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September 2017

Taking Action on Speeding in the Woodlands

By Jared Asch & Bill Gilmyers



The Woodlands Association has heard increased complaints in recent months about speeding on our neighborhood streets. While the speeding and traffic concerns do address nearly every street in the Woodlands, we've received consistent complaints related to Perada Drive, Citrus Avenue, and Peachwillow Lane. In response to this the board has reached out to a number of city officials to better understand potential ways to address the issue.

As noted in last month's newsletter, we reached out to Rafat Raie, the city's traffic engineer, and at his recommendation, spoke with his associate, Simin Turi. Rafat and Simin had been very helpful last year in installing the sign on Peachwillow that tracks the speed of passing cars. Simin recommended that members of the community attend a meeting of the city's Transportation Committee, which includes an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of each meeting. This is an opportunity to express our neighborhood concerns and try to drive action.

In addition, at the recommendation of Councilman Kevin Wilk, we contacted the Walnut Creek Police Department to discuss the enforcement angle of the issue. As a result of that conversation the city has agreed to increase frequency of police patrols, particularly on Perada and Citrus, as part of their regular rotation. Expect increase patrols on those streets over the next few months. To avoid a ticket, remember that the speed limit throughout the Woodlands is 25 mph and that those red signs with the eight sides mean stop.

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Save the Date! Valle Verde's Fall Carnival Is Coming Up!

The Valle Verde Fall Carnival is coming up on Saturday, October 28th. Join in the fun for all ages with a Halloween Costume Contest, Candy Corn Alley, Games, Cupcake Walk, Haunted House, Train Ride and more. Enjoy lunch on campus and lots of sweet treats from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. This is a major fundraiser for our neighborhood school at 3275 Peachwillow Lane.



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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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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

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Water conservation, information, gardening resources, moneysaving tips. <http://www.ccwater.com>

Allied Waste Services of Contra Costa County, 925-603-1144

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The canal is part of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Maintained by the Public Works Department

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Upcoming Board Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 3rd
Saturday, October 7th

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

Woodlands residents
are encouraged to
attend board meetings.

Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), All about "Evie"

by Susan Pfau

If you aren't familiar with the story of how ARF came to be, it all started on May 7, 1990 during a televised Oakland Athletics' game, when a stray tortoiseshell cat looking for food took a wrong turn and suddenly found herself on the playing field. Tony La Russa, then-manager for the A's, gently coaxed her into the dugout to keep her safe during the rest of the game. This cat wouldn't be the last "save" of Tony's career.



Tony and his wife Elaine, a life-long animal advocate, discovered there was not a single no-kill shelter in the East Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area and that the little cat would likely be euthanized. They took her under their wing and exhausted every lead in the hopes of finding her a safe haven. At last, they were able to place "Evie" – named after Oakland A's team owner, Evie Haas - in a permanent, loving home where she could live out her natural life.

The experience awakened Elaine and Tony to the realization of the desperate circumstances in besieged public animal shelters and the plight of homeless dogs and cats, and inspired them to take action. Less than a year later, they co-founded ARF with the goal of rescuing dogs and cats before they ran out of time at high-kill shelters. ARF's mission became clear, "People Rescuing Animals...Animals Rescuing People...®"

Chances are you or one of your neighbors have adopted a dog or cat from ARF (our family has). If you're looking for a new furry friend to give a loving forever home to, be sure to visit their welcoming facility directly across from the Woodlands neighborhood at 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek, California 94598 (At the corner of Oak Grove Road and Mitchell Drive).

Interested in supporting their mission while enjoying some wine, check out their annual fall event this month!

Wine & Whiskers: A Fun Evening of Napa Wine, Food, and Music

Sip on wine while supporting the adoption of furry friends right here in the Woodlands area! On September 23, 2017 ARF will hold its 14th Annual Wine & Whiskers event where you can enjoy a fun fall evening of specialty Napa wines, local breweries, great food, and a live band -- all to support ARF's programs to connect animals with people.

Visit the martini bar and stroll among many food and fine wine tables while enjoying the sounds of Napa cover band, Recovered Vinyl. Come mingle with fellow animal lovers and peruse their silent and live auction offerings! Proceeds support affordable veterinary care, adoptions services, rescue runs, humane education, and lots of love for our four-legged furry friends.

This event sells out every year and is not to be missed! Online reservations are open! For more information, please visit arflife.org.

Speeding in Woodlands *(Continued from Pg. 1)*

In August or September look for speed sensors to be placed in rotation on both Citrus and Perada. These sensors will collect raw data that will be shared with the police, the city traffic engineer, and the Woodlands Association for analysis and to help determine potential next steps. It may also be possible to get additional permanent digital speed displays; we've been added to the city's list for these, subject to budget constraints. The police will also research the cost of these signs, we may be able to raise money and finance their purchase locally.

Peachwillow, another area of concern, falls into a school enforcement zone and is handled differently from an enforcement standpoint, with the police ramping up enforcement and education three times a year in this area. As a reminder, Valle Verde children are on site during school hours, later in the afternoon, and during the summer. Please be safe around our schools at all times and in all seasons.

Finally, the intersection of Oak Grove and Ygnacio, just outside our neighborhood, has earned the title of 'Worst intersection in Walnut Creek' and one of the worst in the county. The city is becoming more aggressive in citing speeders coming down the hill from Concord/Clayton as well as those making illegal U-turns around the intersection.

The City has asked us to join the Transportation Committee meeting in November to raise our concerns regarding these issues. In next month's newsletter we will provide information about the meeting (they are held bi-monthly) and how we can take advantage of it as a community to air our concerns regarding this important issue.

Please note the speed limit on every street within the Woodlands is 25 MPH- please drive safely!

SCHOOL NEWS

Valle Verde Elementary

September 4th- Labor Day- School holiday

September 5th- Picture day

Foothill Middle



September
6th- 7pm Back-to-School Night

8th- Ice Cream Social- 6th Grade

13th- Parent Ed Night- Transition to Middle School

14th- Odyssey of the Mind - Informational Meeting ~
Foothill Library

20th- PFA Meetings - Library

26th- Field Trip- Leadership to Westminster Woods

27th- Magazine Drive Assembly GYM

Northgate High



Friday, September 1
Walnut Acres Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, September 5
7:00pm- NCMB Meeting - NHS

Friday, September 8
5:15pm- Football Home Game

Saturday, September 9
8:00am- March-A-Thon MB

Tuesday, September 12
7:00pm- NIMB Board Meeting

Saturday, September 16
8:00am- Monterey Jazz Festival
4:30pm- Walnut Creek Twilight Parade

Sunday, September 17
10:00pm- Monterey Jazz Festival

Friday, September 22
5:15pm- Football Home Game

Wednesday, September 27
6:30pm- Winter Sports Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 28
7:00pm- Fall Concert I

Saturday, September 30
6:15am- Pittman HS Band Review MB

This Month at the Cabana Club

***Live Music and Family Fun at The Woodlands
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Welcome to our New Newsletter Coordinator

The Woodlands Association is pleased to welcome Susan Pfau, who will be serving as our new newsletter coordinator beginning this month. Susan grew up in San Francisco and moved to the Northgate area her sophomore year of high school. She earned her B.A. in History at UC Riverside and her M.A. in Strategic Public Relations at USC. After living in Los Angeles for several years, she returned to Walnut Creek and her fate was sealed when she met her husband. They decided they wanted to raise their family in Walnut Creek. The open space backdrop, beautiful neighborhood and proximity to amenities is what drew her family to the Woodlands. When not running after her two young boys, Susan works as a consultant, advocates for animals, and enjoys eating scrumptious food with great company.

SunShares Renewable Energy Program Launches Aug. 14

The City of Walnut Creek is excited to announce that SunShares is back again this year! SunShares is a renewable energy program making it easier and more affordable for Bay Area residents to go solar. SunShares offers discounts, free workshops, and helps renters learn more about their clean energy options. Any Bay Area resident may participate in the program.

A Contra Costa workshop will be held on September 28 from 7-8 PM at Concord's City Hall, 1950 Parkside Drive, Concord. Workshops are held to help residents understand the basics of solar, financing options, and options for renters and to answer questions. In addition, the program will hold several webinars covering the same material. To learn more, visit the City's website at www.walnut-creek.org/goinggreen.

Woodlands Association Seeks New Treasurer

by Bill Gilmyers

The Woodlands Association is looking for a new Treasurer. 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.

Treasurer Duties:

- 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
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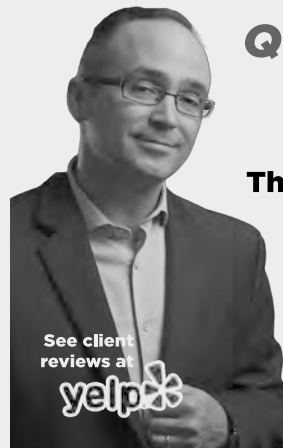
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