

The Woodlands



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New MDUSD Superintendent's Road Show Comes to Northgate

By City Councilman Kish Rajan

On February 1, Steve Lawrence took over the helm at the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, replacing interim Superintendent Dick Nicoll who retired last month. Lawrence, who previously was superintendent of the Washington Unified School District in West Sacramento, is under contract to run MDUSD through June 30, 2013.

In his first week on the job, Lawrence began a series of seven community meetings to greet the public at middle and high schools in Bay Point, Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek. His goals for the sessions were to introduce himself to the community and to hear ideas from parents and other residents about how the district can work with them to benefit students.

The session at Northgate was well attended by parents, students, teachers, administrators, Teacher's Union President Mike Noce, School Board Member Linda Mayo, and other city officials. Lawrence began the meeting by delivering a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the well publicized financial challenges the district faces. He was direct and clear that the district has already made difficult cuts, and that even deeper cuts are necessary given the lack of funding that is coming from the State of California. Lawrence explained the State's budget crisis has a significant reduction in the amount of funding that the District expected. And because the District is required to balance its budget, further cuts are mandatory. The district has already cut teachers, administrators, music and sports programs. Lawrence indicated that, unless the fiscal picture changes, deeper cuts will likely result in school closures and increased class sizes.

He indicated that it would be preferable to raise revenues locally to avoid such deep cuts. He expressed, however, that after the unsuccessful parcel tax campaign last year (Measure D), district officials did research polling and found that the climate remains unfavorable to try again to pass a parcel tax (particularly given the required 2/3 threshold). He outlined, as an alternative, an idea to pass a facilities bond (only requiring 55% approval) to deploy a solar power system that could create significant operating savings to the district. Currently, the district pays \$3.2 million per year in energy costs that could be reduced by a newer more efficient system. The savings then could be used to fund operations and avoid some cuts. The reaction by the audience was mixed. Though some did appreciate the creativity, others remained skeptical of funding operations by "borrowing". And, the operating deficit is much larger than could be saved through this program.

Lawrence then took many questions from the audience. Parents expressed their frustrations with the cuts and sought Lawrence's commitment that he would do everything possible to keep the cuts as far away from the classroom as possible. Questioners also sought his commitment to streamline the district administration to make it more efficient and responsive to the community. Lawrence indicated

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Free Tax Help Available

AARP Tax-Aide, sponsored by the Family Economic Security Partnership and the Earn It! Keep It! Save It! will be offering free tax preparation services for those who earned less than \$52,000 in 2009. Their efforts are focused on senior citizens. Dates and times vary, so please call to make an appointment. The services will be offered starting in early February at the following Walnut Creek locations:

- Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Dr., 925-943-5851.
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Ave., 925-979-5013.
- Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., 925-405-6278.

Be sure to bring all your tax records including Form W-2's, 1099's, your prior year tax return (call the number above for specific documents needed).

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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Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, March 6th
 at 8:15 am
 and
 Saturday, April 3rd
 at 8:15 am
 in Carl's Jr.
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Biography: Jessica Williams, Newsletter Coordinator

I grew up in a city just north of London, where I was born. My father moved from Chicago and my mother is Burmese from Malaysia. I am close to my younger brother who attended Northgate High School and is now a senior at Chico State.

Once my brother was born, we moved to St. Albans, where we were raised until I turned 18. 5 ½ years ago, my family moved to Walnut Creek so that my parents could retire in sunny California. However, we moved primarily for my university education. In 2008, I graduated from UC Santa Barbara with High Honors in Communication with a Minor in Art History. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there but was ready to return to the Bay Area come graduation.

Since graduating, I have done freelance marketing for a corporate events production company in Walnut Creek. I am currently interning for a research-centric investment bank in San Francisco. Their media group develops and produces exclusive conferences for global senior executives in the mobile and digital media industries.

I also serve at Applebee's in Encina Grande on the weekends for spending money. I hosted then served there during my time at Diablo Valley College before I transferred to UCSB. Say hello if I serve you!

I enjoy travelling and spending time with my family. I am very fortunate to have travelled all over Europe, Malaysia, Cambodia, as well as several states in the US. I also love socializing with my friends, checking out new sushi bars, museums, galleries, and shows.

I think our neighborhood is very special and I enjoy doing my part to give back to my community. My very supportive parents suggested that I volunteer for the Woodlands Association and I am most pleased that I am doing so.



Accomplishments of Our Community's Children

By Joe Casey

The Board of the Woodlands Association would like to start a new section which highlights the accomplishments of our community's children. If you have anything that you would like to post, such as a school award, sports accomplishment, advancement in boy or girls scouts, etc., we would be happy to announce this in our monthly newsletter. We can think of a few easy ones you may be proud of, such as your child earning "Student of the Month" at Foothill Middle, your son earned his yellow belt in Tae Kwon Do, or your daughter will play the lead role in the upcoming play at Valle Verde. Whatever relevant accomplishment you would like us to post, just email the association at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.

Ken Lewis, Our Beloved Letter Carrier, is Retiring!

Many of us in The Woodlands have had the pleasure of having Ken Lewis deliver our mail for the past 30 years. We would like to have a get together to honor Ken, and say "thanks" for his years of service and friendship.

We are still in the planning phase, but perhaps an Open House at the Cabana Club the afternoon of 5/15 or 5/22, (Does anyone know of an indoor venue for April, which would be closer to his actual retirement date?)

If you are interested, please let us know the following:

1. The number of people. (Without a firm date we realize this is difficult, we just need an approximate number)
2. Would you be willing to donate \$12-\$15 per person for space rent, food, decorations, etc.?
3. More information will follow next month.

Please email your response to kenretires@gmail.com, or contact Jane Dunphy 937-7122, Elaine Coyne 932-3956, or John Vallor 933-4632.

The Woodlands Association Needs Your Advertising Help!

By Ed Wohlers

The Woodlands Association was established over 40 years ago to provide representation for Woodlands residents on issues of concern regarding development, schools, traffic and other related issues. As discussed in previous newsletters, the Association provides a valuable service to the Woodlands by assisting residents with issues of concern and providing a reliable communication forum with the school district, City of Walnut Creek, and others.

An important part of the Association is the monthly newsletter which provides a regular and reliable source of information to Woodlands' residents every month. It is delivered by neighborhood volunteers to your door at no charge. Regular newsletter features include updates on school activities, Cabana Club events, and the crime report. The newsletter is also valued by many local businesses that advertise their services. This advertising pays for the cost of producing the newsletter. Many of our advertisers have a long-standing relationship with the Association, as evidenced by their repeat loyalty to the newsletter. Please don't forget to tell your local businesses or service providers (landscapers, realtors, painters, etc.) that the Woodlands newsletter is a good way to get the word out on their business and we'd be happy to work with them to get an ad in the newsletter.

The Association is in need of assistance with advertising in the newsletter. We are looking for a volunteer advertising coordinator. A summary of roles and duties for this position is described below. The position takes about 1 to 2 hours per month, in addition to attendance at 1 monthly board meeting.

Advertising Coordinator – this position contacts regular advertisers to assure their ads are received in time. This person would also contact past advertisers or potential new advertisers to place ads in the Woodlands newsletter.

The Woodlands board is very flexible in how any duties are assigned to individuals and is very open to any and all interested persons who want to help. We have experienced members who can provide training and encouragement to help. Considering the limited time needed compared to the value of the work, we know you will find it rewarding and quite satisfying.

Please feel free to contact us by e-mail at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com, call our Secretary Elsie Witt at 935-0463, or join us at our next monthly board meeting. Meeting times and locations are listed in the newsletter on pg. 2.

Woodlands Walk

By Elsie Witt

My husband and I went for a walk around our neighborhood and began counting trees, many sporting bare branches and many soaking up the rains through their leaves and needles. How many different species of trees do we have here?

When the Woodlands was first developed it began in an old walnut orchard. The developers advertised that every lot had a mature tree. When they began to build out of the old orchard, they knew they had to plant a mature tree on the new lots – hence the many olive trees came to be.

Families who moved into this pleasant corner of Walnut Creek came from many different parts of the United States and the world. Each family planted a tree which evoked a memory of where they came from. In our forgiving Mediterranean climate, it seemed that what we planted survived. Today, although many of us have said goodbye to our walnut and olive trees, some still survive – that's two species.

On our walk, we added evergreen and deciduous Magnolia trees, Liquidambar (Sweet Gum), and Birch. The city planted Maples, Ash, Ginkgos, Pistachios, Sycamores, Fruitless Mulberry, and Eastern Oaks. Some families really wanted to keep California in their landscapes, so they planted Monterey Pines, Redwoods, citrus trees – Orange, Lemon, Lime, and Grapefruit, (Are they native here?).

Imports came from Australia in the form of Eucalyptus. Our surrounding open space already had the California Live Oaks. Then neighbors planted Yew, Fig, Chinese Tallow, Palms – at least four kinds – Crepe Myrtle, Flowering Cherry, Plum, and Pear, and Japanese Maples. Evergreens included Deodar Cedar, Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, and Cypress. I think we saw 33 different trees.

Take a look on your next walk and see how many you can identify.



The Woodlands Cabana Club and Swim Team(WST) is a great place for fun in the summer! We offer a fun and competitive environment for your child to excel individually, as well as be part of a team. All of our coaches grew up on the team, and have come back to share their experience with a new generation of Woodlands swimmers!

Sign ups for the swim team is on **Saturday, March 13th from 9:00-11:30** at Sports Basement. We offer a preseason program starting April 12th as well as our summer season which begins on May 17th.

Think your child is too young? We have our renowned Kermit's program which is a feed for the Swim Team (for water safe kids age 3 and up).

Please come to an informative meeting:

New Parent Orientation at the Cabana Club

**111 Longleaf Dr.
Sunday, March 7th at 4:00**

For more information please go to www.woodlandsswimteam.org

Spring Swim Clinics

This spring, the Woodlands Cabana Club will be hosting swim clinics for the very first time! They will be run by Erin Horan who was a Woodlands swimmer since the age of three, a former Northgate High School swimmer and water polo player, and coach for the Woodlands Swim Team for the past three summers. The clinics will run on four consecutive Sundays (2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21). The children will be divided into groups depending on age and swimming ability, and the clinics will concentrate on technique and fine tuning of strokes. Each clinic is available to anyone on a drop-in basis, and costs \$20 per child per clinic. Any questions, feel free to email Coach Erin at horanerin@hotmail.com

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Ages	5-7	6-8	9-12	10-18
Level	Can complete 25 yards of each stroke with confidence.	Can do each stroke with ease and confidence, can do 25 yards free under 30 seconds	New to/needs to work on turns, best 50 freestyle time over 40 seconds.	Ready to work on fine stroke technique in all four strokes, best 50 freestyle time under 40 seconds
Time	1:00 - 1:30	1:45 – 2:30	2:30 - 3:15	3:15 - 4:00
Clinic Points	We will do 25 yards at a time. Drills will be done to improve freestyle and backstroke techniques, and basic drills will be done for the other strokes.	We will do 25 yards at a time. The concentration will be on drills to improve the four strokes, and I.M. turns will be worked on.	We will be doing 25 to 50 yards at a time. The concentration will be on drills to improve the four strokes, and on open turns, and flip turns.	We will do mostly 50 yards at a time. The concentration will be on drills to improve the four strokes. The technique of turns will be looked at as well.

Woodlands Cabana Club 2010 Swim Lesson Registration

Private Lessons **ONLY** (1 student per instructor)

Four - 25 minute lessons - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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: 6/15, 16, 17, 18

Session 2: 6/21, 22, 24, 25

Session 3: 6/28, 29, 7/1, 2

Session 4: 7/5, 6, 8, 9

Session 5: 7/12, 13, 15, 16

Session 6: 7/26, 27, 29, 30

Session 7: 8/2, 3, 5, 6

Session 8: 8/9, 10, 12, 13

Space is limited so 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** Questions?? Contact **Marianne Howie at 945-8819 or mpghowie@yahoo.com**. Please note: **No refunds after June 1, 2010.** Rescheduling of classes will be made on a space available basis only. (Members: Please do not include swim lessons payment on the same check as your club dues.)

WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

I consent to the above student(s) participating in swim lessons and acknowledge that as a condition of participating, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Woodlands Cabana Club and their officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability for any accident or injury arising from the swim lessons.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent or Guardian)



The Woodlands Cabana Club is getting ready for a fun filled summer of splashing and social events. Our season will begin in May and for the first time ever we are offering an “early bird” special for **new** members who join by March 31, 2010. Contact Cathy and Mike Escobar at mcescobar@astound.net or 943-6987 for details. Hurry and call today, this offer will not be extended!!

Woodlands Cabana Club Construction Update

By Nancy Holian

Burkett’s Pool Plastering was finally able to break ground on our diving pool remodel in late January. The pool area was quickly reduced to large piles of concrete and dirt as an enormous crew readied the property for its overhaul.

To date, demolition is completed on both the diving and wading pool (this developed a leak last September that required a plumbing retrofit in the bottom of the pool) and new plumbing and federally compliant drains were installed for both pools, and our first county inspection went beautifully.

Mid February will see the new layer of gunite laid, and concrete decking poured around the diving pool. We are still hoping to see the project completed by mid March, but much of the schedule depends on our weather.

As soon as the pool is completed, the Cabana Club will host their First annual Polar Bear Plunge to show off the new pool and allow those who can’t wait to take a dip. Hot cocoa and cookies will be on hand for all who come to see our beautiful new facility.

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he has already taken the important step of choosing to not back fill two Assistant Superintendent positions as a means of reducing some costs.

Lastly, parents asked the new Superintendent to outline his vision for the district, and to discuss how he would rebuild trust with the community. He indicated that his vision is to focus on the students first and to put them in the best position possible to graduate from high school and to be prepared to go on to post secondary education or training. And he expressed a commitment to working with the community to build stronger ties.

As one of your Council persons covering the Woodlands neighborhood, I was impressed by the session. I think Mr. Lawrence did a nice job at this meeting, and I’ve received feedback that other community meetings were well attended and the feedback regarding Steve’s commitment have been favorable. He definitely appears to be a sincere and experienced leader. He communicated with us honestly tonight and was willing to take on the tough questions. The situation is clearly very difficult, but I think Steve is off to a solid start.

Feedback Requested

The Board of the Woodlands Association would like to hear the community’s point of view on this subject. With the challenges the state and local communities are having maintaining the funding of popular school programs, what do you think of the two ideas addressed at this recent community meeting - raising funds by advocating a \$99 parcel tax on homeowners within MDUSD, or focus on operating savings by implementing a facilities bond that will introduce more efficient solar power to the district? Please email your comments to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com by March 15, 2010 and let us know how you feel. Comments will be posted in next month’s newsletter.

Valle Verde Presents "Alice in Wonderland"

Don't miss your chance to see
Valle Verde's 4th and 5th grade thespians present

"Alice in Wonderland"

Tickets will be on sale after school March 1st, 2nd, 5th, 8th & 9th
(Seats are limited, so don't miss out!)

Ticket price is \$5
(Make checks payable to VVPTA.)

Performance Dates & Casts

Entertainers Cast

Performers Cast

Thursday, March 11th at 7pm

Friday, March 12th at 7pm

Saturday, March 13th at 6pm

Saturday, March 13th at 2pm

In addition to the 70 wonderful cast members, the following roles are double cast:

Double Cast Parts	Entertainers	Performers
Alice	Olivia Morrow	Maddy Wan
Cheshire Cat 1	Keeley Alexander	Alyssa Abina
Cheshire Cat 2	Lizzie Goldstein	Hannah Brajkovich
Cheshire Cate 3	Lauren Seip	Carson Cropper

Questions? Contact Gloria Bertolozzi at 944-7009 or gbertolozzi@yahoo.com.

Calling All Teen Lifeguards!

A reminder for Woodlands teens! If you are interested in working outdoors, possess a good work ethic, and a friendly attitude, the Woodlands Cabana Club is looking for you! We will be hiring Red Cross certified lifeguards for our summer season in April. Red Cross training is available at Heather Farms over Spring Break and in May. Interested parties may contact Nancy Holian at WoodlandsCabanaClub@gmail.com

Pet Food Donations Needed

Girl Scout Troop 31865 is looking for your **generous donations of unopened dry cat and dog food** to benefit the Community Food Share Program at ARF. Please be on the look out for a flyer appearing on your doorstep in early March with a pick up date of **Saturday March 20th**. Please help make a difference in a pet's life. For more information please contact Robin Harrison at 938-3474.

School News

Valle Verde News
Source: e-Voice February 2010

HEY ALL YOU VALLE VERDE ARTISTS: Art submissions due 3/31



Valle Verde's Annual Art Show

Tuesday April 13th

6.30 - 8:15 p.m.

Valle Verde MUR

Please save the date to celebrate Valle Verde's budding artists and enjoy an evening of visual and written arts!

The Art Show is a **free**, fun event for our entire school community. Browse classroom and individual art entries, relax in an art gallery-type setting, listen to music from our instrumental students, read some of the Young Author's books from our talented young writers, and munch on appetizers courtesy of the hospitality committee.

Bring in your own special art projects!!! If possible, we'd like to have every student contribute a piece of art they are proud of, in addition to classroom art. Students can enter items created either in school, home or in art class. There is no need to frame items but if you choose to, no glass please.

We'd love to showcase your child's art!

Any medium is acceptable:

Painting	Collage	Needlepoint	Drawing	Sculptures	Wearable art
Puppets	Masks	Quilts	Origami	Wall hangings	Knitting
Weaving	Jewelry	Mixed media			

We are asking students to submit their individual artwork a little earlier this year due to Spring Break week. **Submissions will be due on or before Wednesday, March 31st**. There will be a box labeled "Art Show" in the office, or bring you can bring your art to us in the MUR on Thursday, April 1st. **Questions?** Contact Sabine Kroeber skroeber@astound.net or Karen Worthington kworthington@astound.net, Art Show Co-Chairs.

SPRING FLING NEWS

Dear Valle Verde Families,

This year's annual Auction and Dinner Dance, "Spring Fling," is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Shadelands Civic Arts building. Our theme this year is "**ROUND UP FOR EDUCATION 2010.**"

The additional costs for the PTA to cover teacher assistant salaries and the looming budget cuts in the 2010-2011 school year make it especially important that we have a profitable event. The success of our event will be based on the generosity of our Valle Verde Community, especially that of our parents, relatives and family friends...along with local business owners.

Next week, a special e-Bulletin will go out to our Valle Verde families, along with an auction request form, a plea for wine (for our wine auction), and a request for ideas for ways to make our Spring Fling a fun and profitable money-maker for our PTA.

Please be sure watch for our special Spring Fling e-Bulletin, and give it special attention.

If you'd like to discuss an idea, contact DeeDee at 586-1140 or email dblankemma@astound.net

IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Do you know someone you'd like to nominate for a position on the PTA for the next school year?
- Do you know someone who is organized?
- Do you know someone who is good with people?

The following are opening for the 2010-2011 school year:

- 5th Grade Activities
- Art Show
- Education Fund/Boosters
- Hospitality
- Safety
- Science Fair
- Yearbook (financial aspect)
- And some Board Positions



Please contact Marianne Howie @ mpghowie@yahoo.com or 945-8819 with any nominations and/or inquiries.

FRENCH CLASSES FORMING: PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS?

EFBA (Education Francaise in the Bay Area) is a non-profit organization, offering French language education to French speaking and non-French speaking children in public schools of the San Francisco Bay Area.

In the fall 2009, EFBA launched after school programs in ten sites throughout the bay area, and in September 2010, they will open a French afterschool program for children grades K - 8 living in Walnut Creek, Concord and surrounding areas. The classes will be held at Bancroft Elementary School in Walnut Creek .

For more information, visit www.efba.us.

In you are interested in being a part of this program, please contact Emmanuelle Anum at 925-305-3023.

Foothill News

Source: e-Gazette

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TECHNOLOGY & 8TH GRADE PROMOTION



Foothill is in need of three parent volunteers for a **Technology Committee**. This committee along with staff will evaluate current technology at Foothill Middle School and plan for future needs. If interested, contact Mary Phalon at mary@sixbrix.com.

The 8th grade **Promotion Activities Committee** is getting started with plans for Promotion Day, June 11, 2010. We are looking for parents to help and a volunteer to chair this committee. This is a great opportunity to help make this a special and fun-filled memorable day for our students. Please contact Cindy Sornberger cindyinprovence@yahoo.com 925-788-9723 or Mai Dayyat majidayyat@aol.com 925-457-9035 if you are able to volunteer.

Foothill News

Source: e-Gazette

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OPEN TO FOOTHILL

Warrior's Lacrosse Registration

Play Lacrosse! The Walnut Creek Warriors Lacrosse Club has opened registration for the 2010 season. Boys and Girls U-11, U-13, and U-15 teams are now accepting players. Practices will begin **January 30** and season begins March 1- May 30. For further information please go to www.walnutcreeklacrosse.com or email Leslie Hunt at lala62180@hotmail.com.

CYO TRACK

Like to run, jump or throw? Try Track and Field! The St. John Vianney CYO Track and Field team is open to boys and girls in grades 2 through 8 who like to move.

The practices are Mondays and Thursdays 5:30-6:30+ (times may vary based on availability of track and daylight) starting February 11. Meets are on Saturdays, March 13 to May 8. Team fee is \$70 (\$10 discount for siblings).

Registration materials are available at the SJV website www.sjvianney.org or the parish office. Please turn in registration materials at the Parish office by January 22nd. There will be a Parent Meeting Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm in Mullin Commons at St. John Vianney church with more details on schedules and events

Contact Linda Locke at 935-8035 lockes4@hotmail.com or Coach Dan Davis at 212-3855 ender0001@sbcglobal.net for more info.



CAL STARS - AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts

Cal Stars AAU Girls Basketball Club (grades 3rd - high school) is hosting Tryouts February 13 & 20th. Registration is required prior to tryouts. For TRYOUT information and Registration forms, please go to www.calstars.org website, click on the Tryout tab and complete the online registration forms.

LOST PROPERTY

Every last Friday of the month, all the lost property at School will be laid out in front of the school, weather permitting. This will be an opportunity to come and find your lost belongings. Any items left after two months will be donated to a charity, so please be sure and look through these items to see if it's something your student has misplaced!



GIRLS IN SCIENCE AND MATH CAREERS



Diablo Valley College will be offering the 4th Annual expand Your Horizons Science and Mathematic Career Conference on Saturday March 6th.

The program is designed to introduce middle school girls to possible careers in math, science and technology. Check the website www.dvc.edu/eyh for more information. Flyers have been sent out to your daughters through their science classes.

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Contact Linda Locke at 935-8035 lockes4@hotmail.com or Coach Dan Davis at 212-3855 ender0001@sbcglobal.net for more info.

Northgate News

NORTHGATE MARCHING BAND



WE WANT YOU!

Come play in the Northgate Marching Band!

Our Band recently visited Foothill and shared their enthusiasm for playing in the Marching Band.

Marching Band is a golden opportunity for students entering Northgate to meet and become friends with upperclassmen before school starts. Marching Band Camp introduces students to all the basics of marching, playing while marching, and gives students their first taste of the wacky traditions and friendships that make Marching Band a social (and educational) experience not to miss.

The Marching Band season starts on August 9th with MB Camp (a two week daytime camp), and ends in mid-November. Band and Drum line participants must be enrolled in a Northgate music class. Members of the Auxiliary Units (flag twirlers) do not need to sign up for music class.

Learn more about Northgate Marching Band by visiting the NIMB website <http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/nimb.html> (check out the "Photo Gallery") or emailing npainter@astound.net.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW...

...for the 2nd Annual Northgate High School Spring Auction and Cocktail Party on March 13, 2010 at the Walnut Creek Marriott

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ATTENTION: Senior Parents

Graduation and Grad Night will be here before you know it! The 2010 Grad Night Planning Committee has been working hard to plan a fun-filled night for your graduating Senior. Please take the time now to download the [2010 Grad Night Senior Parent Packet](http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/documents/2010_Grad_Night_Parent_Packet.pdf) at http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/documents/2010_Grad_Night_Parent_Packet.pdf. It includes lots of information and registration forms. If you have any questions, please call Janine Leyrer, Grad Night Chair, at 934-4345.



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WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to Kathy Master
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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 website is a useful resource for keeping apprised of reported criminal activity in the Woodlands, in our adjacent neighborhoods and in the rest of the City.

10-874 01/13/10 22:05:20 **Suspicious Circumstances** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. 6-7 Subjects wearing trench coats walked onto school grounds. Last seen in the field off Dogwood, 15 minutes ago. Dispo: Contacted six adults stargazing from the school field. All agreed to leave. Ofc. Hahn

10-908 01/14/10 10:37:31 **Theft** 3500 block Perada Drive. Theft of GPS device from white Subaru. Vehicle was unlocked. Ofc. Kan

10-983 01/15/10 13:19:36 **Vandalism** 3600 block Citrus Avenue. Bottle thrown through the back window of green Mitsubishi Montero. Occurred between 1000 and 1200 hours. Ofc. Estrada

10-1149 01/17/10 13:20:54 **Suspicious Circumstance** Citrus Avenue/Perada Drive. CHP cell transfer. Female reporting a white male adult dressed all in black appears to be peeping into residences on Citrus Avenue from a trail in the Limeridge open space, closet to the Citrus Avenue entrance. Last seen 1 ago. Dispo: Area check, gone on arrival. Ofc. Hurlbut

10-1164 01/17/10 17:58:20 **Service to Citizen** 500 block Banyan Circle. RP states his 17 y/o and 13 y/o grandsons are out of control. Dispo: Advice given. Ofc. Keagy

10-1220 01/18/10 13:59:50 **Vehicle Burglary** 500 block Fireside Court. Victim vehicle is blue Ford Mustang. Unknown point of entry. Loss is headphones, sunglasses, two hat and miscellaneous papers. Ofc. Kan

10-1293 01/19/10 11:54:16 **Vehicle Burglary** Primrose Lane/Peachwillow Lane. Window smash of black Acura MDX. Occurred 15 minutes ago. Loss is purse and its contents. No suspect. Ofc. Kan

10-1455 01/21/10 05:42:28 **Suspicious Circumstance** 400 block Persimmon Road. RP states suspicious black male adult avoided her when he saw her. Subject left on Citrus toward Peppertree wearing a camouflauge jacket and black pants, and walks with a limp. Subject was looking into cars in the area. Dispo: Contacted neighborhood resident. Determined no crime. Ofc. Hahn

10-1580 01/22/10 16:06:07 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3500 block Tupelo Drive. 2 subjects shooting guns outside of a window directly behind the RP. Unknown what kind of guns. Dispo: Father and son warned for using pellet gun inside city limits. No injury or damage. Ofc. Hurlbut

10-1646 01/23/10 12:27:08 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Suspicious subject watching people enter and exit bank. Subject described as black male adult, 6 ft., 200 lbs., wearing dark sunglasses, black beanie cap and black jacket. Last seen standing on the sidewalk. Dispo: Area check, negative results. Ofc. Mauro

10-1651 01/23/10 13:32:34 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Via Concord PD transfer, juvenile RP states a males was running toward her and her friend while they were at the school. Dispo: Male did not say anything or attempt to grab female. Ofc. Gerstner

10-1667 01/23/10 16:37:57 **Service to Citizen** 600 block Mandarin Lane. Subject from 10-1651 said to be dealing illegal drugs is at location. Ofc. Gerstner

10-1673 01/23/10 18:54:48 **Service to Citizen** 100 block Dogwood Drive. Black male adult in dark clothing and Hispanic male adult in light shirt and dark jeans in the area about 20 ago. Area check requested. Dispo: Area checked, subjects gone on arrival. Ofc. Godinez

10-2076 01/28/10 21:01:19 **Service to Citizen** Bayberry Drive/Perada Drive. Light colored sedan parked at trail entrance where prohibited after 2100 hours, per posted sign. Dispo: 2 subjects contacted and warned; agreed to move on. Ofc. Watson

10-2123 01/29/10 14:51:04 **Abandoned Vehicle** 600 block Persimmon Road. Gray Nissan coupe with front end damage and broken front window parked at location for a few weeks. Dispo: Marked 1/30/10 at 0905 hours by Parking Officer.

10-2291 01/31/10 16:17:06 **Theft** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Subject just left store, walking funny and had something odd in his pocket. Subject left in a silver Chevrolet truck, license 8N89264. Last seen on Oak Grove toward Treat. Dispo: Known liquor thief took one litre bottle of vodka. Ofc. Mauro

10-2371 02/01/10 19:14:02 **Vandalism** 3400 block Citrus Avenue. RP's front bathroom window broken between 0830 and 1530 hours today. Ofc. Olson

10-2472 02/03/10 10:06:08 **Parking Complaint** 3500 block Bayberry Drive. Cite requested for silver BMW 2-door parked against traffic. Dispo: Gone on arrival. Ofc. Miranda

10-2553 02/04/10 09:47:46 **Vehicle Towed** 600 block Persimmon Road. Gray Nissan 240SX License 2PJH164 from 10-2123. Dispo: Towed and Impounded for expired registration and abandonment. Ofc. Maldonado

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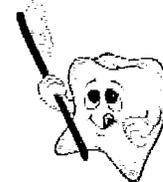
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