

The Woodlands



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November 2016



Save the Date! Valle Verde's Fall Carnival and 50th Birthday Celebration Is Sunday, October 30th!

It's Valle Verde's 50th Birthday and we are celebrating at this year's fall carnival! Are you, your friends, or others in your family Valle Verde alum? We will have 50th birthday tiles and pavers for purchase at the event that will be installed in the school to commemorate this milestone.

Join in the fun for all ages with a Halloween Costume Contest at 11 a.m. (meet in front of the school office), Candy Corn Alley, Games, Cowpie Bingo, Cupcake Walk, Haunted House, Train Ride and more. Enjoy a delicious lunch on campus and lots of sweet treats from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This is a major fundraiser for our neighborhood school at 3275 Peachwillow Lane. The event is open to the community.

Creation of a Northgate Unified School District

by Lisa Fairfield

September 10 marked the official kick-off day of the petition drive supporting the creation of a Northgate Unified School District.

The objective of the local, non-profit group Northgate Community Advocacy for our Public Schools (Northgate CAPS) is 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. All residents who are currently assigned to any one of these schools would be served by the new district. Supporters of the effort strongly believe that a smaller, community-based district would be more accountable and responsive to the needs of its students and teachers.

The process to create a new school district is arduous and slow-moving. The founders of Northgate CAPS have worked for two years to build the structure around this effort and to complete an extensive report which explains how NUSD would meet the California State Board of Education's criteria for district reorganization. The next step is for the Contra Costa County District Organization Committee to approve the report. Following the county's approval, the report will be sent to the California State Board of Education for review. After approval at the state level, the community will have a local election vote to create the new district.

Before Contra Costa County will review the report, however, sufficient signatures need to be gathered during the petition drive. Those who sign the petition must be both registered to vote in Contra Costa County and live within the attendance area of one of the five schools included in the new district. It is required that the petition be signed by 25% of residents who meet this criteria; a total of approximately 6,000 signatures. These signatures must be collected and submitted by February 28, 2017.

Dedicated volunteers have been going door-to-door within their neighborhoods gathering signatures. Residents have also had the opportunity to sign the petition at fixed locations in front of schools and inside local businesses. Upcoming petitioning locations include:

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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

School's Back in Session!

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Upcoming Board Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 5th
Saturday, December 3rd

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

Woodlands residents
 are encouraged to
 attend board meetings.

Loella Haskew for City Council



Mayor Loella Haskew was elected to the Walnut City Council in November 2012. She will serve as Mayor in 2016, and was Mayor Pro Tem in 2015. Before being elected to Council, she served on the Community Blue Ribbon Task Force on Fiscal Health and the Arts Vision Task Force, and is a Walnut Creek Citizens Institute graduate.

Ms. Haskew has an extensive history of community service. Currently, she serves on the board of directors for the Cancer Support Community and the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund. She is a past member of the board of directors of the Diablo Regional Arts Association; prior to joining the DRAA board, she served as a trustee for the organization. Other boards she has served on include the Walnut Creek Library Foundation, the Contra Costa Childcare Council, New Connections and the Pleasant Hill/Martinez Soccer Association. As a volunteer soccer referee, she was twice named

“Referee of the Year.”

Ms. Haskew received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Golden Gate University, summa cum laude, in 1980 and her Masters in Taxation from Golden Gate in 1986. She taught as an adjunct instructor in the Masters of Tax Program at Golden Gate University for several years, served on the Statewide Committee of Taxation for the California Society of CPAS, and drafted questions used in the national CPA exam. She practiced public accounting for a Walnut Creek firm until July 2012, and considers herself “almost retired.”

Ms. Haskew was born in Staten Island, New York. She moved to California just before her senior year of high school. She is married to Walnut Creek CPA Ralph Haskew. Her son, Army Sergeant First Class Steven Dotterer, and her daughter-in-law, Army Staff Sergeant Joelyn Dotterer, are currently stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, where they live with their two children.

To quote Ms. Haskew: “My focus on Council has been to continue Walnut Creek’s legacy of a safe, friendly community with a vibrant business environment and exceptional quality of life. The experience that I’ve gained in my four years on Council has given me an even deeper respect and appreciation for the uniquely special feeling of community and caring that sets our city apart. My theme as your mayor is WALNUT CREEK WORKS. This expression honors how all the components (city services and amenities, geographic location, for-profit and not-for-profit enterprises, and community participation and dedication) mesh together to support and enhance our common goals. I am running to City Council to dedicate another four years to using my professional strengths to keep our city fiscally strong, my optimism to guide our city into tomorrow, and my commitment to keep the best of our city’s legacy for future generations.”

Bob Simmons for City Council



This is an exciting time to live in Walnut Creek. In my eight years on your City Council, we have experienced a lot of change. The recession required hard work just to keep the city afloat. In my first term, we made massive budget cuts and fundamental changes to our fiscal framework, including negotiating with our employees to pay the full employee share of their pensions. That fiscal discipline has, with the improved economy, produced a nearly \$3 million surplus this year. We also focused on economic development, including approving The Orchards project. Together with the Encina Grande renovation, this has significantly upgraded the retail and dining opportunities in this area.

We modified the Shadelands Business Park zoning to provide greater flexibility to encourage new businesses to come to the Shadelands. While medical and office uses dominate, it now has the

Ultimate Fieldhouse Sports Complex, a school for the performing arts, the Calicraft Taproom, and a senior living center is coming in the near future.

The Council made these changes after a lot of public discussion, particularly on the Orchards project. I believe we will experience an improved quality of life for those of us living east of Heather Farm Park. During this busy and productive four years, we improved public safety by adding officers to our Police Department, approving the opening of an office in the Shadelands and placing a school resource officer at Northgate High School.

In approving renewal of Broadway Plaza, the downtown residential developments, and several affordable housing projects, the Council supported the goals of economic development and increased housing opportunities, particularly for those interested in a more urban lifestyle. In building the All-Abilities Playground, rebuilding Larkey Pool, and renovating the Boundary Oak Golf Course Clubhouse, the Council supported improving our parks.

In adopting the plastic bag ban and the secondhand smoke ordinance, joining Marin Clean Energy, providing subsidies for public transit, and in acquiring additional open space lands, the Council supported a healthier environment.

In the next four years, we will face some big issues, including providing more housing and more affordable housing, responding to climate change, replacing the Clarke Swim Center, continuing to repair our aging infrastructure, and addressing the currently unfunded employee pension liability.

Kevin Wilk for City Council

I love waking up in Walnut Creek every day!

I'm proud of all that our city has to offer its citizens, and what it's given our family, my children and my parents: A safe, clean community; beautiful parks and open space; wonderful dining, shopping and recreational opportunities, and an unmatched quality of life for all ages. It's no wonder Walnut Creek has become a model community known and admired around the world.

About Kevin

My family first came to the community in 1973, and I graduated high school here. While I went off to college and start my career, my parents continued to live here – and, after 40 years, still do. Twenty years ago, my wife, Jill, and I returned to Walnut Creek (near Foothill) to raise our family in a community we have long known, loved, and believe with all our hearts is uniquely special in the quality of life it offers. We feel fortunate and blessed to have been able to raise our children here. Our daughter, Darielle, is a Northgate High School graduate and is in her 2nd year at the University of Arizona. Our son, Shane, is a junior at Northgate.



My Education - Political Science Degree from UCLA

After graduating from high school in Walnut Creek, I attended the University of California, Berkeley, for two years before graduating from UCLA with a degree in political science, sparking my life-long interest in community issues and involvement.

My Business Experience and Career

Over my professional career, I've worked for some of the most successful companies in the world – Microsoft, Yahoo, Experian – giving me experience in large-scale planning, budgeting, financial management and leadership. But I have also founded two successful start-ups.

City Transportation Commissioner, Arts Commissioner, Community Service Day, Schools and Youth Sports

When Jill and I moved to Walnut Creek, we loved everything about it: The schools, parks, open spaces, downtown shops, restaurants, the different neighborhoods, the Leshner Center, and so much more! We saw our children thriving, our community flourishing, and we were inspired to be more than

just residents — we wanted to participate, contribute and connect.

Walnut Creek Transportation Commissioner, 2008-2016

Two Terms, Three Years as Chairman

As a three-time chair of the Transportation Commission, I led our efforts to increase the availability of downtown parking (thousands of more spaces, first hour free in garages); improve traffic flow throughout the city, including along YVR; invest in major roadway improvements, including the lane and signal changes at YV and Heather Farm; and develop and implement a bicycle master plan. My 8 years as a Transportation Commissioner has given me a deep understanding of our local and regional transportation, traffic and parking issues – and for the need for creative solutions to these challenges.

Youth Sports Coach

Over 10 years I coached 15 different youth sports teams, helping understand the needs of our local youth and critical insights on our parks and recreational facilities. Those years gave me a great chance to engage with hundreds of WC families on a variety of civic issues! I'm honored that many of our former mayor and community leaders support my campaign, and I look forward meeting as many of you. In the meantime, get to know a little more about me at <http://kevinwilkforwalnutcreek.com/>
Thank you.

I appreciate your interest and will work hard to earn your support.

Former Woodlands Association President Running For Re-Election to City Council

by Justin Wedel

My name is Justin Wedel and I am running for re-election to the Walnut Creek City Council. As a former president of the Woodlands Association I have a unique understanding of the issues facing the Woodlands neighborhood - from traffic issues, to public safety, to finances, and more.

Public safety is a key issue to all of us. As the co-founder of the Public Safety Committee of the Council, I ensured that Walnut Creek continues to remain a safe community. The WCPD now has a fully staffed organization, ensuring we have the personnel required to patrol our streets and monitor Citrus Marketplace. We have also resumed many of our long past programs, including School Resource Officers to protect our children. Additionally, we have increased patrols and traffic enforcement in all areas of Walnut Creek,

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including the Woodlands. On the financial front, I have ensured that we have a strong and successful business community. Being the vocal advocate for strong business development in Walnut Creek, including the redevelopment Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek is assured to be the economic engine of the East Bay.

While we all benefit from the successful business community in Walnut Creek through additional tax revenue, it is important that we spend our resources prudently. As such, I have made an extra effort to be the taxpayers' watchdog, successfully defeating two proposed sales tax measures on homeowners and residents. During my tenure not only have we balanced the budget but we will have a \$4M surplus this budget cycle and a projected \$7M during our next.

In a time where many of us do not trust our elected officials due to unkept promises, it is with pleasure that I report promises made, my promises kept. In 2012 during my successful run for the Walnut Creek City Council, I promised a principled fight for a fully staffed police department, to ensure safe neighborhoods, and for fiscally competent policies - all of which I have delivered upon. The 2016 election cycle has already proven itself as an interesting one and the local elections will be no different. For the Walnut Creek City Council election, to win will take the same effort, if not more, than what was required during the 2012 election cycle. As such, I am asking for your support for my re-election to the Walnut Creek City Council.

I fundamentally believe that government works best when our elected representatives are held accountable. My email address is: justin@justinwedel.com and my home phone is 925-899-2535. For more information visit my website at: www.justinwedel.com. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns, I would love to hear from you.

I would be honored to have your vote.

Respectfully,
Councilmember Justin Wedel

Valle Verde Elementary school

November 11- Veteran's Day School Holiday

November 18- End of First Trimester

November 21-25- Thanksgiving Recess

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOING ON A FIELD TRIP? Occasionally, the class will take a school bus, but many trips are made by private car. If you plan to drive on a field trip, you must have Volunteer Clearance. Please obtain a Transportation of Students in Privately-owned Vehicles/Field Trip Chaperone Agreement from the office. You will need to fill out the form and sign it, and also provide a copy of proof of your car insurance declarations page. These documents should be in the office no later than one week before your field trip. Make sure to read the Chaperone Handbook.

STEAM: The STEAM Industry Partnership Program (SIPP), is a cost-free, volunteer-run program at Valle Verde (and other MDUSD schools) to help kids get excited about science, technology, engineering, arts & math. Our mission is to "build curiosity and confidence in children by connecting STEAM education to STEAM careers." To do so, we connect students grade 3 - 8 with STEAM industry experts who will customize a classroom presentation that is interactive, age appropriate and motivates children by sharing:

- Why they chose their career, what they enjoy most about it & how education is essential to success
 - How math & science are a tool and used in interesting & practical ways
 - Visuals, hands-on work samples or experiments to show children real-life applications of STEAM fields
- Presentations take place during regular school hours and typically last 45 to 60 minutes. Times and dates are flexible. Interested? Contact gilliangwaterman@gmail.com

Foothill Middle School

November 1- Minimum day 12:30 PM dismissal

November 4- Drama Production

Loaves and Fishes 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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November 7- Soccer Game 3:30
 November 8- Drama production @ Northgate High School 7:30 - 9:30
 November 11- Veteran's Day
 November 16- PFA meeting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 November 17- Foothill Talent Show 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 November 18- Coffee with Dave 7:45 AM- 8:15 AM
 Jazz band field trip 12:00 PM- 2:00 PM
 November 29- Site council meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Northgate High School

November 1- President's council 8:30am – 9:30am
 NCMB meeting 7pm – 9pm
 November 4- ** Senior Night ** Home Football Game
 vs Mt Diablo High School\
 MB @ Football Game, Senior Recognition
 4:30pm – 9:00pm
 November 7- Girls Varsity Golf at NorCal Golf Championship 8am – 9am @ The Club at Crazy Horse Ranch
 November 8- NIMB Board Meeting 7:00pm – 8:30pm
 November 9- PFC Executive Committee 8:15am – 9:30am
 Grad Night Planning Committee 7pm – 8pm
 November 12- Vintage Reserve Band Review MB
 6am – 5pm
 November 15- Girls Varsity Golf at State Championship Golf 8am – 9am @ Red Hill Country Club - Rancho Cucamonga
 November 16- MDUSD Jazz Festival 4pm – 8pm
 @ Diablo Valley College, 94520, 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill
 November 17- PFC General Meeting 7:00pm – 8:30pm
 November 18- College of San Mateo Jazz Festival
 8am – 10pm
 November 19- 10am Boys Varsity Basketball at Monte Vista High School
 11:30am Boys Junior Varsity Basketball at Monte Vista(scrimmage)
 1pm Boys Freshman Basketball at Monta

Vista (Scrimmage)
 6pm MBA End Party
 November 21- Berean Christian (Scrimmage) at Boys Varsity Soccer 12pm – 1pm
 November 22- 11am California (scrimmage) at Boys Varsity Soccer
 4pm Boys Freshman Basketball at Foundation Game
 5:30pm Boys Junior Varsity Basketball at Foundation Game
 6pm Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Analy High School
 7pm Boys Varsity Basketball at Antioch High School
 7:30pm Girls Varsity Basketball at Analy
 November 25- 5:30pm Alumni Game vs. Freshman Team at Boys Junior Varsity Basketball
 5:30pm Alumni Game vs. JV Team at Boys Freshman Basketball
 7pm Northgate Alumni at Boys Varsity Basketball
 November 26- 12pm Boys Freshman Basketball at Redwood High School
 1:30pm Boys Junior Varsity Basketball at Redwood High School
 2pm Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Moreau Catholic High School
 3pm Boys Varsity Basketball at Redwood High School
 3:30pm Girls Varsity Basketball at Moreau Catholic High School
 November 28- Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Casa Grande High School 5:30pm – 6:30pm
 Girls Varsity Basketball at Casa Grande High School 7pm – 8pm
 November 29- 3pm Jazz Concert Set Up
 7pm NIMB Board Meeting
 7pm Boys Varsity Soccer at Mt. Diablo
 November 30- Jazz Bands in Little Theater 8:30am – 9:30am

Letters to the Editor - Friends of Walnut Creek



Dear Neighbors,

I am part of a four member non-profit group called Friends of Walnut Creek. We are Steve Elster, Lorraine and Brad Rose, and myself, Michele Browne. We formed about two plus years ago to try and limit the Safeway development project. During this time of city planning for The Orchards many people were involved and some had even hoped to stop this expansive development. FOWC requested donations and we made enough money to start a lawsuit under the premise of CEQA violations by the developers.

The lawsuit was getting expensive, the city was threatening FOWC and finally Safeway offered the group \$125,00.00 to drop the lawsuit. Which we did on a vote of 3 to 1, and took the money, this was last year. Now we are sitting on this money, without a cause to be precise.

I think this group not only needs more members but also a cause. A good cause which we can get behind. I am hoping that there is community interest and involvement so FOWC can move forward in a productive manner. Please reach out to any of us if you are interested, I can be reached at michelebrown@astound.net.

Regards,
Michele Browne

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Inside Rocco's
Saturday 10/15, 1:30-4:00
Saturday 11/19, 1:30-4:00

Scottsdale Swim Club parking lot
Tuesday 10/18, 4:30-7:00
Thursday 11/10, 4:30-7:00

Inside Safeway at Countrywood
Friday 10/28, 4:30-7:00
Sunday 11/13, 4:30-7:00

If you would like to be involved, here are some ways you can help support the effort:

Register to vote and sign the petition. Ensure that you are a registered Contra Costa County voter. Registering online is quick and easy www.cocovote.us/voter-registration/register-to-vote/

Sign up to volunteer. More volunteers are needed to help circulate the petition within their neighborhoods. Or, sign up to help at one of the upcoming fixed petitioning sites.

<https://northgatecaps.org/nusd/volunteer-petition-drive/>
<https://northgatecaps.org/volunteer-petition-locations/>

Offer your experience. Do you have experience in politics? Working with school districts? Can you offer advice on legal matters that Northgate CAPS might face during this process? Consider donating your time and expertise. You can reach out through the website or via email.

<https://northgatecaps.org/contact-us/>
northgatecaps@gmail.com.

Donate money. Expenses are covered solely by the generous support of local community members. Even a small donation can make a big difference.

<https://northgatecaps.org/join-balance/>

Share your vision. Northgate CAPS wants to hear from the local community. Teachers, students, parents, community members, what would you like to see in a new district? Please share your thoughts.

northgatecaps@gmail.com

Learn more. Keep up to date with the effort by visiting the Northgate CAPS website and by liking their Facebook page.

<https://northgatecaps.org>
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- Adequate and well-maintained recreational resources
- Responsible growth and neighborhood preservation
- A strong local economy



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- Transportation Commissioner (2008-2016)
- Arts Commissioner (1999-2005)
- Downtown Parking Improvements (2009-2011)
- Shadelands Gateway Task Force (2011-2013)
- WC Citizens' Police Academy
- Businessman and Internet Director
- Youth Sports Coach (11 years)
- Community Volunteer for schools, youth and civic groups
- Member of three-generation Walnut Creek family

“As an educator, I am proud to endorse Kevin Wilk. A longtime champion of the arts, Kevin led the Public Art Master Plan process as a City Arts Commissioner. As a Northgate resident and 8 year City Transportation Commissioner, he understands our traffic and parking needs, as well as the importance of smart downtown development.”

~ Meg Honey, Woodlands resident and High School teacher

“Kevin's a neighbor in my area of Walnut Creek. His experience as a Transportation Commissioner, improving signal timing along Ygnacio Valley Road, and his dedication to serving Walnut Creek residents by working to preserve our neighborhoods and downtown have earned him my support.”

~ Adrienne Robillard, Former President Woodlands Association



Learn more about Kevin's vision for Walnut Creek's future and see the list of community leaders who support him

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DECIDE ON AN EMERGENCY MEETING PLACE

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MAKE A PLAN

Make a plan that outlines all the information you'll need to know in the event of an emergency. Not only will it help you get to a safe location, it'll also allow you to let your loved ones know you're safe.

1. Create a spreadsheet that includes:

- Names and nicknames of each family member
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2. Plan a safe evacuation route.

If you're home when an emergency occurs, you may have to evacuate with little to no notice. Select several safe evacuation routes, and make sure everyone is familiar with them.

3. Assign roles.

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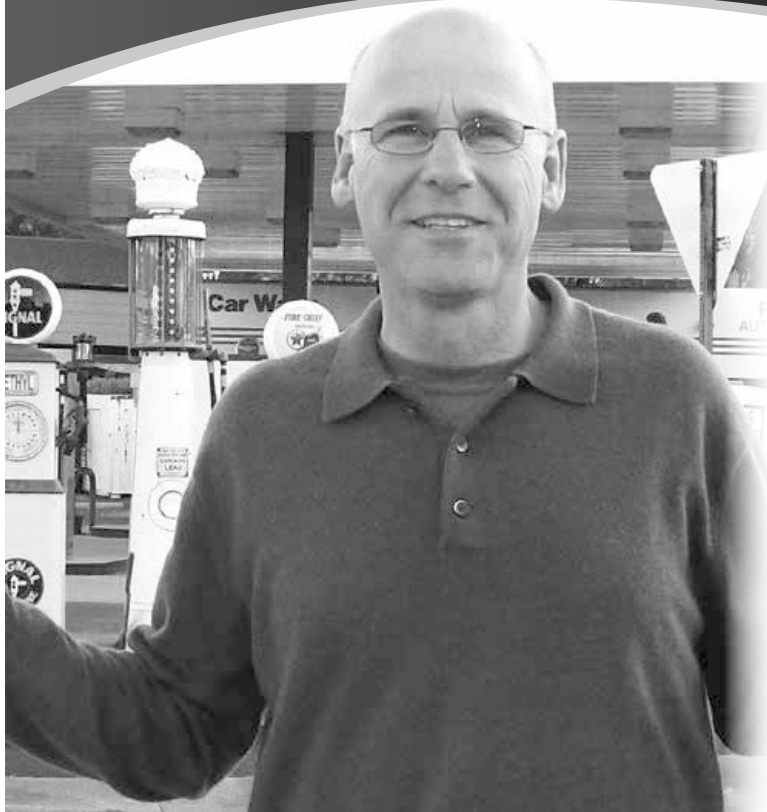
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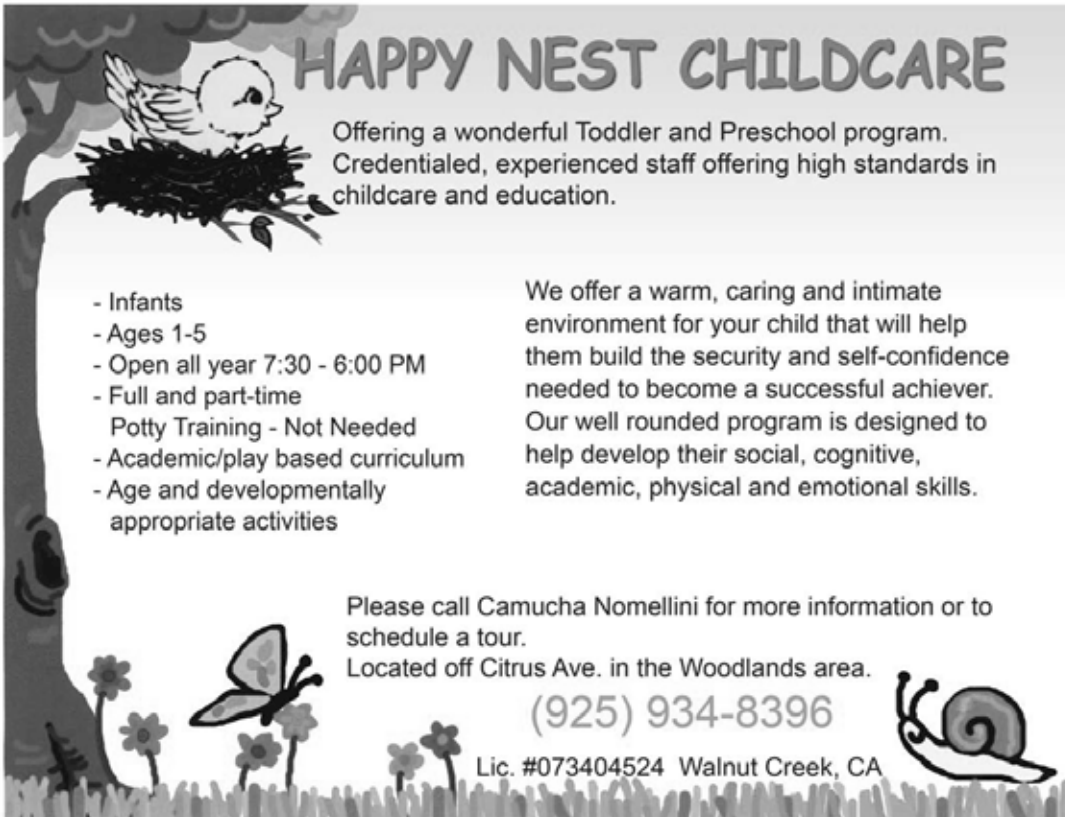


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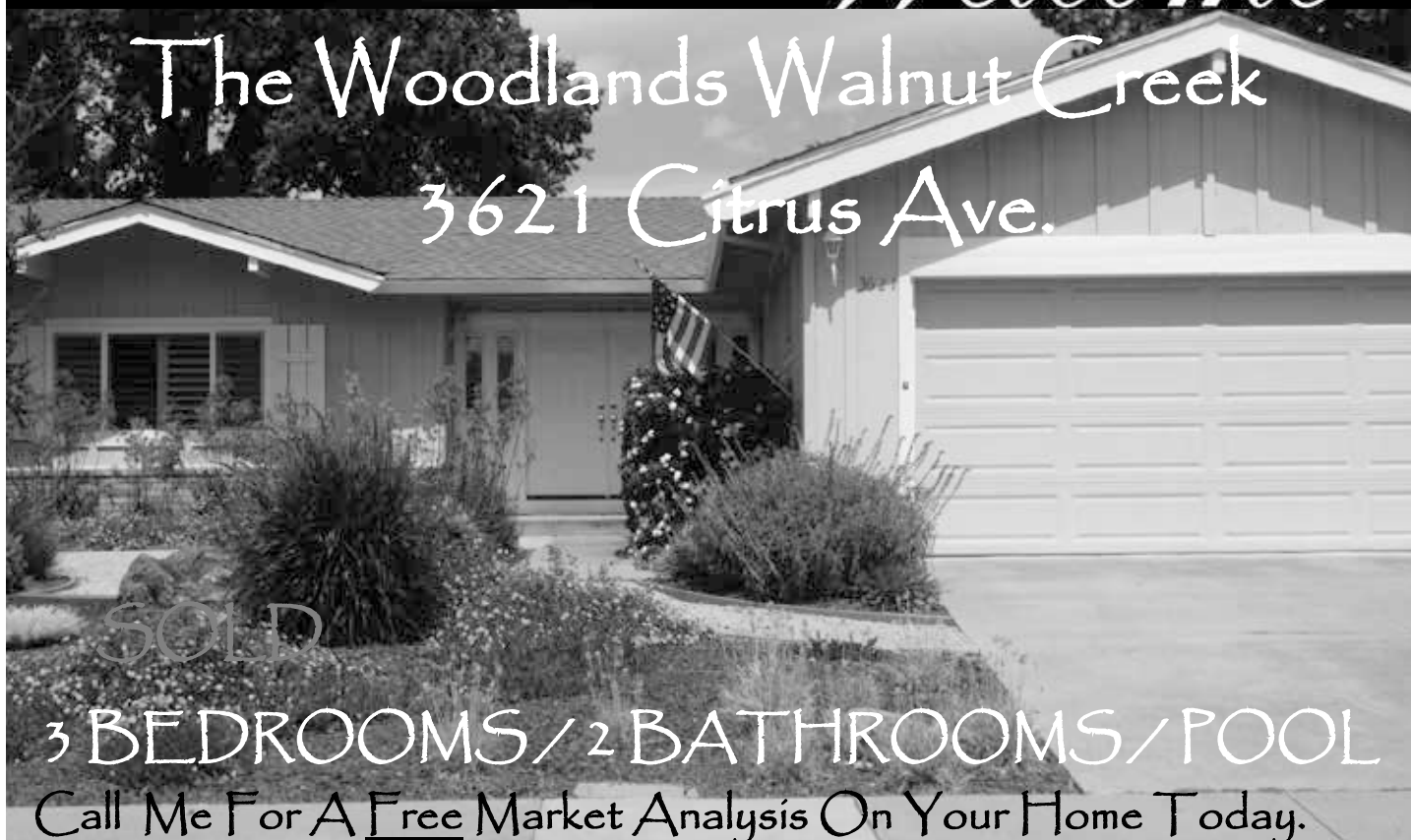
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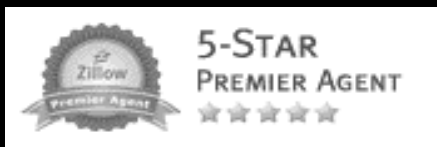
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