



The Woodlands

Special Notice

September 2005

Last Chance!

Sign up for Woodlands CERT Training
(Community Emergency Response Training)

If you answer "No" to ANY of the questions below,
you should sign up for CERT Training!

In the event of an emergency, would you know how to.....

- * Use a fire extinguisher?
- * Correctly shut off the gas & electricity in your home?
- * Rescue a family member or neighbor by opening airways,
stopping bleeding or treating shock?
- * Set up an emergency medical treatment area to treat minor injuries and burns?
- * Safely carry a victim?
- * Safely conduct an interior search of your home?

Sign Up NOW!

September 13 - October 18

Every Tuesday 6pm - 9:30pm

Training held at the Fire District Training Center on Treat Blvd.

This service is *FREE* to all of us and is only in the City Budget for 2005.

To Attend the Woodlands CERT Training: **Call: 925-465-4464** **Email: emergency@woodlandsassn.org**

Or Mail this form to: Woodlands Assoc., 3327 Perada Dr., Walnut Creek 94598



YES! Sign me up for the Woodlands CERT Training

Sept. 13 - Oct. 18

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

OF PERSONS ATTENDING: _____

(You may invite non-Woodlands residents)



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Re-Cap of Woodlands Association Accomplishments Related to Citrus Walk

At the request of several interested neighbors, we are providing a recap of all accomplishments by the Woodlands Association related to the Citrus Walk Project.

The table below is a reprint from the July 2005 newsletter.

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 and other technological upgrades will be purchased for installation this fall.
Northgate High School New class room (\$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.

Walnut Creek General Plan Update

The City of Walnut Creek held two community workshops on August 9th and August 13th to discuss the Draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The purpose of the workshops was to inform the public about the contents of the drafts and to take public comments.

At the meeting some of the major themes of the General Plan were discussed. These themes included:

- ◆ Planning to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles
- ◆ An emphasis on housing availability and higher densities in the downtown area and near transit, and
- ◆ Strategic economic stability for WC

Several members of the audience said they were concerned about the potential increases in residential, commercial and mixed-use developments. They were also concerned about increasing traffic and the need for improved public transportation. Several people also felt that their voice was not being heard and that the community feedback process was not working based on the draft General Plan. Representatives from the City said these comments, along with many others will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

The draft General Plan and EIR were published August 8, 2005. The publishing of these documents starts the 45 day public comment period. All submitted written comments on the EIR will become part of the finalized EIR and must be responded to in writing by the City. We encourage inter-

ested Woodlands residents to attend upcoming meetings on this topic.

For additional information, please check the Walnut Creek webpage at www.walnutcreek.org/generalplan, or call Victoria Walker or Matt Thomas at 943-5834.

By Ed Wohlers

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Community News

Woodlands Crime & Safety Bulletin

Back to School

Vacations are over, kid's are back in school and Fall is just around the corner. Here are just a couple safety tips for Back to School season:

- * Drive slowly in residential neighborhoods, the kids are back in school and will be walking and riding their bikes on the streets and sidewalks. Also, be aware that our traffic department (Motorcycle & Patrol Officers) will be out in force making sure everyone is obeying the rules of the road and staying safe.
- * If your child will be riding a bike, make sure he/she wears their helmet, is aware of bicycle safety and the rules.
- * Motorized scooter reminder: You must be 16 years of age, wear a helmet, and have a drivers license or learners permit. You must only travel on streets which have a speed limit of 25 mph or less or travel in separate bike lanes. Motorized scooters may not be driven over 15 mph and may not ride on sidewalks. In WC you cannot ride motorized scooters in parks, the Iron Horse Trail or the Canal trails.

Crime in the Woodlands district

The following is a list of property crimes that have occurred in the Woodlands area

between May 1, 2005 and July 31, 2005 (there were no persons crimes to report):

Burglary	9
(vehicle, residential & commercial)	
Vehicle Theft	0
Theft	3
Vandalism	3
Littering	3

Property Crimes

Property crimes are on the rise in our City, County and State. Here are a couple of helpful reminders to keep your property safe:

- * Do not keep valuables in your vehicle. It is very tempting to leave your purse, briefcase, etc. in your back seat while you "run in" for "just a sec." But that is just what the crook is banking on. If you must leave something in your car be sure and put it in the trunk, crooks can still get to it but it will be more of a hassle. It only takes a bad guy 20 seconds to punch a window and take your property.
- * Always keep your doors and windows locked on your home and your vehicle. Use security hardware on residential doors and windows.
- * Be sure your garage door closes when you leave. There are many reports of residents leaving their garage door up when they leave and they don't even

realize it. If an animal trips the sensor the door will go up and you are down the road not to return for 8-10 hours giving the bad guys full reign on your garage and home.

- * Lighting and Landscaping: Keep your home well lit at night. Motion sensors, landscape lighting, etc. all help, crooks don't like light. Keep your landscape neatly trimmed and do not cover windows or doors with bushes.

If you would like to have a security assessment of your home or business or are interested in establishing or re-establishing a neighborhood watch group please contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator of the Walnut Creek Police Department at (925) 943-5885 for an appointment.

Alarm Ordinance

The City of Walnut Creek has an alarm ordinance, which requires any user of an alarm system that generates police response whether it is monitored by an alarm company or not, to have a valid permit on file. The fee for the alarm permit is free to residences and \$25 for commercial entities to be renewed yearly (which include home based companies). To obtain an alarm permit please email alarm_manager@walnutcreekpd.com with your name and address and an application will be **mailed** to you (the applications are not available on-line at this time) or you can call (925) 943-5885.

*By Danielle Walrath,
Walnut Creek Police Department*

Annual Woodlands Neighborhood Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE DATE: October 2, 2005

Sign up to be included on the garage sale map!!

Call David Galindo 925-945-4575

Please leave your name, phone number, address, and a brief description of the items for sale.

Deadline to register is 6:00pm Sunday, September 25th!!

Also see the attached "green flier" for additional garage sale information

Community News

An Idea From The 'Hood...

Weekly Neighbor Meal Exchange Helps!

The doorbell rings at 6 p.m. on a Monday night. It's almost dinnertime and your family is hungry. What do you do? For me, I answer the door willingly because I know it's my neighbor delivering our home-cooked meal as part of our weekly meal exchange.

Just pick one night a week off from your already hectic schedules and still enjoy a fresh, home-cooked meal without having to resort to take-out. On Mondays I know I can play games with my kids, schedule late-afternoon activities, or enjoy a little quiet time before getting dinner on the table. You can, too.

Here's how:

**Find someone in the neighborhood who enjoys the same types of food and has a family similar in size to your own.

**Decide upon a healthy entrée plus a side dish or salad. Dessert or seasonal fresh fruit are occasional bonuses.

**Choose which day of the week you'd each like to prepare and deliver your meal.

**Stock up on easy-to-transport Gladware in various sizes.

**Discuss any food allergies or dislikes.

**Start cooking and deliver your meal on your chosen day at whatever time you decide upon.

**Do you work full-time? Just deliver meals later and eat the next day or exchange meals on the weekend.

Reach out by sharing a good meal with a neighbor while you help your own family. You'll be glad you did!

By Karen Worthington

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Next Board Meetings:

August 6, 2005 @ 8:15am

September 3, 2005 @ 8:15am

It's A Grind Coffee Shop

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

Good Neighbors

Woodlands Pets

Two concerns regarding Woodlands pets have been brought to my attention recently. The first is regarding "night owl" dogs who seem to bark at all hours of the night. While Woodlands residents' sleep is very important, so is the care of our pets. Please make sure that your dog gets enough play and activity during the daylight hours so when it's time for bed he will be ready to rest. If you have a dog who is a chatter box and loves to talk regardless of how much activity he's had, please consider creating a place inside for him to sleep.

The second concern is related to Woodlands pets who use the restroom in other neighbor's yards while they are out on a walk. When you take your dog for a walk, please also take along a trash bag to collect his "belongings" if he should leave them in a neighbors yard.

Complying with these two suggestions will help our pets become "Good Neighbors" also.

By Shawn Rizzo

Roof Rats

Roof rats (*rattus rattus*) can be an extremely irritating problem. All Woodlands residents can help minimize roof rats by:

- ◆ Promptly picking fruit from your fruit trees and picking up any fallen fruit from the ground.
- ◆ Keep your yard well maintained and clean.
- ◆ Don't leave pet food outside—feed your pets inside!
- ◆ Keep garbage cans tightly sealed.
- ◆ Seal your home—check for any holes/cracks from the outside

Woodlands Youth

Mark Your Calendar For Valle Verde's Fall Carnival!

Saturday, October 22nd

Donations Needed For The "Woodlands Community Basket"

There will be food, games and fun for all ages! Invite your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to come have a great time, and support Valle Verde at the same time!

The Fall Carnival is an important fundraiser for our school. During the Fall Carnival there will be Silent Auction Baskets everyone can bid on. The baskets alone usually raise 7-9 thousand dollars. This year, there will be a "Woodlands Community" basket, with donations from you, our generous and talented neighbors! But to fill this basket, we need your help!

You can help by:

- * Soliciting donations (products & services) from local merchants. Simply ask the places you frequent if they would like to make a donation.
- * Donating your own special talent! Don't like soliciting? Maybe YOU have a special talent you would like to

donate! Are you good at taking pictures? – Donate your service for taking pictures at a birthday party. Do you like cooking with your friends? Donate a cooking lesson for 6 people. Do you love dogs? Donate a voucher for dog-sitting for a week. Do you speak a foreign language? Donate a couple of lessons! Consider donating services like sewing, landscaping, painting, chauffeuring, pet/plant/house sitting, swimming lessons, doing crafts with kids, hosting a cocktail party ... the possibilities are endless. Do it together with a friend and you will have even more fun thinking and planning the event.

Need more information, want to donate an item or service, or help the Silent Auction Basket Committee? Contact Sabine Kroeber @ 296-0948; skroeber@astound.net or Angelika Stein @ 465-4793; astein@astound.net.

Cub Scout Pack 464 Invites New Members!



Cub Scout Pack 464, operated by Parents of Pack 464 out of Valle Verde Elementary in Walnut Creek will be having a picnic to start the new school year, and welcome potential new members on Sunday, September 25th at Valle Verde Park on Banyan Circle at 4pm.

- Annual Pinewood Derby Races
 - Local hikes around Contra Costa County
 - Overnight trip to the SF Zoo "Wild Nights"
 - Overnight trip to the USS Hornet
 - The traditional Blue and Gold Banquet
- ...Just to name a few!

Pack 464 will also be on campus at Valle Verde the first week of school to sign-up new members as well.

Boys and parents or guardians who want to know more about Cub Scouting can log on to the Boy Scouts of America national Web site for information: www.joincubscouting.org or www.scouting.org. Contact Cubmaster Dean Master for more information at 925-934-5095

All boys in first through fifth grades are invited to bring a parent or guardian to this special event. There will be games and activities for the boys, while the adults are completing new-member applications and learning about the scouting year ahead. We have a great year planned, including many fun events:

- Trip to Chabot Science Center

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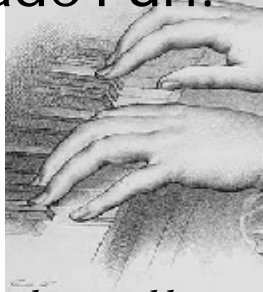
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 \$13.00/Month—Non-Woodlands Residents

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
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 1/8 Page.....15.00 Woodlands Residents
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All advertising must be submitted by the 15th of each month

Call Shawn Rizzo @ 465-4464 or email srizzo@woodlandsassn.org to place your ad

Visit us on the web at: www.WoodlandsAssn.org

Services

HAULING COMPANY: Woodlands resident eager to aid neighbors' waste problems! We haul and/or perform additional services such as demolition, garage/shed clean-out, tree trimming, and much more! CALL US TODAY! (925)934-3743 or visit our website www.dumploadsonus.com

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Correction:

Last month's Good Neighbor article on noise quoted the time in error. The city allows construction and other loud activities to start at 7:00 am and cease at 6 pm.

*We apologize for any confusion.
 -The Woodlands Board*



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