

The Woodlands



Keeping You Informed For Over 40 Years

October 2009

Valle Verde Fall Carnival

Viking Pride

Sunday October 25th 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

By Nicky Berry

Come and celebrate your local school and community at this year's Valle Verde Fall Carnival. A day of fun is planned for all. We will have all the traditional carnival games that you love including the always popular Cakewalk. If you like to bounce around we have our Giant Slide and Obstacle Course inflatables. And this year, members of the Northgate Girl's Basketball team and Boy's Baseball team will be there to help run our popular Soak Station and Basketball Shoot games. Before you leave, venture into the Haunted House to see what scares and surprises the fifth graders have in store for you!

Don't forget to place a bid on one of the fantastic silent auction baskets or try your luck at winning a decorated scarecrow for your front yard. Pizza, sandwiches and salad will be available throughout the day and if you have a sweet tooth, there will be popcorn, cotton candy and yummy homemade desserts at our Sweet Tooth Booth.

Games tickets and unlimited play wristbands will be on sale throughout the day and can also be purchased for Valle Verde students through the discount ticket pre-sale at the school.

Come dressed in your Halloween costume or school colors of blue and gold to receive a special prize ticket



Annual Garage Sale, Sunday, October 4, 2009

By Ed Wohlers

This is just a reminder that the Woodlands annual garage sale will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 9am-3pm. Local realtors David Galindo and Jan Williams are continuing their tradition of organizing this annual Woodlands event. If you see David or Jan, please be sure to thank them for all their hard work!



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Update on City Government

By Joe Casey

The Walnut Creek City Government, to no one's surprise, is predicting a significant budget shortfall for the upcoming fiscal years 2010 - 2012. Though the city has significant cash reserves, local tax revenues are down, as they are in most mid-size California cities, and Walnut Creek has had to face difficult choices as to what and where to cut, and how deeply.

However, City Councilmember's, a number of which were recently elected at the end of 2008, are determined to resolve the long-term nature of Walnut Creek's fiscal challenges. In a recent conversation with our resident Councilor Kish Rajan, I learned that the city, through the General Plan process, citizen surveys, and ongoing communications with citizens, has identified six "Big Picture" goals that City Government will focus on. These goals are:

- Strong Neighborhoods and a Sense of Community
- Economic Vitality
- Effective Transportation and Mobility
- Stewardship of the Natural and Built Environment
- A Safe Community
- Culture, Recreation and Learning Opportunities

Later this month, the City will begin a series of community meetings intended to build on these ideas and to gather broad public input regarding your core values, goals and objectives for our community. This input will give the City Council and staff important guidance to prioritize the services we should bolster, reduce or even eliminate. The Woodlands Association supports the efforts of Kish and other City Councilmembers, and strongly recommends you participate and be part of these most important discussions.

For more information on the upcoming schedule and registration, please go to the following web address:

http://www.walnut-creek.org/about/visiting/community_conversation_on_balancing_for_the_future.asp

The City would appreciate those of you who plan to attend to "register" on the above website. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming meetings.

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Board email ID's can be found at www.WoodlandsAssn.org

Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, October 3rd
at 8:15 am
and
Saturday, November 7th
at 8:15 am
 in Carl's Jr. Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

The Woodlands Association Needs Your Help

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.

The Association needs additional help to maintain both our reputation with the city and school district, and preserve the reliability of the newsletter. We are sure most residents would agree that the Woodlands Association and monthly newsletter are quite unique in comparison to other neighborhoods. We also know that many Woodlands residents enjoy the newsletter and value the long-standing nature of the Association. A summary of roles and duties served by Woodlands Board members are described below. Each position takes about 1 to 2 hours per month, in addition to attendance at 1 monthly board meeting. They include:

Advertising Coordinator – this involves contacting regular advertisers to assure their ads are received in time. It also could involve contacting past advertisers or potential new advertisers for the Woodlands newsletter.

Webmaster – this involves updating information on the Woodlands web-site (WoodlandsAssn.org) and posting monthly newsletters and other information as needed.

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 you get started in any role you would like. 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, or 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.

Advertising in the Woodlands Newsletter

By Jessica Williams

I'm sure you have noticed that the cover of every newsletter has the phrase "Keeping You Informed For Over 40 Years." The Woodlands neighborhood is unique to have a newsletter for over 40 years and we'd like that tradition to continue. Many volunteers assist with putting the monthly newsletter together and getting it hand delivered to all of our homes and we appreciate these efforts. We are able to publish the newsletter through the many volunteer hours and the support of the business community.

Advertising by local businesses supports the publication of the monthly newsletter so we encourage Woodlands residents to patronize the advertisers supporting the newsletter. Our advertisers span a wide range of enterprises that reflect the diversity of our special niche (astride/among) Walnut Creek's and Concord's local businesses. Many businesses have supported the Woodlands Newsletter for years and have built lasting relationships with our readers. Without this support, the newsletter could not continue. So we would like to thank all our past, current and future advertisers for supporting us and look forward to their support for another 40 years.

We encourage Woodlands residents to recommend the Woodlands Newsletter as an advertising platform for businesses or services that they use. The high quality monthly publication reaches an affluent, educated readership of about 900 families. No advertisement size nor duration of placement is too small, so don't hold back if you wish to advertise! We also welcome suggestions of local businesses The Woodlands Board could approach with the prospect of advertising in the newsletter. Advertising rates, sizes, and submission guidelines are published every month in the newsletter. To advertise in The Woodlands Newsletter or for more information, please e-mail us at WoodlandsAssn@yahoo.com or contact our advertising coordinator, Marc Graves at (925) 336-6272.

School News

Foothill Middle School

Source: e-Gazette 9/2/09

2009-2010 Magazine Drive Fundraiser

2009-10 School Year Magazine Drive Fundraiser Kicks-off **September 21st!**

Fundraising packets will be sent home with students September 21st!
We have many Great prizes, including a Limo Lunch!!
New this year... three separate turn in dates with new prizes each day!
What can you do now to prepare for this annual fundraiser?
- Hold off subscribing to new magazines and renewing current subscriptions.
- Begin thinking of who you will reach out to for support as we are just 2 weeks away from our annual fundraiser.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Magazine Drive kick off assembly/packets to students - September 21
Magazine Order turn in - Sept 29, Oct 6 and Oct 9.

Monies raised from the magazine drive are critical in making sure that our students continue to receive a quality EDUCATION!

Magazine Drive Chairs

Linda Graham 932-0412 • Kim East 287-9990 • Anna Dito 945-7021

Monroe Science Educational Services

Monroe Science Educational Services is pleased to announce 3 wonderful, cross-curricular, differentiated, standards-based, middle school **one day field study trips** this autumn 2009. Please visit www.MonroeScienceEd.com for details and registration.

On **Saturday October 10**, MSES will be going to Sonoma County to visit the oldest waterwheel, west of the Mississippi named the Grist Mill, Old Faithful Geyser, the Prehistoric Forest and Safari West Wildlife Refuge near Calistoga and Casa Grande High School Fish Hatchery in Petaluma.

On **Wednesday November 11**, MSES will be going to Monterey County to explore the Elkhorn Slough on pontoon boats, go whale watching in Monterey Bay, see Moss Landing Marine Labs and Monterey Bay Research Institute, visit the world famous Monterey Bay Aquarium and Vision Quest Ranch and Wild Things Safari.

On **Tuesday November 24**, MSES will be going to San Francisco and Marin Counties to visit the California Academy of Sciences and Planetarium, the Exploratorium, the world's elite Marine Mammal Center, and the Model of the Bay in Sausalito.

Other trips will include:

NASA Ames, Lockheed Martin and the San Jose Tech Museum, Sutter Gold Mine, Moaning Caverns, Foster's Bighorn Rio Vista Camp Monroe, the Lassen Experience 3 day/2 night adventure...and more to come!

Walnut Creek Youth Council

Get involved in your community and make new friends by joining the Walnut Creek Youth Council. The Walnut Creek Youth Council is currently accepting applications until Thursday, September 10. Membership to the Walnut Creek Youth Council is open to teens in grades 7th through 12th. Teens must reside in, or, attend a school in the city of Walnut Creek. Download an application at www.WalnutCreekRec.org under the teen section or pick one up at the Heather Farm Community Center, 301 N. San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek.

Lisa Geerlof

Program Coordinator, City of Walnut Creek
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Sports

GIRL'S FALL BASKETBALL

GIRL'S BASKETBALL CAMP is being held at **Northgate High School** on October 17 & 24 (3-8th grades). Camp led by Northgate HS coaches. See www.calstars.org for registration details. Space is limited.



GIRL'S BASKETBALL CAMP is being held in Orinda at Wagner Ranch on October 10 & 11th. Camp led by Miramonte HS coaches. See www.calstars.org for registration details. Space is limited.

CYO BASKETBALL registration is happening NOW! See www.sjvcyo.org for registration details.



WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

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

09-17590 (incident number) 8/04/09 08:51:26 (date and time) **Threats.** 3300 Block Nutmeg Lane. Rp states he received threatening cal from an ex-business partner, threatening him and his children. RP requesting advice. Dispo: Suspect repeatedly calling victim in violation of restraining order. Contempt of Court/Restraining Order Violation. Ofc. Thompson

09-17626 08/04/09 15:54:57 **Theft.** 2200 Block Oak Grove Road. Reported theft of a bike, occurred about 20 minutes ago. Dispo: Unlocked Specialized Mountain Bike valued at \$500 taken from bike rack outside of Carl's Jr. No suspect description.

09-17655 08/05/09 00:36:05 **Loud Party.** 3600 Block Citrus Avenue. Loud party in front of a few houses on the street. Dispo: Contacted resident who agreed to keep the noise down. Ofc. Lingua

09-17657 08/05/09 01:03:51 3700 **Narcotics.** Block Citrus Avenue. Traffic stop on 4DXX118. Dispo: Jack Leslie Frank Jr., 22 y/o, cited for possession of marijuana. Ofc. Godinez

09-17720 08/05/09 21:05:05 **Warrant Arrest.** 2200 Block Oak Grove Road. Brittany Tuell, 18 y/o, arrested for misdemeanor warrant.

09-17759 08/06/09 12:53:16 **Suspicious Person.** Peachwillow Lane/ Oak Grove Road. Reported male associated with multi-colored truck/trailer, Arizona plate 607SXX, appears to be casing the houses per the RP who has been watching him for the last 30 minutes. Dispo: Subject contacted, no crime. Ofc. Harman

09-17795 08/06/09 19:46:12 **Service to Citizen** 3200 Block Peachwillow Lane. 2 juveniles on the school ground, throwing unknown items around. Dispo: Subject advised to leave the school property.

09-17802 08/06/09 20:37:53 **Outside Agency Assist.** 100 Block Rock Oak Ct. Solano County Sheriff's Office request contact with resident/message delivery.

09-17897 08/07/09 22:17:12 **Noise Complaint** 3200 Block Peachwillow Lane. Lots of shouting and laughter from the playground. Dispo: Juveniles warned and left without incident. Ofc. Keagy

09-17978 08/08/09 22:49:59 **Loud Music** 3500 Block Sugarberry Lane. Dispo: Family birthday party; agreed to turn music down and shut windows. Ofc. Keagy

09-18050 08/09/09 20:02:24 **Reckless Driving.** 3200 Block Peachwillow Lane. Black Honda CRV and black Honda Civic speeding and taking turns too fast. Occurred 15 min. ago. Both vehicles driven by juvenile females. Dispo: Contacted both drivers; warned about speeding and reckless driving. Advised parents of one of the subjects.

09-18151 08/11/09 08:22:27 **Vehicle Burglary** 500 Block Rock Oak Road. L Victim vehicle is silver Mazda. Point of entry is window smash. Loss is GPS and miscellaneous items. Occurred between 08/10/09 at 1830 hours and this morning. Ofc. Thompson

09-18208 08/11/09 21:44:30 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3200 Block Peachwillow Lane. Rp hearing fireworks coming from Valle Verde Elementary. Dispo: Unable to locate, gone on arrival.

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Cell 925-286-1097.

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To Advertise in the Woodlands Newsletter,

Contact Marc Graves 925-336-6272 or Woodlandsassn@yahoo.com

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Want Ads - line ad with 30 words or less:

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Next Advertising Deadline

Please submit all ads and
payments for the next issue by

October 15, 2009

Submission Guidelines

- Please submit your ad in the actual size/dimensions listed above.
- Ad should be formatted with any artwork you want included at the time of submittal.
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