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Dear Mom

In the April newsletter we requested letters from kids to their mothers in recognition of Mother's Day. Please see the wonderful letters received below:



The reason why I love my mom is because she is very funny, nice and loving! I think she is the best person in the world! I am very happy to have a mom like you, mom. I love you so so soooooo much!

> Love, Katey Jo W.



Dear Mom,

I love you. Mom, you are the most amazing person on this Earth. Everything you do is wonderful. You help Mary, dad, me, and everyone else you know, every day. You work so hard and deserve to hear many thank you's. Thank you so much for taking care of our family and for loving us unconditionally. I think you learned how to do that from Yia Yia. She was an amazing mother too. I love when you ask, "do you love me?" because Mary and I always say, "yes, we still love you". :) And mom we always will. Yia Yia was a beautiful, compassionate, generous, loving mother. Even though she is no longer with us, she is in our hearts. I see the exact same qualities she had, in you. I really hope one day when I am a mother, I can be just like you and Yia Yia. I love you so much-you and Yia Yia truly are the angels that mother us, and always will be. Happy Mother's Day!



Love, Tory Rose F.

I love my mom because she is my best friend. She is always there for me, always talks to me and is always understanding. Plus, who could forget she makes absolutely AMAZING FOOD!!!!!! She is literally, the greatest mother EVER!



Love ya mom, Austín W.

Dear Mum,

Thank You so much for all my wonderful childhood memories. I still vividly remember making a mess when baking cupcakes with my brother, or when you taught me how to wrap presents on the landing in England. I know at times I take you and all you do for me for granted, but when I do good for others, I know it's because you've shown me how to have a kind and generous heart. Your unconditional love and support has helped me grow into a happy young lady.

> All My Love, Jessíca xxx



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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.



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 <u>woodlandsassn@yahoo.com</u>.

Woodlands Board Elections are Coming - Two Openings in 2011 By Ed Wohlers

The Woodlands Board of Directors is made up of four elected and several appointed positions. As required by the by-laws, the elected positions serve two-year terms. Because of limited membership on the Woodlands Board in the past, many of these positions have been filled by appointment, as allowed by the By-Laws.

The current officers Judy Jarvis, Treasurer, and Joe Casey, Vice President have indicated they do not intend to run for re-election after their term ends in July 2011. We thank them for their service.

<u>Positions</u> - The Treasurer maintains the books, makes deposits and takes care of financial concerns for the Association, among other duties. The Vice President leads the Woodlands Association when the President is unavailable and represents the organization in the community.

Requirements - All residents of the Woodlands over the age 18 are eligible for elected or appointed positions on the Woodlands Board of Directors. Interested candidates for these positions should prepare brief (up to 200 words) statements of interest to the Woodlands Board for consideration. Statements of interest for eligible candidates will be printed in the June newsletter. The July 2011 newsletter will include a ballot that will allow Woodlands residents to vote for Treasurer and Vice President for a two-year term. All submissions or questions should be sent to the Woodlands Board at woodlandsassn@ yahoo no later than May 5, 2011.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

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

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

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WALNUT CREEK POLICE **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

In the April newsletter, we discussed the Community Meeting about Crime that was held on March 7th. This month we wanted to share additional information about the Neighborhood Watch program which is a great way to interact with your neighbors and deter crime.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention opportunity reduction program which enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in their communities. Throughout the country this program has been referred to by several names: Neighborhood Watch, Home Alert, Citizen Crime Watch, Block Watch and Apartment Watch. The idea is the same: Neighbors looking out for each other!

To make the program effective, we need someone from each block or small area to host a crime prevention meeting that will be presented by the Police Department. During the meeting, you and your neighbors will be provided with information to reduce your chances of being a victim to crime. There will be a representative from the Walnut Creek Police Department to train residents to recognize and report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods and share crime prevention techniques.

AT THE MEETING

- Introduction, review of crime stats for the area.
- Presentation on how to call the police, how to report a crime or suspicious circumstance and how to better protect yourself and your property.
- Neighbors get to know each other, exchange phone numbers in case of emergency.
- Question and answer session, conversation about recent problems in the area.
- Distribution of crime prevention flyers, pamphlets, stickers. ٠

If you are interested in hosting/organizing a crime prevention meeting, please contact Walnut Creek Police Department Crime Prevention Coordinator Alicia Williams at 943-5885 or Sergeant Sean Conley at (925) 256-3519 or e-mail to conley@ walnutcreekpd.com.

Safety Tips for Children

Bv Ed Wohlers

Last year we ran an article with safety tips for children. We thought it was a good time to remind people of these tips. Some things we should teach our children include:

- Always tell your parents where you are going, who you are with and provide a contact number
- Never answer the door if alone. ٠
- Do not invite anyone in the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter. •
- **NEVER** get into anyone's car without permission from your parent or guardian.
- Don't go to restrooms in out-of-the-way places without a trusted adult.
- Don't take short cuts. Always use well-traveled streets.
- Never go to playgrounds or movies **alone**. Always bring a friend.
- Do not take candy or other gifts from strangers without asking a parent first.
- Never hitch-hike.
- Stay away from isolated areas or abandoned buildings.

If you see someone unusual hanging around a schoolyard or a park, tell your parents. Please be sure to discuss these tips with your children.

ear Dad....Letters for Father's Day

By Jessica Williams

Similarly to this issue, we would like to put together a collection of writings for the June newsletter, in recognition of Father's Day on Sunday, June 19th. Father's Day is about honoring Dad; for all that he has given and continued to contribute to the family. Do encourage your children and grandchildren to share stories of times with their Dad. Please send your stories and even photos to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com by May 15th.



Page 4 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK CAPTAINS WANTED

The Walnut Creek Police Department is working closely with the Woodlands Association in seeking interest for Neighborhood Watch Block Captains within the Woodlands Community. If you are interested, please contact the Walnut Creek Police Department's Crime Prevention Coordinator, Alicia Williams at (925) 943-5885 or e-mail at <u>Williams@walnutcreekpd.com</u>

Frequently asked questions:

What is a Block Captain?

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains work as a liaison between a particular neighborhood and the Police Department, coordinate Neighborhood Watch Meetings, and help share information with residents.

How much time is involved? I am already busy enough...

Meetings are set up at the discretion of the Block Captain depending on need and generally last approx. 1 hour. Meetings can be held monthly, quarterly, or even yearly depending on the needs of the residents or community. Meetings can be held at anytime, any day, or at any place that best suits the residents. Police Department involvement at the meetings is not required once the Neighborhood Watch group is established. Input about crime trends and crime stats can be gathered via e-mail and shared at the meetings. If the Block Captain requests Police Department participation, then Alicia Williams and/or Sergeant Sean Conley will attend.

How many residences will the Block Captain be responsible for?

Each Block Captain could manage up to five or six residences, but this will depend on the layout of the street or court. The Block Captain does not have to work alone...co-captains can be established to help manage the efforts. Meetings can be held at community centers, homes, or block parties.

How does the Block Captain communicate with the Police Department and the residents?

Each Block Captain will establish an e-mail list at the initial Neighborhood Watch Meeting facilitated by the Walnut Creek Police Department. Alicia Williams has documents that will assist in gathering e-mails and phone numbers. Once the list is established, Alicia Williams will share information with each Block Captain depending on need (i.e. Crime trends in the area, suspicious activity, Crime alerts). The Block Captain can establish e-mail groups, a Facebook page, Yahoo Groups, or Twitter as a way of sharing information with each resident. The Walnut Creek Police Department has a Facebook page that can be used as well. Block Captains are encouraged to sign up a NIXLE account to receive alerts from the Police Department via cell phone or e-mail. NIXLE is free and easy to use. Anyone can sign up at <u>www.NIXLE.com</u>

How do Block Captains get neighborhoods involved?

Block Captains are encouraged to spread the word about Neighborhood Watch in their areas. Articles can be posted in the Woodlands Association Newsletter announcing meetings in the area. Neighborhood Watch Invitations are provided by the Walnut Creek Police Department and can be passed out door to door, through e-mail, or mail. Going door to door is encouraged as it is a great way to meet the neighbors.

Neighborhood Watch is a program that relies on Community Involvement. The success of the program comes through awareness, information sharing, and proactive solutions. The Walnut Creek Police Department relies on Neighborhood Watch for information that impacts our community and works closely with each Block Captain to ensure a safe community. The Walnut Creek Police Department invites anyone who is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch to contact Alicia Williams or Sergeant Sean Conley.

Crime Prevention Coordinator Alicia Williams Phone; (925) 943-5885 E-mail: **Williams@walnutcreekpd.com**

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

11-9969 03/29/11 12:47:17 **Identity Theft** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. RP went into bank to sign W-9, daughter's social security number was related to another name. Ofc. Hibbs

11-9904 03/28/11 17:03:57 **Solicitors** 600 block Rock Oak Road. RP states a white male adult and a black male adult dropped off in the area from a van. Both now on cell phones, sitting against wall. Neither appear to have reason to be there. Dispo: Contacted one of subjects who was soliciting for Quality First Home Improvement. Sent back to Concord. Ofc. Thompson

11-9862 03/28/11 09:59:07 **Vandalism** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Unknown subject removed faceplate from the school bulletin board. Occurred on March 16. Dispo: Piece of sign removed and recovered in the neighborhood. Ofc. Kan

11-9816 03/27/11 17:56:40 **Solicitor** 600 block Banyan Lane. 25 year old white male, 5'6" with brown hair and wearing dark colored jeans. Last seen 2 minutes ago on Banyan Lane towards end of the court. Dispo: Gone on arrival, unable to locate. Ofc. Duggan

11-9787 03/27/11 13:02:51 **Miscellaneoous Traffic** 3700 block Perada Drive. Stop sign has been turned in the wrong direction. Dispo: Sign turned to face proper direction. City crew will respond on 3/28 to tighten sign mounting hardware. Ofc. Appel

11-9542 03/25/11 17:57:15 **Non-injury Collision** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Silver BMW versus silver Honda. One party refusing to exchange info. Dispo: Parties exchanged info. Ofc. Lestrange



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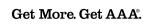
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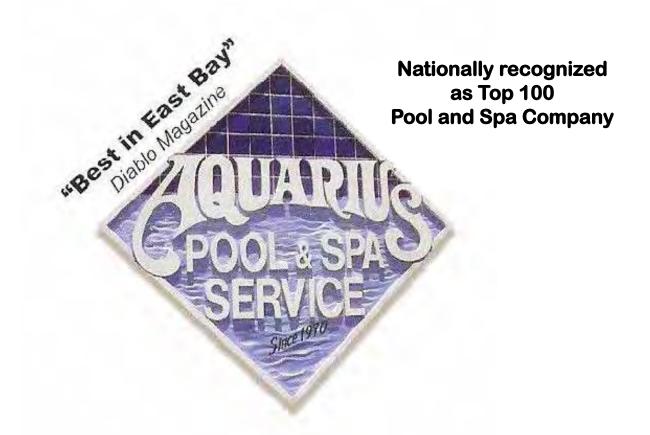
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