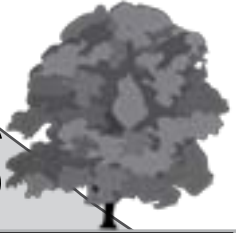


# The Woodlands



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## Woodlands Board Elections are Coming

The Woodlands Board of Directors is made up of four elected and several appointed positions. As required by the by-laws, the elected positions serve two-year terms. Because of limited membership on the Woodlands Board in the past, many of these positions have been filled by appointment, as allowed by the By-Laws.



The July 2007 newsletter will include a ballot that will allow Woodlands residents to vote for two of the four elected positions – vice-president and treasurer – for two-year terms. Elections for president and secretary will be held in 2008.

All residents of the Woodlands over the age 18 are eligible for elected or appointed positions on the Woodlands Board of Directors. Interested candidates for vice president and treasurer should prepare brief (up to 200 words) statements of interest to the Woodlands Board for consideration. Statements of interest should indicate the position (vice president or treasurer) that a candidate is interested in pursuing, and describe their qualifications. Statements of interest for eligible candidates will be printed in the June 2007 newsletter. All submissions should be sent to the Elsie Witt, Woodlands Board Secretary, at [ewitt@woodlandsassn.org](mailto:ewitt@woodlandsassn.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 31085, Walnut Creek, CA 94598, no later than April 27, 2007.

### **Descriptions of Board Positions**

**Vice President** – As with most elected bodies, the duties of the Vice President include serving in the absence of the President. On the Woodlands Board, this position also has included special projects that require representation of the Woodlands to entities such as the City of Walnut Creek, Mount Diablo Unified School District, and other public and private entities that have the potential to affect the quality of the Woodlands through their actions.

**Treasurer** – The Treasurer keeps and maintains adequate and correct books of account showing the receipts and disbursements of the association and an account of its cash and other assets. The Treasurer also pays association bills and deposits receipts from association operations and files all required Federal and State forms for the association.



## Tips to Help Kids Concentrate in Class

(NewsUSA) - All of us want our children to succeed in school. But for many kids and teens, concentration in this always-pressured, starved-for-time era can be difficult. Here are some tips for helping your son or daughter improve concentration and do better in the classroom:

- \* Take time for breakfast. Children who have breakfast and enough to eat during the rest of the day will be better able to concentrate in school, according to Head Start, the national child development program run by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- \* Introduce them to music. Playing instruments has shown to increase focus and concentration in other areas.
- \* Provide a supplement. One product is Focus, from the "Spray" line of sublingual sprays. Developed by doctors, Focus is a combination of homeopathic remedies that can improve concentration, support memory and help overcome apathy. It acts gently, causes no side effects and meets all FDA guidelines for good manufacturing practices. Seventeen-year-old Bianca attributes her first-ever "100" on an algebra exam to Focus. "It worked so well at improving my concentration while studying and taking tests, my algebra grade went from D to B," she says. "My mom is very excited about my improvements, and my 16-year-old sister is now using the spray, too." To learn more about Focus, call (866) 412-7827 or visit [www.thespray.com](http://www.thespray.com).
- \* Send them to bed on time. Studies show that children and most teenagers concentrate best after about nine hours of sleep.
- \* Give them space. Your kids will be better able to concentrate on homework if they have a clear, uncluttered workspace. And turn off the TV; they won't learn if they're squeezing their homework in during commercials.
- \* Get them organized. The National PTA suggests helping older students organize their assignments by recording them on calendars or planners, along with due dates and dates turned in.
- \* Discourage "cramming." It increases anxiety and interferes with clear thinking, according to the Department of Education. Kids do better on tests if they spread out studying over several days or weeks and can relate the information to what they already know.

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### Upcoming Board Meetings

April 7, 2007  
 May 5, 2007

8:15am in Carl's Jr.  
 Conference Room  
 Woodlands residents  
 are encouraged to  
 attend board meetings

## OPEN SPACE VISION TASK FORCE IS SEEKING MEMBERS

The Woodlands is bounded by our beautiful open space. Living so close to this natural preserve adds to the quality of our community. The city is actively seeking residents to serve on a task force that will review basic questions about the open space programs that have now reached 30 years and then the task force will frame a vision for the open space for the next 30 years.

It is anticipated that the task force will consist of about seven residents. These residents will be asked to participate in about 8 to 10 meetings over the course of a year completing in May of 2008. The city will take the lead in organizing these meetings and several of these meetings will be workshops intended to solicit public comment as well.



For more information about the task force and their mission you may call 925-943-5854 or you may check the city website at [www.walnut-creek.org](http://www.walnut-creek.org). There you can find an application form for those of you that would like to apply as a member of this vision task force. There is also an early draft of the Open Space Visioning Report posted at the site. Your applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2007.

The Walnut Creek site also includes maps of our hiking paths, scheduled group hikes, and information on the numerous ongoing programs for adults and children in the open space.

J. Tilley

## Woodlands Kids Helping the Needy



From top left to right in the picture is Lochlainn Casey, Mason Horning, Rachel Carter, Ailish Casey, and Ian Horning. Bottom from left - Natalie Kenny, Hunter Kenny, and Sonja Elze

For the 2nd time in the last 12 months, children in the Woodlands neighborhood sacrificed a Saturday afternoon to flag down cars at the intersection of Citrus and Dogwood Drives to raise funds for needy families across the world. Last January, it was for families who were impacted by Hurricane Katrina (\$750 was collected and donated to a relief fund), and this past January, it was simply to continue the tradition of doing something for those less fortunate than the families here in our wonderful neighborhood.

Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies donated by Nob Hill were used to lure cars to stop and hand over their loose change, and after 4 hours of cold temperatures and lots of cheer, the children raised over \$300 that was donated to "UNICEF", a charity that focuses particularly on children's issues around the globe.

Joe Casey, a local parent who helped coordinate the energy of the children, said "The sooner our kids learn about charity and their sense of place in the world relative to other children who are less fortunate, that helps foster a culture of giving back. In a small way, that's what these kids are learning about when they donate their time and energy to a good a good cause like UNICEF. And it seems to be working. The kids are already looking forward to doing this again next January".



# WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

(Thank you to Marilyn Todacheene, Woodlands resident for compiling this report from the WCPD website.)

2/26/2007 10:20:35 MITCHELL DR / OAK GROVE RD CHILDREN'S WORLD PARKING LOT. GAS CYPHENED FROM CHEV SCHOOL BUS OCC SOMETIME OVER WEEKEND... GAS SIPHONED FROM SCHOOL BUS, OCCURRED SINCE 1830 HOURS ON 2/23 AND 0630 HOURS THIS DATE, NO SUSP. INFO.

2/26/2007 12:55:39 2700 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD REPORTS SUBJ THREATENED AND DAMAGED RPS HIS VEH. SUSP IS HEADING OAK GROVE RD HEADING NB BLK HYUN NO PLATES.... NO DAMAGE FOUND ON VEH.

2/26/2007 14:41:00 2800 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD OFC ON VIEWED 11-82. WHI FORD F150 (Redacted 03) VS BRO FORD EXPLORER (Redacted 03)... AAA RESPONDED LOG 3205 AT 1447 HRS.

2/27/2007 7:22:31 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD WB YGNACIO VALLEY APPROACHING OAK GROVE. GRY SEDAN SEEN DRIVING ON AND OFF THE ROAD INTO THE GRAVEL. LS 1 AGO.... AREA CHECK NEGATIVE.

2/27/2007 15:53:43 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD WHI TOYT SIENNA BLOCKING EB YGNACIO. AAA TOW ENROUTE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE UNTIL THEY CAN GET THERE... VEH CLEARED

3/1/2007 6:23:09 3400 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS A POSSIBLE CORONERS CASE. (Redacted 01)... (Redacted 01) DECEASED (Redacted 01). NO SIGNS OF FOUL PLAY.

3/1/2007 18:41:51 2800 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD REPORTS LARGE GROUP OF MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS IN THE LOT UNATTENDED WITHOUT ANY PARENTS, RAMMING CARTS... LARGE GROUP OF YOUTHS ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS GATHERING FOR THE MOTHER/FATHER FOOTHILL DANCE. WILL BE LEAVING SHORTLY.

3/2/2007 19:35:26 3600 BL CITRUS AV REPORTS THAT SOMEONE WAS KNOCKING ON HER DOOR. SHE WAS NOT EXPECTING ANYONE. COULD NOT SEE ANYONE. RP IS SINGLE MOM AND AFRAID. OCC: 10AGO. REQ AREA CHECK... UTL. AREA CHECK CLEAR.

3/4/2007 6:52:17 3100 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS ROCK THROWN THRU VEH WINDOW. POSS OCCD APPROX 2230HRS LAST NIGHT. VIC VEH: DK BLU MERC... ROCK THROWN THROUGH LEFT REAR WINDOW OF A BLUE, MERC, GRAND MARQUIS, CA# 3JRP423, AT 2215 HRS ON 3/3/07. UNK SUSPECT.

3/4/2007 15:25:45 2100 BL OAK GROVE RD \*\*\*Complex\*\*\* REPORTS EX HAS BEEN HARASSING RP VIA PHONE. HAS THREATENED TO COME TO RP'S RESD AND TAKE THEIR 17 YO DAUGHTER. RP HAS A COURT ORDER REGARDING SHARED CUSTODY. (Redacted 01)... DETERMINED NO CRIMES HAVE OCCURRED. ADVICE GIVEN ON UPDATING CUSTODY

3/4/2007 15:49:26 2800 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD REPORTS EX-FRIEND STOLE ITEMS FRM RP'S PURSE SOMETIME ON FRIDAY. ITEMS TAKEN: CELL PHONE BATTERY, DIGITAL CAMERA AND 2 CREDIT CARDS (BOTH HAVE BEEN CANCELED). \*\*\*21 RPT\*\*\*... (Redacted 01) SUSPECT IN THEFT FROM VICTIM'S PURSE OF CELL PHONE, CREDIT CARDS.

3/5/2007 14:23:22 3100 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS 10852 TO WHI CHRY TOWN AND COUNTRY LIC (Redacted 03) OCC'D DURING THE NIGHT. BACK WINDOW SMASHED, LIFT GATE DENTED IN THE SHAPE OF A BASEBALL BAT... REAR WINDOW, HATCH SHATTERED WITH UNKNOWN OBJECT OVER THE WEEKEND.

3/5/2007 15:49:41 2200 BL OAK GROVE RD WMA IN HIS 20'S, 503/ WHI HAT, WHI TSHIRT AND JEANS CAME INTO THE BANK TRYING TO CASH A CHECK ON A CLOSED ACCOUNT. NOW BACK IN THE BANK, RP HAS HIS ID... AS REPORTED. SUSPECT LEFT CHECK AND ID

3/6/2007 8:01:10 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD REPORTS 20002 OCC'D 10 AGO. RESP VEH: WHI HONDA PILOT, UNK PLATE LS WB YGN -WFA DRIVER BLN HAIR, EARLY 20'S. RP NOW AT CITRUS/OAK GROVE PARKING LOT IN A GREEN FORD EXPEDITION LIC (Redacted 03)...

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3/6/2007 16:11:22 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD RP WOULD LIKE TO REPORT A ROAD RAGE INCIDENT. THE RP GOT A PLATE # OF 5HYV918 SIL TOYOTA CAMRY. THE RP STATES THAT THE DRIVER PUNCHED HIS FRONT PASSENGER WINDOW UNK IF ANY DAMAGE \*\*\*RP IN LOBBY\*\*\*...SUBJECT PUNCHED WINDOW OF RP'S TRUCK. NO DAMAGE. REPORT REQ

3/7/2007 14:37:41 OAK GROVE RD / YGNACIO VALLEY RD RECKLESS DRIVER NOW TURNING ON OAK GROVE TOWARDS CONCORD - SILVER DODGE 2DR 5XTY836. SWERVING AND DRIVING DANGEROUSLY...THE VEHICLE WAS GOA/UTL.

3/7/2007 15:46:12 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD VEH VAND. OFF DUTY SFPD CAPTAIN'S GLD CROW VIC (Redacted 03) HIT BY NISS SENTRA (Redacted 03) WHILE PARKING. LOM DRIVER LEFT HIS VEH AND DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. RP REQ 21 NOW...RP WANTED TO DOCUMENT INCIDENT SINCE CITY OF SF VEHICLE INVOLVED, RESPONSIBLE DEN

3/7/2007 21:43:56 500 BL ROCK OAK RD DISP REQ WELFARE CHECK ON ELDERLY MALE. CALLED 911 TWICE, FIRST CALL SEEMED DISORIENTED, SECOND CALL, DISP COULD ONLY HEARD BREATHING AND COUGHING, NO RESPONSE FROM CALLER.... ELDERLY RESIDENT ACCIDENTLY HIT THE 911 EMERGENCY DIAL BUTTON ON HIS PHONE

3/8/2007 12:39:34 600 BL ROCK OAK RD 911 HANG UP. NO PROBLEM PER HOMEOWNER...

3/9/2007 7:23:26 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD REPORTS RECKLESS DRIVER. RP SAW HIM YESTERDAY AND TODAY AT ABOVE LOCATION. WHI FORD SUV PAPER PLATES FUTURE FORD. DOT: TOWARD DOWNTOWN LS: 4AGO... BOLO VIA AIR TO UNITS

3/9/2007 13:45:39 2800 BL YGNACIO VALLEY RD REPORTS THAT SHE RECEIVED SERVICES FROM THE VET WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF HER ANIMAL. ALL SERVICES OCC BETWEEN 04/11/06 - 05/26/06. SHE REPORTED TO VET BOARDS BUT ALSO WANTED TO TALK TO AN OFFICER...DETERMINED SUBJ. UPSET OVER SERVICE WITH A VET. INCI

3/9/2007 14:49:44 3400 BL PEACHWILLOW LN 911 HANG UP. MADE CONTACT W/ RESIDENT OF CARE HOME....EMPLOYEE MARTIN ADVISED NO EMERGENCIES.

3/10/2007 3:25:6 600 BL PERSIMMON RD SAC CTY SHERIFF. REQ ATTEMPT TO CONTACT AT ADDRESS FOR POSS UNREPORTED 10851 /SUSP VEH LEFT RUNNING IN THEIR JURISDICTION WITH COLUMN KEYED. LIC (Redacted 03) 92 JEEP...RO CONTACTED BY PHONE AND ADVISED TO CONTACT SAC SHERIFF.

3/10/2007 22:03:55 3200 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS 4-5 JUVS ON THE PLAYGROUND.... GROUP CONTACTED SITTING ON THE SWINGS. THEY WERE WARNED AND WENT HOME.

3/11/2007 15:19:41 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD BOLO FOR RECKLESS DRIVER. VEH LS WB YGN AT MICHIGAN, CONCORD. CPD OFC REQ WCPD BE ADVD. GRY PONT Z6, 5HHF090, UNK IF MALE OR FEMALE DRIVER. SUBJ PRACTICALLY RAN CPD'S RP OFF THE ROADWAY...YGNACIO CHECKS CLEAR FROM OAK GROVE TO CONCORD. UTL/GOA.

3/11/2007 22:38:15 2100 BL OAK GROVE RD REPORTS A SUBJ INSIDE HOME WITHIN LAST 2 MINS. SUBJ M WAS HANDYMAN FOR PERSON NOW DECEASED. WMA 30'S 5'10 THIN BUILD. RED AND SILVER PK IS ASSOC. RP ADVISES SUBJ PREVIOUSLY HAD KEY...CONTACTED CT (Redacted 01) WILL BE REMOVING ITEMS FROM

3/13/2007 10:26:14 3400 BL BAYBERRY DR REQ OFC RESPOND TO PICK UP BBGUN FOR DISPOSAL (Redacted 01)...ADVICE GIVEN (Redacted 01)

3/13/2007 17:38:12 3200 BL PEACHWILLOW LN RP STATES HIS EX WIFE PICKED UP THEIR 10 YR OLD SON FROM SCHOOL TODAY IN VIOLATION OF A WRITTEN CUSTODY ORDER. \*\*\*RP AT HOME IN CONCORD NOW FOR 21 \*\*\*\*...ADVICE GIVEN ON BREECH OF A CIVIL AGREEMENT ABOUT TUESDAY CUSTODY.

## Easy Ways to Conserve Water

(NewsUSA) - Oftentimes, it takes mandatory water restrictions enacted during a drought to get consumers thinking about saving water. But using less water every day can help reduce household utility bills, lessen local municipalities' energy use and put less stress on aquifers and water tables.

Officials with World Energy Solutions (stock symbol WEGY), an energy services company based in St. Petersburg, Fla., note that using less water also helps reduce air pollution by lessening the power needs of local water plants to pump, treat, recycle and purify water.

"A community's wastewater treatment plant often consumes substantially more electricity than any of the other community-owned buildings or facilities," said Jeff Stokes, World Energy Solutions vice president.

Half of a home's total water use takes place in the bathroom. Installing water-saving showerheads will reduce gallons of water used per minute in half or more. Older showerheads use 5 to 7 gallons per minute, but new models use only 2.5 gallons.

Similarly, low-flow faucet aerators can be attached to existing faucets in the kitchen and bath to reduce flow per minute. Repair faucet leaks immediately. A slow leak can waste 20 gallons or more of water each day.

Toilets are the single biggest users of household water. Check toilets periodically for leaks; a leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water a day, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. A constantly running toilet is obvious, but silent leaks are more difficult to detect. To test for leaks, add a drop or two of food coloring to the tank and

wait 15 minutes for signs of color in the bowl.

Replacing a poor-fitting toilet flapper is an easy do-it-yourself project. And if you are remodeling, consider replacing outdated toilets with low-flow models, which can save 20 percent.

In the kitchen, fill your dishwasher completely before running it. But in the laundry room, take advantage of your washer's water level settings. When it comes time to replace the washing machine, consider a side-loading model, which uses a third less water than a top-loading machine.

For information on energy-saving approaches from World Energy Solutions and how the company is helping businesses use energy wisely, visit [www.wesinc.net](http://www.wesinc.net).



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I am a PAWS volunteer who lives on Peachwillow Lane. These animals enjoy fresh fruit. PAWS would be grateful for any donation of fruit from Woodlands trees. Any fruit except lemons are welcome and appreciated. Please give me a call at 930 9487 if you have any ripe fruit that you would like to donate. I will gladly deliver the fruit to the PAWS locations.

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# Girl Scout Leaders Are Appreciated

April is Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Month. On behalf of all the Girl Scout families at Valle Verde Elementary School, I want to thank all of the leaders for being an important part of our daughters' lives. Through their leadership & patience, they teach our daughters how to be prepared for whatever life brings them—via outdoor and indoor activities, event planning, financial planning, teaching respect for all people of all cultures and teaching that giving is better than receiving. Did you know that the Girl Scout motto is “Be Prepared”? So, whether or not you are involved in Girl Scouts, please take the time to thank these parents that are helping shape tomorrow’s women: Karen Worthington, Karen Brajkovich, Shannon Miller, Erica Randall, Shannon Fowler, Paulette Bruzzone-Witucki, Julie Allen, Michelle McGowan, Eileen Duval, Kirsten Cherry, Carla Rinella, Wendy Byrnes, Sherri Graves, Carol Carter, Susan Blumer, Karen Martz, Beth Coyle, Leslie Wise, and Laury Olson. We sincerely thank the leaders for inspiring our daughters’ lives! Gloria Bertolozzi



# Kindergarten Pre-Registration at Valle Verde

Kindergarten Pre-Registration for Valle Verde Elementary will begin Tuesday, May 1, 2007 between 9 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Registration packets will be available as of Tuesday, April 17. For additional information go to <http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/valleverde/newsletter/KPreReg0708.rtf>



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