

The Woodlands

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September 2018

POLICE TOWN HALL



Come meet the Chief of Police and other key members of the Walnut Creek Police Department as The Woodlands Association hosts the WCPD town hall. During the meeting the WCPD will provide an update of WCPD activities and goals. They will further address issues like home burglary, the use of new technologies, keeping our kids safe and of course neighborhood speeding. The

session will be followed by a community Q&A session. Come out and meet Woodlands resident and Chief of Police Thomas Chaplin!

When: Wednesday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Valley Verde Elementary in the Multi-Purpose Room



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE EVENT COMING IN OCTOBER!

The Woodlands Association has invited the four candidates running for city council to join us for a meet and greet and introductory session. There are two seats open and currently four candidates are running.

When: Saturday, October 20th at 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: TBD – This will be announced in the October newsletter. In the meantime, please check out more information on each of the candidates using the links below:

Councilwoman Cindy Silva <http://www.cindysilva.org/>

Iman Novin: <http://www.novin2018.com>

Spencer Dress <https://spencerdress.com/>

Matt Francois <https://www.matt4walnutcreek.org/>



(Cindy Silva)



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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

SCHOOL IS BACK SESSION HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!

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Upcoming Board Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 1st
Saturday, October 6th

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

Woodlands residents
are encouraged to
attend board meetings.

Valle Verde Elementary Field Committee: Field Update

On behalf of the VVE Field Committee, we would like to thank the school and the neighboring community for their support and patience this summer during field renovations. As you can see, a lot of progress has been made. There are still a few components of the project that remain outstanding. As a result, we are writing to inform the community about what they can expect to see when school starts and to give an updated timeline on when the project will be completed in its entirety.



The VVE Field Project began as a collaboration between Principal Mignon Perkins, VVE parents and students, and MDUSD administrators. Years of drought and State mandated cutbacks on water usage left the field in bad shape. The dry soil also made it an ideal place for gophers and ground squirrels to burrow which caused even more damage to the field. The VVE Field Committee has been meeting extensively with the District over the past school year and we have come up with a comprehensive plan that will restore the track and field to its former glory.

Renovations to the VVE Field began in late June of this year. The first phase was to eliminate the presence of gophers and ground squirrels. This task proved to be very challenging and will continue to be a part of the field maintenance plan provided by MDUSD Maintenance and Operations in the Fall and Spring Seasons every year. The field was aerated, fertilized, and seeded with additional soil. Irrigation was repaired and replaced to ensure proper watering. Fencing was erected and gates providing access to the field were locked to ensure the field would not be disturbed during this process. The hope was that the field would be ready to use by the first day of school. However, the Field Committee has met and assessed that the grass needs additional time to establish before it can be used. As such, the fences will remain up and the gates locked until the second week of September when the Field Committee will again assess the state of the field and provide updates.

In addition to the field, MSUSD will be fully repaving our track and will be paving the dirt area under the solar panels. The first half of the track will be paved the week of August 13th. The second half of the track will be paved as soon as the grass is established and able to endure the weight of the paving machinery. The goal is for paving to be completed by the end of September (before the VVE Fun Run). The Field Committee will keep the community updated on the progress of the track paving.

The Field Project has also been extended by the District to include campus beautification. Specifically, the front of school will be landscaped this school year. Tree removal has already begun by the front office and additional planting and installation of pavers will occur to give the school more curb appeal and to provide a proper place for students to wait for parents when the school day ends.

Again, thank you all for your support. We are thrilled with the progress so far and are excited for the school and the community to use the new track and field soon!

Sincerely,

The VVE Field Committee:

Mignon Perkins, Valle Verde Elementary School Principal

Richard Jackson, Director of MDUSD Maintenance and Operations

Jill Walson- VVE Parent

Meg Honey- VVE Parent

Natalie Ivankovich- VVE Parent

SCHOOL NEWS

VALLE VERDE ELEMENTARY

9/3- Labor Day- School Holiday
9/4- PTA meeting
9/11- Picture Day
9/20- School site council meeting
9/28- Valle Verde Fun Run

Foothill Middle

Monday, September 3 - No School- Labor Day
Friday, September 7 - 2:30pm - 6th grade Ice Cream Social
Tuesday, September 25 - 7:30am Field Trip- Leadership (Napa)
Friday, September 28 - 7:00pm - 7th/8th Grade Dance

Northgate High

Monday, September 3 - No School- Labor Day
Thursday, September 6 - Back to School Night
Monday, September 24th – Saturday, September 29th - HOMECOMING WEEK!
Tuesday, September 25 - 7:00pm - Financial Aid Info Night
Friday, September 28 - Homecoming Rally
Saturday, September 29 - 7:00pm - Homecoming Dance

This Month at the Cabana Club

As school opens and we go into the fall season, do know there is still plenty of afternoon swim fun - below are our fall hours. Look out for information about our season closer concert. See you at the pool!

Days and Hours:

August 16th – September 9th
Weekdays - 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Weekends/Labor Day 12:00pm – 6:00pm

September 15th – 30th
Weekends Only – 1:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Help your Editor out!

**Submit an article for the
Woodlands Association
Newsletter!**

Topic ideas:

- Gardening
- Home improvement tips
- "Meet your Neighbor" profiles
- Local Restaurant Reviews
- Woodlands history



For consideration, please email
newsletter@woodlandsassn.org

Insert necessary disclaimer here:

*The Woodlands Association's
Board does not guarantee your
article will be published and will
edit content as needed.*

Thank you,
Your grateful Editor

Have other ideas? Share them with us!

A Day in the Life of the Woodlands

By Bill Gilmyers

The Woodlands Newsletter usually commemorates the big ‘happenings’ around our neighborhood. When we look back however, what will be most interesting may be those day-to-day activities that make our lives rich and interesting. Today’s column captures one random ‘day in the life’ for posterity. Have a day in the life you’d like to share? E-mail yours to newsletter@woodlandsassn.org.

It’s a Saturday but I’m up early anyway, with the dog, Casey, standing by the side of the bed staring at me intently. Five minutes later I’m putting up my American flag on one flagpole (because I love our country), and my Red Sox flag in the other (because I love the Red Sox, and know it irritates at least one of my neighbor friends). My allegiances proudly displayed, and a cup of coffee in my hand, Casey and I are off to see what’s happening out on the street.

It’s a beautiful day in the low 70’s, with no sign of the smoke or haze that has been lingering in the air now that fire season starts in July instead of September. While Casey and I pad around a few cars pass us. We don’t see any speeders but I know they’re out there, so Casey and I are wary, and I prepare my best old man ‘get off my lawn’ voice to holler at anyone who, by my estimation, seems to be going too fast. No takers today, however. We return to the house and I put the plastic bag containing Casey’s ‘present’ into my trash can. My wife and daughter are off shopping for school clothes, which seems strange to me in mid-August, I’m used to school starting after Labor Day. I busy myself with my chores, mowing the lawn, watering the plants and picking up more of Casey’s ‘presents’. Dude is nothing if not regular.

Time to run a few errands. First stop is my friend Mike’s place, who lives over the fence, to drop off an empty bottle. Mike and I brew beer in our back yards, and bottles are precious. While Mike’s beer is very good, in my case the bottles are probably worth more than the beer. While I’m leaving the bottle on Mike’s doorstep, I see my other neighbor Erik and give him a wave. We chat about grabbing a beer ‘one of these days’, something that happens a lot less than it used to as our kids’ volume of extracurriculars goes up and up.

After picking up my dry cleaning and hitting $\frac{3}{4}$ of the grocery stores in the neighborhood, my daughter is back and wants to go to the Cabana Club. As I get there my neighbor Dick, an avid lap swimmer, says ‘hello’ and compliments me on my parallel parking skills. Always nice to be recognized for the things we do well. Gillian and I have a grand time at the pool, diving for rings and making up various pool games that basically just involve splashing each other.

Finally, it’s time to grill. We are blessed and the larder is packed, the only question being which type of animal to eat. Having just returned from a family trip to Seattle we pass on the Salmon and throw on some tasty sausages and grill up some peppers and onions to match. Dinner’s impact on my breath may leave me sleeping on the couch tonight, but it’s worth it. I enjoy one of Mike’s beers while I grill and we eat as much as we can on the patio before the yellow jackets show up and chase us inside. A quick round of clean up and getting Gillian ready for bed (Kidding! These things are never quick), and then a little TV before bed. Tomorrow’s another day-in-the-life, but I’ll spare you the details and keep that one to myself!

Exploring Walnut Creek and Beyond – East Bay Events

September 2018



Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation

WINE & WHISKERS

ARF

Saturday, September 8, 2018, 5:00 – 8:00PM

Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)

2890 Mitchell Dr

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

TICKET PRICES: \$100

arflife.org

Another fabulous ARF event is in the making! Guests at Wine & Whiskers will enjoy fruits of the vine from local wineries, delicious appetizers from local eateries, live music, fantastic live and silent auctions with items too appealing to ignore, and the piece de resistance: ARF's four-legged furry friends looking for their forever homes.

CONCERTS IN THE GARDEN

Tom Lilienthal & Friends with Jennifer Lee

September 9, 2018, 5:00-7:00PM

The Gardens at Heather Farms

1540 Marchbanks Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

TICKET PRICES: \$20 - \$40

gardenshf.org

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EAT REAL FESTIVAL



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SEPTEMBER 14 - 16, 2018

Friday, September 14th - 3:00PM – 10:00PM

Saturday, September 15th - 11:00AM – 10:00PM

Sunday, September 16th - 11:00AM – 6:00PM

ADMISSION: FREE

eatrealfest.com

What is Eat Real Fest?

Eat Real combines a state fair, a street-food festival, and a block party to create a celebration of good food. At the Eat Real Festival, participants learn where food comes from, who grows it, and how to make it. Eat Real Festival attendance is 100% free of charge, all food is affordable, and incorporates delicious,

regionally-sourced, and sustainably-produced ingredients. Eat Real supports the Food Craft Institute, a non-profit organization focused on creating and making viable small to medium-scale, handmade, artisan food companies in the United States. Eat Real's mission is to help revitalize regional food systems, build public awareness of and respect for the craft of making good food and to encourage the growth of American food entrepreneurs.



LAFAYETTE ART, WINE & MUSIC FESTIVAL

September 15 - 16, 2018

Saturday, September 15th – 10:00AM – 7:00PM

Sunday, September 16th – 10:00AM – 6:00PM

Downtown Lafayette

ADMISSION: FREE

Kids Zone: Ticket is \$1-\$5 for different activities

Drink Tickets: \$7 for individual ticket. Individual wine or beer glass is \$7.

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lafayettfestival.com

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Choreographed by Robyn Tribuzi

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Starting on Tuesday, September 4th

call 945 - 4575 To Register

Please do not call prior to this date

Registration Ends Sunday,
September 30th

When you call, please leave (1) your name, (2) home phone number, (3) address, & (4) a brief description of the items for sale.

You will receive a call back to confirm the information within a few days.

Garage sale hours are advertised as 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You can open and close your garage whenever you wish.

**Because of the details involved in setting up this event,
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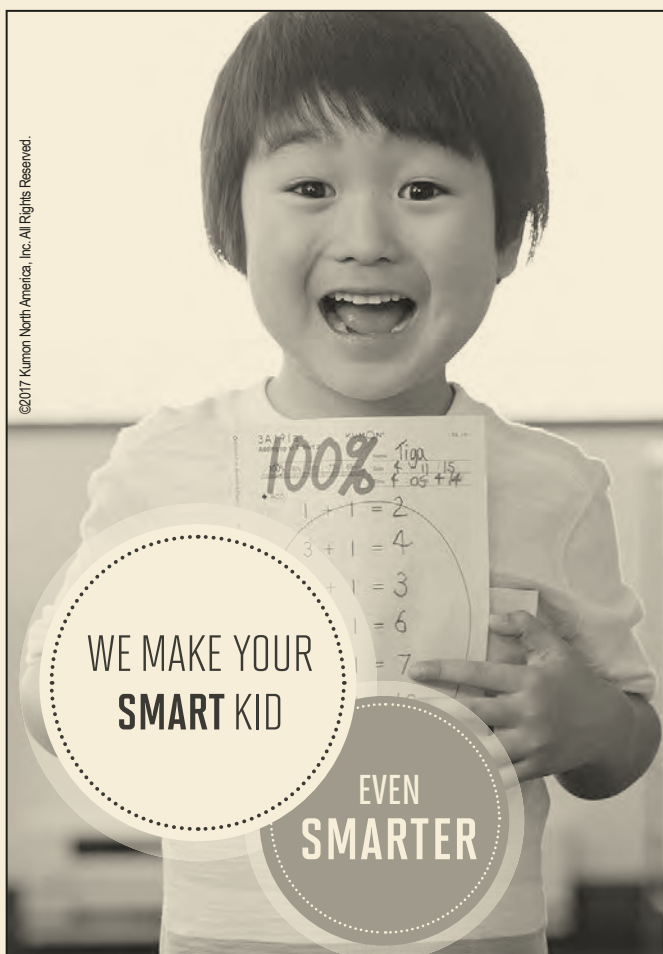


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Real Estate Today by Melanie Kozak

Is the real estate market changing? Are we moving from a very strong seller's market to a more "balanced" market?

Indicators are moving in the direction of a more balanced market. Here are important statistics to look at over the next month or two.

1. Are the number of active listings increasing?
2. Are the average days on market increasing?
3. Are we starting to see price reductions?
4. Are there fewer offers being made with no contingencies?

For buyers:

All of this could mean a better market for buyers who have been put off by the frenzied pace of the past couple of years. It means that a buyer can ask for inspection contingencies or seller credits for repairs when they were not able to do that before. Buyers also may not have to compete with multiple offers.

For sellers:

For sellers, a more balanced market would mean that a thorough market analysis must be done to establish the proper price. Inspections should be done up front to provide to buyers. Some sellers might even consider selling with a contingency of the buyer selling their home.

Bottom line:

Don't waste your time with discounters or realtors who don't know how to operate effectively in today's market conditions. Call me to discuss my multi-faceted marketing plan that has demonstrated proven results. Whether you are a buyer or a seller, my years of experience coupled with knowledge and professionalism will help you achieve your real estate goals.



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