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We've Come A Long Way!

The first *Woodlands Newsletter* made its debut in November 1965 as the Woodlands Association "greensheet." Since then, the Woodlands Association has been dedicated to delivering a quality newsletter to your doorstep. Over the last 41 years, the newsletter has experienced a wealth of change and growth.

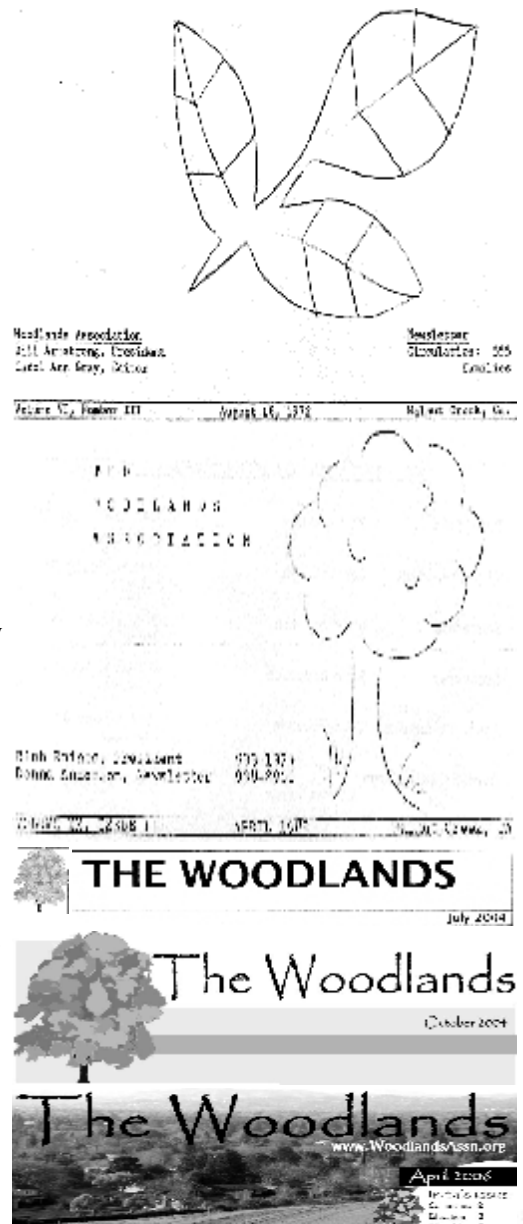
Those of you who are long time Woodland's residents may remember articles about Mr. Burton's land and the proposed shopping center (Burton Village) that was to be built there. Then came the new owners of Burton Village and articles concerning their renovation plans. Others may remember articles about the possible closing of Valle Verde Elementary. What a shame that would've been considering Valle Verde is now a California Distinguished School! Remember the debate over the closure of Citrus Avenue at Treat Blvd? And concerns regarding the possible Portofino subdivision going in behind the Woodlands. More recently, we've read articles on the Citrus Walk development, a new left hand turn signal at Citrus Ave/Oak Grove, and proposed (but not adopted) developments in the Shadelands. In addition, the newsletter has always been eager to report our Woodlands Swim Team results and Cabana Club happenings.

Technology has also been a huge factor in the growth of the *Woodlands Newsletter*. In the 1970's, 80's and 90's, the newsletter was type-written and proudly displayed a hand drawn leaf or tree at the top. There was no clip art to choose from, no stock photography, no digital photos and definitely no Photoshop!

Volunteers. Need we say more? Many devoted hands have labored together to produce and distribute a neighborhood publication worth reading. There have been many newsletter editors over the years. Carol Ann Gray, Barbara Peabody, Donna Anderson, Helen Stuart and Betty Maire are just to name a few. Unfortunately we don't have a complete list, or we'd mention them all. After the newsletter is produced, in steps the distribution team. The distribution team is what makes our newsletter and neighborhood so unique. Since the birth of the *Woodlands Newsletter* in 1965, it has become a tradition for block captains to deliver the newsletter to their block. We certainly value this personal touch and the hundreds of volunteers who have made it possible over the past 41 years. Currently, Woodlands resident Kay Ready manages 52 block captains. Kay makes sure there is a block captain for your block each month. Kay has two very dedicated volunteers, Charlie Freschl and Marge McDowell, who help her distribute all 900 newsletters to each of the 52 block captains. A huge thanks goes out to Kay and her team for delivering the newsletters come rain or shine!

In your hands is the first major change to the actual format of the *Woodlands Newsletter*. With printing costs on the rise and content expanding our girth, this new booklet format was the way to go. As always, the Woodlands Association strives to produce an attractive and high quality newsletter for our residents. We encourage you to send feedback to srizzo@woodlandsassn.org. While you're online emailing your feedback, take a trip down memory lane and read old newsletters at www.WoodlandsAssn.org.

~ Shawn Rizzo





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Mark Your Calendar

- Oct. 1: Walnut Creek Farmers Market, downtown library parking lot, 8am-1pm
- Oct. 2: Valle Verde PTA Meeting, MUR 7pm
- Oct. 4: International Automotive Treasures Exhibit, Blackhawk Museum, 10am-5pm
- Oct. 5 & 7: Auditions for Junior & Teen Theatre, call 943-5846 for audition
- Oct. 7: Woodlands Association Board Meeting, Carl's Jr. 8:15am
- Oct. 7: "Light the Night" Benefits Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Civic Park, To register call 415-581-1186 or email OttK@LLS.org
- Oct. 7: Movies Under the Stars "Oliver" @ Heather Farm Park, dusk
- Oct. 8: Walnut Creek Farmers Market, downtown library parking lot, 8am-1pm
- Oct. 14: Eagle Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony, Borges Ranch, 4pm
- Oct. 14-15: Harvest Holidays, Downtown Walnut Creek, 11am-6pm
- Oct. 15: Walnut Creek Farmers Market, downtown library parking lot, 8am-1pm
- Oct. 15: Woodlands Newsletter Advertising Deadline
- Oct. 17: Valle Verde Vision Testing for grades K & 2
- Oct. 20: Valle Verde Spookhouse 5pm
- Oct. 21: Valle Verde Fall Carnival 11am-5pm
- Oct. 22: Walnut Creek Farmers Market, downtown library parking lot, 8am-1pm
- Oct. 24-28: Red Ribbon Week
- 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. 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

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Board email ID's can be found at www.WoodlandsAssn.org

Upcoming Board Meetings

October 7, 2006
November 4, 2006

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

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Remember When...

Citrus was the shortcut to Treat?

A couple of decades ago, you could not take Citrus Avenue from Oak Grove Road all the way to Treat Boulevard. Citrus did not cross the canal between Walnut Creek and Concord! Finally, the bridge that we drive across on a daily basis without further thought was finished. This bridge opened the gateway for Citrus Avenue to continue into Concord. As a result, Citrus became very busy... very quickly. Traffic was highest in the morning and late afternoon during heavy commute hours.

Citrus Ave

For the children that had to cross the street going to and from Valle Verde, Citrus became a dangerous place. Drivers looking to save a minute or two were speeding on Citrus every day using it as a short cut between Oak Grove and Treat.

While the city was slowly pondering this problem, our Woodlands residents knew something had to be done right away. A small group of parents seized on a genius idea. Every morning selected mothers would take their car to each end of Citrus and proceed to drive exactly 25 miles per hour back and forth until school started. They paced the traffic at the speed limit much to the chagrin of anxious and sometimes angry commuters. This was both humorous and delightfully effective. *The mothers asked me not to mention their names in the newsletter, however, they laughed while telling the story.*

Treat Blvd

The city and police received several complaints about slow-driving cars on Citrus (these moms were doing a great job!). In the end, the city was pressured to kill the Citrus shortcut. At that point, the "No Right on Treat from Citrus" was implemented, diverting the shortcut seekers back to Oak Grove.

As Woodlands residents, we need to remind everyone to keep their speed under 25 at all times on both Citrus and Peachwillow. Our precious children are present. Let's keep them safe.

~ Jim Tilley

The Trick to Sending Treats to Our Troops

(NewsUSA) - Ask Deborah Crane, and she'll tell you that the trick to sending cheer to our troops serving overseas is to include lots of Halloween candy, masks, decorations - all treats that will put smiles on the faces of the soldiers who receive the special care packages offered by Crane's online business, Treats for Troops.

Supporting our troops by sending packages of goodies and love from home is Crane's passion. Over the years, she's sent hundreds of packages to family members and friends in the military.

But for the uninitiated, sending packages to the troops isn't easy. There are security concerns, Crane said, and "miles of rules and regulations and rolls of red tape," which Treats for Troops takes care of so the sender doesn't have to.

For Halloween, the company is offering a Halloween Party Pack with lots of candy and treats. There's also a Halloween Grab Bag - a colorful Jack O' Lantern drawstring bag that's over a foot high and stuffed with candy, cookies and spooky monster masks -



Treats for Troops inc.
sending soldiers packages



as well as Junior Grab Bags and Big Bags including phone cards.

People who don't have family members or friends serving in the military can send packages filled with treats to a soldier, or group of soldiers, through Treats for Troops' Foster-A-Soldier program.

In addition to themed packages of goodies, Treats for Troops' online store includes many of the basic necessities that people serving overseas appreciate. There are comfortable socks that keep the feet dry, insect repellent, bungee cords, packages of batteries and zip-lock bags that protect everything from snacks to socks. Of course, the store also offers every soldier's favorite: freshly baked chocolate chip cookies.

While a holiday is a good time to send a package, Crane thinks the gift-giving should continue all year long. "Sending a package lets the troops know they're not forgotten," she said.

For information on how to send a care package and make a soldier smile, visit www.treatsfortroops.com.

The incidents below were taken directly from the Walnut Creek Police Department's Public Log. You can view the entire log online at:

http://walnutcreekpd.com/daily_bulletin/daily_bulletin_main.html

09/03/06

- SUGARBERRY LN REQ FOR ADVICE RE MALE THAT LIVES ON CONCORD SIDE OF CANAL TRAIL THAT WATCHES HER W/ BINOCULARS AND POINTS A LASER INTO HER ROOM....RESPONSIBLE(Redacted 01) WATCHING FROM LADDER ON HIS OWN PROPERTY.NO CRIME. ADVICE GIVEN TO RP RE: DRAPES.

HRS.(Redacted 01)...GOLD 1994 SATURN 4PCX106, TAKEN FROM ENCINA SHOPPING CENTER. ON 9-9-06 BETWEEN 1700 AND 1800 HRS. NO SUSPECT INFO. Auto Theft 3 80

PLATE....AS REPORTED. Hit and Run

- CITRUS AV / PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS HE FOUND A BIKE ON HIS NEIGHBORS FRONT LAWN. RP HAS THE BIKE WITH HIM AT HOME....BOYS BMX STYLE BIKE ABANDONED IFO 3662 CITRUS APPROX. 4 DAYS AGO. YELLOW "NEXT" BRAND, "ENFORCER" MODEL, CLEAR SYSTEM Found Property

09/04/06

- CITRUS AV REPORTS SOMEONE LEFT 2 BAGS OF GARBAGE IN HIS FRONT YARD...TWO PLASTIC BAGS CONTAINING BED SHEETS AND CLOTHING WAS "DUMPED" ON THE SIDE OF THE RP/V'S HOUSE. NO SUSPECT INFO. Littering
- CITRUS AV 2 MALES YELLING IFO THE HOUSE. POSS JUST PLAYING AROUND BUT RP CANT TELL. 1 WRNG LONG BLK SHIRT, 1 WRNG LONG WHI SHIRT. Service to Citizen

WOODLANDS CRIME WATCH



09/14/06

- CITRUS AV / OAK GROVE RD ***Complex*** REPORTS SUSP RIDE DODGE TRUCK LEAVING B OF A 5 AGO. APPROX 12 YEAR OLD WFJ GOT OUT OF VEH AND WAS TELLING MALE DRIVER THAT SHE WANTED TO WALK AND WAS CRYING. LIC @4M10074/ OR @4M10774... UTL GOA Susp. Circumstance

09/06/06

- CITRUS AV REPORTS SUBJ LOITERING OUTSIDE HER NEIGHBORS HOUSE GOING THRU THEIR MAILBOX, 1 OFA WITH KIDS. RP STATES THIS OFA ALREADY HAS MADE A FAKE ID WITH THE NEIGHBORS ADDRESS ON IT....UTL. GOA. Susp. Circumstance

09/11/06

3000 BL CITRUS CR ***Complex*** AT CAMDEN FINANCIAL. REPORTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE SHOVED RP 10 AGO. DECLINING MEDICAL. SUBJ IS NO LONGER ON SCENE-LEFT IN BLK PK POSSIBLY HEADING TO HOUSE IN PITTSBURG(Redacted 01)...SIMPLE ASSAULT. Assault 3 80

09/15/06

- 2900 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD REPORTS LARGE CROWD AT LIMERIDGE OPEN SPACE ON TREAT... TRANSFERRED TO CPD.

- BAYBERRY DR / PERADA DR REPORTS 2 SUBJS GOT OUT OF A BLK VEHICLE WITH RIFLES PARTIAL PLATE 4HTH. HEADING TWRDS THE TRAIL. HM, BLK JKT. HM 20. LS ABOUT 30 AGO. RP NOT SURE IF HUNTING IS ALLOWED IN THAT AREA....AREA CHECK, Susp. Circumstance

09/07/06

- SUGARBERRY LN REPORTS ALARM Noise Complaint 3 80

09/16/06

- TUPELO DR THEFT OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX WITH CREDIT CARDS, PASSPORTS, COINS ETC. FROM OPEN GARAGE. OCCURRED BETWEEN 0830 1230 9/15/06....THEFT FROM UNLOCKED SECURITY BOX IN OPEN GARAGE DURING TIMEFRAME WHEN PLUMBER AT RESIDENCE. 9/15/06 0900-1230 HRS. Theft

09/08/06

- CANDLEBERRY RD REQUEST 11-24 TAG FOR WHI COMMERCIAL DUMP TRUCK PARKED FOR OVER A WEEK.... REFERRED TO PARKING ENFORCEMENT Abandoned Vehicle 3 80
- BAYBERRY DR / PERADA DR REPORTS VEH PARKED AT THE END OF BAYBERRY AND KIDS ON THE TRAIL AFTER HOURS....3 CARS CITED FOR PARKING VIOL. Miscellaneous Traffic 3 80

09/12/06

- BANYAN CR BARKING DOG COMPLAINT...QUIET ON ARRIVAL. Noise Complaint 3 80
- OAK GROVE RD / YGNACIO VALLEY RD REPORTS SHE WAS HIT ON HER BIKE AT 1345HRS TODAY. NO RESP INFO. **RP AT HOME**... Hit and Run 3 70

09/18/06

- CITRUS CR RP REPORTING HAZARDOUS WASTE ITEMS (PAINT CANS, TIRES, AND MISC DEBRIS) LEFT IN BUSINESS DUMPSTER. ALSO HAS POSSIBLE SUBJ INFO; ENVELOPES WITH ADDRESSES LEFT IN DUMPSTER AS WELL. **FC**... PROPERTY MANAGER NOTICED ITEMS IN THE DUMPSTER THIS MORNING. Littering

09/09/06

- 2900 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD 911 HANGUP FROM PAPA MURPHY'S. ON CALLBACK EMPLOYEE REPORTING 10851 OF '94 GLD STRN SL1 SINCE 1600

09/13/06

- 2700 BL SHADELANDS DR REPORTS 20002 TO PARKED UNOCCUPIED BLU HYUNDAI ELECTRA. SUSP VEH: (Redacted 01) POSS FORD TAU. DRIVER: WM BALD 20-30YO. OCCRD TODAY AT 1235HRS. DMG: DENT THROUGH FRONT LIC



HAUNTED HOEDOWN

The Valle Verde Fall Carnival will be held on

Saturday October 21st, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

This year's theme is a Haunted Hoedown. The Carnival is packed with fun for everyone including traditional favorites like the Cake Walk, Pumpkin Raffle, Inflatables and more. New this year is the Western Portrait Studio along with a Chili Cookoff.

Put on your Cowboy Hats and come join the fun!!!

Reminder:

American Flag Retirement Ceremony Borges Ranch, October 14th, 4:00 p.m.

Remember, one of our Northgate Eagle Scout candidates is retiring old and tattered flags across the Woodlands as an Eagle Scout service project. Matthew Clark, along with his fellow scouts, will be hosting the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Borges Ranch on **Saturday, October 14th, 4:00 p.m.**

Matthew's flyer is repeated in this newsletter and if you have an older candidate flag for the ceremony please call Matt directly at 925-363-4532 and he will take care of your flag. Everyone in the Woodlands is invited to see this special ceremony that will be performed by a trained group of Boy Scouts. Bring your family to see this unique event. Anyone that can help Matthew locate flags for this ceremony is more than welcome. Give Matthew a call.



From Your *Neighbors* Kitchen

Quick German Carrot Salad

From the kitchen of Sabine Kroeber

You need: 1 bag (16 ounces) baby carrots, juice from half of a lemon & juice from half of an orange, 1 tablespoon Canola oil, 1 tablespoon Curry, 1 tablespoon mustard, seasoned salt, 5 tablespoons plain yogurt, finely chopped parsley and /or cilantro.

Directions: Chop carrots in food processor. Add all the other ingredients and mix. Enjoy fresh, but still tastes good after 2 days in the fridge.

(My kids like this more without the yogurt)

Have a recipe that you'd like to share with your Woodlands neighbors? Email it to srizzo@woodlandsassn.org or mail to: Woodlands Association, P.O. Box 31085 Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Valle Verde Silent Auction Baskets

Visit our site for a sneak preview!

www.ValleVerdeBaskets.com

You can bid on these baskets at the Valle Verde Fall Carnival on **Saturday, October 21st between 11am and 4pm.** You will also be able to buy any of these baskets online with our "Buy It Now" feature, starting 2 days before the carnival. Further directions will be posted.

The Valle Verde Silent Auction is a great opportunity to showcase your business to the 400+ families which belong to the Valle Verde community. If you would like to make a donation to the Auction, please contact: Sabine Kroeber, 296-0948, skroeber@astound.net or Angelika Stein, 465-4793, astein@astound.net

Important Deadlines for Basket Coordinators:

October 1st: Please give as a rough idea of the baskets your classroom is planning.

Wednesday, October 11th: Please submit a list of your basket items along with the total retail value, even if the list (or the basket) is still incomplete.

Wednesday, October 18th, 9pm: Deadline for additions and changes to your basket

Thursday, October 19th: Online bidding starts.



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Woodlands Youth Services

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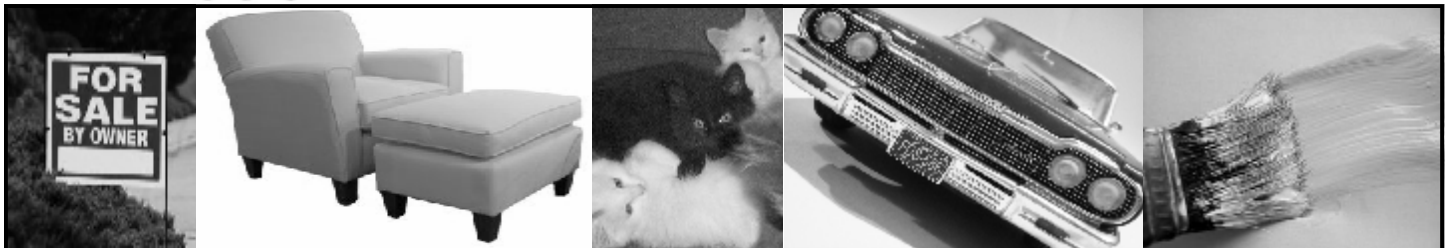
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