

The Woodlands

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November 2006

Give Thanks to our Troops and the Red, White & Blue



Corporal Nicholas Stirm

The Thanksgiving holiday brings many thoughts of thankfulness to our minds. There couldn't be a better time to extend our gratitude to our country, our flag, and our troops!

Maybe you met him during the 11 years he was on the Woodlands Swim Team...or maybe you remember him from Northgate Class of 2004. Meet one of our own neighborhood heroes - Corporal Nicholas Stirm; a Woodlands resident and United States Marine. Nick is currently serving our country in Iraq, about 40 miles northwest of Baghdad. A helicopter mechanic based out of Camp Pendleton, CA, Nick departed on September 4, 2006 on an 8-month tour of duty. His mother Sharon is active in the Blue Star Moms, an organization which supports all active duty and veterans in all branches of the military. The Blue Star Moms are dedicated in showing our troops how much they are loved and supported by

sending them care packages while they are deployed. In addition, these moms provide information and mutual support to each other. You can help the efforts of the Blue Star Moms by logging on to: www.bluestarmoms.org and clicking on "care packages" for information on donations. Or call Sharon at 933-2377.

Photo: Corporal Nicholas Stirm and his mom, Sharon, at Camp Pendleton just days before his departure to Iraq.



Our United States Flag was born on June 14, 1777, amid the first flames of America's fight for independence. When Old Glory becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag. The old flag should be "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag.

Keeping with this tradition, Mathew Clark and our local Boy Scout Troop held a Woodlands Flag Retirement Ceremony on October 14, 2006 at Borges Ranch.

Mathew, a Northgate High School student, coordinated this successful project as one of his own rigorous requirements to advance to the Eagle Scout rank.

Many people witnessed this event and learned just how the Boy Scouts of America handle this process in a dignified and appropriate way. For this ceremony, each color of every flag was carefully sepa-

rated and then each color as well as the stars were given a fiery send off in a beautiful blaze. While the flags were burning, a stirring narrative was given to accompany each different color of on their journey to ashes.

Thanks again to Matt for choosing the Woodlands for this timely project. And to all of our neighbors who supplied their weathered and damaged American Flags for this glorious ceremony.

By J Tilley



Flag Retirement Ceremony



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Mark Your Calendar

- Oct. 27: MDUSD - End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 27: Valle Verde Picture Make Ups
- Oct. 29: Walnut Creek Farmers Market, downtown library parking lot, 8am-1pm
- Oct. 29: Harvest Festival, Howe Homestead Park, 12pm-5pm, free admission
- Oct. 31: Halloween
- Nov 3: Foothill Report Cards sent home
- Nov. 4: Woodlands Association Board Meeting, Carl's Jr. 8:15am
- Nov. 7: Election Day
- Nov. 7: Walnut Creek Career Fair, 11am-2pm, Marriott Walnut Creek
- Nov. 10: Veteran's Day - MDUSD: No School
- Nov. 10: Foothill Casino Night & Silent Auction, 6pm, Blake's at Boundary Oaks
- Nov. 17: Walnut Creek on Ice opens! Civic Park
- Nov. 20-27: MDUSD: School Recess
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving
- Nov. 24: Holiday Tree Lighting, Civic Park
- Nov. 29-Dec 3: Nutcracker, Del Valle Theatre, 943-7469

Halloween Trick-or-Treat at Citrus Marketplace October 31st, 4pm-8pm

- ▶ Grilled Hotdog Stand at Nob Hill
 - ▶ Face Painting Stand at SOLAD Dance Center
 - ▶ Temporary Hair Color at Great Cuts
 - ▶ Halloween Portraits with professional photographer Scott Belding at SOLAD Dance Center



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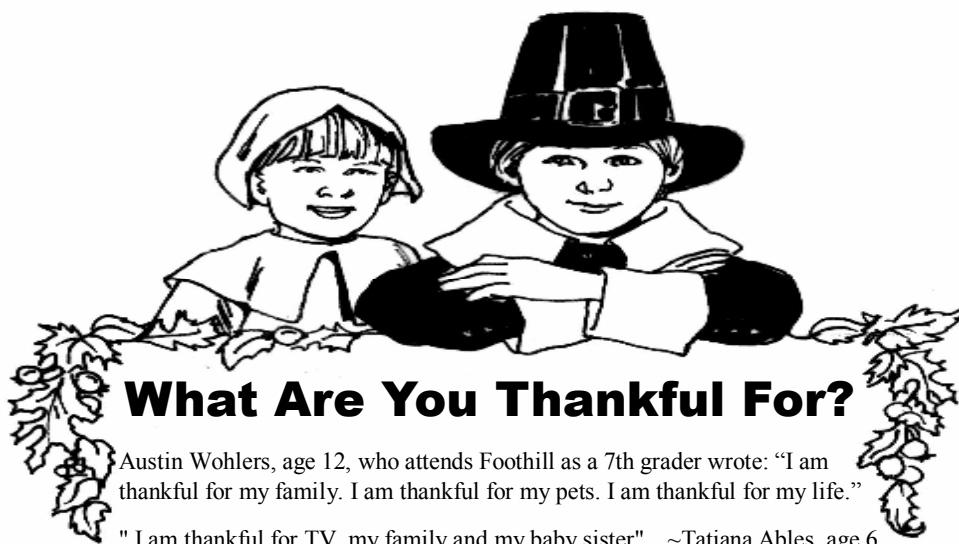
November 4, 2006
December 2, 2006

8:15am in Carl's Jr. Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings



Tatiana Ables



What Are You Thankful For?

Austin Wohlers, age 12, who attends Foothill as a 7th grader wrote: "I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for my pets. I am thankful for my life."

" I am thankful for TV, my family and my baby sister" ~Tatiana Ables, age 6

Scholastic Book Fair

Valle Verde Elementary School ~ November 13-17, 2006

Families, teachers, and the community are invited to attend the Fair, which will feature a special jungle theme: Reading Rain Forest....Wild for Books!

The Book Fair will be held daily:

Monday, Nov 13, 10am – 7pm ~ Tues, Nov 14, 11am - 8pm

Wed, Nov 15, Noon-1pm; 2pm – 5pm ~ Thursday, Nov 16, Noon-1pm; 2pm – 4pm

Friday, Nov 17, Noon-1pm, 2pm – 4pm



► **MORE:** The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including newly released titles, award-winning titles, children's classics, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. Attendees can help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List and One for Books programs.

► **CONTACT:** Gloria Bertolozzi at 925-457-7025 for any questions.

Free Refrigerator, Freezer, and Room AC Recycling

If you have an old refrigerator, freezer, or room air conditioner, you might want to consider recycling the unit to get up to \$35 plus free pick up from your home. PG&E is offering rebates of \$25 for room air conditioners and \$35 for old refrigerators or freezers. They have partnered with JACO to pick up these units from your home for free. In order to qualify you must meet the following conditions:

- You must be a PG&E electric customer
- Your refrigerator must be 10-30 cubic feet in size, empty and operational at the time of pickup.
- There is a limit of two refrigerators or freezers per household per year
- PG&E will pay \$35 per qualifying refrigerator or freezer and \$25 for each qualifying room air conditioner

Room air conditioners will only be picked up with a qualifying refrigerator or freezer.

To participate, call JACO Environmental at 1-800-299-7573. JACO will confirm eligibility over the phone and schedule a pickup. For additional detailed information, go to PG&E's website at http://www.pge.com/res/rebates/refrigerator_recycling/index.html

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HANDYMAN: Quality work. Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Linoleum, Tile, Windows, Doors. Woodlands References. Paul 676-6607

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VIOLIN LESSONS: I can give violin lessons to beginners on weekends. I have been playing violin for 10 years and I am a member of the Northgate High School Orchestra. I also played in various orchestra groups in Berkeley and Walnut Creek. Please call Andrew Lee 934-8868

ATTENTION WOODLANDS YOUTH: Do you offer lawn care, babysitting, Christmas light hanging or other services? You can place a want ad in the Woodlands Newsletter for FREE! This offer is only available to youth who currently reside in the Woodlands. Call Marc Graves at 932-1574 or email your ad to madmacsdad@aol.com

For Sale

SCHWINN Stationary Bike. Adjustable tension, seat, and handlebars. Only 404 miles on the odometer. Reading rack included. Great indoor exercise. \$125.00 (925)938-1799

Help Wanted

Light Yard Work Needed: No mowing. Please call Jean 933-3365.

WOODLANDS NEWSLETTER is looking for a volunteer to deliver our monthly newsletter to 13 homes on Perada Dr. If you are interested, please call Kay Ready at 937-6824

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Let your neighbors know to call you when they need your services!
- Did you just have custom cabinets put in your kitchen?
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Happy Thanksgiving!

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To Advertise in the *Woodlands Newsletter*,

Contact **Marc Graves 925-336-6272** or madmacsdad@aol.com
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Please note: the actual sizes below allow for binding/bleed space. Size = height x width in inches

Full Page – 10 x 7.5 - \$80/month

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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

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Please submit all ads and
payments for the next issue by
NOVEMBER 15, 2006

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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