

# The Woodlands



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## SLOW DOWN WOODLANDS! ANTI-SPEEDING CAMPAIGN

By Jared Asch & Susan Pfau

The topic of speeding in our neighborhood has been on the radar (pun intended) for quite some time now. In the last six months, the Woodlands Board has seen an increase in the number of complaints on Nextdoor, have heard from fellow community members in person as well as have discussed the issue with city officials. In fact, in our recent Woodlands Facebook poll, 83% of you agree that we have a speeding problem. So, what can we do about it? First let's be honest with ourselves a bit.

The speeding in our neighborhood is caused by three primary factors:

1. **Our neighbors** – that's right, those of you reading this. Maybe you were late to drop your kids off at school, or you were trying to get to an appointment on time. Maybe you thought if you drove 65mph down Rock Oak you might make a traffic signal on Ygnacio. Teen drivers, seniors and all of us in between are guilty for it. The truth hurts, but we're the primary cause of our problem.
2. **Cut through traffic** – on streets like Citrus and Peachwillow, you find not only the problem above, but you experience people cutting through to access other areas. These streets get increased non-community based traffic.
3. **Vendors/Friends** – your gardener, the cable company, the pizza person, Amazon driver, your cousin Bob or your aunt Judy, etc.

To address the speeding problem, the Woodlands Board is moving forward with a three-pronged approach:

**First**, the Woodlands Board has been working with the City of Walnut Creek for several months now to address the issue. In September, we began working with the Walnut Creek Police Department to collect data on key streets in both directions of Citrus, Perada and Peachwillow. Next, we have begun speaking with the Walnut Creek Streets Director and have a meeting with the Walnut Creek Transportation Commission to discuss our problems and how to work toward meaningful solutions. In preparation for those conversations, our team has been studying all sorts of issues to touch on, which include but are not limited to the narrowing of entrance ways (2 on Citrus and one on Peachwillow), street art, roadway medians, permanently affixed speed radar signs, additional city signage and more.



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## Who to Contact?

The Woodlands Association receives some emails and questions about many issues that are best resolved by contacting the following agencies directly. The following is a reference guide:

### Walnut Creek Code Enforcement, 925-256-3508 or 925-943-5863

The Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department is responsible for enforcing provisions of the Walnut Creek Municipal Code involving quality of life and neighborhood quality issues. [http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/nuisance\\_abatement\\_n\\_code\\_enforcement.asp](http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/nuisance_abatement_n_code_enforcement.asp)

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Water conservation, information, gardening resources, moneysaving tips. <http://www.ccwater.com>

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### Valley Waste Management (recycling and yard waste service): 925-935-8900

### Canal Maintenance, 925-313-2235

The canal is part of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Maintained by the Public Works Department

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<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=59>

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# EARTH DAY

## Sunday, April 22

## Woodlands Association Board of Directors

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

at Denica's,  
2280 Oak Grove Road,  
Walnut Creek  
(in Citrus Marketplace)

Woodlands residents  
are encouraged to  
attend board meetings.

## ASSOCIATION BYLAWS UPDATES

By Jared Asch

The Woodlands Association, operates as a nonprofit in our neighborhood community, operating under guidance of our Bylaws, originally created circa the 1960's. The Board currently believes the bylaws are in need of a revision in order to allow for better governance.

The current bylaws require that we notify all members in the community. To comply, this article shall provide notice. As the bylaws are six pages, we cannot provide a hard copy here. To receive a copy of the proposed bylaws with changes visit us online at [www.woodlandsassn.org](http://www.woodlandsassn.org). If you do not have access to download, we are happy to drop a copy off at your door for review.

All members wishing to vote on behalf of changes should plan to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Directors on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 8 a.m. at Denica's. This meeting will coincide with the election of officers. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to provide feedback or vote prior to the meeting please contact us at [jareda@woodlandsassn.org](mailto:jareda@woodlandsassn.org)

One example of the change, is that the bylaws, Article IV, Section 3 requires us to charge all Woodlands residences between \$2 and \$5 an annual membership. While we are sure many of you would be happy to pay that, we haven't been charging dues nor do we intend to begin charging them. The proposed change would give the Board permission to set the dues as low as zero dollars (\$0). This is a minor change but is intended to help the board better govern. Currently to vote for the Board, you are required to vote in person. One proposed change would allow residents secure online voting options, as well as submitting ballots via mail.

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## Upcoming Woodlands Board Elections- Statements of Interest Due May 10th

Elections for two Woodlands Board positions, President and Secretary, are coming up in June. From keeping neighbors updated on development, events, and crime via the print newsletter and social media, to representing the Woodlands' interests at city council meetings, the Board's purpose is group action toward the betterment and protection of the common interests of Woodlands residents, including but not limited to community and civic improvement.

The two-year terms for the President and Secretary roles begin on 8/1/18. Both are volunteer positions in community service that require just a few hours per month of your time. Interested individuals are invited to submit their 200-word statements of interest to be published in the June newsletter along with a voting ballot. Statements of interest must be received no later than May 10, 2018.

Following the election results, new board members will be announced in the July issue and will assume office as of 8/1/18. As a board, we are organized and punctual, with respect for everyone's time. We enjoy a board breakfast once a month at Denica's to discuss issues of interest to the community or map out the next month's newsletter.

All submissions should be sent to the Woodlands Board at [woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please email us. We look forward to hearing from you.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## VALLE VERDE ELEMENTARY

### APRIL

2nd-6th

Spring Recess~No School

11th

Student Council's Creativity Night at 6:30pm

16th

Dine Around Fundraiser at Chipotle from 4-8pm

27th

Mini Fling - just for the kids (5-8:30 pm in the MUR)

## FOOTHILL:

4/5 2:30pm Linkbot Robotics Club

4/12 2:30pm Linkbot Robotics Club

4/16 3pm Flag Football- Home Game

4/18 7pm PFA Meetings - Library

4/19 3pm Site Council Meeting

2:30pm Linkbot Robotics Club

4/23 3pm Flag Football- Home Game

4/26 2:30pm Linkbot Robotics Club

4/30 8am CAASSP Testing - during ELA

3pm Flag Football- Away Game

## NORTHGATE:

Friday, April 6

CASL Leadership

Saturday, April 7

CASL Leadership

Sunday, April 8

CASL Leadership

Monday, April 9

CASL Leadership

Tuesday, April 10

PSAT 10

4:00pm

Generations in Jazz Festival

Wednesday, April 11

7:00pm

Choral Music Boosters Meeting

Thursday, April 12

7:00pm

Athletic Boosters Meeting

Friday, April 13

Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

7:00pm

Improv Team Show

Sunday, April 15

5:00pm

C/O 2018 Senior Banquet

Tuesday, April 17

7:00pm

NIMB Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19

7:00pm

PFC General Meeting, Library

Saturday, April 21

8:00am

Garage Sale

Saturday, April 28

5:30am

CMEA Band & Orchestra Festival

# This Month at the Cabana Club

## We are getting into the SWIM of things at Woodlands Cabana Club!

The Woodlands Cabana Club is gearing up for the season with gusto! It was terrific to see so many of you at our OPEN HOUSE on March 11. What a turnout on such a beautiful day! Returning and prospective members got a taste of what the season will offer. Our coaches and swim instructors were on hand doing evaluation for Kermit Pals and swim team, and the pool was warm for a splashtastic free swim. We are grateful to our event sponsor, Staten Solar, for providing food and information about the upcoming installation of our new solar pavilions.

Things are busy now at Woodlands CC. We have done major improvements including tree-trimming, installing new pool equipment, and refreshed our lawns, to name just a few. You may have seen our new palm trees poking over the (new) fencing. We are definitely putting the “Cabana” back in Cabana Club! We have room for 12 more palm trees, and are looking for individual or corporate sponsors for each tree. Contact [info@swimwoodlands.org](mailto:info@swimwoodlands.org) for any sponsorship opportunities.

This year we are designing a whole new events calendar, so you can get social by the pool. With these improvements, the place is looking great, and perfect for exciting poolside fun, or just a relaxing dip. We are looking forward to seeing you! For more information and registration visit [www.swimwoodlands.org](http://www.swimwoodlands.org)

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## *Slow Down (Continued from Pg. 1)*

**What doesn't work?** Study after study by the U.S. and California Departments of Transportation along with additional university and private studies indicate that adding stop signs and adding speed bumps cause additional problems and do not alleviate the speeding problem.

**Second**, in the next two months, we are rolling out a neighborhood anti-speeding education campaign “Slow Down Woodlands” that will include flyers, yard signs and social media outreach. **Thanks to the generous support of our lead sponsor Dayna Wilson of Keller Williams Realty and also Tish Kanat of Dudum Real Estate, we will be able to offer the yard signs free of charge to our Woodlands community.**

We will be passing out flyers in the neighborhood over the next 30 days to educate and engage people in the conversation. Finally, we are recruiting volunteers to do sign waving to create visibility for people leaving hot spots such as the Shadelands, the Orchards and Valley Verde who might be cutting through our streets at top speeds.

**Finally**, we also want to engage our Concord neighbors. While we are in different cities, we share the streets. We need to engage our friends immediately adjacent to us on the other side of the canal. They cut through our neighborhood to visit Rocco's and take their kids to My Gym. We need to make them part of our education campaign. They have similar problems and we have already begun reaching out.

While all of these things are going to have an impact, to make a long-term dent it starts with us. We need you to talk about it with your spouse, your kids, your gardener, your neighbor, your friends and family. This is where we need your help. Please engage in the discussion. Understand that there are dangerous consequences of high speed in residential neighborhoods and it is not worth the minute or two you save by driving irresponsibly.

**Neighbor-to-neighbor we are asking you to slow down Woodlands.**

## Spring in the Woodlands

By Marge Joehnk



Wow! Our spring has been so unusual that we are taken off guard, maybe planting flowers, but then covering up bushes and fruit trees for frosty nights. As I walk the neighborhood with our dog, and yes I do pick up the poop, I have noticed some changes. A neighbor reminded me that the Woodlands used to be known in the past as a working class neighborhood where homeowners took great pride in their home and their yards. Everyone mowed, had flowers and budding trees that were enjoyed by all in the neighborhood. Our pride was in the schools our children attended and if we participated in the swim team we were proud to be part of that community.

Yet, in some way our neighborhood has changed. I have noticed that some of us are not trimming our trees, throwing down tan bark and letting weeds grow up between the wood pieces or even just letting weeds grow where there was once beautiful lawns. Are you letting your front yard go? What is happening to our neighborhood?

If you are a new homeowner and a neighbor has a great lawn, ask them how they keep it that way. Spring is a great time to fertilize your lawn. If you want to know what flowers or bushes someone has in their yard, ask them the names of their plants. We rented for many years before we were able to buy a home and I remember our landlords telling us that we kept a beautiful yard. Are you?

Just a reminder: You are responsible for cleaning up your street gutter area and if you live on a corner, be sure to check both sides of the street. You are responsible for no bushes or plants to extend into the sidewalk, and that includes weeds. We have too many young children and parents pushing strollers not to keep our sidewalks totally cleared. Please trim them back. If you have a yard with no grass, make sure your yard plants are well cared for. And when were your trees last trimmed? We are a neighborhood community, let's gently remind our neighbors that we want to keep the Woodlands as beautiful as it once was.

*The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not represent opinions or positions of the Woodlands Association Board*

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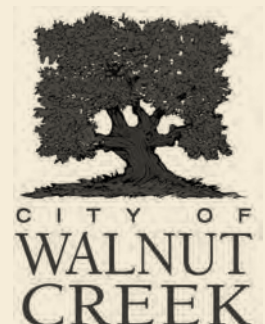
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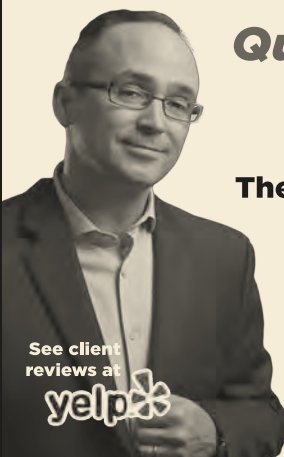
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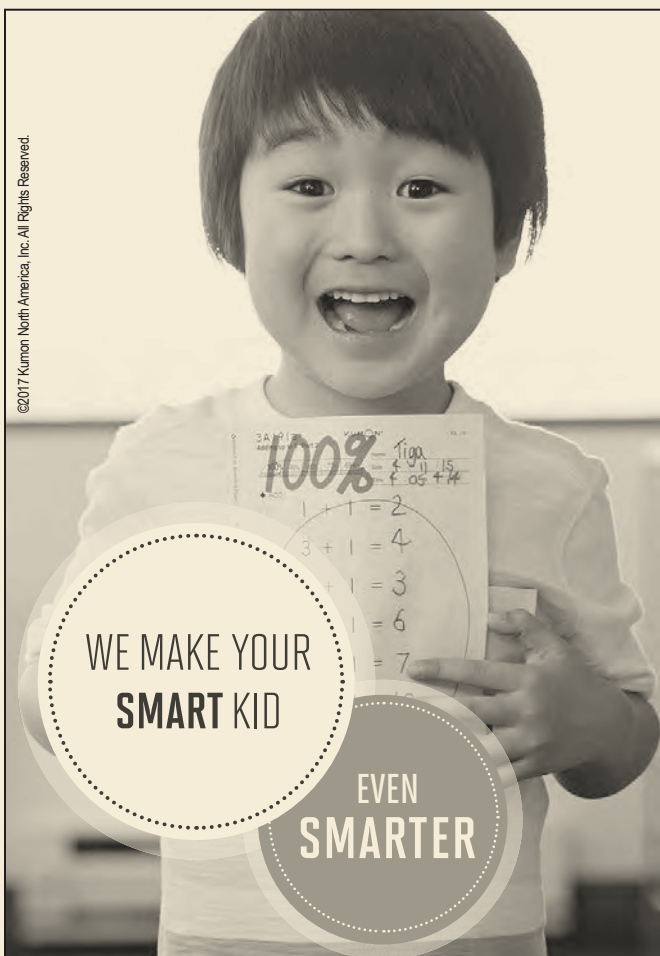
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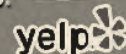
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