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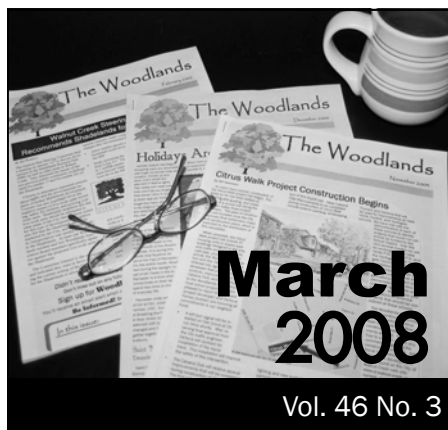
## **New BART Board President**

Woodlands resident Gail Murray is the new President of the BART Board of Directors for 2008. Gail was elected to the BART Board of Directors in 2004 to represent District 1, which includes the Orinda, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord and North Concord BART Stations.

Gail and her husband Jim moved to the Woodlands in 1970, drawn by the attractiveness of Walnut Creek and the knowledge that BART would soon be serving the city. Gail got her start in elective offices in 1972, when she was elected to the Woodlands Homeowners' Association Board, serving as president in 1974. She successfully lobbied the Walnut Creek City Council to limit the number of service stations at the Oak Grove and Ygnacio Valley intersection and to prevent Citrus from becoming a commuters' short cut by prohibiting a right turn onto Treat. She also worked on passage of the bond issue establishing the Lime Ridge Open Space to the east of the Woodlands.

Gail served on Walnut Creek's Transportation and Planning Commissions before she was appointed in 1981 to a vacancy on the City Council. From 1982-1992, she was elected to two subsequent terms and served twice as Mayor. While Mayor, she dedicated the Leshner Regional Center for the Arts and participated in a consortium that successfully lobbied Caltrans to rebuild the I-680/24 interchange.

In her professional life, Gail is a transportation consultant. She and Jim have two children that went through the Valle Verde, Foothill Intermediate and Northgate schools. Their son Mike is a MD living in Davis, CA, and their daughter Julie is an Assistant City Manager for Durham, NC.



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## Walnut Creek Soccer Club Fall 2008 House League Signups

Signups for the Fall 2008 Walnut Creek Soccer Club House League will be taking place at the Walnut Creek Intermediate School Multi Use Room (2425 Walnut Blvd) on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 12 Noon; Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 12 Noon and Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The house league is a recreational ‘everybody plays’ league for boys and girls ages 6-19. The registration form is currently being revised and will be available on-line some time in February. For more information please visit the Walnut Creek Soccer Club website at [www.wcsc.org](http://www.wcsc.org).



## Cabana Club Memberships and Swim Team Signups

The 2008 swim season will be starting soon. The Woodlands Cabana Club will open Saturday, May 10, 2008.

The Cabana Club welcomes returning members and is accepting new members. For additional **membership information**, please contact **Raymond or Cindy Thierry at 934-1247 or [Thierry@astound.net](mailto:Thierry@astound.net)**.

As in prior years, private swim lessons will be available so that your children can become water safe. Swim lessons are available for members or non-members. Please see the registration form in this months newsletter.

The Woodlands Swim Team sign-ups will be held on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The team is open to all Cabana Club members’ children ages 3-18. Swim team pre-season practice begins Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information regarding the Woodlands Swim Team, please contact Karyn Teague at 287-1229. *Ed Wohlers*

*See page 19 for application*

## Woodlands Association Board of Directors

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Board email ID’s can be found at [www.WoodlandsAssn.org](http://www.WoodlandsAssn.org)

## Upcoming Board Meetings

**Sunday, March 2nd**  
**and**  
**Sunday, April 6th**

4:30pm in Carl’s Jr. Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

# School News

Source: Foothill e-Gazette 2/01/08

## From the Foothill Library

**Book Club**-We have had wonderful participation at our Book Club meetings. Many thanks to the teachers and parents who have encouraged this. It's a terrific way to put something into the student's hands that they may never have noticed. Our next meeting will be **April 2 for grade 8** and **April 3 for grades 6/7**. The books to be discussed are: Grade 8-*Day of Tears* by Lester (true event about the largest slave auction in the U.S. in dialogue format/play format). Gr. 6/7-*Each Little Bird That Sings* by Wiles (about a girl who has a hard time dealing with her great uncle's death despite the fact that her family runs the town funeral home).

The **California Writers Club** is sponsoring a writing contest. Categories are Short Story (up to 5 pages, double-spaced), Essay (up to 2 pages, double-spaces) and Poem (up to 30 lines, not need be double-spaced). Deadline is 4/01/08. First prize of \$100, \$50 for second prize and \$25 for third prize. Betty Tenney Essay Award of \$100 is also available. We would love to see a Foothill student's picture in the newspaper for this! Download the entry form from <http://mtdiablowriters.org/youngWritersForm.pdf> or pick it up at the library.

## Parent Education

### Support Group for children/teens with parents diagnosed with cancer

Saturdays, 10 am - 1 pm, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10

Fun, creative activities for children ages 5-12 to help them express themselves

Separate group for teens 13-18

Group for parents

Family activity designed to facilitate communication. Sessions are self-contained so families can attend one or all dates. Snacks and Lunch Provided

To register, please call 925-933-0107

### YOUTH TO YOUTH Middle School Conference

hosted by San Ramon Valley CASA CHANGING THE WORLD- One Voice at a Time!

Saturday, March 8th, 2008

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Dougherty Valley High School

10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon, CA

**Conference Fee \$ 35 (pre-registered) (\$45 after February 23rd)**

Includes: Meals, Workshops, Speakers, T-Shirt, Dance, Training Materials & Much More!!

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**VALLE VERDE NEWS**

Source: VV e-voice 2/9/08

**Mark Your Calendars:**

- **February 11th (Mon): President's B'day Holiday**
- **February 13th (Wed): Science Fair**
- **February 18th (Mon): President's B'day Holiday**
- **March 3rd (Mon): PTA Meeting, B POD 7pm**
- **March 4th (Tues): 4th Grade Writing Test**
- **March 5th (Wed): PTA e-voice articles due**
- **March 12th (Wed): Report cards**
- **March 13th (Thurs): School play (runs thru 3/15)**
- **March 21st - 28th : Spring Break**

To access the full school calendar, go to the Valle Verde website Home page.

<http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/valleverde/VVSITE/>

**Spring Picture Day: 4/1**

Get ready for Picture Day on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (right after Spring Break). With spring portraits by Lifetouch, you can capture your child's unique personality and preserve a treasured memory for years to come. So, encourage your child to attend and look his/her best! You can always visit [www.lifetouch.com](http://www.lifetouch.com) for more details



**Spring Fling 2008: 4/25**



Our annual Valle Verde Fundraiser Spring Fling will be held on **APRIL 25, 2008**

This year we have an exciting Mardi Gras theme!

Save the Date and make arrangements for the sitter as this is your chance to go out with other Valle Verde parents to have a nice night with great music and food.

This year it will be held at the Marriott in Walnut Creek on Main St. There are special room rates available if you'd like to spend the night. Book your room by April 11, and the rate is only \$105 (just be sure to mention your with Valle Verde).

Please be sure to watch your mail around the week of March 15 for your invitation and respond as soon possible. Responses are due by April 10.

This year you will have a chance to sponsor your teacher. More information will out be sent out soon. Please contact Charyl Levy, Lisa Lamm, Cheri Pawlowski or Erica Randall if you have any questions.

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- 1/8 Page – 2.5 x 3.5 - \$15/month**
- Want Ads - line ad with 30 words or less:
- \$5 Woodlands Residents, \$13 Non-Residents

### Next Advertising Deadline

Please submit all ads and payments for the next issue by

**March 15, 2008**

### Submission Guidelines

- Please submit your ad in the actual size/dimensions listed above.
- Ad should be formatted with any artwork you want included at the time of submittal.
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