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# McDonald's Update – 1<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission Meeting January 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

By Joe Casey

A Planning Commission Study Session has been confirmed for January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at City Hall. The Study Session will provide a status on the initial application of McDonald's to establish a presence at the former bank building at the corner of Oak Grove and Citrus Ave. Key initial findings, including the results of the recently completed traffic study, will be shared. Thus begins what will be a lengthy analysis by the City Planning department regarding the suitability of a fast-food establishment at this busy intersection.

This parcel of land is currently zoned for offices, so a rezoning to a business use (food and beverage) would be required. The Planning Commission and staff will be analyzing the impact of traffic, a drive-thru, parking, odor, arbor, noise, etc. This is part of a larger assessment as to the suitability of the land use to the surrounding area and the compatibility of the proposed land use (food and beverage) to the overall general plan for Walnut Creek.

The city staff report with the most up-to-date findings on the project will be available the Friday before the meeting (Jan. 21) on the public Walnut Creek website (<a href="www.walnut-creek.org">www.walnut-creek.org</a> – by selecting, Planning & Zoning ->Commission Agendas, Meetings & Archives -> *View Agenda*). Please visit the City website to inform yourself before attending the public study session on January 27th.

City staff has informed the Woodlands Board that McDonald's is still planning on meeting with the community to discuss the project after the city-sponsored public meeting on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> (no date has been set). You can stay informed of this issue and all others relating to this project by visiting our website at <a href="https://www.woodlandsassn.org">www.woodlandsassn.org</a>. We strongly encourage you to attend the upcoming meeting to voice your opinion on this project, and look forward to seeing you there.



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Crime Report

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# Want to Write Something?

The Woodlands newsletter provides a community service by keeping neighborhood residents informed about issues and events of interest. We encourage Woodlands residents to submit articles for the newsletter and we regularly receive articles that are published in the newsletter.

If you would like to contribute an article, please contact us and we will be happy to work with you to help get it edited and published. Our publication guidelines are relatively simple – topics should be of interest to Woodlands residents, the newsletter can not be used as a forum to air issues between individuals, and articles may need to be edited to fit within available space (typical length is 200 words or less). To meet our publication schedule for a monthly newsletter, we have established a closing date of the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. To the extent that space is available, articles received and ready for print by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month will be published in the next version of the newsletter.

We appreciate your help in making the newsletter as informative, useful, and relevant to Woodlands residents. To submit an article, please write to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.



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#### Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, January 8th at 8:15 am and Saturday, February 5th at 8:15 am

in Carl's Jr. Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

## Crime in the Woodlands

By Ed Wohlers

The Woodlands Association recently received an e-mail from a concerned Sugarberry resident about the increase in crime in the area. The Woodlands community has recently been victimized by criminals that have been very active recently. Panda Express, Quiznos and Taco Bell are among several local businesses that have all been recently victimized. This is in addition to numerous property crimes that have occurred in the Woodlands.

The Walnut Creek Police Department website lists several tips to assist with crime prevention in your home. Specifically they state:

"Security in the home is a matter of systematically making your home more difficult and less attractive to break in to. We all know that given enough time and concealment, anyone can get through any level of physical security. That fact might be discouraging; however, almost all home break-ins are opportunistic crimes, and homes are picked at the last minute because of no one being home, or their being left obviously unsecured. Start with the basics, and work your way up to whatever level of physical security you require."

They also recommend establishing basic perimeter security, creating a lived in look, and managing your property. For specific examples, visit their website: <a href="http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/faqs/home.asp">http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/faqs/home.asp</a>

The Association is planning on reaching out to the Walnut Creek City Council to discuss this important issue. We share the writers concern and wanted to solicit additional feedback from the Woodlands community on this issue. Please let us know if you'd be interested in participating in a community meeting with the City of Walnut Creek and the Police Department to discuss these public safety issues.

### **Woodlands Advertising Rates for 2011**

The Woodlands Association will be increasing most of our advertising rates in the Woodlands Newsletter <u>effective February 1, 2011</u>. This will be our first increase in our advertising rates in over 5 years. The new monthly advertising rates will be as follows:

1/8 pg. - \$20, 1/4 pg. \$30, 1/4 page on back cover \$50, 1/2 page \$50, full page \$90. The price for want ads will remain the same (\$13 non-residents and \$5 Woodlands residents).

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If you are interested in advertising in the monthly Woodlands newsletter which is delivered to 900 homes in the Woodlands, please e-mail us at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com, or go to our website www.woodlandsassn.org.

# School News

#### INTRA DISTRICT TRANSFER FORMS

If your 8th grade student lives in the Mt. Diablo School District area BUT not in the Northgate attendance area and would like to attend Northgate you must file an INTRA-District Transfer Form. The forms are available in our office and must be received by the District office by January 15, 2011.

If you know of families who live in the Mt. Diablo School District area BUT do not live in the Foothill attendance area and would like to attend Foothill, they must file an INTRA-District transfer form. The form must be received by the District Office by January 15, 2011.

All decisions of space availability and the number of transfers that are approved are made at the District Level.

Patty Cochran Office Manager Foothill Middle School 939-8600 ext. 5701

#### **FOOTHILL BOYS BASKETBALL 2011**

#### **COMPETITIVE**

Registration for the 7th and 8th grade Competitive Basketball teams will begin on Monday December 6th. Final registration is Monday Jan 3rd. All registrations and payments must be received by January 3rd in order to tryout. Practices will be structured in preparation for the competitive level. Unlike the intramural program, play time will be relative to skill level, the number of games, effort in and out of practice, attendance, sportsmanship and respect to coaches, players, and sports staff. GPA of 2.0 is required.

Tryout Dates: MUST ATTEND ALL DAYS (Tues. 1/4, Wed. 1/5, Thurs. 1/6)

7th Grade - 3:00- 4:30, 8th Grade - 4:30- 6:00

#### **INTRAMURALS**

The Intramural Basketball Program is open to all grades, no try-outs required. Registration runs Monday, December 6th through January 14th. The program will be held Tuesday January 25th through Thursday, March 3rd; Tuesday - Thursday; 3:15 - 4:30 pm. Games/scrimmages will be played with other Foothill and WCI teams with an end of season Jamboree on March 3rd at Foothill. Drills will be taught with a focus on skill development, as well as teamwork and sportsmanship. Registration forms can be picked up at the after school sports office at Foothill Gym

For further information please contact: Eric Olafsson Foothill After-School Sports Athletic Director (925) 256-3539 olafsson@walnutcreekrec.org Foothillsports@walnutcreekrec.org



# WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

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

The information in this Crime Report 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: <a href="https://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp">www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp</a>. 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. The most current information available is listed first.

10-36931 12/09/10 15:58:08 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. RP concerned over recent robberies and noticing a white male adult in his 20's, about 6' with sandy brown and goatee, and Hispanic male adult in pony tail wearing black leather jacket, in restaurant. Dispo: Contacted manager. Subjects associated with white Toyota Camry. No crime. Ofc. Vesser

0-36810 12/08/10 17:56:22 **Armed Robbery** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Dispo: Cash taken from til and wallet from owner. Ofc. Kan

0-36659 12/07/10 12:48:07 **Service to Citizen** Citrus Avenue / Oak Grove Road. Second hand information to RP from bus driver of suspicious white male adult wearing black hat with FBI on it, black shirt and black shorts. Subject is taking pictures of people and cars. Last seen 3 minutes ago. Dispo: Gone on arrival. Ofc. Clemente

10-36112 12/02/10 22:06:50 **Attempted Armed Robbery** 2200 Block Oak Grove Road. Subjects did not get inside business; business closed. Suspects fled on foot towards Citrus Circle. Ofc. Harman



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AD: Steve Chappell

#### 2010- 2011 VARSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

OPPONENT / EVENT

Saturday	Nov 20	Deer Valley (Scrimmage)	Deer Valley	12:00 PM	
Saturday	Nov 27	Moreau Catholic (Scrimmage)	Moreau Catholic	12:00 PM	
		NON CONFERENCE			
DAY	DATE	<u>OPPONENT</u> / <u>EVENT</u>	SITE	<u>TIME</u>	
Thurs-Sat	Dec 2-4	Lady Dragon Classic	Sonoma Valley	Bracket Play	
Friday	Dec 10	Campolindo	Miramonte	8:00 PM	
Saturday	Dec 11	Miramonte	Miramomte	6:30PM	
Wed-Fri	Dec 15-17	14th Annual Walnut Creek Classic	Northgate	Bracket Play	
Wed	Dec 22	Casa Grande (Miramonte Shoot out)	St Mary's College	3:30PM	
Mon -Thur	Dec 27-30	Seaside Sweet 16	Seaside	Bracket Play	
Saturday	Jan 22	Alameda (Campolindo Shootout)	Campolindo	12:00 PM	
	DIAB	LO VALLEY ATHLETIC LEAGUE (	(2010-11 TBA)		
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT / EVENT	SITE	<u>TIME</u>	
Tuesday	Jan 4	Concord	Northgate	7:00pm	
Friday	Jan 7	Berean Christian	Berean Christian	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	Jan 11	Ygnacio Valley	Ygnacio Valley	7:00 pm	
Friday	Jan 14	College Park	Northgate	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	Jan 18	Clayton Valley	Clayton Valley	7:00 pm	
Friday	Jan 21	Bye			
Tuesday	Jan 25	Mt Diablo	Northgate	7:00 pm	
Friday	Jan 28	Concord	Concord	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	Feb 1	Berean Christian	Northgate	7:00pm	
Friday	Feb 4	Ygnacio Valley	Northgate	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	Feb 8	College Park	College Park	7:00 pm	
Friday	Feb 11	Clayton Valley	Northgate	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	Feb 15	Bye			
Friday	Feb 18	Mt Diablo	Mt Diablo	7:00 pm	
BRONCO COACHING STAFF					

Assistant Coach: Kirk Shelby Assistant Coach: Wendy Rounds JV Coach: Bob John email (broncos@astound.net) Web site: northgatebasketball.org Colors: Scarlet/Gold/Black

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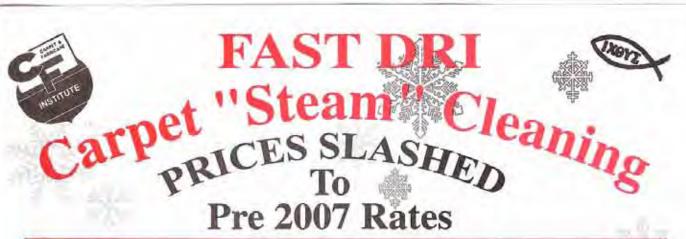
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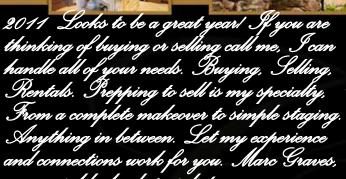
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