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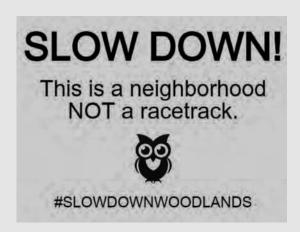
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SLOW DOWN WOODLANDS CAMPAIGN LAUNCH!

By Susan Pfau

Woodlands neighbors, we are ready to launch our anti-speeding campaign, but we need your HELP! In order for this campaign to truly have an impact, we must come together and take action. Here is what YOU can do to make an impact in our neighborhood:

- 1. **STOP SPEEDING**. It's that simple SLOW DOWN, if you're the problem, then just lay off the gas pedal and pay attention to your speed.
- 2. **TALK TO EACH OTHER**. Is someone in your family a speed demon? (i.e. teenagers, spouse, friend). Talk to them. Tell them to be careful and slow down. We don't need a tragic event to change our ways.
- 3. **CALL THE WALNUT CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT** (non-emergency line (925- 943-5844 or email at PDcontactus@ walnut-creek.org). Have you ever heard about the squeaky wheel? If enough of us call and complain, they may be more inclined to send traffic enforcement officers to our neighborhood. A police presence as we know, is impactful.



- 4. **SIGNAGE**. Thanks to the generous support of our lead sponsor Dayna Wilson of Keller Williams Realty and Tish Kanat of Dudum Real Estate; The Woodlands Association is able to offer you FREE signs to put in your front yards that say "SLOW DOWN!" Imagine the impact if 100 of us decide to put those signs up in front of our homes?
- 5. **FLYERS**. We are printing flyers to distribute to the neighborhood, so please use them to discuss with friends, family, and vendors who visit your homes to SLOW DOWN.
- 6. **SOCIAL MEDIA**. Use the hashtag #SLOWDOWNWOODLANDS. Follow/connect with The Woodlands Association on Facebook (@WoodlandsAssn) and on Twitter (@WoodlandsAssn). As we continue to expand our social media presence, we will inform you of the media in which we're reaching out with.
- 7. **VOLUNTEER**. Get a group of neighbors together to wave signs at the Citrus and Peachwillow entrances to our neighborhood during peak traffic times to get our slow down message across!

If you would like a free sign for your front yard, please email us at woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com, or give Susan a call at 925-270-4944.

Whether the speeding affects you personally or not, it's a neighborhood problem and together we can make an impact. It starts with 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

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Upcoming Board Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 5th Saturday, June 2nd

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

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings.

BRIDGE TOLL INCREASES ON JUNE BALLOT

By Jared Asch

This June Bay Area voters will not only have a say in the next Governor of California but they will vote on an important local transportation plan. Regional Measure 3.

Regional Measure 3, is a plan to tax Bay Area bridge goers nearly \$4.5 billion to address the region's biggest transportation challenges. This measure will be voted upon by all nine Bay Area Counties. The Measure approved by the Legislature and the Bay Area Toll Authority will appear on the ballot, Tuesday, June 5, 2018. If the Measure is approved, all the bridges in the Bay Area will experience a \$3 increase in tolls over the next six years. This would mean by 2023 the Bay Bridge will be at \$9 per crossing.

Funding for the Measure would go to AC Transit rapid corridor improvements, 680 improvements, BART expansion, Bay Bridge Corridor Transit Improvements, Transbay Rail Crossing, \$50 million for planning a second Transbay rail tube, Dumbarton Bridge Improvements, State Route 92 improvements, 680/4 Interchange improvements, Capitol Corridor Rail Improvements, I-80 truck scales, Tri-Valley Transit Access, Vasco Road improvements, improved bike access to transit (\$150 million), Richmond-San Rafael Bridge access, BART to San Jose, improvements to state road 37, and 680-880 direct connection.

Writing in opposition, the Woodlands legislative delegation said "A toll increase would disproportionately impact drivers in the East Bay." While 78% of tolls collected on the Bay Area bridges come from residents in Contra Costa, Solano, and Alameda Counties we will see a smaller portion of funding. Meanwhile Silicon Valley will pay only 2% of the increased bridge toll but receive 27% of the funding.

In Favor: is the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, the Bay Area Council, SPUR, San Jose Mercury News Who Opposes or has raised concerns: East Bay Leadership Council, The East Bay Times calls the Measure "troubling", The Marin Independent Journal, Assemblyman Grayson, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and Senator Glazer voted against this from even going to a vote.

For more information on specific projects the funding will go for please visit the MTA at https://mtc.ca.gov/tags/regional-measure-3

REMINDER - 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. If you have any questions, please email us. We look forward to hearing from you.

SCHOOL NEWS

VALLE VERDE ELEMENTARY

MAY

1st PTA Meeting/Honorary Service Awards

7th-11th Staff Appreciation Week

7th-11th Book Fair

Hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 2:30pm-4:30pm,

Wednesday 1:30pm-3:30pm, Thursday evening 5:30pm-

7:30pm,

Friday 10-11:15am during Mother's Day Tea, Friday 11-12:30

lunch)

28th Memorial Day - No School

29th-Jun 1st Fifth Grade Survivor Week

30th Volunteer Brunch (9:40am - 10:40am)

Foothill Middle School



Tuesday, May 1 - Minimum Day - Dismissal 12:30pm

Wednesday, May 2

8:15am- Assembly Schedule (ONE Lunch)

12:57pm- Multi-Cultural Assembly

Thursday, May 3 - 2:30pm-Linkbot Robotics Club

Friday, May 4

8:00am- CAASSP Testing Math - Block Schedule

Saturday, May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11

CAASPP Testing Math - Block Schedule

Thursday, May 10 - 2:30pm- Linkbot Robotics Club

Friday, May 11 - 7:00pm- Dance- All Grades

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

Monday, May 14 – Friday, May 18

CAASPP Testing Math - Block Schedule

Wednesday, May 16 -

6:00pm- Parent Ed Night- Transition to High School

7:00pm- PFA Meetings - Library

Thursday, May 17

2:30pm- Linkbot Robotics Club

7:00pm- Mixed Choir Spring Choral Concert

Friday, May 18 - 6th Grade STEAM Field Trip

Monday, May 21 – Friday, May 25th - 8:15am-Book Fair

Tuesday, May 22 - Civil War Reenactment

Wednesday, May 23 - 7:00pm- Open House

Thursday, May 24

7th Grade Renaissance Day

2:30pm-Linkbot Robotics Club

7:00pm-Spring Concert I

Friday, May 25 - 7:45am- Coffee with Dave

Monday, May 28 - No School ~ Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29 - 7:00pm-Spring Concert II

Wednesday, May 30 - 7:00pm- 8th Grade Award & Recognition Night

Thursday, May 31

2:30pm- Linkbot Robotics Club

3:00pm-Site Council Meeting

7:00pm-Spring Concert III

Northgate High School



Tuesday, May 1 – Friday, May 4 - CAASPP Schedule - English

Wednesday, May 2 9:51am - West Point Academy visit

This Month at the Cabana Club

The Woodlands Cabana Club opens for the season May 12th!

The Cabana Club official SEASON OPENER is Saturday May 12th at 3:00 PM. We will be welcoming our members, new and returning, for a festive afternoon of family fun and a taste of all the swim season has to offer at the Cabana Club.

Woodlands Swim Team has hit the pool! The competitive season started in earnest April 10th. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Swim Team families and welcome back to our returning families. In addition, we extend great appreciation to our returning coaches, instructors and lifeguards. A truly amazing team!

Registration for Cabana Club and Swim Team are OPEN. Please visit www.swimwoodlands.org for registration, seasonal hours and team information.

We look forward to SEEING YOU AT THE POOL!

School News (Continued from Pg. 4)

7:00pm - Choral Music Boosters Meeting

Thursday, May 3 - 4:00pm - Spring Play

Friday, May 4 - 7:00pm - Spring Play

Saturday, May 5

NHS Color Run

7:00pm - Spring Play

Sunday, May 6 - 7:00pm - Spring Play

Tuesday, May 8 - 7:00pm - NIMB Board Meeting

Thursday, May 10

4:00pm - College Park - SENIOR NIGHT at Varsity Softball

7:00pm - Athletic Boosters Meeting

Saturday, May 12

1:00pm - MDMEF Music Festival

6:00pm - Crimson & Gold Gala

6:00pm - Crimson & Gold Awards

Wednesday, May 16

10:30am - American Threads: Color Purple Field Trip

Wednesday, May 16 – Saturday, May 19th - 7:00pm - Dance Production

Thursday, May 17

" Stand up for Music" rally, TBD

PFC General Meeting, Library

Friday, May 18

Movin' On Up - Rally Schedule

Sunday, May 20

7:00pm - Contra Costa Wind Symphony concert, TBD

Monday, May 21 - Friday, May 25th - CAASPP Schedule - Math

Tuesday, May 22 - 7:00pm - Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 23 – Thursday, May 24th - - 7:00pm - Choral Spring Concert

Friday, May 25 - 7:00pm - Dance II Show

Tuesday, May 29 - 7:00pm - Senior Honor Circle

Thursday, May 31 - 7:00pm - Performing Arts Awards

Woodlands Board Discusses Neighborhood Speeding with City Transportation Commission

On March 18th two members of the Woodlands Association Board, Jared Asch and Bill Gilmyers, attended the meeting of the city of Walnut Creek's Transportation Commission. Our intent was two-fold: to make the city aware of the neighborhood anti-speeding campaign that the Association is launching, and to express our interest in continued opportunities to collaborate with the city to address this issue. We understand that while some streets serve as 'cut throughs' for drivers headed up Treat and Ygnacio, the speeders on other streets are in fact our own neighbors.

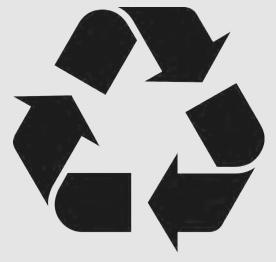
Given this, some of the necessary actions are inherently 'local', while others may require more creative solutions to slow down those who we can't reach directly. For the latter we hope to enlist the city's support. In the months to come, we'll plan to continue to get in front of the Transportation Commission again, both to provide updates on our local initiatives and to explore other opportunities to address this issue with the city. We'll continue to keep the neighborhood informed on both counts.

WALNUT CREEK RECYCLES – HOW ARE WE DOING?

By Jared Asch

In 2016 single-family homes in the WC diverted 69% of waste from landfills. Whoohoo! What does that mean? We diverted about 15,000 tons of waste from the landfills this past year. In terms of energy savings, it's equal to taking 16,000 cars off the read for a year. That's great news, because we beat Danville at 67% but Lafayette and Orinda bested us at 70%.

The State of California has adopted a goal, 75% diversion by 2020. We need everyone's help to step up our game. In our area 80% of household waste can be diverted into either the green or blue bin. Remember you save money by reducing the size of your black bin in favor of larger green and blue ones.



How are our schools doing? Well in 2012 they were at 19% now there up to 59% in 2016/2017 school year. That's one big improvement and teachers, administrators and students should all be proud. Tice Creek Elementary is the leader in the area at 74% waste diversion.

Tip: starting in January: you should be bagging your bags and putting them in the blue bin. Newspaper bags, produce bags, dry cleaning and food storage plastic bags all should be bundled together and put in the blue bin. These bags leak extremely harmful chemicals into our oceans and bays. Help keep it clean and put them in the blue bin.

Content for this article was sourced from RecycleSmart.

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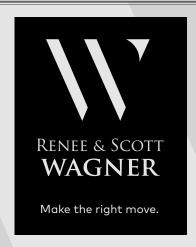
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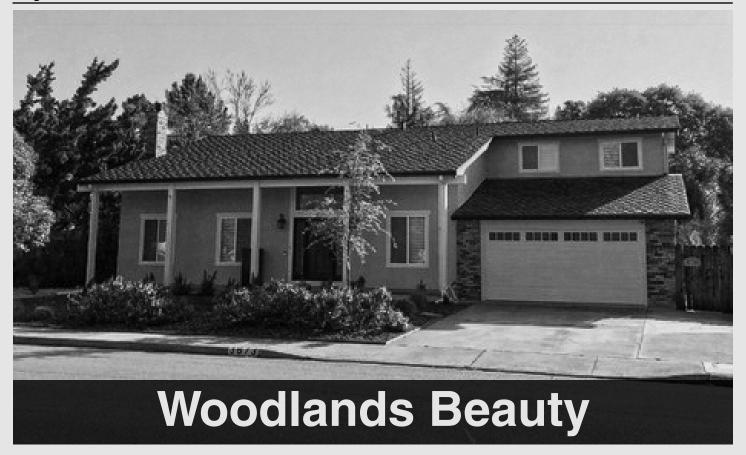
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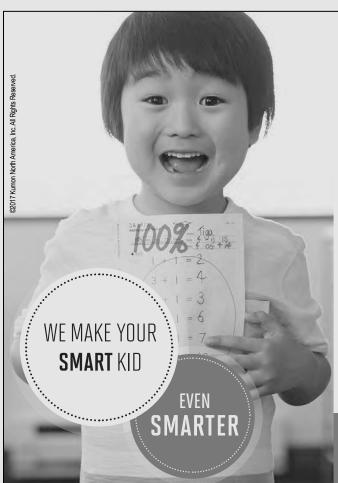
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