

# The Woodlands

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## A Year In Perspective

Many of you have asked that the Woodlands Association summarize some of our recent activities at the end of the year. Here is a summarization of some of the association's involvement and key activities. As most of you know, the central purpose of the Woodlands Association is to provide group action toward the betterment of the *common* interests of our Woodlands neighbors... and also for considering other matters as may arise involving the common interests of our neighborhood... including but not limited to community and civic improvement.

You can see how our neighbors have worked together toward lasting results and it highlights the strengths of our Woodlands neighbors and neighborhood. This sense of neighborhood is one of the reasons the Woodlands is such a desirable place to live.

# 2006

## Volunteers

Let us begin this year end summary by thanking those involved in the 41 year tradition of hand delivering news and newsletters to each and every household in the Woodlands. Over 50 Woodlands families volunteer and take action every month to get our newsletter delivered. They include our long-time distribution manager **Kay Ready** and her distributors, **Marge McDowell** and **Charlie Freschl**. These volunteers sort, count and deliver the newsletters to our 49 block captains who in turn deliver our monthly newsletter to your homes. This year we are listing the names of all our block captains that deliver directly to your door:

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## Valle Verde Brownie Troop #1865 Holds Annual Holiday Party & Awards Ceremony

On December 11, 2006, Valle Verde Brownie Troop #1865 held their Annual Holiday Party at Art-Gecko Creative Studio in Pleasant Hill. Although the girls had a fabulous time designing and painting their very own plates, the highlight of the evening was the awards ceremony. The girls in Brownie Troop #1865 earned patches for participation in activities such as the Girl Scout Sing-a-Long, Ice Skating at Walnut Creek Ice, and attending the Velveteen Rabbit Dance. In addition, the girls were awarded patches for completing projects which taught lessons in internet safety, sports and games and water everywhere.

A special thanks goes out to Troop Leaders Kirsten Cherry and Carla Rinella for using valuable time to guide the girls throughout the year and Karen Nethercutt for organizing this fun-filled Holiday Party. Also, thank you to Art-Gecko for teaching the girls how to create their own ceramic masterpiece.

Photo: Back L to R: Madison Enos, Jessica Momich, Megan Chappell, Megan Nethercutt, Alyssa Merenkov, Morgan Cherry, Isha Kane and Allison Bertolozzi. Front L to R: Bayleigh Rizzo, Julia Harrison, Emily Christodoulou, Katie Rinella and Ciara O'Donoghue. Not pictured is Emma Casey who was missed very much!

*Article Submitted by Troop #1865*

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<p>Board email ID's can be found at <a href="http://www.WoodlandsAssn.org">www.WoodlandsAssn.org</a></p>	

# A Year In Perspective

## 2006 Newsletter

The Woodlands newsletter has been published continuously for over 40 years and is an important resource for the neighborhood. It is staffed by volunteers in the Woodlands and is supported by the advertising revenue. If you know good vendors and service people, please be sure to mention the newsletter as an advertising resource. It reaches over 900 homes and local businesses each month. Advertising ranges from \$5.00 to \$80.00 per month depending on the size of their advertising.

You have seen the form and content of the newsletter evolve over the past few years. The most dramatic improvement has been during the past four months where a whole new look and feel has been introduced. Besides focus on content we are attempting to keep costs in line with our advertising revenue which has been close to break even in the past year or so. Please email the board from the website if you find interested advertisers. We need all of them.

## School Board & Schools

During past years and especially during the '05/06 and '06/07 school years, your Woodlands Board has kept a close watch on the activities of the Mount Diablo Unified School District. The Woodlands Board has been present at many district meetings providing timely comments on issues of importance to the Woodlands, such as the permanent inclusion of Crystyl Ranch to Northgate High School, the cancelled high school boundary study, the denial of the Montecito petition to be included within Northgate High School boundaries, our negotiated contribution to the District for funding a second new classroom at Northgate and the like. Through these and similar efforts, the Woodlands Association gained an increased level of recognition by the District School Board. We will continue to monitor District activities in the coming years and represent Woodlands residents on issues regarding school boundaries and improvements.

The Woodlands Association was able to identify and facilitate \$225,000 in improvements to our three public schools. These funds were negotiated from the Citrus Walk development. This funding provided the new technology center network and equipment improvements of \$40,000 to Foothill Middle School in May of 2006. Northgate High School received \$160,000 to complete the funding of two new permanent classrooms in January of 2006. Valle Verde Elementary received \$25,000 in May of 2006 for the new shade structure to be constructed next to their multi-use room.

## July 4th

Every year the Cabana Club goes all out to open their doors for our Woodlands neighbors. The Cabana Club and the Woodlands Association have had a close relationship for over 40 years. From time to time we have common board members and this year is no exception. The Association provides a small amount of funding for the Cabana Club 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities and, as always, provides gratis newsletter advertising as well as maintenance of the Woodlands bulletin board you can see on Citrus.

## Scouts & Scouting

The Woodlands Association has assisted Boy Scout Troop 832 by "re-chartering" the troop every year for 27 years. The Woodlands Association is the troop's charter sponsor. The troop meets every Tuesday evening at Valle Verde Elementary. You have seen newsletter items from time to time covering both Boy Scouts' and Girl Scouts' activities. In 2006 the Woodlands Association sponsored the *Woodlands US Flag Retirement Project and Ceremony* as part of Matthew Clark's Eagle Scout civic project requirement. Mathew fulfilled all his requirements and earned his Eagle rank in late November 2006.

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## 2006 CERT & Emergency Training

The Woodlands became the Walnut Creek training pilot for how a neighborhood can cope during and after a major emergency. The city sponsored a Woodlands training session using the national Community Emergence Response Team (CERT) training methodology. More than 50 Woodlands households now have someone trained and certified in this important set of skills. Each of our certified residents attended the 20 hour training course over a six week period. The course was funded for us by a federal Homeland Security grant.

**Website** Our new website is now just in its second year of operation. There you can surf to find a bit of history in many great Woodlands pictures dating from the 1960s to the present and you can also go back in history and read many of the earlier newsletters that have been published in the past four decades. All the current newsletters are posted on our site as well. We have a new webmaster that will be adding additional features during the next year. Each of the Woodlands board members can be reached using their Woodlands Association email IDs posted under their photo on the site.

**Crime Watch** The association summarizes Woodlands “public police log” activity in our newsletter from time to time for neighborhood awareness. Also the board has been involved in several problem fixes... for example... most recently, several neighbors brought concerns to the Woodlands Board over vandalism and damage on and around the barrier wall between Valle Verde Park and Citrus Marketplace. The owners of the barrier wall behind Nob Hill did not seem to react so the board got involved with the most impacted neighbors. After several meetings with the neighbors, the City planning department, the parks department, the city compliance officer along with representation from the Citrus Marketplace owners, the problem seemed to begin to resolve itself. It turned out that the vandalism had been caused by Woodlands youth attempting to maintain a short cut to Citrus Marketplace from Valle Verde. The barrier has been rebuilt and the other stipulations by the city compliance officer are being met by the Citrus Marketplace owners.

**Finance** Our Woodlands Association has had sufficient newsletter advertising revenue to cover newsletter and other expenses for several years now. Hence the Woodlands board has been able to waive annual dues for quite some time. Fortunately we are still just a bit above break even with revenue over expenses. Now that we have been able to reduce the publishing expense our intent is to keep the advertising revenue high enough to accumulate some surplus for additional Woodlands neighborhood and youth education improvement projects.

~ 2006: A Year in Prospective was compiled by J Tilley

## Are You The Next Newsletter Editor?

### The Woodlands Newsletter is in search of a new Editor

Requirements: a desire to be involved in the Woodlands neighborhood and a willingness to learn!  
The Editor will spend approximately 3-5 hours each month placing articles and advertisements in the newsletter with Microsoft Publisher. Training is provided.

For more information please contact Shawn 465-4464 or shawn@rizzos.net

# Woodlands Crime Report

Thank You Elisa Tilley (Northgate Student & Woodlands Resident) for compiling this report from the WCPD website.

**11/28/06 01:33:26 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD PED STOP TIME OF STOP 0106 HRS. JUV CONTACTED (Redacted 01) AND TRANSPORTED HOME TO CONCORD...**

11/28/06 11:08:37 CITRUS AV / SUGARBERRY LN REPORTS 1 WHI TRUCK AND TRAILER ARE BLOCKING VIEW OF TRAFFIC CAUSING TRAFFIC HAZARD.... MOVING VAN ACTUALLY HELPING A MOVE. NO VIOLATION.

**11/28/06 02:27:03 2800 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE: LIC/ 2HVD253 WEST ALLEY DETERMINED 10851 OUT OF CONCORD...88 MERCURY SABLE(CA#2HVD253) STOLEN OUT OF CONCORD, RECOVERED.RELEASED TO RIGHTFUL OWNER FROM THE SCENE. SVS LOCATE COMPLETE.**

11/28/06 13:19:12 2800 BL SHADELANDS DR REPORTS RECEIVING 100 FRAUDULENT BILL IN ATM MACHINE. ENTER IN LOBBY AND DIAL EXT 6330, RP MICHELLE WILL LET OFFICER IN....FAKE \$100 BILL DEPOSITED AT ATM

**11/28/06 16:34:39 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD REPORTS HIS VEHICLE SIDE SWIPED WHILE HE WAS DRIVING ON 11/25 AT APPROX 23:30, MINOR PAINT DAMAGE. WOULD LIKE REPORT FOR INSURANCE. GRN JEEP COMMANDER IN CITY HALL LOT. \*\*COUNTER\*\*...VEH EGGED. NO SUSP INFO**

11/29/06 00:32:10 2900 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD REPORTS ATT 594 TO RP'S BIG RIG. 1 WFA HAD

A PIPE IN HER HAND. SUBJS LEFT ON FOOT \*\* BAD CELL PHONE CONNECTION \*\*...AREA CHECK NEGATIVE.

**11/29/06 15:54:12 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD 2ND HAND INFO FROM CCCSO. RP REPORTS DOG HIT BY A VEH. THEN LINE DISCONNECTED. ATC RP. DOG IS ON EB YGN JUST PASSED OAK GROVE. KORGIE TYPE DOG. DECEASED. 11-25...CCCSO CALLED BACK AND PICKED UP DECEASED DOG.**

12/01/06 09:26:44 2800 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD REQ 21 RE:STORE BY THE NAME OF 'ALMOST NEW BOUTIQUE' BEING FRAUDULENT. OWNER HAS CLOSED THE BUSINESS AND KEPT RP'S JEWELRY.(Redacted 01) ...DETERMINED THAT THE STORE CLOSED WITHOUT LEAVING CONT. INFO FOR THE PUBLIC. RP REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HERSELF. ADVICE GIV

**12/01/06 14:54:16 2800 BL SHADELANDS DR REPORTS ON 11/14/06 SHE FELT THREATENED BY HER EX-HUSBAND DURING A DOCTOR'S APPT.(Redacted 01)... SUBJECT REPORTS AN ALTERCATION WITH HER ESTRANGED HUSBAND. ALTERCATION DID NOT MEET CRITERIA FOR CRIME. ADVICE GIVEN.**

12/02/06 17:00:02 OAK GROVE RD / YGNACIO VALLEY RD REPORTS ACC UNK INJ... V1 SUSTAINED MAJOR FRONT END DAMAGE, V2 SUSTAINED MODERATE FRONT END DAMAGE. NO INJURIES,

**12/03/06 20:07:29 3700 BL CITRUS AV REPORTS BREAK IN. POE: BACK DOOR. LOSS:JEWELRY, (Redacted 01) PURSE. OCC BTWN 1545HRS AND 2000HRS....AS REPORTED. Burglary**

12/04/06 18:24:24 3700 BL CITRUS AV RP SAW A SUBJ ON CANAL TRAIL BEHIND ADDRESS WAVING AT RP. (Redacted 01). RP REQ AN AREA

**12/04/06 16:04:00 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD REPORTS SEEING A SUBJ W/A BIKE LAYING ON THE SIDEWALK BETWEEN OAK GROVE AND WIGET. LS 10 AGO. UTL**

12/06/06 11:18:12 2800 BL MITCHELL DR SECOND HAND TO OFF DUTY CPD OF 5 JUVS DRINKING AT ARF CENTER. NFD.... Susp. Circumstance

**12/06/06 11:22:59 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD REPORTS HE WAS REAR ENDED BY ELDERLY MALE WHO DID NOT STOP ON WB YGNACIO 15 AGO. RP IS NOW AT WORK AT SUBWAY. RP'S VEH IS BLU HONDA CIVIC IN PL IFO SUBWAY. NO FURTHER DESCRIP OF SUSP VEHICLE....RP CALLED BACK TO CANCEL.**

12/06/06 17:29:42 OAK GROVE RD / YGNACIO VALLEY RD CHP TRANSFER, TREE BLOCKING THE ROADWAY, NO DOT ON OAK GROVE NFI...OGR CLEAR FROM PEACHWILLOW TO ARBOLADO, UNABLE TO LOCATE

**12/06/06 20:59:57 2800 BL SHADELANDS DR REQ ADVICE. (Redacted 01)...ADVICE GIVEN.**

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