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Preview of Woodlands NUSD Survey Results

By Bill Gilmyers

Northgate CAPS, a local non-profit group, has been leading the drive to create a new K-12 district made up of five schools: Bancroft Elementary, Valle Verde Elementary, Walnut Acres Elementary, Foothill Middle, and Northgate High. There has been significant discussion about this proposal in the local community, with a wide range of opinions expressed. Beginning in late December, the Woodlands Association commissioned a survey to see how the residents of our neighborhood feel about the proposal and process.

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Woodlands Association Seeks New Treasurer

by Bill Gilmyers

The Woodlands Association is looking for a new Treasurer. After more than 5 years of service to the Association, Jan Gall, the current Treasurer, has chosen to step down. She will be finalizing her role as Treasurer in July, at the end of her term. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who would like to serve our wonderful community.

Time commitment is approximately 2-4 hours per month, plus the monthly Woodlands Association Board meeting, which is the first Saturday of the month at 8 AM. The ideal candidate is well organized, reliable, and able to meet regularly scheduled deadlines. Training for the role will be provided. A list of duties and responsibilities is listed below. If interested, e-mail the Woodlands Association at woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com.

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- Track and coordinate with newsletter advertisers to manage payments
- Communicate with Newsletter Coordinator to confirm advertisers to run in monthly newsletter
- Manage Association bank accounts
- Track Association Finances in Quicken (training provided)
- Generate financial reports for review at monthly Board meeting
- File Association taxes annually
- Maintain list of advertisers, including contact information
- Mail Woodlands Newsletter to advertisers living outside the Woodlands



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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:

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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

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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>

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

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begins on Sunday, March 12
Remember to set your clocks ahead!

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Jennifer Zotti ~ *Newsletter Distribution Manager*
Interns: Ryan Park & Alissa Johnson

Upcoming Board Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 4th
Saturday, April 1st

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

Woodlands residents
are encouraged to
attend board meetings.

Northgate High School Instrumental Music Dinner Show & Auction

The 3rd annual Northgate Instrumental Music fundraising event: "Orchestra and Band on the Run" will take place on Saturday, March 4 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette. It will feature the musical stylings of Northgate's award-winning Jazz Combos and String Quartet along with the Foothill Middle School Jazz Combo and freshman combo "The Four". It will also include a delicious dinner, dancing, top flight wine and beer and fabulous prizes.

"The event recaptures the feeling you get when visiting a nice club where a tight band is playing, the lights are low, and you become part of the music," says Scott Haney, who, along with his wife, Debra, came up with the idea for the event two years ago.

Thanks to generous donations from the community, last year's OBOTR was a huge success. Proceeds from the event were used to purchase and repair musical instruments, fund transportation and entry fees to music festivals, and buy music scores and other related music equipment for the Northgate Instrumental Music Program.

For more info, visit the OBOTR Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/738961582925413/>

Tickets are \$50 and are available via Brown Paper Tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2727182>



WOODLANDS SWIM TEAM

Informational Meeting February 24th 4-5:30

Team Registration Day March 12th 1-3

Team & Kermit Programs Begin April 10th

Open Registration

www.woodlands.swimtopia.com

Spring Swim Clinics

March 13th-30th
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Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – April 25, 2017 (No class during Spring Break)

6:30pm-8:30pm

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(With pre-registration and attendance at all sessions)

Instructor: Eric Johnson

Valle Verde Elementary School MUR

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To Register contact Debi Massey at masseyd@mdusd.org (925) 939-5700 or the

Parent Education Program at (925) 685-7340, ext. 6720, jonesd@mdusd.org

NOON SUPERVISORS: We are in need of noon supervisors for lunch time duty. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please see Laura in the office for an application.

SPELLING BEE: Our Valle Verde Spelling Bee will be on February 15, 2017 at 8:45am in the MUR. Invitations to participants' families were sent home. (Please note: The Valle Verde Spelling Bee is open to the Fourth and Fifth grades only.)

The Contra Costa County Spelling Bee will be on March 25th, 2017, at the Tice Valley Community Gym at 2055 Tice Valley Rd., Walnut Creek.

The champion of the Contra Costa County Spelling Bee will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Bay Area News Group, to compete in the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee*. There will be other prizes for our area's top spellers, including reference books and gift certificates.

*Dates to be determined. The National Bee is usually held Memorial Day week in May.

FOOTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Foothill Middle School is looking for parents and community members to share their perceptions about the school. Your participation is voluntary but very important. The

information will help guide district and school efforts to promote safety, enhance learning, and improve student achievement. Results will also help inform Mt. Diablo Unified's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP.) This is an anonymous survey designed so that no one can be identified from the data. The questions apply to this school only. The results will be used for school site and Mt. Diablo Unified program planning. The window will be open from February 6, 2017- March 30, 2017.

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL

PSAT 10 Tuesday March 7th

What is the PSAT 10? PSAT 10 is specifically designed for sophomores, whereas the PSAT NMSQT is written with juniors in mind. They are both great practice for the SAT because they test the same skills and knowledge as the SAT—in a way that makes sense for your grade level.



When is the PSAT 10? All 10th graders will be testing on Tuesday March 7th starting at 8am.

Where is the PSAT 10: Student will be assigned various testing locations based on their alphabet. See below.

What do students need to bring to the PSAT 10? Two No. 2 pencils with erasers, an approved calculator, valid school- or government-issued photo ID (for students not testing at their own school and home-schooled students)

How can students prepare for the PSAT 10? The Collegeboard website has practice tests for interested students.

Testing Locations

Abesamis- Castro Gym A Chappell-Galbraith Gym B Gamez-Kharsa Gym C Khuu -Milgate Gym D Mingming- Ostapenko Gym E Padayao- Rivera Room 31 Roberts-Spadia Room 30 Stack-Zurlo Lecture Hall

This Month at the Cabana Club

By: Joanne Wathen
marketing@woodlandscabanaclub.org

Opening Day is Saturday, May 13th
Stay tuned for details!

Maintenance Day

The first maintenance day is scheduled for Sunday, March 5th, from 9 am to 1 pm. As existing members already know, you can earn a \$100 credit towards your yearly dues by participating in maintenance days. Look for a sign-up genius from the Cabana Club in your email to participate.

We also need skilled labor for special projects all year long, so please let us know if you have plumbing, electrical, framing/construction or yard maintenance skills and are willing to lend a helping hand. (email: maintenance@woodlandscabanaclub.org)



Employment Opportunity

The Cabana Club is in need of qualified lifeguards. Interested applicants should contact Kristen McNulty at: president@woodlandscabanaclub.org.

Spring Break

The Cabana Club will be opened for Spring Break 2017 (April 3-7, 2017) weather permitting.
WST News

Woodlands Swim Team (aka. WST) is holding a registration day and b-b-q at the Cabana Club on March 12th from 1:00-3:00 pm. So mark those calendars! WST registration day is also a great opportunity to introduce prospective members to WST and the Cabana Club.

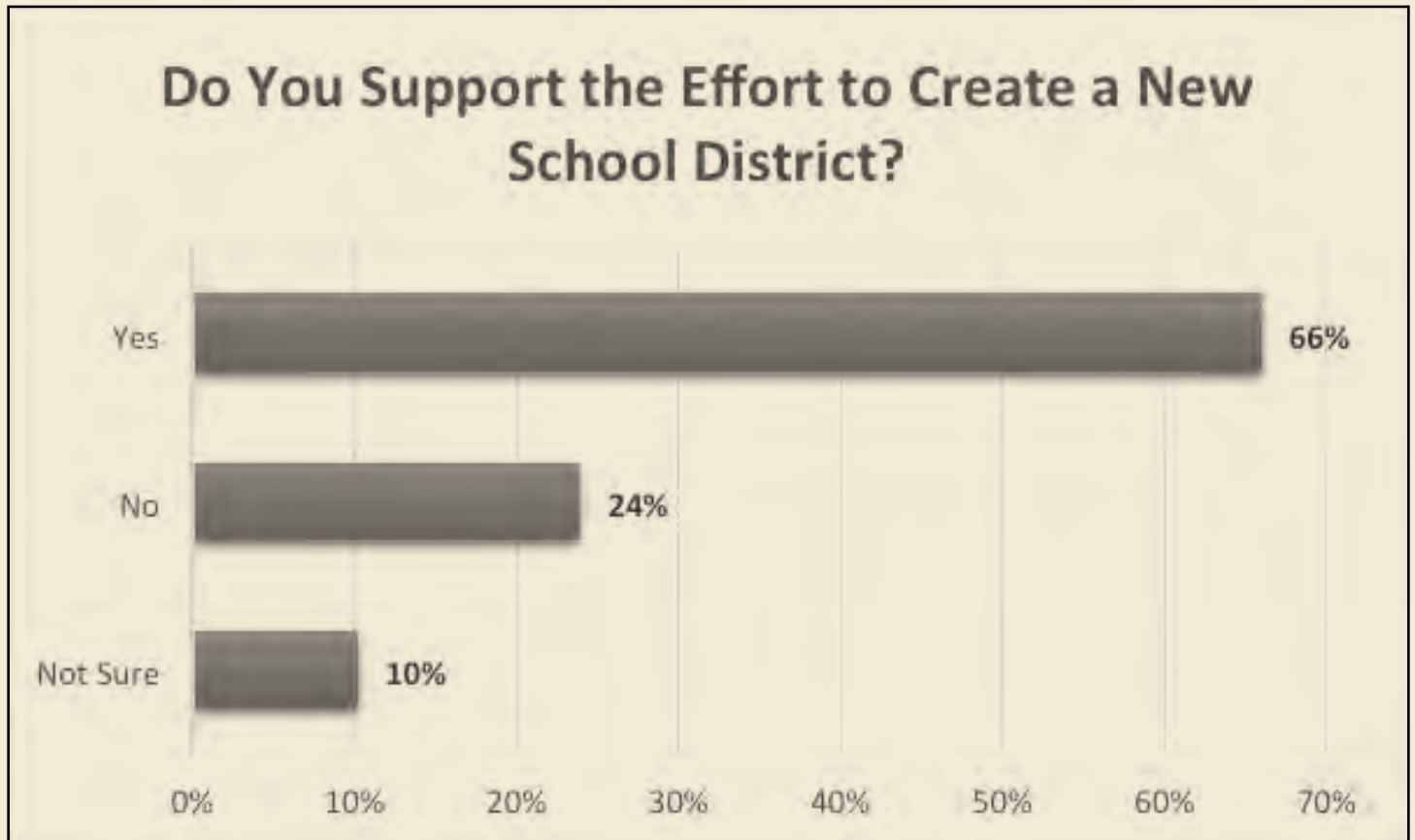
Important dates:

Mon. 3/13 – WST Swim Clinics begin
Mon. 4/10 - 2017 Swim Season Begins
Sat. 6/10 - Summer club hours begin (12-8 pm)
Tue. 7/4 – Annual 4th of July Celebration

Survey Results *(Continued from Pg. 1)*

Response to the survey was excellent, with over 80 respondents, nearly three times the response rate of the previous Woodlands survey (on a different topic) in 2015. Along with raw numbers, the survey yielded a wealth of thoughtful comments from the community. We'll summarize the findings of the survey here, with a more in-depth dive into the specific comments and ideas expressed in our April newsletter.

Overall, 66% of respondents expressed support for the effort to create a new district, with 24% opposed, and 10% unsure. Respondents consider themselves to be well informed on the issue, with over 90% indicating that they were either very or fairly familiar with the effort, and no one indicating that they were completely unfamiliar the effort.



Top reasons cited as the best arguments for a new school district included a desire for more accountable leadership at the district level (52 responses) and more local control (50 responses). Top reasons cited as arguments against a new school district indicated that it would be unfair to students in the current Mount Diablo Unified School District (22 responses), and that it would not have a positive impact on the teachers (22 responses). The Woodlands Association also received feedback from one member of the community that the choice of 'reasons against' were limited and poorly expressed.

Look for more details, and a closer look at the comments, in next month's newsletter.

Roasted Cauliflower with Mustard & Capers

by Colleen O'Donnell

Credit for this amazingly delicious side dish goes to my good friend Lori. Somehow I had incorrectly remembered her version (with chickpeas and parsley- so yummy!) and created this version by accident! Roasting cauliflower turns it from a somewhat bland tasting vegetable when steamed to something much more complex. Because cauliflower is so mild, it is a great canvas for your favorite seasonings. Feel free to add a little crushed red pepper or garlic for some heat if you prefer. Doubles easily as well!

1 large cauliflower- cored and cut into small florets (be sure to add any bits and pieces—the little “crumbs” turn into golden brown, crunchy bits when roasted)

2 Tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil

½ Tablespoon Dijon mustard (try grainy mustard as well or a mix of both)

1 ½ Tablespoons Capers- drained

Zest of one lemon

Salt & Pepper to taste.

Preheat the oven to 400°F.

In a large bowl toss the cauliflower, olive oil, mustard, capers and lemon zest.

Spread the mixture on a large sheet pan in one layer

Roast for approximately 25 minutes until tender and golden brown, tossing a few times during that time. If you like your vegetables a deep golden brown (which I do, and some of the capers will get very crunchy) turn the oven to 450 and roast an extra 5-10 minutes until desired color is achieved.

Taste and then add salt & pepper to your preference. Capers are salty, so be sure to taste before adding extra salt.



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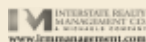
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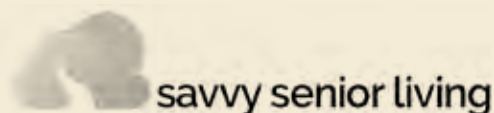
August 2: Aging in Place (a.k.a. 'Staying Put')

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October 4: Downsizing Lessons from People Who Know

November 1: Rightsizing 101 - Professional Panel

December 6: Storytelling - Legacy



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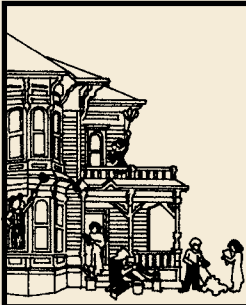
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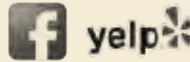
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