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July 2015

Woodlands BBQ: Making Friends



On Saturday June 13th the Woodlands kicked off summer with a neighborhood BBQ at Valle Verde Park. Over 50 neighbors stopped by to enjoy the food, friends and fun, with a great mix of long-time residents and newer arrivals. Bill Gilmyers, your Board Vice President, grilled up hotdogs and hamburgers, sausages and even a few ears of corn. The charcoal grill in the park was a little small for all the hungry guests, so Banyan Circle neighbors Jeanne and Mike DiBella generously rolled their grill over for everyone to use.

Valle Verde Park has been significantly upgraded in the last year, with a permanent BBQ added, drainage improved and new landscaping planted by community volunteers during the 2014 Community Service Day. As we found out, it's a really great place to gather in the shade and enjoy time with friends and family. "In recent years the park was really an underutilized asset," commented Adrienne Robillard, President of the Woodlands Association. "We've partnered closely with the city in the last year to enhance this space, and events like this are a great showcase for it."

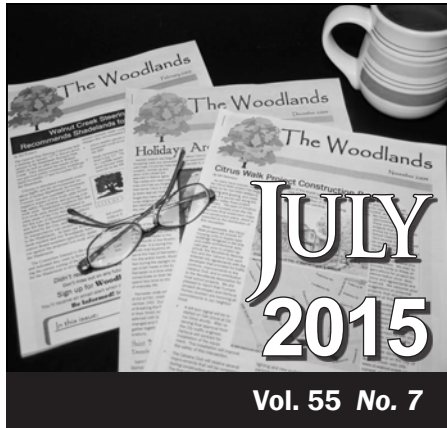
For those of you joined us, thanks for stopping by. We hope that the neighborhood can continue to make great use of our own little park off Banyan Circle. Stay tuned for future events!

Woodlands Newsletter Survey – We Want to Hear From You!

The Woodlands Association wants to know what you think about our neighborhood's monthly newsletter. What do you like about it? What might you like to see changed? The 5-minute survey will be open through July 31st. To take the survey, please type the following URL into your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMQKV6S>.

If you would prefer to submit a paper copy of the survey instead, please e-mail the Woodlands Association at: woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com and request a copy. All responses must be received by July 31st. The survey results will be published in the September newsletter.

Thanks for participating. We welcome and value your feedback!



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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

Let's Get to 300 Facebook Likes!

Visit the Woodlands on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WoodlandsAssn to see what your neighbors are posting about – from community event updates

to goats in the gully. We are at 272 “Likes” and it’s our new goal to reach 300 this summer. Invite your friends and neighbors to join our Facebook page, post photos from the 4th of July Parade, and other fun Woodlands moments.



Woodlands Association Board of Directors

Adrienne Robillard ~ *President*

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Interns: Danielle Arauzo & Talia Arauzo

Upcoming Board Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 11th

Saturday, August 1st

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

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings.

This Month at the Cabana Club

The pool is now officially open for the season, so come on down to swim some laps or run some energy out of the kids. 2015 hours are as follows:

June 12 to August 23	
Weekdays	11:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Weekends	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
August 24 to September 13	
Weekdays	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Weekends/Holidays	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
September 19 - 27	
Weekends *Weather permitting	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

4th of July Celebration

Mark your calendars for the annual Woodlands 4th of July Celebration. This is a Woodlands tradition from way back and represents everything that is good and right in the world! The parade will start at Valle Verde and follow a course through the Woodlands to the Cabana Club. This year promises the classic cars from last year and possibly another resurrection of the float tradition. The Cabana Club will be cooking up burgers and hot dogs and there will be games and the raft races for the kids. Parade participants should meet in front of Valle Verde Elementary School at 11:00 am. This event is open to non-members.

Swim Lessons

It's time to sign up for swim lessons! Emily Andrews and the Woodlands Swim School will be back in action this summer. Here are the details:

Woodlands Swim School 2015

Week 1: June 15-19	Week 7: July 27-July 31
Week 2: June 22-26	Week 8: August 3-7
Week 3: June 29-July 3	Week 9: August 10-14
Week 4: July 6-10	Week 10: August 17-21
Week 5: July 13-17	
Week 6: July 20-23 (no lessons on Friday 7/24 due to Woodlands Invitational Set-Up)	

Mondays and Wednesdays:

Member/Non Group Beginners 12:00-12:30
 Member/Non Group Intermediate 12:30-1:00
 Member/Non Group Advanced 1:00-1:30
 (Private Lessons beginning at 12)

Tuesdays and Thursdays:

VVCC Group Beginners 1:00-1:30
 VVCC Group Intermediate 1:30-2:00
 Group Advanced 2:00-2:30
 (Private lessons beginning at 12)
 Water Aerobics 4:45-5:45

Fridays:

Private Lessons all day beginning at 12:00 pm

Pricing:

[Private 30-minute swim lesson](#)

Members & VVCC: \$30.00

Non-Members: \$40.00

****Are you signing your swimmer up for multiple 30-minute private lessons? How about our BOGO deal? Buy a lesson and get a second one half off! OR you can buy two lessons and get a third one free! ****

Water Aerobics- Free for Members
 \$5.00 for Non-Member Seniors
 \$10.00 for Non-Senior Non-Members
 Group Lessons (30 minutes)

Monday & Wednesday

Members: \$45.00 total/week
 Non-Members: \$65.00 total/week
 Valle Verde Children's Center Group Lessons (30 minutes)

Tuesday & Thursday

\$45.00 total/week
 Please register through Emily Andrews for Woodlands Swim School at woodlandsswimschool@gmail.com. Checks can be made out to "Woodlands Swim School" or you can make payments through PayPal at lil_hem@yahoo.com. Private lessons can be scheduled between 12:00pm and 7:00pm Monday through Friday.

Woodlands 2015 Board Elections Statements of Interest



Woodlands Board elections take place in July for the Vice President and Treasurer positions, for a voluntary two-year term beginning August 1, 2015. Jan Gall, the current Treasurer, has expressed interest in continuing the Treasurer position. Bill Gilmyers, the current Vice President, has expressed interest in continuing his role. Both statements of interest follow:

Statement of Interest: **Vice President**

I've lived in the Woodlands for just over two years and joined the board in 2013. I feel very strongly about our neighborhood and am eager to help maintain and enhance the quality of life we all enjoy here. I took on the vacant Vice President role last year and would love the opportunity to continue to serve in this role for the next two years.

Thank you for your consideration. - Bill Gilmyers

Statement of Interest: **Treasurer**

I have held the position of Treasurer for the last two years, maintaining the financial records, reporting to the Board and preparing timely filings. I have lived in the Woodlands for over twenty-five years and would like to continue serving the community in this position for the next two years.

Your consideration is appreciated. - Jan Gall

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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, 2015. Results of the election will be published in the August newsletter.

Ballot for open Woodlands Board positions:

Treasurer

_____ Jan Gall

Other _____
(Print Name Here)

Vice President

_____ Bill Gilmyers

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 woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com and provide a contact number.

SCHOOL NEWS

Valle Verde Elementary School

8/6: Kindergarten Screening & Lemonade Stand

On Thursday, August 6th, from 8 am to 11 am and 2 pm to 4 pm, we will have a drop-in Kindergarten screening day. If you are a new, incoming Kindergartener family (not a returning Transitional Kindergartener), please bring your child. The screening takes about ten minutes and provides information to better place your student. Our PTA will be hosting a Lemonade stand to welcome new families to Valle Verde, answer any questions you may have and give casual tours around the school, including the library, computer lab, MUR and shared spaces for classes (called "pods").

8/17: Drive through registration

On Monday, August 17th, ALL families may pick up a registration packet. Simply drive through the bus circle anytime between 7-10 am or 5:30-6:30 pm (you don't even have to get out of your car). In your packet, you will find an emergency card for each of your children and some very important school and PTA information, including a "save the date" magnet with key dates, phone numbers and addresses. Please review the emergency contact card carefully to make sure the information is correct. Make corrections in red and sign the back of the sheet.

8/19: Walk through registration

On Wednesday, August 19th, ALL families may come to Valle Verde anytime from 10 am to 12 pm or 5 pm to 6:30 pm with your registration packet. Please make sure you have the signed emergency card(s). Come through the office. There will be two lines by last name, A-L and M-Z. Trade your emergency card for your student(s) class assignment. From there, exit down the office hallway into the Staff lounge and pick up additional school information. As you exit into the quad, PTA will have several booths set up. You will be able to purchase a yearbook, talk to our cafeteria manager, purchase spirit wear, explore volunteer opportunities, and learn about our onsite daycare and more.

8/24: Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Meet Your Teacher

Come to your child's classroom from 9:00 to 10:00am and meet your teacher!

8/25: First Day of School & Coffee Social

Tuesday, August 25th is the first day of school. After you settle your child into class, stop by the PTA sponsored Coffee Social in the MUR. Have a treat, catch up with old friends and meet new families. We will be on the regular Tuesday schedule for the first day of school.

8/27: Ice-Cream Social

On Thursday, August 27th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, the PTA is sponsoring a (free) ice-cream social behind the MUR. Bring the entire family and enjoy a treat, while the kids have fun re-connecting with friends and so will parents!

Foothill Middle School

ASB Council for 2015-2016:

President: Ethan Kracht

Vice President: Lark Chang-Yeh

Treasurer: Enzo Florendo

Secretary: Sophia Saraj

7th Grade Rep: Maddie Miller

8th Grade Rep: Josie Boswell

Lockers:

For current 6th and 7th graders; locker applications are available in the office for the next school year. Find a locker buddy as you will need to fill out one application per two students. Cost is \$5.00 per person; cash only. If the application is returned before Wednesday, August 05th, your locker assignments will be available at Walk-Through on Monday, August 17th.

Walk-Through

Walk-Through is Monday, August 17th from 1:00pm to 7:00pm.

1st Day of School for 2015-2016 school year is Tuesday, August 25th.



Eric Says:

By Erik Ehlers

"Did you Know - trees fare best when they are watered near the ends of their roots, rather than near the trunk, for large trees. Now put that water you collected while waiting for the shower to warm up to use!"

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 05/12/15 - 06/10/15

05/12/15 15:54:04
2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd.
594 to alarm wires in the store,
98 reporting party inside. Dispo:
occurred twice since 3/31/15. Wires
cut. No entry or attempt entry made
into store. Vandalism.

05/16/15 02:33:56
3700 Bl Citrus Ave.
Reports hearing 6 subjects on his
porch, 3 took off running towards
the canal and 3 towards Sugarberry
after reporting party yelled at them.
Hooded, large sized, possibly teens.
Dispo: subjects gone on arrival.

Susp. Circumstance.

05/20/15 11:07:10
3500 Bl Tupelo Dr.
21 request for advice regarding
drones flying overhead in the
neighborhood. Reporting party
concerned due to it flying
overhead while she was in her
hot tub last night. Dispo: advice
given, reporting party advised to
contact city counsel for muni code
adoption. Service to Citizen.

05/24/15 06:53:01
2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd.
Subject passed out in a gray BMW
sedan, parked right out in front.
The female had come in earlier
and appeared out of it, appeared to
be falling asleep. Dispo: arrested.
Transported to mdf. Narcotics.

05/27/15 04:52:14
3000 Bl Citrus Cr.
Reporting party requested a
security check on an alarm panel
for the pressure valve that is
located in the back corner near the
apt complex. Reporting party says

in the past someone has tried to go
in and steal the copper. Dispo: all
secure. no water leak. Service to
Citizen.

05/27/15 09:59:52
Peachwillow Ln. / Oak Grove Rd.
Reports black male adult wearing
reflective vest looking into cars.
Dispo: unable to locate. Susp.
Circumstance.

06/03/15 09:25:43
3000 Bl Peachwillow Ln.
Windows broken. Reporting party
is inside. Last home at 08:45.
Dispo: point of entry: rear kitchen
window smash. loss: jewelry.
occurred: between 08:45-09:15 hrs
today. Burglary.

06/08/15 08:30:15
Rock Oak Rd. / Bayberry Dr.
At the end of Rock Oak at the
canal trail. Smashed computers on
the ground, had NGHS labels on
the computers. Reporting party
no longer there. Dispo: unknown
subject smashed old Northgate HS
computers on the trail. No value to

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Please submit all ads and payments for the next issue by

August 10, 2015

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- Please submit your ad in the actual size/dimensions listed.
- Please email a digital file of your ad to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com. We accept PDF and Microsoft Word documents ONLY.
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