

# The Woodlands



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May 2007

## Board Member, Shawn Rizzo, Returning to Texas

*A very large thank you is due!*

Shawn Rizzo has accomplished what many doubted would ever be done. Firstly, our Woodlands now has a real first-class monthly publication that serves many facets of our community life. In just 30 months Shawn has completely reengineered our newsletter processes, formats, appearance & feel. In addition, the Woodlands now has its own web-site with fantastic content dating back over forty years. Two years ago Shawn conceived and orchestrated the Woodlands web-site that you see today. She was the central figure rallying the board members and also personally uncovering a variety of new information, history, pictures and local content.



We have been very fortunate to have the help and inventiveness of Shawn for the past two-plus years. Shawn brought to the board excitement, ideas and always good cheer. For those of you that have worked with Shawn either regarding the Woodlands Association or in her many community activities, please pass along best wishes to her and her family. Shawn, her husband, Joe, and their two girls will soon be returning to the Austin, Texas area.

By J Tilley

## **Reminder about Upcoming Woodlands Board Elections**

Next month's newsletter will include statements of interest from qualified Woodlands residents interested in running for Vice President or Treasurer for the next two years. Woodlands residents over the age 18 are eligible to serve on the Woodlands Board. The July 2007 newsletter will include a mail-in ballot that will allow Woodlands residents to cast votes for these positions. As noted in last month's newsletter, statements of interest for eligible candidates should be submitted by April 27th. This date has been extended to May 4th to accommodate anyone who might receive this May newsletter a bit late. All residents are encouraged to cast their ballots in a timely manner. Your participation in this election will show support for the Woodlands Association. Thanks in advance for your interest.



# NORTHGATE SUMMER BASEBALL CAMP

Dear Neighbors,

This is to let those of you who have young baseball players in the house know about Northgate's Annual Summer Baseball Camp. Many Woodlands youths attended last years camp including Scotty Moore, Tony Diamond, Mark Mizera and Nate Omen.

The annual summer clinics are an opportunity for future high school players to learn better baseball from the Northgate Baseball coaching staff. Some of the Varsity players help too! Woodlands Varsity players this year are Clark Doliver, Daniel Moore, Luke Bartlett, John Malinowski and Chris Bataska.



Camp includes a focus on fundamentals and having fun. Instruction includes hitting techniques to help improve power, proper throwing mechanics that help arm strength and safety, fielding skills to improve hands, and base running drills to improve scoring. Camps will also include fast paced, competitive games of Bronco Ball and waffle ball!

**Date: June 18 - 21, 2007**

**Time: 9 am to 1 pm**

**Cost: \$200 Ages: 8-14**

For more information and forms, please go to [www.northgatebaseball.com](http://www.northgatebaseball.com)

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call Jeannie Moore

at 925-465-4043 or [jeannie@jkmoore.net](mailto:jeannie@jkmoore.net)

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

**May 5, 2007**

**June 2, 2007**

8:15am in Carl's Jr.  
Conference Room

Woodlands residents  
are encouraged to  
attend board meetings

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

## Free Emergency Response Training Offered - CERT

Don't be a helpless victim! Learn how to help yourself and your neighbors in the event of a disaster through Community Emergency Response Team training. The free six-week course includes lessons on suppressing small fires, shutting off utilities, light search and rescue, disaster First Aid, and CERT team organization. Graduates are assigned to a CERT Area. If a disaster strikes, CERT team members are encouraged to check on their own families and home first, and then assemble at a pre-designated site to work together to respond to the needs of the community. The next series for Walnut Creek residents will be held Wednesday evenings, April 18 – May 16, with a final exercise on Tuesday, May 22. Other sessions begin July 24 and Sept. 19. All classes take place from 6 – 9:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Community Relations Manager Gayle Vassar at [Vassar@walnut-creek.org](mailto:Vassar@walnut-creek.org) or call her at 943-5899 ext. 189

## New Board Members Appointed

We had tremendous response to our notices in prior newsletters requesting board candidates. From these candidates the board has appointed two neighbors as new Woodlands Association board members. These appointees will help fill the newsletter editing and content 'void' created with Shawn Rizzo's return to Texas.

They are Marilyn Todacheene and Maggie Ryan. Marilyn will initially be responsible for helping us search out relevant subject matter and transform this material into meaningful newsletter articles. Maggie will initially be responsible for assembling and prioritizing the newsletter content including articles, graphics and photographs.

It is also the continuing responsibility of all board members to uncover advertisers and their associated revenue for the association's activities.

We heartily welcome this new talent to the Woodlands Association board. We plan to run a brief bio on each of them in upcoming newsletters.

If you know any of these new board members please let them know that you read this and give them your best encouragement and a sincere thank you.

By J Tilley

## Cabana Club Update

The 2007 swim season really is "just around the corner". Opening day for the Woodlands Cabana Club is Saturday, May 12.



Don't miss out on a fun summer in the sun. Memberships are available. For membership information, contact Connie Kuranko at 939-5809 or [brownkuranko@astound.net](mailto:brownkuranko@astound.net).

The Woodlands Cabana Club offers private swim lessons and there still many opportunities for new little dippers to learn to become water safe. (You do not have to be a Woodlands Cabana Club member to register for swim lessons.) For more lesson info, see the flyer in this newsletter.

The Woodlands Swim Team pre-season practice began April 16th and Time Trials are scheduled for Sunday, May 20th. The first home meet of the season is June 2nd. It's never too late to join the Woodlands Swim Team, so don't miss out on a great season of swim meets and social events. For more information on the Woodlands Swim Team, call Tracey Garber at 934-7076.

## News from Foothill PFA:

### PFA Looking for 2007-08 Board and Committee Members

Are you interested in becoming active in the Foothill PFA? We are currently talking to existing board and committee members to find out who will be returning. As you know, our families are only here for three years, so turn-over is pretty constant. If you want to learn more about areas that need to be filled, please check out the PFA Board and Committee list at the front of the school directory. Contact Karen Burcher or Anastasia Halikas for more information. It is with the help of volunteers like you that the PFA is able to fund so much for our students benefit.

Karen Burcher  
939-6624

Anastasia Halikas  
947-6963

### FROM THE LIBRARY

BOOK FAIR- A great time to pick up books for the summer and for traveling. If you can help out, please call Sally Anderson at 945-0115 or [sallyanderson@astound.net](mailto:sallyanderson@astound.net). Help is needed during the school day from Thursday, May 24 through Friday, June 1. Parents are usually assigned a two hour shift on one of the Book Fair days. Thanks for any help that you can give us.

### PARENTS HELP NEEDED

Duplicating Help - The District copy center is closing for renovation until the fall, and Foothill is looking for parents to help with the school copying needs. Please email Ruth Andrews or call 945-1926.

Parent Patrol - GOING FAST !!! There are just a few dates left for Parent Patrol sign-ups: May 3, May 31, June 1, June 5, and June 12. Email Ruth Carver or call 768-3048 to reserve a date today!

### DRAMA 1, IMPROV AND STAGECRAFT PRODUCTIONS

SHAKESPEARE — Twelvth Night & Improv  
Both Shows: May 3 & 4 (Thursday & Friday), 2007  
Foothill Multiuse Room - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
\$5.00 at lunch with Foothill I.D. - \$6.00 at the door

## NORTHGATE NEWS

*News from Northgate Community Pride!*

The popular Feed the Bronco Fundraiser, held at lunch on Wednesdays at Northgate High School last month, raised \$2,010! For those of you who don't have children yet at Northgate, this was fundraiser that encouraged the kids to give as much as their year: For instance, a senior would donate \$20.07, a freshman \$20.10. Certainly many kids (and parents) gave more, and many gave less. But what really mattered is that the students participated in the excitement of building a new sports complex for the school. Speaking of the sports complex, we still hope to raise the \$500,000 necessary to start building the all-weather track this summer. That means, by this time next year, you can catch track and field meets and lacrosse matches on Northgate's home turf! Thank you all for helping us build a better Northgate! For questions or to donate, visit [www.NorthgatePride.org](http://www.NorthgatePride.org).

## VALLE VERDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Viking Pride!*

### 10TH ANNUAL VALLE VERDE ART SHOW

Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Valle Verde Art Show to be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 6:30 PM in the MUR. All students are invited to enter their artwork to be displayed to the public. Think about

saving a project your child is particularly proud of, or creating something new just for the show. Click the Art Show link in the Quick Links section for specific information as well as the entry form for students. Questions concerning the Art Show can be directed to Colleen Casey at 935-6984 or [jcalicasey@astound.net](mailto:jcalicasey@astound.net) or Jody Elze at 943-1697 or [jljelze@astound.net](mailto:jljelze@astound.net).

### **KINDERGARTEN PRE- REGISTRATION 2007- 2008**

Kindergarten Pre-Registration will begin Tuesday, May 1, 2007 between 9 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Registration packets will be available as of Tuesday, April 17.

Click on the *Kindergarten Registration* link to the left for more details.

### **THANK YOU**

**THANK YOU:** We'd like to give a shout out to the Spell-A-Thon chairs, **Petra Boyle, Sumi Dahlen and Thea Horii** for a wonderful job on this year's event. We raised more than \$10,000 for Valle Verde – and it was a lot of fun. Thanks! We'd also like to thank **Olaf and Jody Elze** for their contribution to Valle Verde. The Elzes run a Christmas Tree lot near Acalanes High School each year, and for the last few years they have donated some of the proceeds to Valle Verde. Thanks!

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### **CUB SCOUT PACK 464 NEWS**

Cub Scout Pack 464 held its 40th Annual Pinewood Derby at the MUR on January 25th. Congratulations to all 53 scouts that built cars, raced their best, and undoubtedly learned a little something about design, craftsmanship, and maybe even a little physics to boot! Special congratulations to our speed, design and originality winners!

#### Pack Overall Results

1st Place: Leo Brajkovich

2nd Place: Daniel Boyle

3rd Place: Lucas Liberatore

4th Place: Jonathan Guerrette

Blue and Gold Divisional Finalists: Zach Cannon, Trey Percario, Matt Zerner, Kevin Horii

Best Design: Spencer Cude, Evan Bowman

Most Original: Ethan Dudley, Steven Zavanelli

#### Tiger Scout Results

1st Place: Lukas Pawlowski

2nd Place: Jordan Pawlowski

3rd Place: Hayden Bird

4th Place: Andrew Rinella

Best Design: Iain Anderson, Andy McKimmy

Most Original: Sam Dudley, Patrick Thierry

Yours in Scouting, Leo Brajkovich, Pack Committee Chair

### **SPELLATHON UPDATE**

As of March 1, we have collected a total of \$10,829.25! We would like to congratulate the following winners who collected the most donations by class and were awarded a \$20 Barnes and Noble gift certificate.

K (Mrs. Rattaro) - Avery Roberts - \$80  
1st grade (Ms. Swimme) - Ryan Henderson - \$85  
4th grade (Ms. Fedotoff) - Teresa Proctor - \$100  
5th grade (Ms. Tredinnick) - Emma Herman - \$318.50

And our grand prize winners were the brother and sister team of Katya (2nd grade/Mrs. LaDue) and Nicholas Mizin (3rd grade/Mrs. Galanter) who brought in \$702.50 each! They were awarded a Barnes and Noble certificate of \$100 each.

Thank you to all parents and teachers who participated in this fundraising event and made it a huge success. We truly appreciated everyone's continued support and participation!

Thank you,  
Thea Horii, Petra Boyle and Sumi Dahlen  
Spellathon Committee

### **YEARBOOK REMINDER!**

As time is quickly passing, many of you took advantage of the \$20 price for the yearbook. The price is now currently \$25 and is only available for preorder until March 15th! There will be a limited number available at the time of yearbook distribution, but there are no guarantees. This project has been so much fun! If you are interested on being on the yearbook committee next year, please make sure you fill out your volunteer form during registration or contact me directly! This 1st time ever school wide yearbook will be something your children will treasure!

Tammy Hurst  
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### **PTA VOLUNTEER INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES**

We have quite a few positions we need to fill, and it can be a fun experience. Plus, we need you. Many of us are nearing the end of our days with Valle Verde, and we need some new energy and ideas around school. We have an answer for all your concerns:

**“I Don’t Have The Time”:** We encourage co-chair positions, to lighten the workload for everyone. Remember, many hands make light labor.

**“I Work Full-Time”:** There are many positions you can do on a flexible basis – you don’t need to be around the school 24/7. (I have worked full time for the last five years, and still manage to be involved. There are ways. -- Peggy)

**“I’d Rather Work in My Child’s Classroom”:** By all means, this isn’t an either/or proposition. We appreciate all volunteer activities at Valle Verde, no matter when and where they happen. But it may be possible to do both.

**“I Have Younger Children – I Can’t Be Too Involved”:** There are many positions that don’t require a lot of at- school time, or that encourage sibling participation. The more the merrier! Many of us old farts started volunteering with babies in backpacks or toddlers disrupting meetings. It’s all part of the fun.

**“The PTA is Full Of UberMoms, and I’m Intimidated”:** Has anyone ever talked to us? Uber Moms we’re not. A little crazy maybe, but we are all just trying to keep things going at one of the best elementary schools in the East Bay. We can’t do it alone. There are 400 families at this school, most of them full of bright, energetic and fun people. This gives us an opportunity to meet many of them, and most of the time, it’s those other people who make us look good.

Please join us to learn about the many different ways you can help to improve Valle Verde through volunteering for the PTA.

Questions? Contact Polly Bradbury at 935- 1438 or [pollybradbury@astound.net](mailto:pollybradbury@astound.net)

## WALK the Library WALK - For Children's Summer Reading Program



The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Walk the Library Walk" is on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This community-wide event benefits the Children's Summer Reading Program at our two Walnut Creek libraries. The five mile walk begins at the Ygnacio Valley Library and ends at the Downtown Library. There will be a free shuttle back to the YV library.

Check-in is 8:00 AM with music, refreshments and free giveaways. The Walk starts at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$15 for individuals and \$30 for families. Even if you're busy that day, you can still support this event by signing up as a "Ghostwalker". For more information and to register online, go to [www.wclibrary.org](http://www.wclibrary.org).

## Calendar of Events — Foothill Middle School and Valle Verde Elementary School

Date	Time	Event	Location	Information
May 3 & 4	7:00 to 9:00 PM	Twelfth Night	Foothill Multiuse Room	7th Grade Drama Play
May 24 – June 1	—	Book Fair	Foothill Middle School	Sally Anderson (945-0115)
May 3 & 31 June 5 & 12	—	Parent Patrol Sign-ups!	Foothill Middle School	Ruth Carver (768-3048)
May 1	9:00 – 11:00 AM 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Kindergarten Pre-Registration	Valle Verde Elementary	
May 1	6:30 PM	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Valle Verde Art Show	Valle Verde Elementary	Colleen Casey (935-6984) Jody Elze (943-1697)
May 7	7:00 PM	PTA Meeting	Valle Verde B-POD	
May 7 —11	—	Book Fair	Valle Verde Elementary	Lunches outside all week.
May 7 — June 1		K-5 RAP Testing	Valle Verde Elementary	
May 15		Open House	Valle Verde Elementary	
May 23	7:00 PM	Spring Band & Orchestra Concert	Valle Verde Multiuse Room	
May 29 — June 1	Lunch Time	Viking Rewards	Valle Verde Multiuse Room	Student Council



## WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*(Thank you to Marilyn Todacheene, Woodlands resident for compiling this report from the WCPD website.)*

3/14/2007 4:16:09 Ygnacio Valley rd / Oak Grove rd  
Reports hearing a poss accident, poss on ygnacio. Heard skidding then loud crash....contacted yung hyun kwon, collided his veh ca #5etc503 into curb on e/s ygnacio near oak grove road,

3/14/2007 4:31:14 3600 bl Perada dr  
Thinks someone in her house, heard noises downstairs, sounded like someone was moving something is the best descrip given.... all secure

3/14/2007 15:20:57 2900 bl Ygnacio Valley rd  
Reports 12 kids behind safeway building who refuse to leave and truck driver can not make delivery....saw a bunch of kids behind encina bikes. They left when i asked them to.

3/14/2007 15:22:13 600 bl Candleberry rd  
Reports a veh theft from blk honda civic car left unlocked on the 28th. Loss: atm card one item charged on card. Rp stopped the card on the same day. \*\*\* 21 report\*\*\*...rp didnt answer. Will call again later.

3/15/2007 8:44:29 2100 bl Oak Grove rd  
Reports he was told to call to inform police that he will be removing items from deceased persons home and he has permissiion to be

there. (redacted 01) refer to 5621...

3/15/2007 11:49:37 3000 bl Citrus cr  
Bit wise design. Reports they received a threatening message from a contractor (redacted 01) who stated he was on his way to "kill" them....threat to kill rp and wife unless payment for services made by phone. Unable to contact suspect by phone.

3/15/2007 20:49:53 Ygnacio Valley rd / Oak Grove rd  
Top of the hill down into wc heading wb. Debris blocking both lanes. Wood, drywall, boxes, bags, etc....no significant debris in roadway, remnants of a box and rocks were found on the shoulder in concord. (concord notified).

3/16/2007 8:42:40 Banyan ln / Peachwillow ln  
Reports a car was parked close and touching her car and now there is a scratch on her car. Susp sil dodge caravan (redacted 03)....both parties exchanged info / no report requested.

3/16/2007 10:06:02 2200 bl Oak Grove rd  
Employee reports susp subj seen driving around the bank and then was seen walking around the bank-appeared to be checking the exit doors.: bma associated w/ a beige lexus now parked in the parking lot....contacted subj. (redacted 01) no merit to casing bank

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