



# The Woodlands

July 2005

## Woodlands Association, Inc. Reaches 40 Years Old

Back in the '50s and early '60s our Woodlands was for the most part farmland. In the '60s there was a lumber yard where Nob Hill is today. Most of the planning for home development in the Woodlands got started around 1962. For nearly two centuries prior to that the area had been relatively open land used for various types of farming.

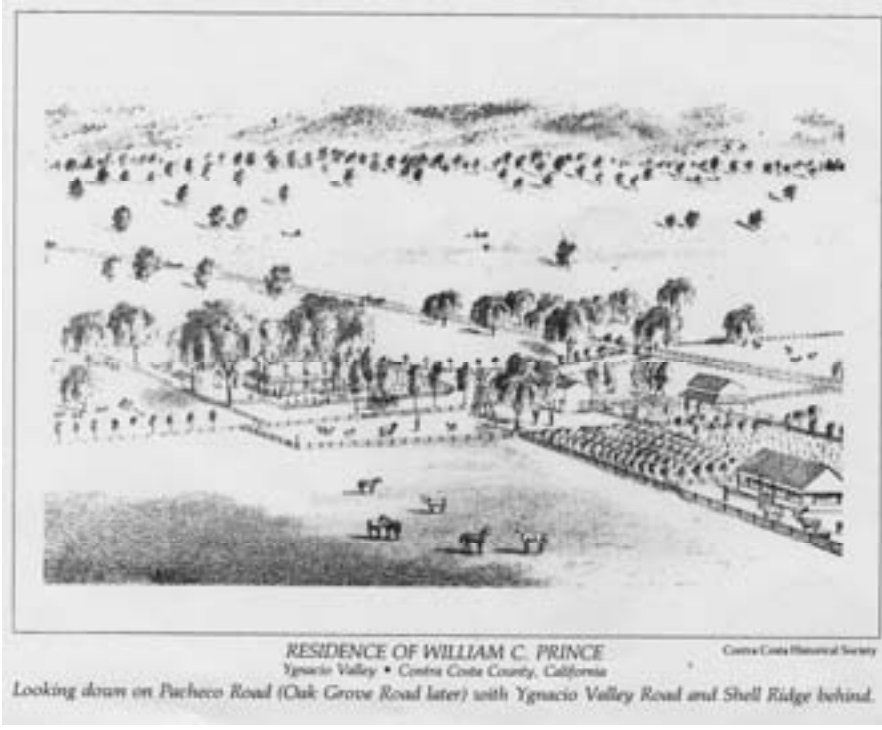
The Walnut Creek library and the local museums have drawings and etchings of this area dated from the early to the mid-1800s. See the etching reprinted here looking down at Oak Grove Road in the foreground with the Ygnacio Valley Road to the right. Back then there were daily stage coaches running from here to the delta that followed a very dusty and sometimes muddy Ygnacio Valley Road right past where the Cabana Club is located today. By looking at the picture you can imagine

livestock grazing at Valle Verde as well as right on your lawn. The farm house and farm yard in the picture were located roughly where Banyan Circle is today.

Forty years ago on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1965 the Woodlands Association was created as a California non-profit civic organization. The originators were Ray Taylor, the first president and Laurence Ainsworth, the first secretary of our Woodlands Association. Others involved included: Garfield Burkhardt, Wayne Johnston, Darlene Lovegreen, Russ Thompson and Richard Vitamanti. These seven folk made up the first Woodlands Association board. Anyone know who might still be around and how to reach them?

Clearly just about everything has changed around here through the years... everything except our Lime Ridge hills.

*By J Tilley*



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# Woodlands Youth

## Northgate High School—Little Theatre and Sports Complex

The Northgate High School “Community Pride Foundation” has reached its goal of \$1.7 million to renovate the Little Theatre at our high school. They will be taking bids from the required trades this summer and actual work on the theatre should start in the fall of this year. The Pride Foundation still needs help to fund key theatre appointments and components such as lighting and sound equipment. If you can help

with donations for these needs, check their website for details:

[www.northgatepride.org](http://www.northgatepride.org).

As a result of the Pride Foundation work, for the first time ever all our home football games starting in the fall of 2005 will be played at Northgate High School Sports Complex. This fall the complex will include new bleachers, new goal posts, a new scoreboard and new fencing. Playing home games actually at home

should give the **Broncos** a “home field” edge for a change. This new Sports Complex will eventually include a field-turf surface, eight lane track and press box.

Certainly donations are still needed and your help is tax-deductible. Pledges may be paid over a three year period. You can also use Visa or MasterCard. Send what you can to NCPF, PO Box 31652, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Donations forms are available on the website.

### Safeway to Help P.A.C.E.

Safeway has stepped up to help support the Parent Action Coalition for Education (PACE) through Safeway’s web-based shopping function at [www.safeway.com](http://www.safeway.com). As you have seen in the past three newsletters, PACE is the one organization that is running a head-on attack to hold the line on school budget cutbacks. This is how the Safeway pilot works... when you place your FIRST-ever web-

based grocery order and enter a promotion code: “CCCKIDS”, Safeway will donate \$25.00 to PACE. Safeway will also waive the delivery charge to you for these orders! This is far better than getting in your car.

The catch is that this is a pilot and needs to be completed before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Also the grocery order must be at least \$50.00. Try it once to help PACE help our kids.

### MDUSD Still Considering Boundary Study

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the Mount Diablo Unified School District is planning to undertake a study that will consider changing boundaries for attendance at District of high schools. The study is being done to address projected overcrowding at College Park High School and underutilization of Ygnacio Valley High School. Initially, the study would consider those two schools plus Clayton Valley and Northgate because of agreements that affect these schools. At the June 7 School Board meeting, it was decided to expand the study to include all six District high schools. The Board is still debating the make-up of the committee that will oversee the study. The initial plan was to include the four high schools, district officials, and representatives from the affected cities. Many parents stated that middle schools should be represented on the committee, not just high schools. The School Board will continue considering alternative committee configurations with the intent to gain the greatest extent of representation with the fewest members.

A representative from the Woodlands Board attends all of the School Board meetings where this topic is discussed and is in contact with the person in charge of the study. The Woodlands Board will report on any changes or progress made on this issue.

**By Bill Swanson**



Valle Verde Brownie Troop 1865 was awarded the “Super Troop” award.

# Community News

## Woodlands Association to Fund New Classroom at Northgate High

The Mount Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) recently approved construction of one new permanent classroom at Northgate High School as part of district-wide improvements. According to the school principal, this classroom will be used for the language lab. At the time the MDUSD was deciding on the contract for District-wide improvements, the Woodlands Association offered \$160,000 toward

purchase of a second new permanent classroom. At the June 7 MDUSD Board meeting, the District accepted our offer and committed to cover remaining costs from existing District funds.

Our agreement with MDUSD completes the allocation of \$225,000 received from the Citrus Walk developers (Trumark and DeNova Homes) for improvements at local

schools. Through our coordination with the MDUSD, local school administrators, and local PTA's or PFA's, the Woodlands Association committed the funds for projects at all three schools that serve our neighborhood. A summary of all accomplishments by the Woodlands Association related to the Citrus Walk Project is shown below.

*By Bill Swanson*

## Woodlands Association Accomplishments Related to Citrus Walk

Description	Status
Valle Verde Elementary School Shade structure (\$25,000)	Additional funds to be raised by the PTA. The shade structure to be installed after resurfacing is complete in Summer 2006
Foothill Middle School Technology upgrades (\$40,000)	Funds provided to Foothill PFA. The school is being rewired this summer. Computers will be purchased for installation this fall.
Northgate High School New classroom (\$160,000)	MDUSD to provide matching funds and install the new permanent classroom
Dedicated left turn signal from Oak Grove to Citrus	Complete. At the same time, the City of Walnut Creek installed dedicated left turn signals from Mitchell and Peachwillow to Oak Grove
Cabana Club Extended sound wall	Complete. Per agreement with Woodlands Association, the developers extended the sound wall along Ygnacio Valley Road along flood control channel (east boundary)
Cabana Club Resurfaced middle pool	Complete. Per agreement with Woodlands Association, the developers provided funds to the Cabana Club to resurface the middle pool.

### Woodlands Board of Directors

James Tilley, President  
Bill Swanson, Vice President  
Elsie Witt, Secretary  
Ed Wohlers, Treasurer  
Steve Elster, Special Projects  
Shawn Rizzo, Editor/Webmaster

**Next Board Meetings:**  
**July 9, 2005 @ 8:15am**  
**August 6, 2005 @ 8:15am**  
It's A Grind Coffee Shop

Woodlands residents are  
encouraged to attend  
board meetings at all times!



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FOOTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
3771 Cedar Lane  
Walnut Creek, California 94598  
(925) 938-8822

May 19, 2005

Jim Tilley  
President of Woodlands Association

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Dear Mr. Tilley,

On behalf of the staff and students of Foothill, I want to thank you for the donation of \$40,000.00 to the Foothill PFA. Our staff appreciates your support so they can provide our students with the best academic program.

We look forward to working with you in the next school year as we share with you our purchases for the school.

Sincerely,

Bob Johnson

Please send your  
**4th of July**  
**Woodlands Parade &**  
**Cabana Club party photos**  
to  
srizzo@woodlandsassn.org  
or call 925-465-4464.  
We'd love to share them  
on the website!  
To view past Woodlands  
4th of July photos go to:  
[www.woodlandsassn.org/  
photoalbums.htm](http://www.woodlandsassn.org/photoalbums.htm)

Visit us on the web at:  
[www.WoodlandsAssn.org](http://www.WoodlandsAssn.org)

# Community Happenings

## July 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			<b>Happy 4th of July!!!</b>			1	2
3	<b>4</b> Neighborhood Parade meet @ Valle Verde 11am  Party @ Cabana Club for all residents (members & non-members!) 12pm-5pm	5	6	7	8	<b>9</b> Woodlands Board Meeting 8:15am It's A Grind	
10	11	12	13	14	<b>15</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!!  Woodlands Association 40th Anniversary	16	
17	18	19	20	<b>21</b> Pool closes @ 4pm for Woodlands Invitational (will re-open at 11:30am on the 25th)	22	<b>23</b> Woodlands 42nd Invitational @ Cabana Club	
<b>24</b> Woodlands 42nd Invitational @ Cabana Club	<b>25</b> Pool re-opens at 11:30am	26	27	28	29	30	
<b>31</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Please submit any events you would like to see on the August calendar to <a href="mailto:srizzo@woodlandsassn.org">srizzo@woodlandsassn.org</a> or 465-4464 by July 15th</p> </div>		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>42nd Annual Woodlands Invitational</b>  <i>July 23rd &amp; 24th</i>                      19 Teams participate in this prestigious meet</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Come on down and see some great swims!!</p> <p>Pool closes at 4pm on July 21st and re-opens at 11:30am on July 25th</p> </div> </div> </div>				

# Want Ads

## Services

**3 GOOD PAINTERS:** FAST, CLEAN & NEAT. Interior & Exterior. Exceptional prep work. All your painting needs. Acoustic removal, wallpaper removal, drywall repair, texturing. CUSTOM WORK TO REPAINTS. Many References. **Free estimates. 925-935-7593** Lic. 740315

**Handyman:** Quality work. Versatile—almost any standard job or unusual problem. Electrical, plumbing, carpentry, linoleum, tile, windows, and doors. Honest and have references. **Paul 676-6607**

**Painting Contractor:** \*Area Specialist\* LCG Painting/Removal of acoustical ceilings and retexturing. (Cal Lic #765438) For all your painting needs. Specializing in interiors, exteriors and decks. Quality workmanship. Affordable rates. Satisfaction guaranteed. Many area referrals. Bonded and insured. Call **Larry 933-3766**

## Piano Lessons Made Fun!

*Let Music Brighten Your Life!*

- Now accepting new students
- All ages and levels
- Loving, individualized approach
- 25 years experience
- Local references available

*Bringing the joy of music into your heart and home*

Please call Gerri at 925-935-7536



## Woodlands Advertising Rates

### Personal/Business Want Ads:

**Line Ad with a maximum of 30 words.**

- \$8.00/Month—Woodlands Residents
- \$13.00/Month—Non-Woodlands Residents

**Business Ads: Please submit only ONE copy of your ad.**  
**Color paper is only offered for FULL Page Ads.**

- Full Page, white paper.....\$80.00 **OR** Full Page, colored paper.....85.00
- 1/2 Page.....45.00
- 1/4 Page.....25.00
- 1/8 Page.....15.00 Woodlands Residents
- 1/8 Page.....18.00 Non-Woodlands Residents

**All advertising must be submitted by the 15th of each month**

Call Shawn Rizzo @ 465-4464 or  
 email [srizzo@woodlandsassn.org](mailto:srizzo@woodlandsassn.org) to place your ad

**Have something you're thinking about selling?**

**Don't list it yet!**

**Save all of your items for the**

## *Annual Woodlands Neighborhood Garage Sale*

**SAVE THE DATE:** October 2, 2005

Our Woodlands neighborhood garage sale has run uninterrupted every year for well over a quarter of a century. David Galindo has again this year offered to organize and manage the neighborhood garage sale for us.

The date is set for Sunday, October 2nd. Details will run in our August and September newsletters.

**Free**

**Raised wooden fort over sandbox** or additional play area. Three step built-in ladder to top play area which is just over 3 1/2 feet off the ground. **FREE. Call Sheri 937-7156.**



2230 Oak Grove Road  
 Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
 Phone: (925) 930-8700

**Operating Hours:**  
 Mon-Sat: 5:30am to 10pm  
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&

**Maui Mango**

**Life's A Grind Without Our Coffee**

# Want Ads

## Woodlands Community Emergency Response Team

### GOOD NEWS !!!

**Woodlands CERT is now Scheduled  
September 13<sup>th</sup> through October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Every Tuesday Evening – 6:00 to 9:30**

We have about 25 reservations already and we can expand the training up to about 40 participants. Please email us at [emergency@woodlandsassn.org](mailto:emergency@woodlandsassn.org) (or call 465 4464) if you would like to participate in this special program. These six Tuesday evenings are taught by top professionals and might just be one of your more important life training experiences. After the sessions, we should be prepared to know what to do for just about any type of emergency or disaster.



For more details on the CERT training content see [www.walnut-creek.org/community](http://www.walnut-creek.org/community)

## Yoga With Pam

**Private or group yoga classes  
For beginners or intermediate levels**



I've been practicing and teaching yoga for 10 years. For the past five years I have been teaching in Germany and I am newly arrived to the Walnut Creek area. I have produced a CD and have a current web site:

[www.yogawithpam.com](http://www.yogawithpam.com)

**I am also a certified massage therapist specializing in:**

Cranial Sacral  
Lymphatic Drainage  
Vibrational  
Swedish

If you are interested in any of these services, please contact me, Pam Worth, at: **925-280-1700**

**Eworth1262@aol.com**

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Pittsburg, CA 94565

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- \* Overcome self defeating habits
- \* Gain powerful techniques to identify inner saboteurs
- \* Develop tools to change your relationship with food
- \* Learn powerful self-hypnosis techniques to use at home

**Date: July 12, 2005  
Time: 7pm-9pm**

**Location: Walnut Creek,  
Call for directions**

**Cost: \$35**

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**925-935-2502**

[www.bayhealing.com](http://www.bayhealing.com)

[info@bayhealing.com](mailto:info@bayhealing.com)

## SUMMERTIME

### \*\* MOM'S HELPER WANTED \*\*

Friendly Woodlands family is seeking a sitter to help mom with 3 kids (3 1/2 year-old & 16 month-old twins).

#### Responsibilities:



- ◆ Push a stroller on neighborhood walks
- ◆ Accompany us to neighborhood parks
- ◆ Read books aloud
- ◆ Pull a wagon, etc.

An adult will always be home. Requires no driving, but must be able to get to our house on own. Hours and days are very flexible, possibly 2 days per week, 4 hours per day, more if desired.

**Good pay & adorable kids!**

**Please call Hilarie @ 287-9226**

# Woodlands July 4th Celebration



1968 Woodlands 4th of July Parade

## July 4, 2005 Events

**11am Parade assembles at Valle Verde.**

**Parade begins at 11:30am.**

**Noon—5pm the Cabana Club is open to members and non-members alike!!**

**Noon—2pm Food is served at the Cabana Club.**

**Burgers & dogs, chips, cookies & a drink—\$5**

**Games for all ages!**

*We can still use help! Please call John Frattini at 938-8740 or email [kfrattini@astound.net](mailto:kfrattini@astound.net) if you can help.*

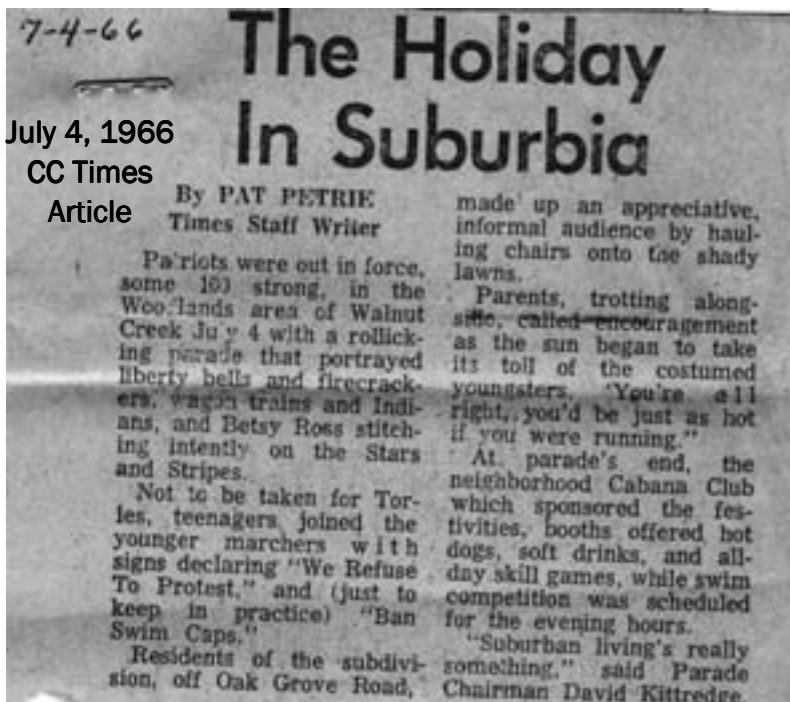
**Wear your  
RED, WHITE &  
BLUE!!**

**Kids decorate your  
bike, scooter or  
wagons!!**

**Walk your dog on a  
patriotic leash!!**

**Paint your face like  
the flag!!**

**But whatever you do...  
DON'T MISS THE  
WOODLANDS  
JULY 4th  
CELEBRATION!!!!**



July 4th, 2004