASHED Theft 3 80 Jeha
- 07-29865 12/17/07 08:24:10 CITRUS AV / OAK GROVE RD 11-81. SIL TOYT COA VS BLK DODGE DURANGO. DISPO: 11/81, COMPLAINT OF BACK PAIN, BOTH VEHICLES DRIVEN FROM THE SCENE Accident Minor Injury 3 70 Adams
- 07-29885 12/17/07 12:32:42 3400 BL CITRUS AV REPORTS BLU 4DR VEH OCCUP BY MALE PARKED IFO HIS HOME REFUSING TO LEAVE.. DISPO: DET. THERE IS A COURT APPT. CONSERVATOR FOR THE RESIDENT.(Redacted 01) RESIDENT DIDN'T RECOGNIZE CAREGIVER.NO CRIME. Service to Citizen 3 80 Duggan
- 07-29958 12/18/07 11:47:04 3400 BL CITRUS AV REPORTS SHE IS THE CONSERVATOR FOR THE PATIENT WHO WAS RELEASED LAST NIGHT WITH HER PERMISSION TO DAUGHTER SANDRA WHO WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE FATHER DIRECTLY HOME. FATHER AND DAUGHTER HAVEN'T SHOWN UP.. DISPO: DAUGHTER AND FATHER CONTACTED. THEY ARE ENROUTE TO WC FROM BRENTWOOD. Service to Citizen 3 80 Mauro
- 07-29963 12/18/07 12:42:20 500 BL PERSIMMON RD REQ 21 FOR ADVICE RE: HER FATHER BEING THE VICTIM OF A SWEETHEART SCAM. (Redacted 01). DISPO: ADVICE GIVEN. Service to Citizen 3 80 Welge
- 07-29996 12/18/07 18:31:13 3400 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS FINDING AN OPENED PACKAGE ON HIS PORCH FRM AMAZON.COM-VOID OF MERCHANDISE(Redacted 01). DISPO: LOSS-BOOK. SAME SUSPECT AS EVENT 29992 Theft 3 80 Rohwer
- 07-30024 12/19/07 08:58:33 3400 BL LIME TREE CT REPORTS BURG TO GRY FORD EXPEDITION. POE: WINDOW SMASH LOSS: GAME BOY. DISPO: CONFIRMED AUTO BURGLARY. Burglary 3 80 Rebello
- 07-30026 12/19/07 09:32:40 3400 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS THEFT OF FED EX PACKAGE FROM PORCH. DELIVERED ON 12/18/07 BTWN 1400-1500 HRS. LOSS: SMALL DECORATED TREE, VALUE \$50. RP ALSO FOUND 2ND RIPPED OPEN PACKAGE BELONGING TO 298 FIRESTONE DR ON PORCH. *21RPT*. DISPO: RP WAS PROVIDING ADD'L INFO REGARDING 07-29996. NOT A NEW THEFT CASE. Service to Citizen 3 80 Mauro
- 07-30065 12/19/07 15:52:39 300 BL ROCK OAK RD REPORTS 10852 TO WHI SATURN. VEH PARKED ON STREET. OCCURRED SOMETIME DURING THE PAST NIGHT.. DISPO: OCCURRED BETWEEN 12-18-07, AT ABOUT 1600 AND 12-19-07, AT ABOUT 1400 Vandalism 3 80 Thompson
- 07-30112 12/20/07 08:23:54 3600 BL CITRUS AV REPORTS VANDALISM TO CHRISTMAS DECORATION IN THE FRONT YARD. HAS HAPPENED 3 TIMES. NO SUSP INFO.. DISPO: NO VANDALISM. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS PLACED DEER ORNAMENTS IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION. Service to Citizen 3 80 Mauro
- 07-30114 12/20/07 09:25:46 3600 BL CITRUS AV RP TURNED IN FIREARM/AMMO BELONGING TO HER EX-HUSBAND. FIREARM NOT REGISTERED TO EX.. DISPO: AS REPORTED. INVESTIGATION ONGOING. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Mauro
- 07-30198 12/21/07 05:08:10 SITKA DR / SUGARBERRY LN REPORTS SUBJ IN LARGE SUV DRIVING SLOWLY THRU THE AREA. POSS 2 SUBJS IN THE VEH. RP SAW A SUBJ RUN UP TO A HOUSE ON THE CORNER THEN GET BACK IN VEH. WRNG BB CAP,RED TURTLENECK.. DISPO: GONE UPON ARRIVAL. CONDUCTED AREA CHECK AND NO FINDINGS. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Amaya

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