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June 2016

#### Bike and Walk to School Day a Success

140 students biked or walked to Valle Verde Elementary School on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and signed-in at one of the three check-in tables, and an estimated 20+ additional students also participated, meeting our goal of 150 participants. The event was sponsored by Street Smarts in an effort to reduce traffic, build independence, give students responsibility, and decrease pollution. By walking or biking to school the traffic on Peachwillow decreases and everyone gets some exercise.

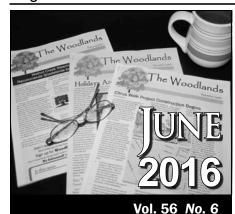
Bike bells were awarded to the first 5 students who arrived at the bike racks, and bicycle pins, pencils, stickers and temporary tattoos were awarded to all participants. Two-thirds of the students walked and one-third rode their bicycles. Let's bike or walk to school whenever possible and make it a good habit.



(Pictured with the bike bells: Rylie Rattaro, Dylan Klintworth, Joey Walson, Katelyn Rattaro and Olivia Walson)

#### Valle Verde's 50th Birthday

With Valle Verde's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up this fall, we are looking for photos of the school through the years. Did your or your children or grandchildren attend Valle Verde in the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, or the early 2000s? If you have photos you'd like to share, please let us know at woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com. Thank you!



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#### Who to Contact?

The Woodlands Association receives some emails and questions about many issues that are best resolved by contacting the following agencies directly. The following is a reference guide:

#### Walnut Creek Code Enforcement, 925-256-3508 or 925-943-5863

The Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department is responsible for enforcing provisions of the Walnut Creek Municipal Code involving quality of life and neighborhood quality issues. http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/nuisance\_abatement\_n\_code\_enforcement.asp

#### Walnut Creek Police Department, 925-943-5844

http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/default.asp To report a suspicious circumstance, call 925-935-6400

Oversized Vehicle Reporting, Sandy Mulligan: Parking Lead Services Officer, 925-943-5874

Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District (Pests and Insect Issues), 925-771-6196 http://www.contracostamosquito.com/programs\_services\_index.htm

#### Contra Costa Water District, 925-688-8000

Water conservation, information, gardening resources, moneysaving tips. http://www.ccwater.com

# Allied Waste Services of Contra Costa County, 925-603-1144 http://www.pleasanthillbayshoredisposal.com

Valley Waste Management (recycling and yard waste service): 925-935-8900

#### Canal Maintenance, 925-313-2235

The canal is part of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Maintained by the Public Works Department

Graffiti Reporting: City of Walnut Creek, 925-943-5854

Contra Costa County Animal Control, 925-335-8300
After business hours, contact the Walnut Creek Police through Dispatch Center at 925-935-6400. http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=59

Street Maintenance: 925-943-5854



www.registertovote.ca.gov

### June 7th is the General Election! MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

### **Woodlands Association Board of Directors**

Adrienne Robillard ~ President Bill Gilmyers ~ Vice President Jan Gall ~ Treasurer Erik Ehlers ~ Secretary Lori Bhatia ~ Newsletter Editor Todd McNeill ~ Webmaster

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# Upcoming Board Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 4th Saturday, July 2nd

at Denica's, 2280 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek (in Citrus Marketplace)

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings.

#### Your Dog is Awesome! (But Still Needs to Be on Leash)

By Bill Gilmyers

I'm a dog lover and a dog owner. My dog, Casey, is an absolute sweetheart. I'm sure you'd love him. He's also pretty well behaved, most of the time, except when he's chewing up one of my daughter's toys. I could walk around the neighborhood, especially around Valle Verde, and nine times out of ten he'd be a perfect gentleman, and have a delightful romp. I would love to give him this opportunity. Unfortunately, as mentioned earlier, he's a dog. This means that sometimes he's going to see another dog, or a squirrel, or whatever, and bolt after it, and things may or may not end well.

Fortunately, there's this great invention called a leash, which I can use to keep Casey under control at all times. It's not his favorite, and I'd love it if he could go for walks without it. As a responsible dog owner, however, I know that it's the law that he be on a leash, and having him wear it is also a basic courtesy shown to my neighbors using our shared public spaces.

Are you a dog owner too? Great, I'm sure I'd love to meet your pet. Undoubtedly your dog would love to run around Valle Verde off leash, and who can blame him, it's a great, open, outdoor space! Do you let him run off leash when there's no one around? I'm sure you are a nice person, trying to give your dog a good experience, and you have only the best of intentions. Unfortunately, you can't.

Now, you may be telling yourself that, well, maybe Bill's dog is a big dumb mutt but mine is an AKC certified, Caesar Milan trained, super-genius who will respond instantly to any command I give him. You're probably right! It just doesn't matter. The rules are the same for you as for everyone else. And if your super-nice dog, off leash, approaches my super-nice dog, on leash, and gets bitten, that's your fault not mine. So just don't let this happen.

Note, I've been guilty of this myself in the past, so I understand the urge to let Fido run free, I really do. I've been thoughtless at times and not given proper consideration to my neighbors, even when I knew I should have. A long time ago one of my dogs bit the mailman, which wasn't nice, and that was my fault. So no judging here, just a simple message. Please keep your sweet, awesome dog on a leash when you are off your property. It's the law, and it's also the neighborly thing to do.

Thanks.

#### Like A Good Neighbor

By Erik Ehlers

Here in the Woodlands, we take great pride in our friendliness towards our neighbors. Part of being a good neighbor is offering a helping hand when you can. If you see your long-time neighbor's yard, usually kept tidy, falling into disarray, ask what you can do to help out. Maybe your neighbor has suffered a back injury and would love your help in turning off sprinklers, or you could use your Thor-like arms and your garden scythe, scimitar, or machete to beat back some of the overgrown flora.

Being a good neighbor also means knowing your neighbors. If you see that new neighbors have moved onto your block, stop by to say hello and introduce yourself. Take them a pie or a bottle of wine (or both!) and tell them all about your street, invite them to a BBQ, or regale them of tales of the wonderful neighborhood 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. The Woodlands is not just a place to live, but a place where we can all feel at home.

# **Woodlands 2016 Board Elections!**



Woodlands Board elections take place this month for the President and Secretary positions, for a voluntary two-year term beginning August 1, 2016. Bill Gilmyers, the current Vice President, has expressed interest in serving as President. Robert Baldwin has expressed interest in serving as Secretary. Both board members' statements of interest are published in this issue of the newsletter. All Woodlands residents are members of the Woodlands Association, each residence is allowed two votes, and all voters must be 18 years or older.

Please complete the ballot below and send to: Woodlands Association, P.O. Box 31085, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 by July 10, 2016.

Results of the election will be published in the August newsletter.

Ballot for open Woodlands Board positions:	
Secretary	
Robert Baldwin	
Other	
	(Print Name Here)
President	
Bill Gilmyers	
Other	
	(Print Name Here)
Submitted by	
Address	
Telephone No	
(Signed)	

Please include your contact information in case we have any questions. If you have any questions, please contact the Board via e-mail at **woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com** and provide a contact number.

# Woodlands 2016 Board Elections – Statements of Interest

Woodlands Board elections take place in July for the President and Secretary positions, for a voluntary two-year term beginning August 1, 2016. Bill Gilmyers, the current Vice President, has expressed interest in the President position. Robert Baldwin, new to the neighborhood, has expressed interest in the Secretary position. Both statements of interest follow:

Statement of Interest: President

I've lived in the Woodlands for just over four years and joined the board in 2012. I feel very strongly about our neighborhood and eager to help maintain and enhance the quality of life we all enjoy here. Having already served as Secretary and Vice President, I'd like to contribute in the President role next.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Gilmyers

Statement of Interest: Secretary

My wife and I moved into the Woodlands four years ago this October. I am interested in serving the Woodlands' community in many differetn ways. I believe that it is important to make connections with your neighbors and to know that we all play a special part. Bring a part of your community can plant the very early seeds of social awareness and I look forward to getting to know more neighbors through service. If ever I leave the Woodlands, I want to make sure I left it a better place than when I first moved in.

Robert Baldwin

#### **Northgate Feeder Pattern**

By Erik Ehlers

In a meeting that seemed to catch many members of the Northgate community by surprise, the Mount Diablo School District Board voted April 25 to add two additional middle schools to Northgate High School's feeder pattern. While that vote was 4-1, with board member Linda Mayo casting the lone dissenting vote, it proved to be the catalyst for a strong reaction from members of the Northgate community.

In a thread on the local social media site, Nextdoor, a post on the topic drew a multitude of comments, including one from MDUSD board member Brian Lawrence. Lawrence, who lives in the Northgate attendance area and is up for re-election this year, reconsidered his stance in favor of the additional feeder schools based on the feedback from the community.

Chief among the residents' concerns were that the already overcrowded high school campus would be stretched even further beyond its intended capacity. In addition, since these feeder schools were closer to other district schools, there were objections to the additional traffic and the likelihood that potential transfers from Walnut Creek residents assigned to Ygnacio Valley High School would be denied, due to the additional spots that would be occupied by students from the two added middle schools.

In addition to Lawrence, Debra Mason voted to return the boundaries to their previous state. The cause of those in favor of the existing boundaries was helped by members of the Walnut Creek City Council, who wrote a letter to the school board encouraging the retention of the existing feeder pattern. MDUSD board member Barbara Oaks, whose term expires in 2016 as well, voted in favor of adding the two additional junior highs to the feeder pattern at both meetings. Whether she will face a challenge for her seat remains to be seen.

This turn of events seemed to energize members of the Northgate CAPS group which seeks to create a Northgate School district based on the MDUSD elementary and middle schools that lie within Walnut Creek, including the Woodlands own Valle Verde.

#### **Meet the New Woodlands Interns**

We are excited to have two interns joining the Woodlands Board for the 2016-2017 term. They are being trained by our outgoing interns, Danielle and Talia Arauzo, who have been valuable contributors to the Woodlands since 2014. Alissa Johnson is a 9th grader at Northgate High School. She has lived in the Woodlands for four years with her father, mother, three brothers, and sister admiring the open space and wildlife. Alissa loves music and is enrolled in Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Marching Band as a percussionist/drummer. She also has a budding interest in physics, hence the quantum entanglement articles she contributed to the April and May publications. In her free time she enjoys listening to music, reading, and baking. She looks forward to learning more about journalism and her community through this internship.

Fifteen year-old Ryan Park is a freshman at Bentley High School in Lafayette. Ryan moved to the Woodlands neighborhood in late August of 2015. So far, she loves the neighborhood for the friendly, family-oriented, community-based atmosphere. Ryan first expressed interest in getting involved with the Woodlands Association because she admired the functionality of the organization, as it acts similarly to that of an HOA, without the constant funding, or formal institution of one. The volunteer based program further illustrated the sense of community in the neighborhood, and the altruistic nature of those in it. Ryan enjoys playing basketball, and was a member of the women's varsity basketball team at Bentley during the Winter, and is currently starting out the Spring season playing for a local AAU club team, NorCal Prep. Ryan is running track for Bentley this Spring. In addition, Ryan holds a red belt in Tang Soo Do, a traditional Korean martial art. Ryan has a busy family life as well, with four foster siblings at home. The eldest of the four attends second grade at Valle Verde Elementary, and is also loving the new neighborhood, and very enthusiastic about all of his great new friends. Ryan recently started an Asian Culture and Heritage Club at her school with one of her friends, and is very excited to be the first freshman club president in Bentley's 95-year history. Ryan is looking forward to getting involved with the association.

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# Prepare for an Emergency

More than of Americans live in counties that have experienced a weather related disaster. However, only of Americans have created an emergency plan for their households. While it's almost impossible to predict when an emergency or natural disaster will occur, creating a plan may help keep your family safe in the event of one. The better prepared you are the more comfortable you.

#### KNOW THE RISKS

No matter where you live, your region may be susceptible to one or more emergency situations or weather hazards, including: earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes or blizzards. Although some of these events—like hurricanes—may provide some advanced warning, others—like earthquakes—are hard to predict. Most of these occurrences may lead to extended power outages; however, if you live in an area where they are likely, having a plan will help you prepare for the next event.

Other emergencies can happen at any time, such as a house or building fire. Common causes include faulty appliances, electrical components and smoking. In fact, cooking equipment was the cause of 45% of home structure fires from 2009-2013.<sup>2</sup>

#### **DECIDE ON AN EMERGENCY MEETING PLACE**

Emergency situations are chaotic. In the midst of the confusion, it can be difficult to get in touch with loved ones. Decide on a meeting place with your family ahead of time to reduce some of the initial stress. Choose three locations: one in the neighborhood, one in your town and one out-of-town, and make sure everyone knows how to get there. Your safe area may vary depending on the emergency—for example, in the event of a tornado or hurricane, stay away from windows and take cover in an interior room of your home or building, on the lowest floor.

#### MAKE A PLAN

Make a plan that outlines all the information you'll need to know in the event of an emergency. Not only will it help you get to a safe location, it'll also allow you to let your loved ones know you're safe.

#### 1. Create a spreadsheet that includes:

- · Names and nicknames of each family member
- · Phone numbers
- Email addresses
- Names of doctors
- Places of work

#### 2. Plan a safe evacuation route.

If you're home when an emergency occurs, you may have to evacuate with little to no notice. Select several safe evacuation routes, and make sure everyone is familiar with them.

#### 3. Assign roles.

Have someone turn off the utilities, like water and electricity, while another person packs the important documents and another grabs pets. Giving everyone a responsibility will ensure nothing important is left behind.





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# This Month at the Cabana Club

## We Are Woodlands, Hear us Roar!

You may have seen notes, articles or e-mails about We Are Woodlands. But did you know that We Are Woodlands has been hard at work already? In fact, because they are a are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and hanks to donations (and corporate matches) they have raised nearly \$26,000 since December of 2014! Here's a quick look at some of the projects that were jointly funded by the Cabana Club and We Are Woodlands:

As you and your family approach the Cabana Club, you likely have noticed that the entry way has been transformed. We now have new pavement and landscaping that will allow easier access to not only club members and swimmers on a day-to-day basis but also the thousands of guests that come to the Woodlands Invitational at the end of July. In the "Not Very Sexy, But Very Important" category, you will also note there are brand new low-flow commodes in the Cabana Club restrooms. Trust me, we will all appreciate the difference during crowded swim meets, the July 4th Picnic and the Woodlands Invitational!

Lastly for now, we are proud to have developed a relationship with the folks at the American Safety Academy. For the 3rd year in a row, this allows local teens who want to become Lifeguards to get their certifications and re-certifications here at the Cabana Club over a weekend. It is very easy to schedule a weekend at our neighborhood pool. What's even better is the program costs hundreds less than the Red Cross program.

As you can imagine, these changes and improvements are just the beginning of the ways that We Are Woodlands, and community members like you are making sure the Cabana Club remains as one of the main things that make us unique for decades.

To learn more about We Are Woodlands and to make your tax-deductible donate, please visit the website at www.wearewoodlands.org.

<u>Membership</u> <u>Cost</u>

Family Membership \$560.00 per season

This membership is designed for families with children.

Adult Household Only \$295.00 per season

This membership is for adult only households that do not qualify for a senior membership but would still like to enjoy the pool (This membership is limited to 2 adults per household, families with adult children at home do not qualify).

Senior Membership \$275.00

This membership is for seniors (62 and older) who would like to enjoy the pool with their visiting grandchildren, take advantage of the free water aerobics and lap swimming.

All memberships include use of the BBQ & Lanai, use of the facility for private parties (additional fees apply), designated lap lanes and free water aerobics classes two times per week. In addition, all members are permitted to bring 10 guests per season.

Please see our website at: www.woodlandscabanaclub.org for more details. You may also contact Kathy or Mike Escobar at membership@woodlandscabanaclub.org for additional information or to schedule a tour of the facilities.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Valle Verde Elementary School**

**BOX TOPS:** Get your box tops in before **June 3rd!** There will be a popcorn party and prizes for the top classes, as well as prizes for the top individuals. At \$0.10 each, these little coupons (from cereal and other boxes/bags) can make a huge difference!

**ESCRIP**: Benefit Mobile App – Sign up now! A simple way to contribute funds to Valle Verde at <a href="https://www.benefit-mobile.com">www.benefit-mobile.com</a>

Benefit Mobile gives between 3-20% of your everyday transactions to Valle Verde. Please download the free app today and start contributing to our school. Retailers include Amazon, eBay, Target, Home Depot, Zappos, Whole Foods, Gap, Starbucks, American Airlines, Dick's Sporting Goods, Hotels.com, and many more. You can use the app for purchases in store or online. It's an easy way to contribute money you are already spending straight to the Valle Verde PTA.

You can also make online purchases through the <u>eScrip</u> <u>online mall</u> and Valle Verde will receive a percentage of all of your spending. <u>https://shopping.escrip.com</u>

**COMMITTEE RELATED:** Various small and large committee positions available, such as the Spring Fling or Fall Carnival. Let the PTA know what you're looking for and they'll find the perfect fit.

SCHOOL RELATED: Get kids excited about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math and/or help teach our children valuable life lessons in the <u>SIPP</u> and <u>PEP</u> programs. Help us continue to decrease our school waste and increase our recycling / composting with the <u>Go Green Team</u>. Help greet the children at drop off and pick up and promote <u>Safety</u>.

#### AGE APPROPRIATE GRADE PLACEMENT FOR 2016-17

The Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 changes the entry date for students enrolling in Kindergarten and First Grade. For the 2016-17 school year we will be adhering to the following for placement in Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade.

 Transitional Kindergarten - Student turns 5 years old between 9/2/2016 – 12/2/2016

- Kindergarten Student turns 5 years old on or before 9/1/2016
- First Grade Student turns 6 years old on or before 9/1/2016

#### KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AND LEMON-

ADE STAND: If your child is a <u>new</u> incoming Kindergartener (not TK), we will have our screening on Friday, August 5, 2016 in the Kindergarten playground area. Please be sure you have a completed registration packet before the screening. Come and enjoy our lemonade stand and meet some new families! We will be here from 8-11am and 2-4pm. Please note: We will <u>not</u> be screening incoming Transitional Kindergarteners.

#### **Foothill Middle School**



June 01 - 8th Grade Award Night

June 02 - Band Concert at 7pm

June 03 - 8th Grade Day One lunch at 11:10am

June 06 - Finals

Yearbook Distribution

June 07 - Finals

June 08 - One lunch at 11:04am 8th Grade Promotion at 2:30pm 8th Grade Dance at 7pm

June 09 - Minimum Day 12:30pm

June 10 - Last day of school Minimum Day 12:30pm

#### **Northgate High School**



Wednesday, June 1

-Minimum Day, Special Bell Schedule

Thursday, June 2

- Performing Arts Awards at 7:00pm

Sunday, June 5

- Baccalaureate at 4:00pm

Tuesday, June 7

- A Period Final Exam
- Last NIMB Board Meeting at 6:00pm
- 7:00pm NCMB Meeting at NHS

Wednesday, June 8

- Northgate Final Exams - Periods 1 & 2

Thursday, June 9

- Northgate Final Exams Periods 3 & 4
- Northgate Graduation
- Graduation Night 2016 from 5:30pm -

6:30pm

Friday, June 10

- Northgate Final Exams - Periods 5 & 6

Thursday, June 30

- -6:00pm PHYSICALS ALL STUDENT ATHLETES
- Student Athlete Physicals at 6:00pm

# **WOODLANDS POLICE CALLS**



The following information is taken from the Police Daily Bulletin as posted for public viewing on the Walnut Creek Police Department's website. 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 entire Walnut Creek police daily bulletin can be viewed at:

www.walnut-creek.org/department-services/public-safety/police/online-crime-reporting/walnut-creek-online-reporting

#### Police Calls from 04/17/2015 - 05/17/2016

04/22/16 12:35:12 Ygnacio Valley Rd. / Oak Grove Rd. Large garbage can in the first lane. East bound on Ygnacio Valley Rd. E/o Cowell on the way down to Oak Grove. Dispo: roadway clear. Miscellaneous Traffic.

04/23/16 12:58:35 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd.

Theft just occurred ten minutes ago. Suspect black male adult in his 30's wearing black shirt and tan jeans. Loss: 2 shopping bags full of an unknown amount of food left in a white Toyota four door sedan. Theft.

04/24/16 11:05:43 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd.

Small dog in tan/gold Honda minivan with the windows up parked in the sun in handicapped space directly in front of store. Dispo: windows rolled down, vehicle did not appear to be hot inside, dog appeared okay. Animal Complaint.

04/25/16 14:35:44 Ygnacio Valley Rd. / Oak Grove Rd. 415 (disturbing the peace) verbally over an 11-82 (traffic accident. Minor injury). Grey Toyota vs. blue Lexus. Dispo: information exchanged prior to police department arrival. Mediated dispute over liability. No witnesses and determined to be civil matter only. Accident exchanged information.

04/26/16 15:30:45 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln.

\*\*21\*\* (complaint) advice regarding a 2nd grader making a threat to reporting party's 1st grader that he was going to 187 (kill) him with a knife. Occurred yesterday. Dispo: Advice given regarding bullying situation at school between 2nd graders and 1st graders. Unknown names of those responsible. Service to Citizen.

05/01/16 15:18:50 2800 Bl Ygnacio Valley Rd.

Manager refusing to serve anyone, reporting party paid online, refusing to give food or money to reporting party. manager made all employees leave. Hispanic male adult 35 years old with blue/white checkered shirt called reporting party names. Reporting party outside waiting in grey Tahoe. Subject kicked other customers out and has now locked the doors to the business. Dispo: contacted all parties. Determined to be civil matter. civil matter.

05/06/16 15:04:10 500 Bl Banyan Cr.

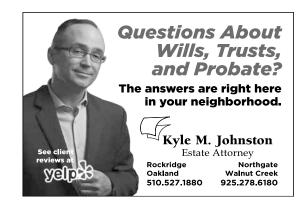
Reports subject who isn't supposed to be there is here. Dispo: Verbal only. Responsible subject gone on arrive. Advice given. Unwanted person.

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#### Jicama Mango Salad

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#### Salad

1 medium sized jicama, peeled and cut into thin matchsticks (about 2 inches long) 2 small mangoes, peeled and diced into small cubes 3 medium bell peppers (I like to use mixture of red, yellow and orange for color) chopped into thin matchsticks about the same size as the jicama 1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro 3 green onion, thinly sliced 1 cup cooked black beans, rinsed (optional) 2 cups chopped romaine lettuce (you can also substitute shredded red and green cabbage) Dressing Juice of 1 Orange Zest of 1 lime & juice of 2 limes 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin 1 teaspoon chile powder 2 Tablespoons Olive Oil 1 teaspoon salt Pepper



Chop all salad components and place in large bowl. If making ahead, leave out the lettuce and add at the last minute. Whisk all dressing ingredients together in a small bowl until combined. Drizzle over salad and toss to coat. Adjust salt and pepper to taste.

Variation— slice the kernels off two cooked fresh ears of corn (steamed or grilled). Add 1/4 chopped basil in addition to the cilantro. You may need to add in another 1 Tablespoon of oil and juice of an additional 1/2 - 1 lime if needed.

Questions or comments? Cookinginthewoodlands@gmail.com

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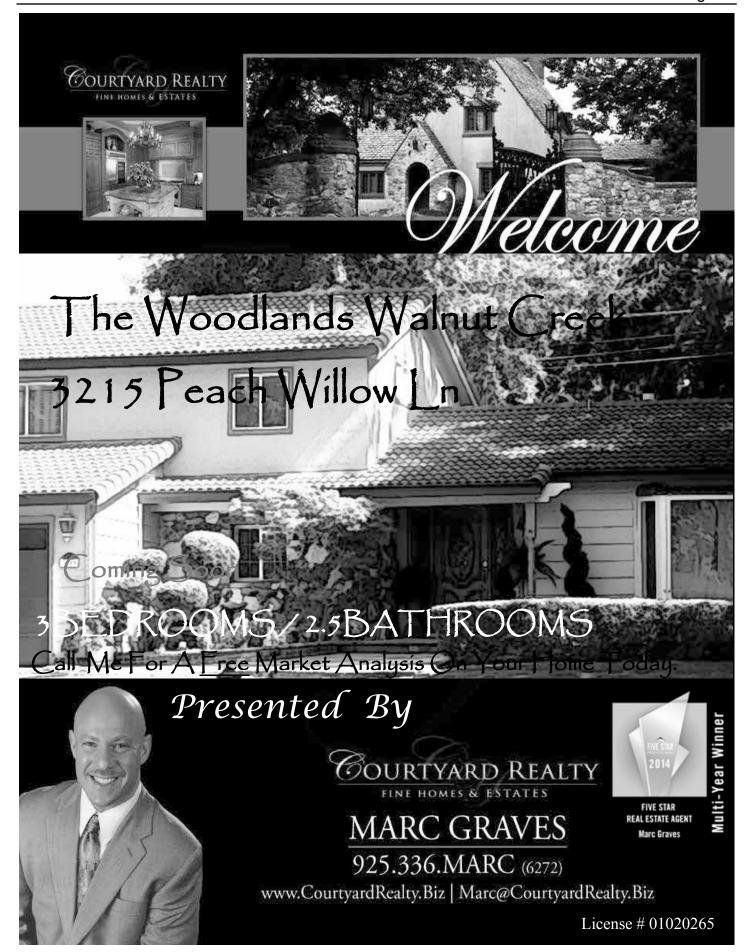
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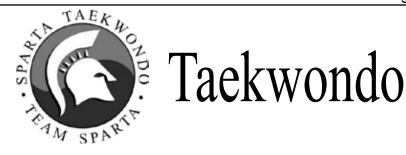
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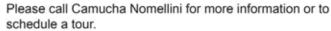


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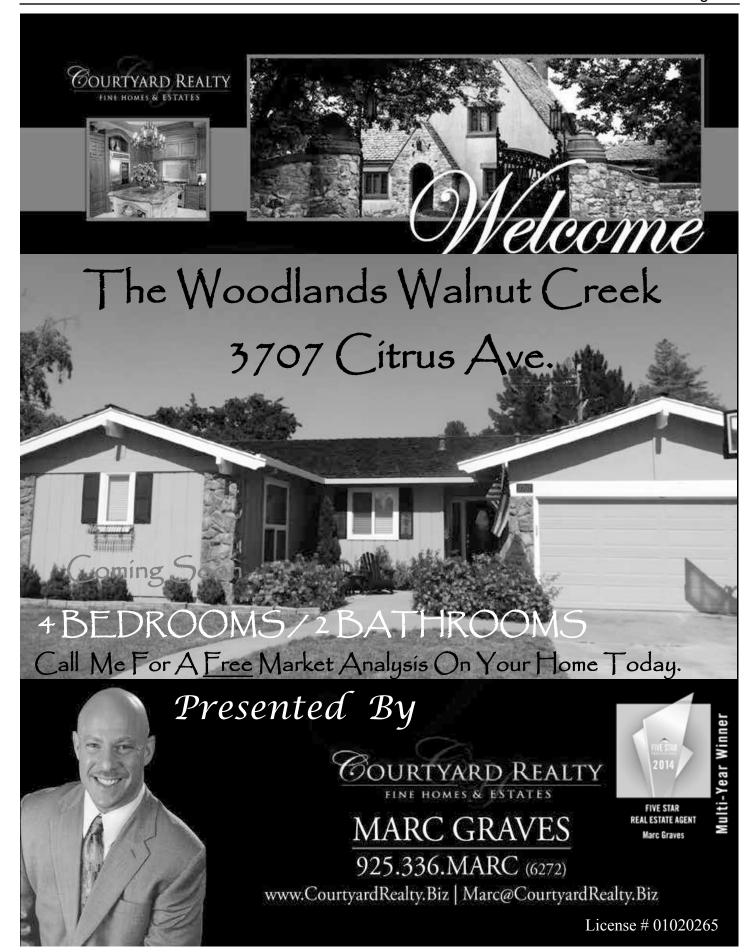
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