

# The Woodlands



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## Woodlands Board Seeks Community Support to Continue Newsletter

By Bill Gilmyers

As noted in last month's newsletter, The Woodlands Association is currently discussing our process, structure and mission going forward. We serve as a neighborhood advocacy organization, and producing the monthly newsletter is one of our principal activities. To do this successfully, we rely on residents of the Woodlands to donate a few hours each month to support our work. We have three key roles that are vacant or will become vacant later this year. In order to continue our mission, it's critical that we quickly find three reliable members of the community who can volunteer to serve.

These are the roles that are currently open. Training will be provided for all roles:

**Newsletter Editor:** Susan, our current Newsletter Editor has served since 2017 and plans to take on a different Board role in the fall after serving for two years in her current one. We are looking to find someone now to allow for adequate training time and a smooth handoff. This role requires 2-4 hours a month compiling articles and advertisements and packaging them up for our printer. For this role we need someone who is reliable, detail oriented and customer service focused.

**Treasurer:** We've not had a successful incumbent in this role since 2017, forcing me to do double duty for long stretches; it is a significant need for the organization. The key purpose of this role is to interact with our advertisers, track payments and let the Newsletter Editor know who will be advertising on a month-to-month basis.

While there's a small number crunching/spreadsheet element to this role, it is primarily focused on customer service for our advertisers, and making sure they are up to date on their ads and payments. This role is not particularly labor intensive but does require diligence and persistence, the ideal candidate will be able to devote half an hour to an hour every week to ensure that things are running smoothly. We need someone we can rely on to stay on top of a small amount of work on a regular basis, and who won't allow things to fall between the cracks.

**President:** I've been on the Board for over 5 years and served as President for over 2 ½, it's time for someone new to lead the organization. Unfortunately, none of the current Board members are able to do so, so we need to look outside the Association for someone willing to step up. I've given a significant amount of notice to the Board, and plan to serve until the end of 2019. Hopefully this will allow us time to identify a new neighbor who has the energy, interest and vision to take the Woodlands Association into the future.

Each of these roles, along with our Community Affairs Director is up for election this year, please see article requesting statements of interest later in the newsletter. That said, if you are interested, please don't feel the need to wait for the election, we'd like to start introducing potential candidates to the Board and the work that we do well in advance of the formal election process.

Interested parties should e-mail us at [woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com) or can contact me directly at [president@woodlandsassn.org](mailto:president@woodlandsassn.org). We hope to hear from 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](http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/nuisance_abatement_n_code_enforcement.asp)

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# EARTH DAY is MONDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>!

## Woodlands Association Board of Directors

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Jennifer Zotti ~ *Newsletter Distribution Manager*

## Upcoming Board Meetings

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

Woodlands residents  
are encouraged to  
attend board meetings.

## Upcoming Woodlands Board Elections - Statements of Interest Due May 10th



Elections for four Woodlands Board positions, President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Community Affairs Director are coming up in June. From keeping neighbors updated on development, events, and crime via the print newsletter and social media, to representing the Woodlands' interests at city council meetings, the Board's purpose is group action toward the betterment and protection of the common interests of Woodlands residents, including but not limited to community and civic improvement.

The two-year terms for these roles begin on 8/1/19. Both are volunteer positions in community service that require just a few hours a month of your time. **Interested individuals are invited to submit their 200-word statements of interest to be published in the June newsletter along with a voting ballot. Statements of interest must be received no later than May 10, 2019.**

Following the election results, new board members will be announced in the July issue and will assume office as of 8/1/19. As a board we are organized and punctual, with respect for everyone's time. We enjoy a board breakfast once a month at Denica's to discuss issues of interest to the community or map out the next month's newsletter.

All submissions should be sent to the Woodlands Board at [woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please email us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## EARTH DAY

By Jared Asch



On April 22nd the world will come together to celebrate Earth Day! More than 1 billion people in 184 countries came together in 2018 to celebrate. That makes it the second most participated worldwide event with the 2016 Rio Olympic Games beating it out. For reference the World Cup has over 700 million viewers and the Super Bowl 200 million.

Earth Day started in 1970 when 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, college campuses and high school gymnasiums to raise awareness of environmental deterioration taking place. The event was organized by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson a Democrat from Wisconsin and religious conservative Republican Congressman Pete McCloskey from California and gained bipartisan support under Republican President Richard Nixon. Within eight months, the

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was formed. The Democratic lead Congress passed initiatives like the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

Ok I get it Earth Day is on a Monday and how can you participate amongst the chaos of your daily life?

Here are some simple solutions:

1. Keep the car in the garage – yup it's a day to ride bikes to school or catch the Shadeland's bus to BART.
2. Get a reusable coffee cup or water bottle to keep in your car.
3. The Big TURN OFF for just today, have dinner by candlelight, shut off your outside lights, try not to use heat or the AC, shut off the lights when you leave a room, no TV, unplug your computers.
4. Plant a tree and/or new flowers.
5. Put some reusable bags in your car.

Next year, Earth Day celebrates 50 years! If you are interested in helping us organize a Woodlands event in 2020 please reach out on our Facebook page or join us during our meetings at Denica's on the first Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. For those of you who participate in Earth Day tell us on Facebook and NextDoor what you did before and/or what you are planning to do this year.





## Cabana Club News

The Cabana Club is getting ready for a great summer with new solar panels! **Opening day for the Cabana Club is Saturday, May 11th from 3-6pm.** We hope to see our returning members, new families and potential members on May 11th. You can learn more and join the neighborhood Cabana Club by going to [www.swimwoodlands.org](http://www.swimwoodlands.org) and stopping by on May 11th at 3pm.



The Cabana Club is home to the Woodlands Swim Team (WST) yet you do not have to be a part of the swim team to join the Cabana Club. Membership to the club is for neighbors and WST families.

### Upcoming Dates for Club Members and WST Families:



\* **Cabana Club opening day is May 11th from 3-6pm.** Come down to the pool to enjoy the sunshine. Bring a picnic dinner.

Beverages, Pizza and ice cream will be available for cash purchase.

\* **WST Kermit Pals (Swim Team Readiness Program) begins April 8th- May 9th.**

Monday-Thursdays. Time slots are based on swimmer eval placements.

Kermit Pals Mini Meet is May 8th at 5pm.

\* **WST Spring Season begins April 11<sup>th</sup>.** Check the website for age group start times.

\* **WST May 18 New Parent Meeting and Coach Social**

\* **WST May 19th Time Trials**

\* **Cabana Club Social Event on June 7th at 4pm.** Details to follow.

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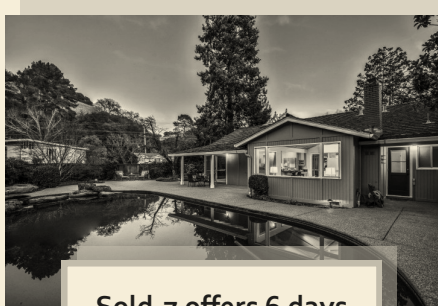
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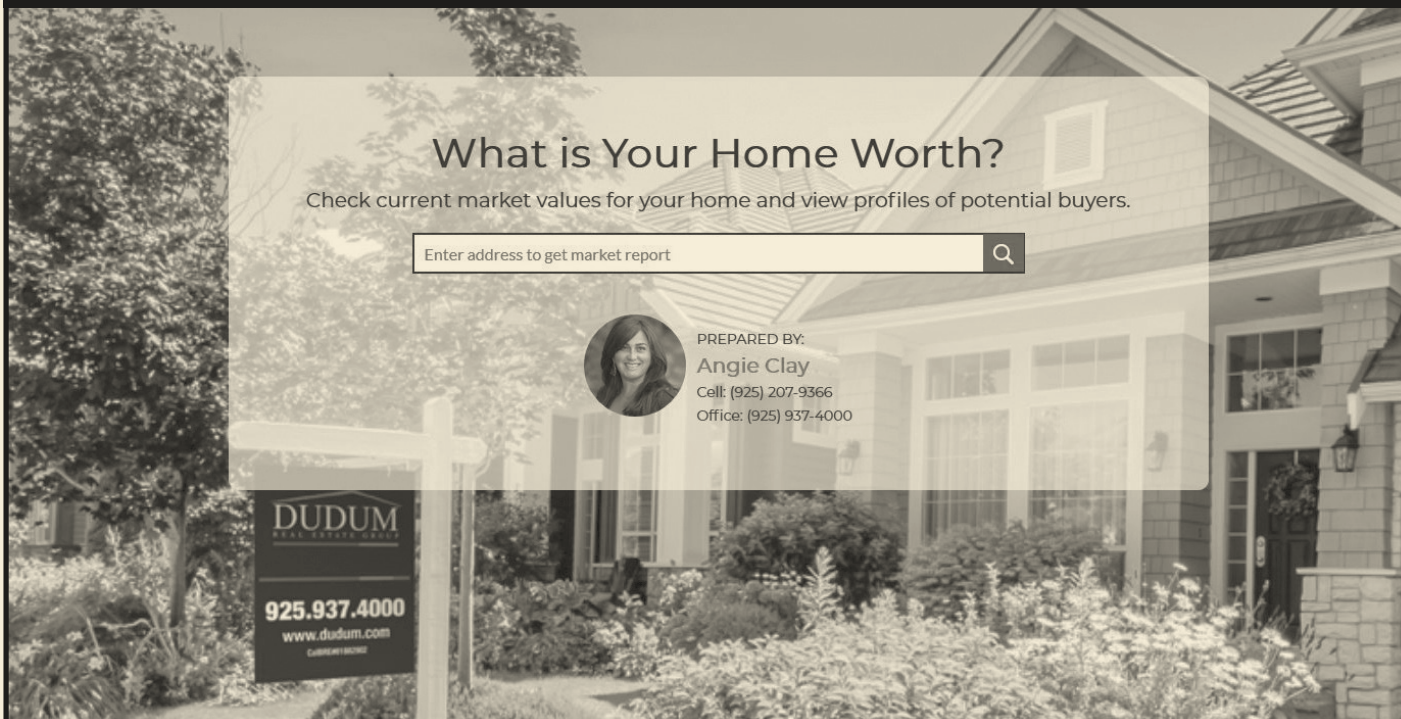
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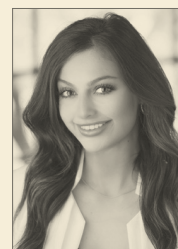
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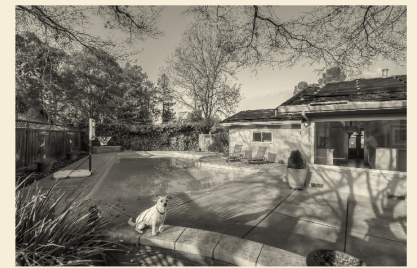




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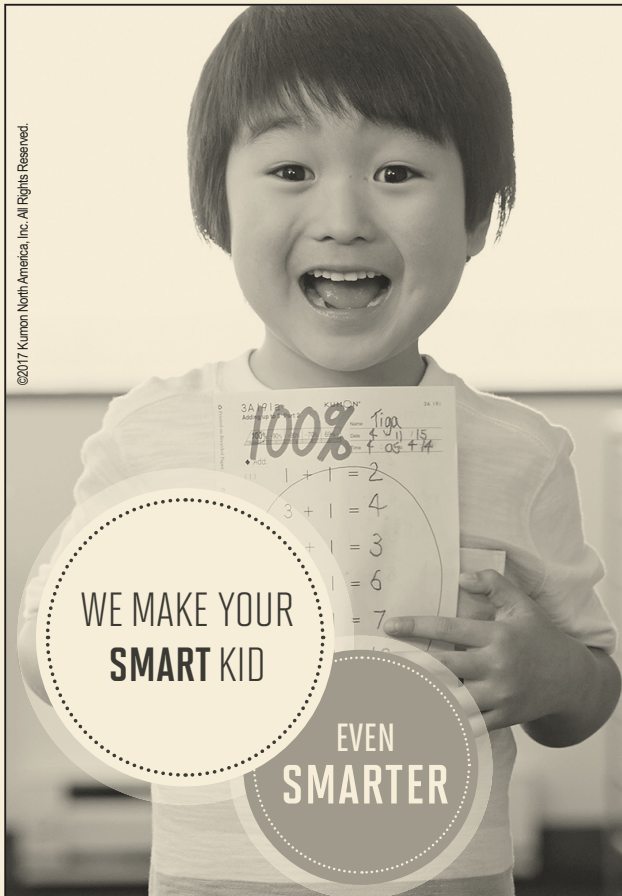
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### Should real estate be high-tech or high touch?

In the past few years, new technology has impacted the way we buy and sell houses just as it has affected so many other things that we do every day. But what is the right balance between high tech and high touch when you are making one of the most important financial decisions in your life?

**Some examples** of new technology include being able to quickly email all other agents who have listed other properties like yours when your home goes on the market. Most of them have lists of people who made offers and agents who had clients they showed it to. Another is giving our clients a web portal where they are in complete control of their new home search process by changing criteria and locations easily, comparing properties side by side and putting their own ratings on each new listing to help us find the right home for them quickly and to monitor each new home that comes on the market.

**For me**, I prefer to be both high tech and high touch. Where the balance lies is up to each client. For example, still today I have some clients who prefer a phone call to an email or text and others who never answer their phone but prefer the later. The same can be said of most other new tech we are using today.

**Everyone's needs are different.** In my initial meeting with a new client, this is one of the important things we discuss. Technology can be a blessing or a curse, depending on how it is used. If you or anyone you know is thinking of selling, please give me a call so I can help.



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