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Woodlands Association to End Publication of Monthly Newsletter

By Bill Gilmyers

It is with great disappointment that the Woodlands Association Board announces the intention to discontinue the publication of our monthly newsletter. The September 2019 issue, which will be delivered at the end of August, will be our final edition.

We've not taken this decision lightly and have worked diligently to find another solution. We've run notifications in the last three editions of the newsletter, asking members of the community to volunteer to help us continue this venerable neighborhood institution. While many have been happy to provide advice as to what they think the Board should do, and changes we could make, only a few have actually offered to help. As we stated in all the articles we published, volunteer participation is what we need to continue the publication.

Big thanks to neighbors Andrea Neumann, Scott Burch and Terry Lloyd, who did contact us and asked how they could assist. While we were ultimately unable to make the pieces of the puzzle fit together to build the team we need to move forward, we'd be remiss in not noting those who did raise their hands.

So that's the bad news. The good news is the Woodlands Association, led by its Board, will continue to work and advocate on behalf of the neighborhood. We'll not be distributing a printed newsletter every month, but still plan to use our website, NextDoor and Facebook, among other channels, to share and collect information of interest to those of us who make the Woodlands our home. Freed from the labor-intensive obligation of sourcing and creating content, managing advertisers, and finding people to help on a month-in and month out basis, we're confident we will find the time to do more, not less, valuable work.

Look for more information on our 'pivot' to Woodlands Association 2.0 in the August and September issues of the newsletter.

Thanks to Bill Schasteen, Newsletter Distribution Lead

By Bill Gilmyers

It's never easy to replace a living legend, but when Bill Schasteen volunteered to serve as the Newsletter Distribution lead for the Woodlands last year after Charlie Freschl retired, that's exactly what he signed on to do. Happily, for the neighborhood, Bill stepped in without missing a beat, making sure that our neighbors in the Northeast half of the Woodlands continued to receive their copy of the Woodlands Newsletter every month for the last year. Each month Bill has gotten several hundred newsletters and created dozens of bundles to be delivered to one of our block captains, who then made sure the newsletter ended up on your doorstep.

With the newsletter due to wind down by the end of the Summer, Bill won't have the chance to serve as long as Charlie did, though knowing Bill he'd be up to the challenge. The Woodlands Association Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill for stepping up and volunteering, and for his hard work on behalf of the neighborhood.



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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

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Upcoming Board Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 6th
Saturday, August 3rd

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

Woodlands residents
are encouraged to
attend board meetings.



Pool Safety Checklist

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- ☐ **Watch kids when they are in or around water, without being distracted.** Keep young children within arm's reach of an adult. Make sure older children swim with a partner every time.
- ☐ **Teach children how to swim.** Every child is different, so enroll children in swim lessons when they are ready. Consider their age, development and how often they are around water.
- ☐ **Make sure kids know how to swim and learn these five water survival skills:**
 1. Step or jump into water over their head and return to the surface.
 2. Float or tread water for one minute.
 3. Turn around in a full circle and find an exit.
 4. Swim 25 yards to exit the water.
 5. Exit the water. If in a pool, be able to exit without using the ladder.
- ☐ **Install fences around home pools.** A pool fence should surround all sides of the pool and be at least four feet tall with self-closing and self-latching gates.
- ☐ **Empty kids' pools after each use.** Store them upside down so they do not collect water.
- ☐ **Know what to do in an emergency.** Learning CPR and basic water rescue skills may help you save a child's life.

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Thank You Jared Asch for your Service!

By The Woodlands Association Board

Two short years ago, Jared Asch joined the Woodlands Association Board of Directors. He may not be a superhero, and despite being a fan of Florida State's football program, he is in fact intelligent and thoughtful. As the father of two daughters, he is patient and kind.

On top of all that, he has been a revelation. Jared has jumped into the deep end of Walnut Creek City government, and whenever an issue arises, he knows who to talk to. He has helped put on a candidate forum for city council races, he has interviewed a bevy of civic leaders, including city council members, the chief of police and at the same time has helped to connect locals with traffic engineers and local beat officers. Basically, if it moves city government, Jared will likely know who will have input on what happens next.

On top of being connected throughout our fair city, he is a man with a sharp wit and a generous sense of humor. He balances time for family and work with trying to improve our civic landscape, particularly here in the Woodlands. While he's leaving the Woodlands Association board, we know that whenever there is a city issue that he can impact, he will be there at the ready to help. He may not wear a cape, but he will likely continue to be the superhero who can re-write bylaws in a single sitting and at the same time tame the savage beast that is land use policies.

Thank you, Jared, for your service and commitment to the Board these last two years. We will miss you, but we're glad to know you're still here and continue to be a committed resident/advocate of our Woodlands neighborhood.

Cabana Club News



Happy July to our Woodlands Community!

Woodlands Cabana Club's annual 4th of July Parade and Pool Party is a true Walnut Creek tradition. The parade starts promptly at 11:30 in front of Valle Verde Elementary School on Peachwillow and winds its way to The Woodlands Cabana Club. The Cabana Club will host our biggest party of the year, with free swim, boat races, food trucks, ice cream, games, and the Cabana Bar will be open (bring cash). This is open to the public, so bring your friends and family for a great celebration of the summer!

July is an exciting month for our Woodlands Swim Team with meets, outings and fundraisers. WST's full schedule is available online. It is a special month for our swimmers to achieve their swimming goals and have a lot of fun!

Our biggest Swim Team event every year is the Woodlands Invitational. This year the invitational will be held on July 12-15th. Please note the pool will be closed at 4:00 P.M on July 11th until July 15th. Normal hours will resume on July 16 - 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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September 29th

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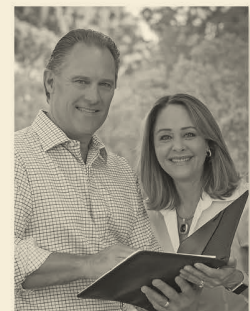
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**Real Estate Today
 by Melanie Kozak**

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- **Divorce sales** – because divorcing spouses are probably not going to agree on who should spend money to fix up the house.
- **Soon to expire listings** – because they obviously need to try something new to sell the home.
- **Retirement listings** – because people often have everything tied up in retirement funds.
- **Fixer – Upper listings** – because by definition they need to be fixed up!
- **Normal sellers** – because there are always things you could do to fix up your home prior to sale.

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