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SHADELANDS GATEWAY SPECIFIC PLAN MOVES AHEAD CITY COUNCIL APPROVES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

By Bill Gilmyers and Adrienne Robillard

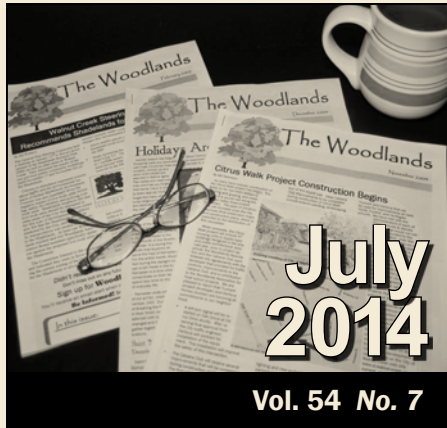
On Tuesday evening, June 17th, Walnut Creek's City Council voted 5-0 to approve the Shadelands Gateway Specific Plan and The Orchards at Walnut Creek Development Project. This was the 25th meeting sponsored by the City of Walnut Creek, and it represented the final step in the approval process following nearly 3 years of meeting and review associated with the project. With approval in hand, Safeway plans to break ground in time to move to its new location in The Orchards on October 1, 2015, after its current lease at Encina Grande Shopping Center expires on September 30, 2015. Whole Foods is expected to open a store at Encina Grande and become the new grocery anchor there.

This was the last in a series of recent meetings that have been well attended by members of the community with an interest in the proposal and its outcome. The City Council was originally expected to reach a decision at its June 3rd, 2014 meeting, only to deliberate for hours and then postpone its decision after nearly 50 members of the public took to the podium, expressing both support and concern about the proposed development. On May 22nd the Planning Commission had a final review of the proposed development and voted to move the proposal on to the City Council. This standing-room only meeting was heavily attended by members of

the community, with citizens expressing both support and opposition to the project.

Public comment, both in favor of and in opposition to the project has been strong, especially at these recent meetings. Most objections focused on traffic concerns, economic viability, environmental impact and the potential for urban decay at Citrus Marketplace. In the absence of a clear consensus on the matter, after two neighborhood surveys were conducted, the Woodlands Association elected not to take a position in support of, or opposition to the project. The association did thank the city, and Safeway, for keeping the community informed throughout the process and acknowledged the changes to the design that incorporated neighborhood feedback.

We want to thank all of the Woodlands residents who have been instrumental in the process of shaping this development. The Woodlands Association will continue to keep you informed on this development. If you have any questions, please contact us at woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com.



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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>

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http://www.contracostamosquito.com/programs_services_index.htm

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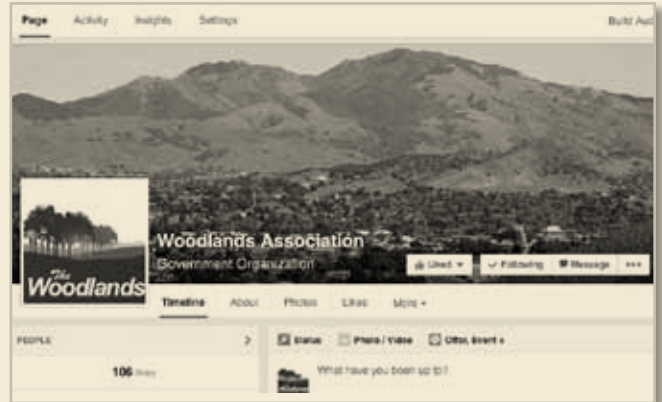
Canal Maintenance, 925-313-2235
 The canal is part of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Maintained by the Public Works Department

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>

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www.woodlandsassn.org, to access years of back issues, neighborhood history, see neighborhood photo galleries, read the minutes from our board meetings, and learn about advertising opportunities. Visit our Facebook page, Like it, and join in the weekly conversations about our neighborhood park, exciting events like the Cabana Club's 4th of July Parade, and the changes that are underway at the Encina Grande Shopping Center and The Orchards shopping center at www.facebook.com/WoodlandsAssn.



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Upcoming Board Meetings

8 - 9 a.m.
Saturday, July 5th
Saturday, August 2nd

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

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings.

4TH OF JULY PARADE & POOL PARTY BBQ

by Joanne Wathen

The annual 4th of July Parade, sponsored by the Woodlands Cabana Club, will begin in front of Valle Verde Elementary School on Peachwillow Lane at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4th. Join in the fun by walking or riding your bicycle, scooter, or wagon, and decorate your wheels with red, white, & blue. The parade will end at the Woodlands Cabana Club at 111 Longleaf Drive where the pools will be open for everyone to enjoy. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be on sale. Join your neighbors for this wonderful and fun Woodlands tradition.



C.E.R.T. TRAINING COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

By Carol Gross and Bill Gilmyers

The next round of Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training will begin this September, culminating with a drill on October 25. C.E.R.T. is looking for representatives from the Woodlands (and other neighborhoods) to participate. The goal of CERT is to teach people the skills they need to pull together and safely help their community in the event of disaster, as the demand for emergency services will likely exceed available resources.

CERT trainees go through a basic 20-hour training, spread across seven weeks, and are sworn in as volunteer Disaster Service Workers for the City of Walnut Creek. When disaster strikes, CERT volunteers check on their family's safety first, and then gather at their pre-designated CERT Staging Area to work with other CERTs in helping the surrounding neighborhoods and gathering information for the City's Emergency Operations Center.

The City of Walnut Creek is divided into 8 CERT areas. The Woodlands is located in the Northgate area, which stores one main cache of emergency supplies and two smaller caches. One of the smaller caches is located in the Woodlands. The Northgate area is the largest of the 8 areas in Walnut Creek, but also has the smallest number of community participants. The Spring C.E.R.T. class recently completed its drill on Saturday, May 31st. Out of the approximate 65 participants, seven were from

the Northgate area, including two Woodlands residents.

Fall classes be held Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m, at the ARF Training Pavillion at 2890 Mitchell Dr. For more information visit www.walnut-creek.org/cert or contact Gayle Vassar, Communications and Outreach Manager for the City of Walnut Creek, at 925-943-5895.

JOIN THE WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION TEAM!

Did you know that the Woodlands Association, its Board and the newsletter you receive every month is made possible by a small team of dedicated volunteers committed to our community? Have you ever considered donating a few hours a month from your busy schedule to support the Woodlands? We have an Open Board position for Advertising Coordinator, and we are always looking for people to write articles and help support other Woodlands neighborhood projects.

Join us on the first Saturday of the month for the monthly board meeting & a delicious breakfast at Denica's. Please express your interest (or just come to say hello!) by coming to a meeting or e-mailing the association at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your consideration.

Thank You to Deanna Constable

By Adrienne Robillard

From editing the Police Report for over a year to writing about holiday lights and other festivities in the neighborhood, Deanna Constable has generously served the Woodlands Association as Newsletter Coordinator since 2012. With an eye for detail, the newsletter's content has benefitted from her close editing, and thoughtful insights. Deanna has worked diligently with our printer to optimize the layout so that readers enjoy the articles and advertisers have strong visibility. We thank Deanna for her contributions to making our neighborhood shine.

WOODLANDS 2014 BOARD ELECTIONS

Woodlands Board elections take place this month for the President and Secretary positions, for a voluntary two-year term beginning August 1, 2014. Erik Ehlers, appointed Secretary in 2013, has expressed interest in the Secretary position. Adrienne Robillard, the current President, has expressed interest in continuing her role as President. Mr. Ehlers' statement of interest was published in the June newsletter; due to a change of plans, the board has decided to maintain members' current positions.

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, 2014. Results of the election will be published in the August newsletter.

Ballot for open Woodlands Board positions:

Secretary

_____ Erik Ehlers
_____ Other _____
(Print Name Here)

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_____ Adrienne Robillard
_____ 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 woodlandsassn@yahoo.com and provide a contact number.

SCHOOL NEWS: Valle Verde Elementary

Valle Verde Elementary 2014/2015 Upcoming Events:

- Aug 18** – Drive-through open to pick up your registration packets 7-10am & 5:30-6:30pm; Lemonade Stand, to welcome new Valle Verde families 9-10:30am (Kindergarten playground)
- Aug 20** – Walk-through registration & teacher assignments 10am-12pm & 5-6:30pm
- Aug 25** - First day of school
- Aug 29** - Ice cream social at 2:30pm

To make walk-through registration on Wednesday, August 20th faster & easier, a drive-through packet pick-up will be open on Monday, Aug. 18th between 7-10am (there are many forms that will need to be reviewed and completed for walk-through, so it's easier to complete at home at your leisure).

LEMONADE STAND for NEW VALLE VERDE FAMILIES: Come welcome the new families to Valle Verde! Bring your family to the Kindergarten playground on August 18th from 9-10:30am, greet the newest families to Valle Verde and enjoy some beverages at the Lemonade Stand (sponsored by the PTA). It will be fun for the kids and you will be helping new families to connect. This will give them an opportunity to ask questions as they pick up their registration packets and will help them feel more prepared for walk-through registration day (on August 20th) - and the first day of school (on August 25th).

More information to come when the office re-opens in early August. If you have any questions, email vvptaprez@gmail.com.

Also, watch the school website for more information.

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- Please email a digital file of your ad to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com. We accept PDF and Microsoft Word documents ONLY.
- Payment is due when you submit your ad. Please pay via www.woodlandsassn.org/advertise/ or make checks payable to "Woodlands Association" and mail to: PO Box 31085, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

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. The entire Walnut Creek police daily bulletin can be viewed at: www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp. 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.

Police Calls from 05/03/14 - 06/04/14

05/06/14 17:04:21 600 Bl Banyan Ln. ***21***
re: identity theft. Dispo: Determined rps account information was used in Indonesia, Auburn, and Milpitas. Assist agency.

05/08/14 17:25:34 Citrus Av / Dogwood Dr. Live wire hanging low, not in street but at eye level when walking by. Dispo: CFD will handle and advise PG&E. Service to citizen.

05/10/14 17:23:17 Citrus Av / Sugarberry Ln.
Reporting kids skateboarding in the flood control basin for the canal area.. Dispo: GOA/utl Susp. circumstance.

05/13/14 23:26:19 600 Bl Rock Oak Rd. Approx 6 juv on st drinking alcohol and being loud. Dispo: subjects GOA/utl. Noise complaint.

05/21/14 13:40:54 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln. 911 open line, then disconnected. No voice contact. Dispo: toured campus w/ staff. All good. 9-1-1 hangup

05/22/14 3:17:50 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln. 911 open line w/ static. On call back rings once, picks up and static heard. Dispo: security check of the school completed. No signs of entry, nothing heard or seen. 9-1-1 hangup

05/23/14 22:11:39 Bayberry Dr / Perada Dr. 3 veh's parked in a no0parking zone, rp states the subjects went into the open space. Dispo: walked trail but did not find anyone. Vehicles unoccupied. Service to citizen

05/24/14 19:35:09 Sugarberry Ln / Wintergreen Ln.
Whi Honda LX with 4 subjects inside possibly doing h&s. Dispo: GOA/utl. Susp. Circumstance.



05/25/14 19:51:56 Ygnacio Valley Rd / Oak Grove Rd.
Shots fired into white Merz.. Dispo: adw w/ handgun. Susp bma, 20's, blk mask, t shirt, blue jeans. Susp veh 2000's whi/sil/gry 4dr Honda ls n/b Oak Grove. Assault.

05/30/14 7:01:58 3500 Bl Lime Tree Ct. Red Subaru with someone sleeping in the back seat parked directly ifo rp's residence. Dispo: unoccupied. Miscellaneous traffic.

05/30/14 19:56:54 3200 Bl Primrose Ln. Reports receiving back a pkg as return to sender that rp did not send. Dispo: Suspicious package turned over by citizen. Investigation ongoing. Susp. circumstance.

05/31/14 19:41:44 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln. Reporting 3 juvs on the roof. Looks like 1 male, 2 females. One in lt blu tank, bln hair. Dispo: utl/GOA. Susp. circumstance.

05/31/14 20:11:55 Candleberry Rd / Nutmeg Ln. Dispo: Arrested for a felony warrant. Taken to mdf. Supp to 12-26116. Local felony warrant.

06/03/14 9:47:57 200 Bl Conifer Ln. Reports someone may have entered her house and taken her handbag - it's now missing and back door is open. Dispo: as reported. Theft.

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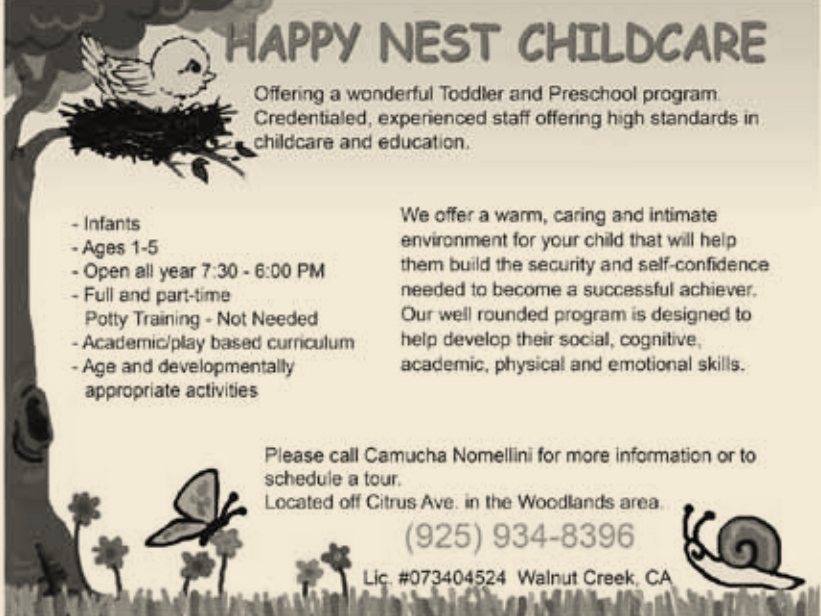
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