

Broadway Plaza Size Development Coming to the Woodlands?

By: Justin Wedel

Are you ready for a Home Depot, Walmart, or other big box stores in your backyard? Or would you like to see restaurants within walking distance or open space, parks, or something else all together? Or maybe even a McDonald's drive through?

Now is your time to get involved and tell the city what is on your mind. December 8th marked the first meeting of the Shadelands Gateway Specific Plan Committee, which is tasked with providing a recommended blueprint to the city council for the 25-acre parcel - about the size of Broadway plaza - on the corner of Ygnacio and Oak Grove.

Over the next 7 months the Committee will meet on the 3rd floor of City Hall on the following dates:

AC Mtg #2 – Wednesday, 1/25/12 AC Mtg #3 – Wednesday, 2/22/12 AC Mtg #4 – Tuesday, 3/27/12 AC Mtg #5 – Wednesday, 4/25/12 AC Mtg #6 – Wednesday, 5/23/12 AC Mtg #7 – Wednesday, 6/27/12 AC Mtg #8 – Wednesday, 7/25/12

The 11 committee members – which includes two city council members, three city commissioners, a representative from Safeway, a local business owner, a Shadelands business, and three residents (including Board member Ed Wohlers) – will provide feedback to city

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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 10th of each month. To the extent that space is available, articles received and ready for print by the 10th 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.

Advertising Rates 2012

Advertising Rates for 2012 will be the same for all advertisers in 2012. Earlier this year, advertising rates were increased for most ad sizes, but we extended the old rates for long time customers for the rest of 2011. Starting with the January 2012 issue (payments due 12/15), monthly advertising rates for all customers are as follows:

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Saturday, January 7th at 8:15 am and Saturday, February 4th at 8:15 am in Carl's Jr. Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

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Citrus Center Update - A Note from the WCPD

I wanted to pass along some information I received from the Walnut Creek Police Department on December 14th. Sgt. Sean Conley forwarded this note (edited for length) below:

Seasons Greetings,

I hope all is well with you and the Woodlands Association. I just wanted to touch base with you during this Holiday Season and provide you with an update on the enforcement actions WCPD will be taking during these next few weeks. As you may remember, last December was a very busy time for us as several robberies occurred in and around the Citrus Center. I met with all of the business managers and Bank managers today for three reasons. First, to remind them to report and be aware of any suspicious people or vehicle in and around their businesses. Second, to make sure there were no changes to management and remind them of last year's events. Thirdly, to make sure they were provided with more frequent patrols in the area to include foot patrols during late afternoon and early evening hours. Since many of the robberies occurred around closing time, I will be coordinating with the officers who work the area at night to provide frequent patrols in and around the Citrus Center.

Police Reports Feedback

In the last Woodlands newsletter, we posted results of our request for feedback on Police Calls, formerly known as the Crime Report. As previously stated we received 20 responses, and of the 20, 14 favored keeping the report as is, 2 suggested eliminating the report entirely, and 4 favored keeping the column, while deleting information considered to be personal business.

Three additional responses have since been received, each in favor of reporting only criminal activity and eliminating the "petty" information. While all seem to agree that community members should be made aware of criminal activity in the neighborhood, not everyone agrees with including the police calls that have no value to the neighborhood at large.

Ironically, the title "Crime Report" was only recently changed to "Police Calls" to better reflect the varied content of the article. Based on the feedback received, we will continue the Police Calls and make changes based on your input. It's your neighborhood and your newsletter and we appreciate the feedback received.

If you have an opinion or recommendation to share, please email your comments to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.

Graffiti Issues

We recently received an e-mail from a concerned Woodlands resident regarding graffiti problems in the neighborhood (that were recently corrected) as follows:

There is a graffiti problem that I've been working for years in the area of the canal trail entrance on Citrus Avenue. Specifically, as you go into Lime Ridge, and cross over the Pine Creek flood control basin, the walls are an eyesore. I have worked with the Contra Costa Flood Control District so much that I have the Maintenance Department's supervisor whom I talk to directly. The area is about to be cleaned up for the third time in just as many years.

In my conversation with the dedicated thoughtful county supervisor, he explained that it is a hang out area for skate boarders and often graffiti comes along with them. In recent weeks, the skate boarders built a ramp with cinderblocks using adhesive to make them stationary. He speculated that this took some time to construct and wondered aloud how the ramp could be built without anyone noticing. We agreed, when kids are there, someone should be telling them to move on, or perhaps the police should be called. Even if they are not doing anything at that particular moment, the area is posted as no trespassing and they are breaking the law just being there.

We have a very responsive county office; they have been out here numerous times and have tried many ways to abate the situation. The county is looking at adding metal bars into the cement, as well as street reflectors (the ones that mark a lane) and fence repairs, to make the area less attractive to skate boarders. The bottom line is that they need the help of our community to be diligent about watching out for the area and asking kids to move on if we see them hanging out there.

As mentioned, this problem was recently corrected, but is a reminder to be vigilant when walking in the community.



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selected consultants and gather input from the community to form a Specific Plan for this location. If approved by the city council, the Specific Plan would allow for a General Plan amendment and possible development of the parcel.

Independent of your feelings on what should be allowed, if anything, to be placed in this location your voice needs to be heard. Attend a meeting, write a letter, and get involved.

Your Woodlands Board is here to help. If you are interested in learning more about the process, this project, or how you can get involved please visit our website - www.woodlandsassn.org, sign up for our e-mail blast list (also located on the homepage), or send us an email - woodlandsassn@yahoo.com - with your comments or contact information.

School News

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2012 Spring baseball and softball registration is now open on line at www.continentalbaseball.com. Please be sure to register early because the registration fee will increase on January 1, 2012.

Aslo, if you don't have access to a computer or would simply like to register in person we will be hosting in person registration sessions at the SPORTFORM facility (995 D Detroit Ave.- corner of Whitman Rd. and Detroit Avenue) on December 8, 2011 from 6 to 8 pm and again on December 17 from 10 am to 1 pm.

A brief outline of our 2012 calendar:

January 14- TRYOUTS January 30- DRAFT WEEK February 6- PRACTICE BEGINS February 25- FIELD CLEAN-UP DAY March 17- OPENING DAY and PICTURE DAY June 2- END REGULAR SEASON June 4-9- PLAYOFFS June 18- TOC BEGINS June 25- ALL STAR PLAY BEGINS



BASEBALL SIGNUPS ON NOW FOR AGES 4-8 WITH WCYAA

Tee ball and baseball leagues for the Feb-May season are signing up now. Sign up by 1/15/12 to get an early bird discount.

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Fee assistance is available. To receive a fee assistance application form, call (925) 933-4884.

CRAB FEED - JANUARY 21ST



The Northgate Athletic Booster's Crab Feed Fundraiser will be on Saturday, January 21st and tickets are available now.

This annual festive parents night out includes a silent and live auction, music and dancing, a fine wine bar (see below), a tasty crab dinner and a lot of fun!

We are also selling raffle tickets for the Captain's table to be selected at the event (you must be present to win this fine prize!). Captain's table details to come at a later date but whoever wins will be dining like kings.

Please find the <u>ticket order form</u> attached and mail it to Debbie LaCour at the address given.

The last few years have been sold out, so put it on that long list of things to do and get your order in!

For the last 3 years the "Fine Wines Bar" has been a huge success. Bottles of wine donated by Northgate Families and local merchants were sold. We're looking for donations for this year's bar. We are asking that the minimum value be \$20.00 per bottle. Each bottle of wine will be labeled with the name of the family who donated it. If you are buying wine for the Holiday season, please consider a bottle for the Crab Feed.

If you have wine to donate please contact Ann Sussman at <u>asussman@sbcglobal.</u> <u>net</u> Donations can be dropped off or pickup can be arranged. Please make sure you include your name on the donation and include the retail value of the bottle.



WOODLANDS POLICE CALLS

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



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: <u>www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp</u>. 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.

11-37625 11/06/11 20:47:46 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. RP states he is being stalked by a man and women he does not know. Dispo: Rp wanted advice only. No one assigned.

11-37772 11/08/11 08:20:00 **Service to Citizen** 600 block Banyan Lane. RP reporting suspicious white Volvo S70 plate 5EQR193, occupied by a white male adult in blue shirt. Subject appears to be casing the area. Has left now and may be on Peachwillow. Requesting area check. Dispo: Subject was taking his child to school at Valle Verde. Ofc. Harman

11-37886 11/08/11 20:00:27 **Contempt of Court/Temporary Restraining Order** 500 block Banyan Circle. Suspect is ex-boyfriend who called RP today approximately 10 minutes ago. Dispo: Investigation continuing Ofc. Leonard

11-37977 11/09/11 13:15:35 **Service to Citizen** Perada Drive / Bayberry Dr. Citizen is requesting clean-up for a lot of graffiti in the tunnel under Ygnacio Valley Rd. RP states 3 light bulbs in the tunnel are burned out. RP does not want contact but is available via phone as needed. Dispo: Referred to Public Service. They will have bulbs repaired and contact RP. Ofc. Harman

11-38080 11/10/11 14:47:25 **Service to Citizen** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. RP states subject is threatening him; subject is outside of RPs car now. No specific threats made, just yelling. RP is in black Mercedes in front of the school. Dispo: Subjects contacted. Mediated. Ofc. Brown

11-38082 11/10/11 15:07:53 **Burglary** 600 block Candleberry Rd. Second hand report of a burglary in progress. Dispo: Front screen and door opened by unknown suspect. No one seen. Does not appear entry was made past the front door. Dispo: Burglary. Ofc. Hopkins

11-38194 11/11/11 15:05:51 **Vandalism** Bayberry Drive / Perada Drive. Dispo: Graffiti through the entrance to Limeride open space via Bayberry. MSR completed. "EBM" or similar. Ofc. Rangel

11-38328 11/12/11 09:15:09 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Cold vandalism to the windows. Occurred sometime between closing on Thursday and today. Dispo: Unknown person used window paint. Windows were washed with no damage done. Bank to take additional security measures. Ofc. Hopkins

11-38457 11/13/11 01:13:40 **Driving Under the Influence Arrest** Oak Grove Road / Citrus Avenue. License plate 5EBM995. Dispo: 45 year old adult female arrested. Ofc. Hahn

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11-38503 11/13/11 14:32:00 **Found Property** 400 block Rock Oak Road. Bag of marijuana found in driveway. Dispo: Controlled substance found. Turned in and requested to be destroyed. Ofc. Duggan

11-38740 11/15/11 14:59:44 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Female panhandler in front of the ATM, wearing blue sweater and blue jeans, accompanied by small child. Per RP, this is not the subject that is usually there. Dispo: Gone on arrival. Ofc. Kan

11-38943 11/17/11 07:48:57 **Vehicle Burglary** 3500 block Tupelo Drive. Break in to white Chevy truck sometime overnight, via window smash. Loss was tools. Dispo: Occurred between 1930 hours last night and 0700 hours today. Loss: Top Con construction laser, Diamond brand rebar cutter. Ofc. Harman

11-38949 11/17/11 08:07:51 **Vehicle Burglary** 300 block Perada Drive. Window smash to black Jeep Liberty. Loss is Fastrak and wallet with all contents. Dispo: As reported. Ofc. Kan

11-39100 11/18/11 10:06:27 **911 Hang-up** 600 block Sitka Drive. Dispo: Homeowner accidentally dialed 911 instead of 411. Ofc. Brown

11-39264 11/19/11 15:11:35 **Miscellaneous Traffic** Citrus Avenue / Sugarberry Lane. 3 juveniles skateboarding in the canal. Dispo: Juveniles warned not to skate in the creek-flood channel. Ofc. Hahn

11-39390 11/20/11 16:47:55 **Vandalism** 2200 block Oak Grove road. Graffiti and vandalism to the outside of the bank. Dispo: Related to 11-39389. Ofc. Rangel

11-39535 11/22/11 06:48:20 **Vandalism** 3500 block Perada Drive. RP states human feces smeared on his daughter's white Durango overnight. Dispo: Animal or human feces thrown onto windshield of parked car overnight. Ofc. Harman

11-39588 11/22/11 16:08:34 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Female adult with small child aggressively panhandling at ATM. Subject was wearing blue sweatshirt and black pants. Dispo: Unable to locate. Ofc. Gerstner

11-39638 11/23/11 07:20:26 **Vandalism** 3500 block Perada Drive. Daughter's white Dodge Durango egged overnight. Refer to 11-39535. Dispo: As reported. Ofc. Kan

11-39684 11/23/11 14:58:47 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. RP in lobby of police station to report bank teller pocketed \$500 of cash deposit she made on November 16. Dispo: Waiting for video from Bank of America to confirm if theft occurred. Ofc. Harman

11-39706 11/23/11 17:48:46 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Female with small child soliciting. Child does not seem dressed for the weather. Dispo: Female contacted in rear of Bank of America. Warned for trespassing and panhandling. Advice given.

11-39914 11/25/11 12:15:07 **Fraud** 500 block Banyan Circle. Phone report in which RP claims to be victim of fraud. RP cashed a check from a business on Craig's List, then wrote checks to other people. The original check bounced. Dispo: RP was mailed a check for deposit and disbursement. Victim's account was then overdrawn. Ofc. Brown

11-40288 11/28/11 08:20:58 **Impounded Vehicle** Citrus Avenue / Citrus Circle. Traffic stop on license 5WWY028. Dispo: Towed and impounded for 30 days. Ofc. Rohwer

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