

# The Woodlands



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June 2019

## Update on Woodlands Association Newsletter

By Bill Gilmyers

The Woodlands Association Board continues to discuss our future operations, particularly related to the monthly newsletter. As noted previously, we need to fill a few vital roles, and soon, to continue to be able to produce it. Fortunately, a few members of the community have stepped forward and expressed interest in the Treasurer and Newsletter Editor roles, and we're working to meet with them and see if they will be a good fit for the organization. We still have a number of other positions that are open or will be soon, including Board President. Please see the Board Election Ballot in this edition to see those roles.

We'll continue to keep the community updated in future editions on our progress and any decisions made about the long-term future of the Newsletter.

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## 2nd Annual Woodlands Ice Cream Social July 3rd 4:00 PM

Dayna Wilson and Valerie Epting, Woodlands residents and Realtors with Keller Williams Realty-East Bay, are once again hosting the Annual Summertime Ice Cream Social at our very own neighborhood park on Banyan Circle on July 3rd. Last year, over 75 residents came by for ice cream and to chat with their friends and neighbors. This summer they will offer a variety of gelato flavors provided by Ginger's Gelato, along with toppings, bubbles, star-spangled decorations for bikes and tricycles and goodies for all.

Dayna states, "I really enjoy introducing neighbors who have never met one another. Last year there was a good mix of younger families and those that are young at heart enjoying the casual festivities. Many told us we should do it again next year, and we are!" She went on to share, "In this fast-paced age, it's good to know there are people who still value building relationships. I sure do. For my family, knowing so many of our wonderful neighbors has made living here truly special. Not all neighborhoods have what we have."

The Dayna Wilson Real Estate Team looks forward to gathering the neighborhood together again this July to share some sweet treats, watch the little ones play, enjoy good conversation and community.



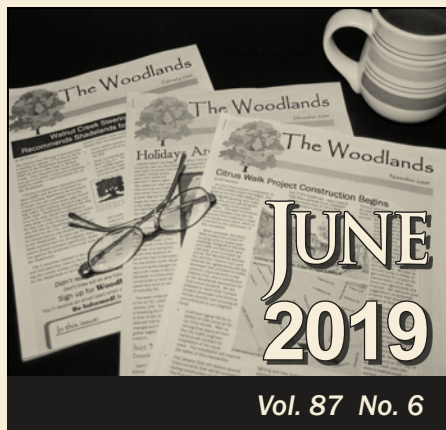
When: Wednesday, July 3rd from 4pm—6pm

Where: Woodlands neighborhood park on Banyan Circle

Kindly RSVP via Eventbrite: <https://woodlandsicecreamsocial.eventbrite.com/>

(we need to know how much gelato to have on hand.)

Hoping everyone has a fabulous and safe 4th of July holiday!



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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

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

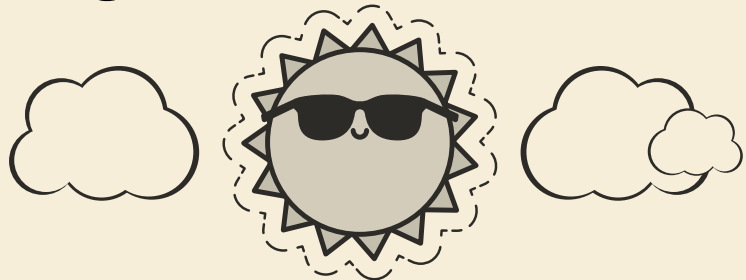
### Graffiti Reporting: City of Walnut Creek, 925-943-5854

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<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=59>

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Jared Asch ~ *Members at Large*  
Todd McNeill ~ *Webmaster*  
Susan Pfau ~ *Newsletter Editor*

Jennifer Zotti ~ *Newsletter Distribution Manager*

## Upcoming Board Meetings

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

Woodlands residents  
are encouraged to  
attend board meetings.

## Woodlands 2019 Board Elections

Woodlands Board elections take place this month for the Vice President, Treasurer, Community Affairs Director and Newsletter Editor positions, for voluntary two-year terms beginning August 1, 2019.

Erik Ehlers current Vice President, is running for re-election to that role.

The Newsletter Editor and Community Affairs Positions are occupied by Susan Pfau and Jared Asch, both of whom will be stepping down at the end of their current terms.

The Treasurer position is currently vacant.

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, 2019. Results of the election will be published in the August newsletter.

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Ballot for open Woodlands Board positions:

Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Erik Ehlers

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name Here)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Newsletter Editor

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Community Affairs Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name Here)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto:woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com) and provide a contact number.

## WOODLANDS HISTORY

By Erik Ehlers

With the Woodlands Newsletter, this very document you're taking the time to read, facing down the barrel of having just a few more months to live, I wanted to dig into the archives to examine what the newsletter may have covered in the past:

- August, 1971 – Out in the hinterlands that are Walnut Creek, Woodlands residents have complained that it takes up to 7 minutes to get to the other side of Walnut Creek. With few options beyond the new, high-tech Safeway across Ygnacio, most residents endure the long drive to reach friends and shopping in the older parts of the city. In the Woodlands, the big new craze is going casual around the neighborhood – several men were spotted without ties, and a few wives even wore pants instead of skirts or dresses. What a modern world!
- March 1985 – After an exciting show at the Pavilion, Michael Jackson was rumored to be visiting the Woodlands. The photograph attached to the article was blurry enough to be a Bigfoot sighting, but several local teens who attended Ygnacio Valley High, the Woodlands home high school, swore they saw the King of Pop near Valle Verde Elementary.
- May 1988 – Several local young men, sporting awesome mullets and day glow neon shorts that reached almost halfway to their knees were spotted throwing water balloons at passing Plymouth Voyagers and Ford Tauruses. They would have thrown the projectiles at other vehicles as well, but everyone in the neighborhood now drives one of those two cars.
- December 1996 – Holidays in the Woodlands were an eventful time, as a delegation from the Woodlands sister neighborhood, Desert Brush, brought gifts as part of a cultural exchange. Unfortunately, tragedy erupted as the visitors didn't look both ways on Citrus and were the victim of a hit and run by a rotund character on a sleigh who was cutting through the neighborhood on his way from the Safeway offices somewhere to the east.
- September 2000 – the Y2K glitch was the only thing that could bring an end to the hostilities between Diablo Shadows and the Woodlands. After a small number of Diablo Shadows residents requested that their neighborhood be annexed, Woodlands Board members moved to officially notify Alta Vista that the neighborhood south of Ygnacio would henceforth be known as Woodlands 2: the Wannabes. However, Woodlands residents preferred to maintain a buffer and overwhelmingly voted to recall the board that had agreed to the plan.
- February 2015 – Developers launched their new plan to convert Citrus Avenue across from the Citrus Marketplace into housing built solely from shipping containers. While neighbors attempted to balance their desire to have everyone in the bay area find a place to live with the reality that any new construction at this end of Walnut Creek would be environmentally destructive, due to the need new residents would have to drive anywhere they went. Similarly, developers tried to balance their desire to make every cent possible with, well, no other driving force. Thankfully, all that's now behind us...



## STATEMENT OF INTEREST – WOODLANDS BOARD

### Position - Vice President

I'd like to continue in the role of Woodlands Association Vice President, as over the time I've been on the board I've seen issues like the proposed McDonalds, the building of the Orchards, and now the current Citrus Walk conversion of an office building to a residential spot, and I believe I can help keep the neighborhood informed and be a communicator between the city and our neighborhood.

Thanks,

Erik Ehlers

## CABANA CLUB NEWS



We are so excited for the 2019 season down at the Woodlands Cabana Club! This year brings so many new improvements to the club as it is looking beautiful! Our solar is up and running as part of our commitment to being truly green. The panels directly contribute to pool heating and electric costs, while providing needed shade for our sunny Walnut Creek summers! As part of our beautification, we have new grass, furniture and a new permanent shade structure in the works. Swing by the club and have a look! We are still welcoming new members. Contact [membership@swimwoodlands.org](mailto:membership@swimwoodlands.org) for more information!

Woodlands Swim School starts June 10<sup>th</sup> and continues through August 9<sup>th</sup>. It is open to both members and non-members and operates Monday-Thursday 12:00-2:00 and 4:00-7:00 and on Friday 12:00-2:00. Contact [school@swimwoodlands.org](mailto:school@swimwoodlands.org) for registration, or simply swing by the club and sign in our white notebook. At the time of writing, spots were filling up fast!

Water aerobics classes will be taught by our own Emily Andrews starting June 11 every Tuesday and Thursday 12-12:45PM.

Summer Kermit begins Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. If your Kermit needs more small-group assistance before moving onto WST during the summer, he/she will be invited to swim in Summer Kermit. This is a small group that runs for 30 minutes (10:45-11:15 a.m. or 11:15-11:45 a.m.) Monday through Thursday from June 10<sup>th</sup> until July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Our annual "School's out for summer" celebration will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 4PM - closing. Join us as we celebrate the most official start of summer! The Cabana Bar will be open and there is sure to be friends all around!**

As always, you can find the most updated information about the club at [www.swimwoodlands.org](http://www.swimwoodlands.org). See you at the POOL!

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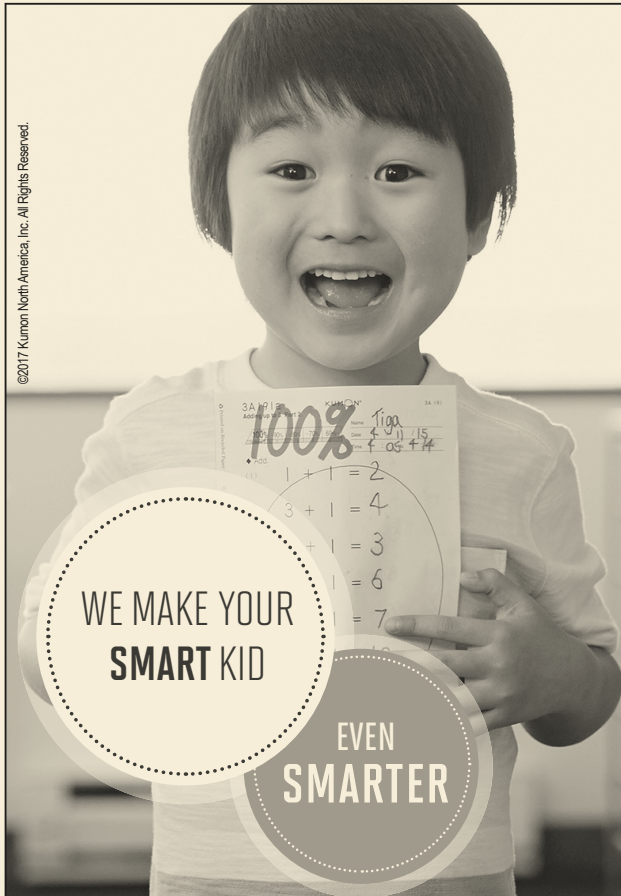
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519 Banyan Circle	34	---	\$1,185,000	---	ACTV	4	3	2335
568 Fireside Court	4	---	\$1,150,000	---	ACTV	5	2.5	2283
3114 Peachwillow Ln.	3	---	\$1,160,000	---	ACTV	6	2.5	2399
<b>PENDING</b>								
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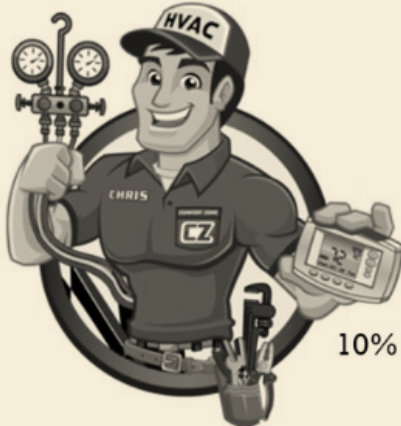
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## Real Estate Today by Melanie Kozak

### I have exciting news to share!

Alain Pinel Realtors, is joining forces with Compass, a national real estate brokerage that is offering us exciting new technology and products to better serve our clients. I have always loved Alain Pinel Realtor's commitment to the Bay Area, decades of experience and stellar reputation. This is now combined with Compass' financial strength, technology, marketing resources, support, and brand reach that I will be able to leverage moving forward.

In addition, Compass provides access to a network of buyers, sellers, and agents throughout the Bay Area and nationally. This network is 10,000 agents strong across the U. S., with about 3,500 high quality agents in just the Bay Area. Just think about how many of those agents might already have a buyer for your home or be in the process of putting a new listing on the market that is just what you are looking for.

Compass offers tools and programs to help me better serve my clients. One such program is their "**Concierge Program**" that can advance up to \$200,000 interest free to sellers who want to fix up their home to put it on the market in the best condition possible.

I'm looking forward to sharing more information about Compass with you in the coming weeks and months. Let me know if you have any questions - I'd be happy to discuss this further.



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