

# The Woodlands

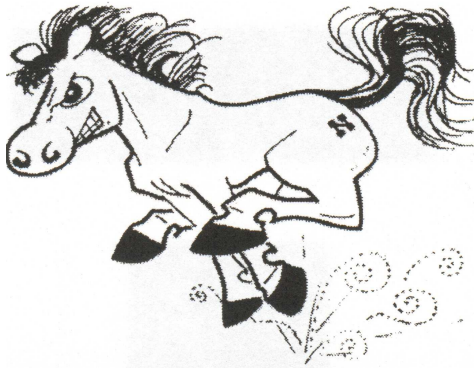
October 2004

## **Northgate Community Pride Foundation: Sponsors 1st Varsity Home Game, Seeks Community Awareness**

On September 10, 2004 Northgate High School played their first varsity home football game in the 30 year history of the school. One of the game sponsors was a group called the Northgate Community Pride Foundation. The Foundation's goals include an initiative to bring awareness to the community about the need to improve educational, athletic and performing arts facilities at Northgate High School. As a result, they co-sponsored the pre-season varsity game in which Northgate had the home advantage over Piedmont. The free admission game was a huge success bringing a full house of community supporters.

Each class showed it's support by being present and providing food conces-

sions as a fundraising effort. Northgate Community Pride Foundation hopes to show students and the community what it could be like to have regular home games on their own turf.



For the students, this would mean less driving to Antioch and Mt. Diablo High School for games. Often these students are driving on the dangerous roads late at night after a long day. These neighborhoods aren't the most favorable and do not provide adequate lighting. Simply put, the students would be much safer attending at

least half of the seasons games (their home games) on the grounds of Northgate High School. The opportunity to have football games on campus, would also give Northgate students a sense of pride and boost school spirit and morale.

Having home games "at home" would be huge for the community as well. It would create a gathering place where the community could go to share school pride and friendship. Imagine how fun it would be to drive just around the corner to see your child score his first touchdown or chant her first cheer. Imagine eating a delicious stadium hotdog while having a lighthearted conversation with another community neighbor over the course of a 4 quarter game. How fun would that be?!

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## *Notes From The Woodlands*

This is my first note of this sort as the new president of your Woodlands Association. I look forward to serving our community and hearing from you over the coming months.

Our new board is made up of Bill Swanson, Bruce Katz, Betty Maire, Ed Wohlers, Steve Elster, Shawn Rizzo and myself. You can see that many of these names are new. As a newly constituted board we have just had our first meeting. We have decided to introduce you to each board member by printing a brief biography in our subsequent newsletters. This will start with the next newsletter.

As most of you know the board led by the past president, Lanning Bryant, has been quite busy of late. Lanny served us for eight years and was key to holding this board together and establishing many new initiatives. In our newsletters we will let you know how much of this past work has lead us to where we are today. Here is information on just a couple of new items.

You should all know that the new board has established the Woodlands Association Fund for specific improvement projects at the public schools that serve the Woodlands; Valle Verde Elementary, Foothill Middle and Northgate High School. Our board has spent time with the administration of each of the schools to uncover key projects that are simply *not* funded by our school district. These projects have all been prioritized and reviewed with the school board. As these projects get underway we will keep you informed of the specific uses of the association funds.

Also by the end of this year, we should be ready with our new Woodlands web site. We now have the expertise on our board to make this a reality. By this note, I am soliciting your thoughts and ideas as to what would have value to you and your families on such a web site.

The whole board seeks your ideas and opinions on what is important to you to help guide what we do. We look forward to making a difference.

*Sincerely,  
James Tilley*

**Sale!**

**Reminder:**  
The Woodlands Annual  
Garage Sale is **Sunday, October 3rd!!**  
Call David Galindo 945-4575  
Deadline for registration is:  
September 26th

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# Community News

## Woodlands Board of Directors

James Tilley, President  
 Bruce Katz, Vice President  
 Bill Swanson, Vice President  
 Betty Maire, Secretary/Treasurer  
 Ed Wohlers, Special Projects  
 Steve Elster, Special Projects  
 Shawn Rizzo, Editor

**Next Board Meeting:**  
 October 2nd 9 a.m.  
 Carl's Junior Conference Room

## Safety Alert:

### School is Back in Session

The faculty, parents and students of Valle Verde Elementary ask that you please use extra caution around the school campus.

Valle Verde has 560 students coming and going each morning and afternoon; many of these walk to school. Be sure to make complete stops at all stop signs and beware of children crossing the road at any street corner.

Also drive slow and watch carefully in front of the school, as it is a loading/unloading zone and many students are getting in and out of vehicles.



## The Woodlands: A "Desirable" Neighborhood

When our family relocated to Walnut Creek and began house hunting, we came across many home descriptions that read "located in the desirable Woodlands neighborhood." After viewing several homes in the Woodlands, we agreed that it was indeed a desirable neighborhood.

There are many factors that determine whether or not a neighborhood remains on the desirable list. As residents, we must all do our part to keep the Woodlands a comfortable, safe and appealing area to live in.

**Yards:** Recently, it has been very warm.

When you notice the temperature rising, be sure to water your yard more often. Watering in the morning is suggested because you will lose less water to evaporation and wind. When you water in the heat of the day or in the evening you risk plant damage through leaf burn and fungal infection. Also, watering in short intervals will enhance the saturation and lessen the extra runoff.

Curb appeal is the first thing fellow neighbors,

visitors, realtors and their clients will notice when driving through a neighborhood. We want to keep the Woodlands curb appeal in top notch condition. We can all contribute to excellent curb appeal by keeping the grass mowed and curbs edged. Trimming trees and shrubs will also make a difference. The Woodlands will attract future homeowners who care about their yards and homes if we give a first impression of "Wow!"

### **Boats, RV's, Vehicles, etc:**

Having boats, RV's, and vehicles parked on the street or even in your driveway for a couple of days can be an eyesore to many. Street storage is actually prohibited in Walnut Creek. It portrays a community as not having residents that care.

### **Home Exterior Maintenance:**

Every few years check the status of your exterior paint. How does the paint look? Would it look fresher and protect my home better if I put on a new coat? Also, check the status of your roof, fence, rain gutters, and siding. Using a pressure

washer can make a huge difference in appearance for many exterior variables of the home.

**Safety:** I've noticed that Citrus has become the Indy 500. Ok, maybe that was a bit of an exaggeration, but I have noticed a tremendous amount of speedy driving down the main thoroughfares of our neighborhood. We have a lot of walkers, joggers and children in the area. Please slow down and remember that the pedestrians in The Woodlands are your neighbors.

Other notes on safety are to keep your car doors and homes locked to defer crime. It's also a good idea to let your neighbors know when you will be away for any length of time so they can be alert to happenings around your home while you are gone.

There are numerous tips and suggestions that could be included in this article. This is simply intended to get us thinking about our "desirable neighborhood" and maintaining that status quo.

## Northgate Community Pride Foundation... (continued from page 1)

The Northgate Community Pride Foundation stresses to the community that it's never too early to get involved in their purpose. It could take a few years to raise the kind of money needed to update Northgate's football field and corresponding features. Your child may only be in elementary school now, but in a few short years they will be joining Northgate's cheerleading squad, football, track, soccer or lacrosse

teams and you'll wish they had the true home field advantage. Even if you aren't a parent, this is an important cause for you. It will bring cohesiveness to the community and give our youth something to take pride in.

The Foundation will focus its efforts on fundraising for a hopeful future construction of the Northgate football field. Seating for the fans, official gold posts, fences and revamping the

actual playing field are just some of the aspects of the future project. Thirty years ago the playing field was started, but never finished—the Northgate Community Pride Foundation hopes that the community will join them in finishing what could have been 30 years ago. For more information visit [www.northgatepride.org](http://www.northgatepride.org) or call 925-939-6273.

# Woodlands Youth

## Woodlands Swim Team Awards

The Woodlands Swim Team held their Annual Awards Ceremony at the Cabana Club on September 12, 2004. The following awards were presented:

**MVP** = Most Valuable  
**MD/BE** = Most Dedicated/Best Effort  
**MI** = Most Improved

### 6&u Girls

MVP Charlotte Burcher  
 MD/BE Allie Schmidt  
 MI Allison Bertolozzi

### 6&u Boys

MVP Kyle Halbrecht  
 MD/BE Nick Engle  
 MI Jack Hokanson

### 7-8 Girls

MVP Erin Halbrecht,  
 Briana Adams  
 MD/BE Kelsey La-Cour  
 MI Katie Giatzis

### 7-8 Boys

MVP Charlie Antolin  
 MD/BE Nicholas

Dildine  
 MI Travis Cramer,  
 Kurtis Bonano

### 9-10 Girls

MVP Jamie Cropper  
 MD/BE Jamie Hearn,  
 Guille Freschl  
 MI Katie Schott

### 9-10 Boys

MVP Travis Hacking  
 MD/BE Charlie Ucciferri,  
 Nick Martinez  
 MI Jimmy Carsky

### 11-12 Girls

MVP M.E. Randall,  
 Molly Nevius  
 MD/BE Frannie Ucciferri  
 MI Britani Schneider

### 11-12 Boys

MVP Charlie Tobin  
 MD/BE Cody Stirm  
 MI Jacob Friend

### 13-14 Girls

MVP Kelli Schneider



MD/BE Ellen Crumley  
 MI Liz Watters,  
 Nicole Wong

### 13-14 Boys

MVP Zach Pattison  
 MD/BE Sean Hoy,  
 Colin Horan  
 MI Kevin Dildine,  
 Michael Dildine

### 15-18 Girls

MVP Kate Mounday  
 MD/BE Erin Horan  
 MI Mia Latronica

### 15-18 Boys

MVP Andrew Lardiere,  
 Shane Hudlin  
 MD/BE Andrew Martinez  
 MI Clark Dolliver

### Grant Burton Award

Girls: Kelly McNeil  
 Boys: Matt Williams

### John Lavazzoli Award

Girls: Chloe Janfaza  
 Boys: Justin Wise

### Rassmussen Award

Girls: Jill Skeva  
 Boys: Taylor Martinez

### Kermit Award

Girls: Kylie Mungo  
 Boys: Austin Holian

One 12oz package of frozen blueberries, thawed or 2.5 cups fresh  
 1 1/4 cup apple juice  
 1 cup vanilla ice cream  
 1/4 cup milk  
 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

### BooBerry Brew

In blender combine blueberries, apple juice, ice cream, milk and cinnamon until smooth.

Serve immediately. (cooksrecipes.com)



## Walnut Creek Builds "One of a Kind" Skate Park

Hey Kids! Now that school's back in session, do you find yourself day dreaming about the fun you'll have next summer? If street skating or vertical skating interests you, then your dreams will come true!

The City of Walnut Creek has approved to build a 12,250 square foot skate park to be completed by Summer 2005. The new skate park will be located in Heather Farm Park.

According to Leo Harrod, the

city's Recreation Supervisor, Phase I construction will begin in April 2005. Phase I will include a drop-off zone and an entry plaza. Phase II will include a more advanced amoeba bowl. The park will attract both street skaters and vertical skaters with its spines and bowls and a pool featuring actual pool coping and tile. Walnut Creek will have a one of a kind skate park in all of Northern California. For more information, contact Leo Harrod at 943-5899.



## Valle Verde

## Foothill

## Northgate

You are ghoulishly invited to **Valle Verde's Annual Fall Carnival** to be held on Saturday, October 23rd at the school campus.



Join us from 11 a.m.—5 p.m. for carnival games and inflatables galore, a tantalizing sweet tooth booth, an amazing spook house, an awesome gift basket auction, a fabulous raffle and much much more! Lunch will also be available for purchase.

Look for signs by Valle Verde for dates and times of advanced ticket sales, which are discounted; or you can purchase tickets at the carnival.

So, mark your calendars for a haunting good time for the whole family!

## Foothill Receives "Blue Ribbon" Award

On September 15, 2004 Foothill Middle School was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. Foothill is 1 of 9 schools in California to earn this award and 1 of 250 nationwide. Congrats to the staff, students & parents of Foothill! A community celebration to honor this achievement will be announced at a later date.

The No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement.



## Show Your Support!!

**Attend Homecoming 2004!**


**Bonfire Rally—October 28th**

**Homecoming Game vs. Dublin—October 29th**

**Homecoming Dance—October 30th 8pm in the Gym**



# Community Happenings

October 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		V V = Valle Verde FH = Foothill NG = Northgate			1	2
3  Crop Walk Register @ 1pm Civic Park www.cropwalk.org	4	5	6  NG Senior Panoramic Picture	7	8	9
10  Light the Night Walk Civic Park 415-625-1133 For information	11	12	13  NG Minimum Day	14  NG Minimum Day	15	16
17	18	19	20	21  NG Instrumen- tal Music Performance 7pm	22  V V 5th Grade Spook house (Friday & Satur- day)	23  Valle Verde Fall Carnival 11am-5pm  Harvest Holidays Locust St. 11am-6pm
24  Harvest Holidays Locust St. 11am-6pm  NG Red Ribbon Week Begins	25	26	27  NG Fall Concert II 7pm	28  NG Bonfire Rally	29  NG Homecoming Game vs. Dublin	30  NG Homecoming Dance
31  <b>Happy Halloween!</b>	<i>Please submit any events you would like to see on November's calendar to shawn@rizzos.net or 465-4464 by October 15th</i>					

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### **Newsletter Feedback!**

We'd love to hear your ideas and feedback on anything pertaining to the newsletter.

Please email [shawn@rizzos.net](mailto:shawn@rizzos.net) or call 465-4464.

### **Need to sell something?**

**Have a service to advertise?**

**Call 465-4464 to place your ad!**

## **CAUTION**

**Please check business references and licenses**

## Woodlands Advertising Rates

### **Business & Miscellaneous Want Ads:**

\$5.00/Month—Woodlands Residents

\$10.00/Month—Non-Woodlands Residents

### **Full Page Flyer Ads:**

Full Page, 1-sided flyer, white paper.....\$80.00

Full Page, 2-sided flyer, white paper.....125.00

Full Page, 1-sided flyer, colored paper.....85.00

Full Page, 2-sided flyer, colored paper....130.00

**All advertising must be submitted by the 15th of each month**

Call Shawn at 465-4464 or email [shawn@rizzos.net](mailto:shawn@rizzos.net)

