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## Lanning James Bryant – Woodlands Association Past President

October 8, 1946 – November 3, 2017

Lanny Bryant, past president of the Woodlands Association, passed away in November. The Association was contacted by another past president, Jim Tilley, who brought Lanny's passing to our attention, and we asked Jim if he could share his reflection on Lanny and his service to the community:

Lanny Bryant was a unique and energetic Woodlands neighbor. When Lanny was promoted to the Bay Area and after much diligence he and Carolyn chose the Woodlands to make their home and raise their family. After volunteering for numerous neighborhood endeavors he was elected president of our Woodlands Association in the 1990s. Lanny gathered a great set of fresh board members in the late '90s and into the early 2000s. We knew that Lanny had many interests but when he was with his board he had a magnificent ability to focus on the Woodlands.

Lanny managed with calmness and conviction as well as with the gentle understanding that we were all volunteers. He was clear with his direction while always listening to the varied views of the board and more importantly to the voices of the neighbors. Every board meeting was open to all neighbors.

The board had a sincere liking for his subtle humor and chuckled often at Lanny's unexpected puns. When Lanny finally resigned his position as Woodlands President he left an excellent board and a set of processes to his successor to work with. We realized that the disciplines he established would continue and we experienced that the board functioned with nary a blip. The new president appreciated what he was able to take over. We have all lost a wonderful friend. Those of us who worked and volunteered with Lanny two decades ago all have very fond memories and felt the many results were all worth working for.

The Woodlands Association Board would like to express our condolences to the Bryant family and Lanny for his service to the community. Thanks also to Jim Tilley for sharing his memories of Lanny's time on the Board.

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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](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](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>

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

Woodlands residents  
are encouraged to  
attend board meetings.

## RECYCLE & WASTE PREVENTION

By Jared Asch

Did you know that Recycle Smart and Republic Services is the first fleet in the country, where 100% of the trucks are powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) thus reducing auto emissions significantly?

A tip to reducing your trash bill: you only pay for the black trash bin. Recycling and composting are free. The smaller the black bin you use, the cheaper your service will be.

The following information will help you determine what's recycle or waste and how to handle both:

### BATTERIES & LIGHT BULBS

Batteries and light bulbs are not trash. They have hazardous material in them. Please put your batteries and light bulbs in a zip lock bag and put them out curbside. Place them or tape them on top of the blue recycling cart. The driver will exit the vehicle and collect them by hand.

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## Welcome to 2018

By Erik Ehlers

Unless North Korea or Diablo Shadows go crazy and start a war, it should be an improvement over that mess we left behind last year. Some people are probably excited right now they can legally buy...well, you know. Costs more to register a car, and taxes will probably go up, but don't they always?

So, what's exciting about this new calendar year? Well, for the next 15 days or so, every gym will be overwhelmingly full. So, might be a good plan to start your gym resolution around February 5, the day after the Super Bowl. Perhaps instead of the gym, a trip to one of our local trailheads to take in all that nature has to offer us would be more fulfilling. There's Lime Ridge here in our own backyard, and it's a short trip to Shell Ridge, Borges Ranch and of course Mt. Diablo itself. Watching wildlife is usually more rewarding than trying to keep up with the Desperate Housewives while bounding on a treadmill.

Walnut Creek also has abundant artificial entertainment. I'm not talking about the movie theaters or some new attraction at Broadway Plaza, but the chance to take a 45-minute drive down Ygnacio Valley Road during morning commute hours. You can experience it in your own vehicle, as well as see the frustrated faces of many others trapped in the parking lot experience. While our City Council and Planning Commission seem to vote yes on every new high-density housing complex that developers propose, those who chose Walnut Creek for its suburban respite from the travails of big city life are left to ponder how many new residents are enough before our burg's civic leaders stop and think that maybe they've said yes to too much. After all, Walnut Creek is not responsible for solving the bay's housing shortage on its own. Builders don't have to live with the consequences of added residences, they just must find construction workers at a time when they are in high demand.

Once we hit triple digits in June, try to think back to January and how much you wish it was a bit warmer when you walk outside. While not quite the bone chilling, shiver inducing, frozen ice capades that is the winter in places like Minnesota or Manitoba, we are woefully unprepared to face even a minor cold snap, as our homes are under insulated and our sensibilities are set to a more temperate atmosphere. Fortunately, nature has not converted the Cabana Club into a skating rink, so we'll likely survive the frost on the glass of vehicles that spend nights outside.

Well, here in the new year, things look remarkably like what's come before. The forecast calls for long days and short years, unless you are under 25. Let's continue here in the neighborhood with a sense of comity, camaraderie and comedy, as we all strive to enjoy 2018, and to make the year ahead one we look back on with a smile. After all, 2020 is looming, so we must enjoy this time while we have it, don't we?

# SCHOOL NEWS

## VALLE VERDE ELEMENTARY

### JANUARY

12TH Student Council Career/Future Me Day

15th Martin Luther King Day ~ No School

17th Kindergarten packets available in office

## FOOTHILL

### JANUARY

9- Middle School Honor Band Rehearsal

10- Assembly Schedule - Back on Track 6th Grade MU

11- Linkbot Robotics Club

17- Assembly Schedule - Back on Track 7th Grade MU  
 Assembly Schedule - Back on Track 8th Grade MU  
 MDUSD Middle School Jazz Night  
 PFA Meetings - Library

18- Linkbot Robotics Club

25- Linkbot Robotics Club  
 Site Council Meeting  
 MDUSD Middle and High School Honor Band Concert

26- Coffee with Dave

27- Folsom Jazz Festival



## NORTHGATE

### Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Holiday Break - No School

4:00pm Jesse Bethel High School at Boys Freshman Basketball

5:30pm Jesse Bethel High School at Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

7:00pm Jesse Bethel High School at Boys Varsity Basketball



### Thursday, January 4, 2018

Holiday Break - No School

4:00pm Boys Frosh/Soph Basketball at Berean Christian High School

5:30pm Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at San Ramon Valley High School

7:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball at San Ramon Valley

### Friday, January 5, 2018

Holiday Break - No School

4:30pm Boys Freshman Basketball at Vallejo High School

6:00pm

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball at Vallejo High School  
 7:30pm

Boys Varsity Basketball at Vallejo High School

### Saturday, January 6, 2018

1:30pm Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at College Park High School

3:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball at College Park High School

7:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer at De Anza High School

### Monday, January 8, 2018

5:30pm Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Clayton Valley High School

7:00pm Girls Varsity Basketball at Clayton Valley High School

### Tuesday, January 9, 2018

5:30am Las Lomas High School at Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

4:00pm Ygnacio Valley High School at Boys Freshman Basketball

### Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Jazz Band I Recording Session TBD

7:00pm Choral Music Boosters Meeting

7:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer at College Park High School

7:00pm Mt. Diablo High School at Girls Varsity Soccer

### Thursday, January 11, 2018

4:30pm Athletic Physicals

7:00pm Dance Showcase

7:00pm Athletic Boosters Meeting

### Friday, January 12, 2018

JB I at Chabot College, Time TBD

4:00pm Berean Christian High School at Boys Freshman Basketball

5:30pm Berean Christian High School at Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

5:30pm Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Berean Christian High School

7:00pm Berean Christian at Boys Varsity Basketball

Berean Christian at Boys Varsity Basketball

7:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer at Clayton Valley High School

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7:00pm  
Clayton Valley Charter High Sc at Girls Varsity Soccer  
7:00pm  
Girls Varsity Basketball at Berean Christian High School

Monday, January 15, 2018  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
2:00pm  
Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Petaluma High School  
3:30pm  
Girls Varsity Basketball at Petaluma High School

Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
7:00pm  
NIMB Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
3:30pm  
Girls Varsity Soccer at Berean Christian High School  
4:30pm  
Spring Sports Parent Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2018  
7:00pm  
PFC General Meeting, Library

Friday, January 19, 2018  
2:00pm  
CMEA Jazz East Festival  
4:00pm  
Boys Freshman Basketball at Alhambra High School  
5:30pm  
Alhambra High School at Girls Junior Varsity Basketball  
5:30pm  
Boys Junior Varsity Basketball at Alhambra High School  
7:00pm  
Alhambra High School at Girls Varsity Basketball  
7:00pm  
Boys Varsity Basketball at Alhambra High School

Saturday, January 20, 2018  
» 6:00pm  
CMEA Jazz East Festival

Tuesday, January 23, 2018  
4:00pm  
Boys Freshman Basketball at Ygnacio Valley High School  
5:30pm  
Boys Junior Varsity Basketball at Ygnacio Valley High School  
5:30pm  
Ygnacio Valley High School at Girls Junior Varsity Basketball  
7:00pm  
Boys Varsity Basketball at Ygnacio Valley  
7:00pm

Ygnacio Valley High School at Girls Varsity Basketball

Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
7:00pm  
Choral Music Spring Tour (Disneyland) Parent's Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2018  
8:00am  
American Threads: Great Gatsby - Twenties Party  
7:30pm  
MDUSD Honor Band Concert

Friday, January 26, 2018  
12:30pm  
Folsom Jazz Festival  
4:00pm  
Mount Diablo High School at Boys Freshman Basketball  
5:30pm  
Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Mount Diablo High School  
5:30pm  
Mt. Diablo High School at Boys Junior Varsity Basketball  
7:00pm  
Girls Varsity Basketball at Mount Diablo High School  
7:00pm  
Mt Diablo at Boys Varsity Basketball

Saturday, January 27, 2018  
Folsom Jazz Festival  
Boys Varsity Basketball at Bentley Shootout v San Lorenzo (time is TBD)

Sunday, January 28, 2018  
» 2:00pm  
Folsom Jazz Festival

Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
4:00pm  
Concord High School at Boys Freshman Basketball  
5:30pm  
Concord High School at Boys Junior Varsity Basketball  
5:30pm  
Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Las Lomas High School  
7:00pm  
Concord High School at Boys Varsity Basketball  
7:00pm  
Girls Varsity Basketball at Las Lomas High School

Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
7:00pm  
Choral Music Boosters Meeting



*Recycle & Waste (Continued from Pg. 3)*

### **ELECTRONICS**

It is a misdemeanor to dispose of computers, TV's, DVD players, iPhone's, etc. in your trash. It can contaminate water supplies and mess with the landfill process.

To dispose of your electronics there are two easy ways.

1. Please place them outside during the "Reuse" Day.
2. Call for a fee-based curbside pickup from Republic Services 925-685-4711

You can also drop off at Concord Recycling at 1320 Galaxy Way in Concord. A fee applies.

### **EXTRA CARDBOARD & YARD WASTE**

Each resident is entitled to four free bulk trash pickup days per year. During that time, you can leave out additional trash, recycling and yard waste. Republic Services also has two bulk pickup days during the year (where they pick up one bulky item, i.e. chair, table), providing you with up to six times for free you can dump extra waste. To schedule one of the four pickups please call 925-685-4711.

If you have additional waste can be dropped off at Concord Recycling at 1320 Galaxy Way in Concord. A fee applies.

### **COMPOST**

In writing this article, RecycleSmart asked us to supply more information about the composting program, now required by the State of California. The average home should be composting 40% of their household trash. The Woodlands is only averaging 12% so we need to do better. To do better, let's look at what can be composted in that green bin.

- ***Pizza boxes***
- ***Napkins, paper towels***
- ***Tissues***
- ***All food waste***
- ***Paper plates***
- ***Chop Sticks, popsicle sticks***
- ***Fish & Chicken bones***
- ***Pumpkins***
- ***Milk Cartons***
- ***All yard waste***

What doesn't go in: diapers, dog or cat poop or dead animals. Please put these in the black bin.

### **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

The following items are considered hazardous material and cannot be disposed of in your normal trash. Please dispose of properly.

- Pharmaceuticals – please dispose at Walnut Creek City Hall Lobby. To ensure privacy, place in a zip lock bag and recycle the plastic containers (you can also remove the labels).
- Light bulbs & batteries
- Paint – the Kelly Moore Paint Store on North Main St. in Walnut Creek will take up to 5 gallons
- Oil & Anti-freeze – place in an appropriate container and call Republic Services for a special pick up at 925-685-4711.
- Medical Sharps – please take to the Walnut Creek Fire Station – 1050 Walnut Avenue or Walnut Creek City Hall in the lobby

## Mushroom Barley Soup

January signals a time to reset, and soup is a great satisfying, warming, comforting go-to meal after the decadence of the holidays. This soup is a great one to make ahead, and I think benefits by being made the day before. The barley will thicken as it sits, so you may need to add a little extra broth or water to thin it just a bit. Enjoy!



**1 Tablespoon Extra Virgin Olive Oil**  
**1 Tablespoon unsalted butter**  
**1 onion, chopped**  
**2 cloves garlic, minced**  
**1 T tomato paste**  
**1 pound button mushrooms, sliced thin**  
**1 pound cremini mushrooms, sliced thin**  
**3 carrots, peeled and cut into ½ inch slices (if very large cut in half lengthwise and cut into half-moons)**  
**2 Bay Leaves**  
**5 sprigs fresh thyme**  
**½ cup barley**  
**8 cups vegetable broth**  
**Salt & Pepper to taste**

1. In a large pot add the olive oil and butter
2. Sauté the onion until softened and translucent
3. Add the garlic and cook for about 30 seconds
4. Add in the tomato paste and cook for about a minute
5. Add in sliced mushrooms and sprinkle with 1 teaspoon kosher salt. I like to put the lid on the pot to help the mushrooms soften and release their liquid. Remove the lid and cook until the liquid has evaporated and the mushrooms start to get a little golden color.
6. Add in the bay leaves, thyme and barley, stir to combine and add in the broth.
7. Bring to a simmer and cook until the barley is tender about 45 minutes.

Add freshly ground black pepper and salt to taste.

*Enjoy!*

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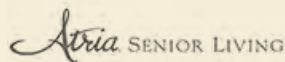
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Wishing all my Woodlands neighbors  
an abundance of happiness and prosperity  
in the New Year.

If a change of address is on the horizon in  
2018, be sure to keep me in mind. I would be  
delighted to assist, and share how my skills  
and experience can benefit *you!*



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# HAPPY New Year



**Wishing you a happy New Year! I am very thankful for all my great past, present and future clients in The Woodlands! We had another incredible year with record breaking sales prices. 2018 should be another exciting year.**

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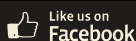


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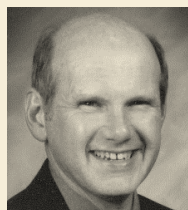
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