

# The Woodlands



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## To Bill Swanson - For a Job Well Done



Bill Swanson recently completed his most recent term as Vice President of the Woodlands Association Board and regretfully decided not to run again due to increasing demands on his time. Bill has served on the Board longer than any other current member (over 7 years) and his contributions will be greatly missed. His accomplishments included raising the image of the Woodlands with the MDUSD Board, the City of Walnut Creek and the Woodlands neighborhood. He was our primary spokesperson at Walnut Creek Council Meetings, MDUSD Board Meetings, and in discussions with various organizations over the years.

He worked very hard at negotiating a favorable outcome with the Citrus Walk project that brought many improvements to the Cabana Club and \$225,000 in donations to our three neighborhood schools.

Bill is a great communicator both orally and in writing. He has written numerous articles for the newsletter including explaining the purpose of the newsletter, and how the Woodlands Association got started. He has been very active in Woodlands Association Board Meetings and served as a great resource for the organization.

Fortunately, another Board Member, Joe Casey has agreed to take Bill's place. We appreciate Joe agreeing to take on his new role and look forward to the future.

We have been very fortunate to have Bill serve on our Board and his presence will be missed. Please be sure to thank Bill for his contributions to the neighborhood when you see him. The Woodlands Board

## 4th of July Parade & BBQ

### *Free Admission!*

This is just a reminder that the Woodlands annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will gather at Valle Verde Elementary @ 11:00am. Parade will start @ 11:30am. BBQ and games will follow at the Cabana Club. Decorate your scooters, bikes, go carts or floats. Roller skate, walk or ride in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. The parade starts at Valle Verde and ends up at the cabana club for an old fashioned family BBQ with swimming and games!

All Woodlands Residents, Family and Friends welcome to swim and enjoy visiting with your neighbors. For additional information, please contact Paul Sibley 925-287-9790 or [psibley@astound.net](mailto:psibley@astound.net) See you there!!



## Election Update

In the April and May newsletters we ran articles about the Treasurer and Vice President Board position openings, and solicited interested candidates for a two year term that begins July 1, 2009. We are pleased to announce that Judy Jarvis has agreed to continue on as Treasurer for this term. Judy joined the Woodlands Board last year and has been doing a terrific job and making improvements to the position. We appreciate her efforts. Joe Casey, who is also a recent addition the Board has agreed to serve as Vice President to replace Bill Swanson who recently completed his term as Vice President. Please thank Judy and Joe for their great service to our neighborhood when you see them.

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## Citrus Ave Canal Crosswalk

*By Ed Wohlers*

We recently contacted the City of Walnut Creek to discuss the canal crosswalk on Citrus Ave. where signage of the crosswalk is obscured from drivers. Jim Haggerty from the traffic engineering dept. surveyed the situation and determined that the City of Concord should get involved since the signage was visible on the Walnut Creek side, but not on the Concord approach on Citrus Ave. Hosea Turner, Transportation Program Coordinator for the city of Concord promptly responded that they would notify the homeowners to trim the trees obscuring the signs to make this a safer crossing for pedestrians and bicyclists. We appreciate both cities working quickly to resolve this potentially dangerous crossing.

### Woodlands Association Board of Directors

Ed Wohlers ~ *President*  
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Board email ID's can be found at [www.WoodlandsAssn.org](http://www.WoodlandsAssn.org)

### Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, July 11th  
 at 8:15 am  
 and  
 Saturday, August 1st  
 at 8:15 am  
 in Carl's Jr.  
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents  
 are encouraged to  
 attend board meetings

## Continental Little League Majors Champions for 2009

By Leo Brajkovich

The Woodlands neighborhood has been a part of Continental Little League since the league was established in 1963. This year's Major's Division Champions are the Cubs, which include several Valle Verde students and recent graduates. Here is a picture of the team after winning its second straight Major's Championship.



*Pictured Sitting: Austin Wedington (VVE 5th grader), Daniel Bridges, Octavia Bond, Brian Moorhouse*  
*Pictured Standing: David Bridges, Jacob King, Coach Dave Chin, Matt Coyle (VVE grad), Jordan Chin, Leo Brajkovich III (VVE grad), Austin Cornwell (VVE grad), Manager Leo Brajkovich, Stefan Makris (VVE grad), Dylan Benney, and Coach Steve Bond*

The Cubs will go on to represent CLL in the District 4 Tournament of Champions June 17th.

## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

By Elsie Witt

Did you know...

To wash a car, the average homeowner uses more than 100 gallons of water...the water then goes down the storm drain carrying pollutants to our local streams and creeks...the average car wash that recycles water uses than 30 gallons per car, according to the Contra Costa Water District website. They also have coupons for car wash businesses that recycle water ([www.ccwater.com](http://www.ccwater.com)).

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For our lawns and landscape we also need to be aware of the length of the days and the angle of the sun in calculating the water we use. The summer solstice, June 21<sup>st</sup> is the longest day of the year with nearly 15 hours of daylight. In winter, there are only 9 ½ hours of day during the winter solstice, December 21, and the angle of the sun which is low in the sky, so plants require less water.

These long summer days when our watering needs are high, we can still save water by mulching to a depth of 2 to 3 inches. Water early in the morning, between 3 and 8 AM, with sprinklers set for 3 to 6-minute cycles. Early watering is best when temperatures are cooler and wind is generally calm.

Clay soil cannot absorb water as fast as sprinklers apply it, says the water district. Therefore, instead of watering for one long cycle, use 2 or 3 shorter cycles with an hour in between to allow the water to soak in better and encourage deeper roots. Inspect sprinklers monthly while they are working for broken, misaligned heads, and plants that may need to be trimmed if they are blocking the sprinkler.

Plants growing in the shade need less water than those in full sun, so adjust your watering schedule to account for the difference. During July and August lawns generally need to water 3-4 times a week. Reducing the amount of lawn around your home can be a water saver, if you are redoing your landscape.

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Easy ways to save water in your home, from CC Water District can help us to conserve water. 1) Insulate hot water pipes so less water needs to be run to reach the faucet. 2) Replace old toilets to use up to 60% less water. 3) Check toilets for leaks. Place food coloring in the tank. If the color appears in the bowl, you have a leak; either the water level is too high or the flapper needs to be replaced.

4) Replace old washer with a new high-efficiency model and save up to 50% on water, and energy. 5) Run clothes washers and dishwashers with full loads. 6) Put a plug in the bathroom sink when shaving rather than rinsing your razor under running water. 7) When brushing your teeth, remember to keep the water off until you are ready to rinse your brush.

8) Make sure there are aerators on all of the faucets in your home. Faucets without aerators can use more than three times the water.

For additional information on water saving tips go to <http://www.ccwater.com/>

# School News

## Foothill Middle School

Source: Foothill e-Gazette

### Next Year's PFA STILL NEEDS YOU!



For the first time in Foothill's 44-year history, three musical groups took home top honors of Unanimous Superior at their respective CMEA (California Music Educators Association) Bay Section Festivals in the same school year.

The Foothill Jazz Band, String Orchestra, and Symphonic Band were all evaluated by a panel of three adjudicators for their performances, and by a fourth adjudicator in sightreading. In every case (12 adjudicators in all), each group earned the highest rating of Superior (90 or more points out of 100). Three new plaques commemorating each occasion have been mounted in the music room. Congratulations to each member (and each member's family) of the Jazz Band, String Orchestra, and Symphonic Band for a job well done!

### Walk Through Registration Date Set

Mark your calendar for August 25 for the Foothill Walk Through Registration day.

Watch your email this summer for times and details regarding the Walk Through Registration for next school year!

First Day of School is August 31st.



### Welcome Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SAVE THE DATE!

2009-10 School Year Foothill Welcome Breakfast

Friday, September 4, 2009

7:30am in the Foothill Multi-Use Room

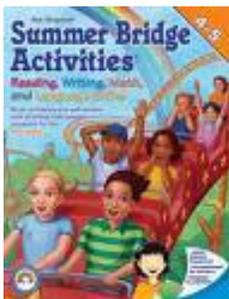
Attention all Parents and Students: This is a great opportunity to ease into the new school year, re-connect with old friends and welcome new families to the Foothill community.

*SCHOOL NEWS*

## Valle Verde News

Source: June E-voice

### Summer Bridge Workbooks:



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Go to [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) to order, or call Innisbrook Customer Service at (800)334-8461 to order (or ask questions).

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SCHOOL NEWS

## Valle Verde News

Source: June E-voice

### Volley for the Vikings: 10/17



Club Sport Valley Vista has graciously donated their tennis courts and Tennis Pro time as a fundraiser for Valle Verde.

We will be hosting a Tennis Tournament for beginners to advanced players on October 17th.

For this fundraiser to be a success, we of course need parent volunteers. There is advanced planning that needs to take place over the summer months. With four volunteers it shouldn't be more than 2-3 hours for the entire summer.

Please come out in support of this fundraiser that gives us the opportunity to have fun and raise much needed funds for our school. Please contact Dani Bennett at (925)256-7625 or [ldani.bennett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ldani.bennett@sbcglobal.net)

### SCA 6: Lowers the Threshold for Local School Parcel Taxes

SCA 6 is a bill that lowers the threshold for passing local school parcel taxes to 55 percent from the current two-thirds majority. A parcel tax is essentially the only way that local school districts can raise funds for school programs.

California State PTA has a strong support position on SCA 6, as it reflects the resolution on this subject passed by Convention delegates in May 2008.

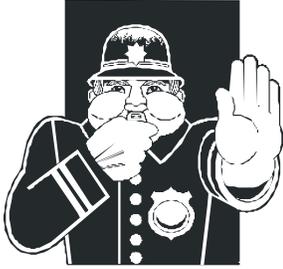
The bill has passed through committee and will be heard on the Senate floor possibly as soon as Monday, June 15.

Please call, e-mail or fax your state senator immediately and urge him or her to vote yes on SCA 6. Also, please forward this email to anyone who cares about school funding.

Suggested talking points include:

- SCA 6 is important because local school parcel taxes are essentially the only tool that California school districts have at their disposal to supplement funding from the state.
- California's schools are chronically underfunded, and this year's budget cuts are unprecedented. Local control options are urgently needed.
- Voters have shown in past elections that they are willing to lower the threshold for education measures. In 2000, Proposition 39 reduced the threshold for local school facilities bond measures. As a result, school facilities have improved dramatically throughout the state. A similar threshold reduction is needed for school programs.

For contact information for your senator, go to the following URL: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>



# WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

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

09-10245 (Incident number) 05/09/09 (date) 00:31:37 (time) **Noise complaint.** 3600 Block Sugarberry Lane. Loud Party. Dispo: Resident agreed to keep noise level down. Ofc. Olson

09-10336 05/09/09 20:08:08 **911 Hang-up.** 2100 Block Oak Grove Road. Dispo: Contacted resident who advised there was no problem.

09-10362 05/10/09 02:12:11 **Traffic Stop with arrest.** Ygnacio Valley Road/Oak Grove Road. Vehicle license 5CMJ888. Driver arrested for driving under the influence. Edward V. Astorga arrested for driving under the influence. Transported and booked into Martinez Detention Facility. Ofc. Wallace

09-10493 05/11/09 21:46:13 **Possible Domestic Violence** reported. 3600 Block Citrus Avenue. 14 year old male reporting his father is hurting his mother in their room. Unknown if weapons involved. Dispo: Determined verbal argument only. Male half agreed to leave for the evening. Advice given to both parties. Ofc. Donleavy

09-10676 05/14/09 10:40:14 **Theft.** 500 Block Persimmon Road. RP states Hispanic male adult just stole tools from the back of a landscaper's truck, parked on Persimmon between Peachwillow and Citrus. Suspect left in a gray 2-door headed toward Citrus Avenue. Loss was an Echo Weed-Eater, black and gray.

09-10688 05/14/09 12:59:13 **Suspicious Vehicle.** 2200 Block Ygnacio Valley Road. RP requesting area check for a Blue 4-door Honda Civic, partial plate 6DVJ casing the school in the parking lot. Driver is Hispanic female with long dark hair, wearing white tank top and sunglasses. Rear passenger is Hispanic male, 23-35 years old, bald, wearing white Tshirt. Last seen leaving toward Safeway on Ygnacio. Dispo: Subjects gone on arrival, unable to locate

09-10785 05/15/09 17:16:23 **Possible fraud in progress.** 2200 Block Oak Grove Road. Dispo: Vicky Silver (date of birth 1/14/70) arrested for 475(C) PC (check fraud) and three warrants out of Sacramento. Ofc. Sadler

09-11302 05/21/09 23:51:10 **Service to Citizen.** 500 Block Banyan Circle. Garage door open at neighbor's house for at least an hour. Garage door was closed. Ofc. Olson

09-11431 05/23/09 11:02:57 **Abandoned vehicle.** Rock Oak Road/Valencia Ct. Red Mazda license 3CLC616 parked there for the last three months. Dispo: PSO file for abandoned vehicle.

09-11434 05/23/09 11:13:23 **Suspicious person.** 2200 Block Oak Grove Road. RP states aggressive solicitor in front of business was asked to leave. White male adult, 5'10, 190 lbs, purple Ravens hat, white shirt and blue jeans. Dispo: All parties counseled regarding rules for Neiman Marcus opposition solicitors. No crime. Ofc. Edwards.

09-11594 05/25/09 08:27:35 **Suspicious Circumstance.** 600 Block Persimmon Road. RP states at approximately 2100 hours on 5/24/09, suspect turned off victim's circuit breaker and removed power source from air conditioning unit. Ofc. Thompson

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09-11602 05/25/09 11:01:13 **Vehicle Vandalism.** 3500 Block Perada Drive. Back windshield of Mercedes broken between 2000 hours and 0800 hours while parked on the street. No other loss.

09-11672 05/26/09 09:36:47 **Juveniles Loitering.** 2100 Block Oak Grove Road. 6-8 juveniles loitering behind or inside vacant building next to 2125 Oak Grove Road (formerly HS Endeavor Restaurant.) Building boarded up. Subjects are high school aged males and females, white and Hispanic with backpacks. No associated vehicle. Dispo: Juveniles returned to school and parents notified by school office.

09-11797 05/27/09 17:21:55 **Unattended Death.** 3400 Block Citrus Avenue. Dispo: 92-year old female died of natural causes.

09-11806 05/27/09 18:15:25 **Solicitor.** 400 Block Persimmon Road. White male adult in his 40's wearing gray shirt and shorts. Dispo: Unable to locate. Ofc. Watson

09-11818 05/27/09 20:49:16 **Reckless Driving.** Oak Grove Road/Ygnacio Valley Road. Light Blue Honda CRV, 5-6 subjects dressed for the prom. Last seen northbound Oak Grove toward Treat. RP's phone disconnected. Dispo: Unable to locate. Ofc. Watson.

09-11824 05/27/09 21:12:45 **Alarm.** 3300 Block Nutmeg Lane. Dispo: False alarm. Ofc. Watson

09-11826 05/27/09 21:30:27 **Reckless Driving.** 3500 Block Perada Drive. RP states juveniles driving recklessly through the neighborhood. Almost ran over another juvenile. Getting in and out of the car. RP thinks they're drunk. 4-6 males. Vehicle is gray SUV Dispo: Subjects contacted, nobody had been drinking. Ofc. Donleavy

09-11918 05/28/09 22:25:36 **"Drag Racing" Heard.** Oak Grove Road/Peachwillow Lane. DISPO: Unable to locate/gone on arrival. Ofc. Olson

09-11985 05/29/09 17:24:11 **Possible "Road Rage."** 2200 Block Oak Grove Road. Female requesting to speak to officer regarding what she feels is harassment. RP waiting in front of Bank of America in a white Toyota Rav4. Other involved party is on scene in a black Ford Probe license 2NDM729. Dispo: Both parties contacted. Misperception of events almost led to "road rage." Both parties cleared without incident. Ofc. Duggan

09-12044 05/30/09 12:28:45 **Verbal Dispute.** 2200 Block Oak Grove Road. Off duty FBI agent reports hearing a subject attempting to get signatures threatening to assault another female subject. Subject then got into a verbal dispute with the RP when he advised him he was a Federal agent. Dispo: Related to incident 09-12043.

09-12061 05/30/09 17:16:33 **Alarm.** 3600 Block Sugarberry Lane. Dispo: False alarm. Ofc. Wallace

09-12087 05/30/09 23:43:59 **Service to Citizen.** Peachwillow Ln/Citrus Ave. RP states group of 20 juveniles walking with beer cans. Last seen W/B Peachwillow. Dispo: Area checked, unable to locate subjects with alcohol. Ofc. Olson

09-12134 05/31/09 16:36:16 **Theft.** 2200 Block Oak Grove Road. RP states one in custody for theft at a business. Subject said to be cooperative but upset that Police had been called. Dispo: Lucia Forseth, birthdate 04/23/1968 arrested for theft with prior jail time served. Transported and booked at Martinez Detention Facility. Ofc. Wallace

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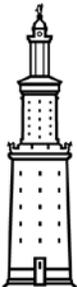
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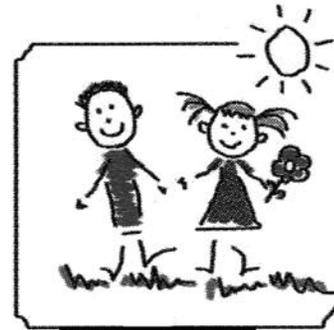
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