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**June 2015** 

# Woodlands Summer BBQ You're Invited!!

Summer is here and it's time to barbeque. The Woodlands Association is excited to host a neighborhood barbeque at Valle Verde Park, located on Banyan Circle on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Join your neighbors for a celebration of summer from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Association will provide the basics: burgers and dogs, buns, chips, condiments and water. Want a thick steak or some yummy potato salad? Feel free to bring your own and have at it!

An RSVP is not required to attend but it would be helpful to get an approximate headcount so we don't run out of food or buy too much. Follow the Woodlands Association on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WoodlandsAssn and join the 'event ' that we've posted for the BBQ. Too cool for Facebook? Send an email to woodlands. walnutcreek@gmail.com with your family name and the number expected to attend instead. Looking forward to seeing you on June 13<sup>th</sup>!

# Woodlands Newsletter Survey



The Woodlands
Association wants to know what you think about our neighborhood's monthly newsletter. What do you like about it? What might you like to see changed? The 5-minute survey will be open through

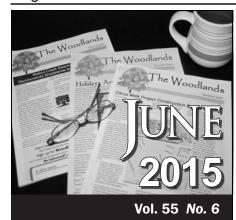
July 31st. To take the survey, please type the following URL into your browser: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMQKV6S.

If you would prefer to submit a paper copy of the survey instead, please e-mail the Woodlands Association at woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail. com and request a copy. All responses must be received by July 31st. The survey results will be published in the September newsletter. Thanks for participating. We welcome and value your feedback!



## The Breakfast Club

Enjoy meeting new people and planning fun events? As a board member or friend of the board you will have opportunities to contribute your ideas to our monthly newsletter and enhance our community. Tailor your involvement to suit your interests and add to your resume. At the least, join us for our monthly Breakfast Club, the first Saturday of the month at Denica's at 8 a.m. (except for July, when we are meeting on July 11th). We look forward to meeting you.



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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

#### Walnut Creek Police Department, 925-943-5844

http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/default.asp To report a suspicious circumstance, call 925-935-6400

Oversized Vehicle Reporting, Sandy Mulligan: Parking Lead Services Officer, 925-943-5874

Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District (Pests and Insect Issues), 925-771-6196 http://www.contracostamosquito.com/programs\_services\_index.htm

#### Contra Costa Water District, 925-688-8000

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

## Allied Waste Services of Contra Costa County, 925-603-1144 http://www.pleasanthillbayshoredisposal.com

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

Graffiti Reporting: City of Walnut Creek, 925-943-5854

Contra Costa County Animal Control, 925-335-8300
After business hours, contact the Walnut Creek Police through Dispatch Center at 925-935-6400. http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=59

Street Maintenance: 925-943-5854

## Let's Get to 200 Facebook Likes!

Visit the Woodlands on Facebook at http://www.woodlandsassn.org/ to see what your neighbors are posting about - from community event updates

to the new BBQ at our neighborhood park. We are at 174 "Likes" and it's our goal to reach 200 before the summer, when everyone will be posting fabulous photos from the annual 4th of July parade.



## **Woodlands Association Board of Directors**

Adrienne Robillard ~ President Bill Gilmyers ~ Vice President Jan Gall ~ Treasurer Erik Ehlers ~ Secretary Jody Gilmyers ~ Newsletter Coordinator James Goudy ~ Webmaster

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## Upcoming Board **Meetings**

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6th Saturday, July 11th

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

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings.

# **Upcoming** Woodlands **Board Elections**

Are you interested in serving the community? The positions of Vice President and Treasurer are up for election this summer. Among other responsibilities, the Vice President occasionally leads monthly board meetings, represents the Woodlands at City Hall meetings, responds to resident questions and concerns, and takes on other projects of interest. The Treasurer records and maintains all board accounting, including working with advertisers for our newsletter, filing state income tax, and reporting monthly on board finances as a non-profit. Both roles are voting board positions that require regular attendance at our monthly board meetings.

All residents of the Woodlands over the age 18 are eligible for elected or appointed positions on the Woodlands Board. Interested candidates for should prepare brief (up to 200 words) statements of interest to the Woodlands Board for consideration. Statements of interest for eligible candidates will be printed in the July newsletter along with a ballot. All submissions should be sent to the Woodlands Board at woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com no later than June 14, 2015. If you have any questions, please email us. We look forward to hearing from you.

## What's Happening with The Orchards?

Originally expected to begin construction in April 2015, The Orchards at Walnut Creek is now looking at construction on the 25-acre site to begin in mid-June. Ethan Bindernagel, Senior Planner for the City of Walnut Creek, has assured us that the delay in permits will ensure that "1) the project the city approved after all the hearings is actually built and, 2), that what is built is constructed with the best interest of the public's health, safety, welfare."

## **Like A Good Neighbor**

#### By Erik Ehlers

Here in the Woodlands, we take great pride in our friendliness towards neighbors both old and new. Naturally, part of being a good neighbor is offering a helping hand when you can. That can take a lot of forms, such as when you see the yard of your longtime neighbor, who had always kept things tidy, falling into a bit of a messier state. This is a great time to ask what you can do to help out. Maybe your neighbor has suffered a back injury and would love your help in turning off sprinklers, or you could use your Thor-like arms and your garden scythe, scimitar or machete to beat back some of the overgrown flora.

Being a good neighbor also means knowing your neighbors. The good folks at the WCPD have reminded us about the efficacy of watching for suspicious activity in our neighborhoods. That doesn't mean we should aim to chase out each and every person we don't know, but that we should take note if someone is loitering around a neighbor's home. If I see someone unfamiliar entering a neighbor's backyard, I don't hesitate to call the dispatchers at the corner of Civic and Main.

In addition, if you see that new neighbors have moved onto your block, stop by to say hello and introduce yourself. Take them a pie or a bottle of wine (or both!) and tell them all about your street, invite them to a BBQ, or regale them of tales of the wonderful neighborhood 4th of July festivities. Everyone likes feeling they are a part of something, and while the Woodlands may not, in actuality, be the 500-house dorm that it was depicted as in a magazine article in the recent past, we do hopefully help people feel connected to the Woodlands neighborhood. It's not just a place to live, but a place where we can all feel at home.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Valle Verde Elementary School**



**Box Tops:** Check your cereal and Kleenex boxes for box tops before tossing them out. At **\$0.10 each**, it really adds up!! Just cut them out and drop them off at the school office and we will take care of the rest.

**SUMMER VACATIONS:** In an effort to help you plan your summer vacations, here are some upcoming dates:

June 11 Last Day of School

Aug 17 Drive-Through Packet Pick Up

Aug 19 Walk-Through Registration (Pick up your child's class assignment)

Aug 25 First Day of School

August 27 Free Ice Cream Social

September 1 First PTA Meeting of the Year (budget & calendar)

September 8 Back to School Night

#### **PLANNING FOR 2015-2016**

We have just a few committee positions left to fill for next year! We could use a 3<sup>th</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade parent whose child wants to do the <u>School play</u>. We need a few people for the <u>Spell-A-Thon</u>, <u>eScrip</u>, & <u>Dining Around Town</u> (most of which can be done at home) and a few people for the <u>Hospitality</u> team (food related events like the ice cream social). If you want to know more about any of these (or other) PTA positions, please contact <u>vvptaprez@gmail.com</u>.

To all of our wonderful parents, teachers and staff, thanks for a great year! Have a great summer everyone!

#### **Foothill Middle School**

#### **Magazine Drive**

The Foothill PTA conducts its annual magazine subscription fundraiser in late September. Our

vendor offers over 650 magazines which you may order at special discount prices. You may renew the magazines you already take, order new subscriptions or give them as gifts. We also offer digital subscriptions for your computer, I-Pad, Kindle etc. Please save your subscription renewals for our drive by not ordering directly from publishers. If you would like to place your orders/renewals early you may go to www.aphearst. com at any time after July 1st. Our school code is FOOTHILLMS. Students will receive prize credit for all orders placed after this date until the sale's conclusion. Foothill's magazine drive is our one PFA fundraiser for the school year, aside from families' Education Fund donations.

#### **Last Day of School**

Last day of school ends on June 11 at 12:30pm; everyone is welcome to the 8th grade promotion at 1:30pm at Foothill. Later that day will be the 8th Grade Dance at 7:00pm.

#### **Northgate High School**

#### Grad Night Ticket Sales End June 5th

Prices are \$150 until May 29th and \$160 May 30th – June 5th. Buy your tickets today! Use the Grad Night link on the PFC website to access information and forms. Read the Senior Parent Packet and register online – <a href="http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/grad-night.php">http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/grad-night.php</a>

Volunteers from all grade levels can use the Sign-Up Genius link to sign-up for a work shift – <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4babae23a75-northgate2">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4babae23a75-northgate2</a>

## Exploring Careers in Hospitality & Culinary – Summer Camp

5 days of fun at DVC for entering 10th -12th grade high school students. Camp is June 22nd-26th. Register NOW at <a href="https://www.dvc.edu/future/careerpathways">www.dvc.edu/future/careerpathways</a>

#### Galileo Summer Camps

Now hiring paid summer internships. Visit <a href="http://www.galileo-camps.com/jobs/apply/summer-intern">http://www.galileo-camps.com/jobs/apply/summer-intern</a> to apply for these job openings. You must be 16 years old by first day of camps.

## This Month at the Cabana Club

#### **Potluck Social**

The Cabana Club will be hosting a members-only potluck social on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00. Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite adult beverage. It should be a good time.

#### **Opening Day**

While the weather was less than desirable on Opening Day the event was attended by a few dedicated families. We hope for better weather next year....

The pool is now officially open for the season, so come on down to swim some laps or run some energy out of the kids. 2015 hours are as

May 9 to June 10		
Weekdays	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM middle pool	
	only	
Weekends/Holidays		
June 12 to August 23		
Weekdays	11:30 AM - 8:00 PM	
Weekends	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
August 24 to September 13		
Weekdays	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
Weekends/Holidays	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	
September 19 - 27		
Weekends	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	
* Weather permitting		

#### 4th of July Celebration

Mark your calendars for the annual Woodlands 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. This is a Woodlands tradition from way back and represents everything that is good and right in the world! The parade will start at Valle Verde and follow a course through the Woodlands to the Cabana Club. This year promises the classic cars from last year and possibly another resurrection of the float tradition. The Cabana Club will be cooking up burgers and hot dogs and there will be games and the raft races for the kids. Parade participants should meet in front of Valle Verde Elementary School at 11:00 am. This event is open to non-members.

#### **Swim Lessons**

It's time to sign up for swim lessons! Emily Andrews and the Woodlands Swim School will be back in action this summer. Here are the details:

#### Woodlands Swim School 2015

Week 1: June 15-19 Week 7: July 27-July 31 Week 2: June 22-26 Week 8: August 3-7 Week 3: June 29-July 3 Week 9: August 10-14 Week 4: July 6-10 Week 10: August 17-21

Week 5: July 13-17

Week 6: July 20-23 (no lessons on Friday 7/24 due to Woodlands

Invitational Set-Up)

#### **Mondays and Wednesdays:**

Member/Non Group Beginners 12:00-12:30 Member/Non Group Intermediate 12:30-1:00 Member/Non Group Advanced 1:00-1:30

(Private Lessons beginning at 12)

#### **Tuesdays and Thursdays:**

VVCC Group Beginners 1:00-1:30 VVCC Group Intermediate 1:30-2:00 Group Advanced 2:00-2:30 (Private lessons beginning at 12) Water Aerobics 4:45-5:45

#### Fridays:

Private Lessons all day beginning at 12:00 pm

Private 30-minute swim lesson Members & VVCC: \$30.00 Non-Members: \$40.00

\*\*Are you signing your swimmer up for multiple 30-minute private lessons? How about our BOGO deal? Buy a lesson and get a second one half off! OR you can buy two lessons and get a third one free! \*\*

Water Aerobics- Free for Members \$5.00 for Non-Member Seniors \$10.00 for Non-Senior Non-Members Group Lessons (30 minutes)

#### Monday & Wednesday

Members: \$45.00 total/week Non-Members: \$65.00 total/week Valle Verde Children's Center Group Lessons (30 minutes)

#### **Tuesday & Thursday**

\$45.00 total/week

Please register through Emily Andrews for Woodlands Swim School at woodlandsswimschool@gmail.com. Checks can be made out to "Woodlands Swim School" or you can make payments through PayPal at <u>lil hem@yahoo.com</u>. Private lessons can be scheduled between 12:00pm and 7:00pm Monday through Friday.

### **WOODLANDS POLICE CALLS**

The following information 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.

#### Police Calls from 04/11/15 - 05/10/15

04/17/15 14:41:43 Oak Grove Rd. / Ygnacio Valley Rd

Reports 2002 blu chrystler 4d vs rp's maroon hyundai elantra. D1 was young hfa (early 20's) w/male passenger. V2 has minor damage-scratch to the rear bumper. Doesn't want a rpt, wants to advise pd. Occ'd approx 11 ago. Dispo: as reported. No report desired. Miscellaneous Traffic.

#### 04/22/15 10:33:00 500 BI Banyan Cr.

Unknown if 594 or 459r. Side garage door looks like it has been kicked in, lock is broken. Noticed today, unknown when it occurred. Dispo: Side garage kick, no entry made. Door damaged. Occurred: between Sunday and today. Attempt Burglary.

05/03/15 18:30:38 Ygnacio Valley Rd. / Oak Grove Rd. Westbound Ygnacio near the top of the hill there is a subject laying down in the weeds on the right side, he has a green neon sweatshirt with his bike laying next to him. Dispo: Gone on arrival; unable to locate. Susp. Circumstance.

05/09/15 08:07:46 Oak Grove Rd. / Ygnacio Valley Rd. Lights flashing red. Dispo: Call out for signal repair. Unable to reset manually. Signal Malfunction.

#### 05/10/15 18:40:36 3000 bl citrus cr

Reports a couple subjects loitering between this address and the bank drinking beer and eating. Ls 15 ago.. Dispo: goa, utl.

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