

August 2008

# **The Woodlands Association Needs Your Help**

The Woodlands Association was established over 40 years ago to provide representation for Woodlands residents on issues of concern regarding development, schools, traffic and other related issues. As discussed in previous newsletters, the Association provides a valuable service to the Woodlands by assisting residents with issues of concern and providing a reliable communication forum. Over the years, the Association has gone through a variety of active periods. During some years, when issues were being considered that could have an effect on the Woodlands, the level of interest in the Association was very high and residents expressed great appreciation that the Association was in place. In periods when activity is relatively slow, the level of neighborhood interest wanes and residents question the need for the Association – until the next major issue rises. Association members recognize this reality and have worked very hard to maintain a stable organization that can represent the neighborhood in a highly organized and respected manner when the need arises. This commitment has definitely raised the level of respect for the Woodlands by the City of Walnut, Mount Diablo Unified School District, and potential developers.



An important part of preserving the Association, the monthly newsletter provides a regular and reliable source of information to Woodlands' residents every month. It is delivered by neighborhood volunteers to your door at no charge. Regular newsletter features include updates on school activities, cabana club events, and the crime report. Other occasional features address issues of historical interest, home improvement tips, and special neighborhood events. One such event is the annual neighborhood garage sale, which is organized by local realtor David Galindo at no charge and communicated exclusively through the newsletter. Another event was the organization of a neighborhood Community Emergency Readiness Training (CERT) program. The newsletter is also valued by many local businesses that advertise their services. Many of our advertisers have a long-standing relationship with the Association, as evidenced by their repeat loyalty to the newsletter.

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# Woodlands Swim Team - Annual All-City Meet

The Woodlands Swim Team took 2nd place in the 22nd All-City Swim Meet. The event was held at the Clark Memorial Swim Center at Heather Farms. The two day event was held July 12-13<sup>th</sup>. Pictured below are Woodlands Swim Team members Austin Holian swimming the Butterfly and Maya Antolin swimming backstroke.



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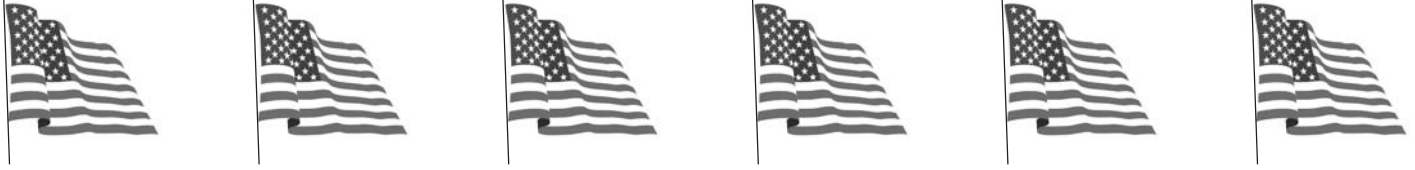
## Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, August 9th  
 at 8:15 am  
 and  
 Saturday, September 6th  
 at 8:15 am  
 in Carl's Jr.  
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

# July 4<sup>th</sup> Flags - THANKS!

We wanted to thank local realtors Ron Vallerga and Steve Poirier from Executive Brokers for the US Flags planted in the entire Woodlands neighborhood. This has been a tradition for many years in the Woodlands and it is really nice to drive through the neighborhood and see so many flags on July 4<sup>th</sup>!



## The Woodlands Association Needs Your Help

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The Association needs additional help to maintain both our reputation with the city and school district, and preserve the reliability of the newsletter. We are sure most residents would agree that the Woodlands Association and monthly newsletter are quite unique in comparison to other neighborhoods. We also know that many Woodlands residents enjoy the newsletter and value the long-standing nature of the Association. A summary of roles and duties served by Woodlands Board members are described below. Each position takes about 1 to 2 hours per month, in addition to attendance at 1 monthly board meeting. They include:

**Newsletter Coordinator** – this involves compiling articles (most are written by other members) and coordinating with an outside contract printing company to assure they have all the information needed for the monthly newsletter. This position is currently open.

**Bookkeeper** – this involves basic bookkeeping (maintaining a checking account) for the Woodlands Association.

**Public Relations** – this involve attending City Council and Planning Commission meetings, and/or MDUSD Board meetings to track issues of concern to the Woodlands.

**Neighborhood Relations** – this involves maintaining contact with Woodlands residents to address issues of concern and provide general assistance in getting their concerns resolved. We are always looking for interested people to assist with this.

**Advertising Coordinator** – this involves contacting regular advertisers to assure their ads are received in time. It also could involve contacting past advertisers or potential new advertisers.

**Webmaster** – this involves updating information on the woodlands web-site (Woodlandsassn.org) and posting monthly newsletters and other information.

The Woodlands board is very flexible in how any duties are assigned to individuals and is very open to any and all interested persons who want to help. We have experienced members who can provide training and encouragement to help you get started in any role you would like. Considering the limited time needed compared to the value of the work, we know you will find it rewarding and quite satisfying.

Please feel free to contact us by e-mail at [woodlandsassn@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsassn@yahoo.com), call our Secretary Elsie Witt at 935-0463, or join us at our next monthly board meeting. Meeting times and locations are listed in the newsletter on pg. 2.



# WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to Elsie Witt  
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*

08-13533	06/09/08	12:29:00	3300 Bl Sugarberry Ln	911 Open Line W/Nothing Heard... Then Line Disconnected. Will Attempt Call Back.. Dispo: Contacted Resd Who Advised Misdial, Child Was Accidentally Playing On The Phone.	Not Stated	3	80	Leonard
08-13539	06/09/08	13:38:15	3300 Bl Sugarberry Ln	Reports 2 Wmj's Smoking Marijuana In A Blk Bmw 330i @4zjw144/Parked Ifo The Addrss. Dispo: Goa/Utl	Not Stated	3	80	Adams
08-13591	06/09/08	22:18:09	600 Bl Persimmon Rd	***Complex*** Rp Req Advice Re His Son Who Ran Away To His Adult Brothers House. (Redacted 01). Dispo: The Rp's Ex Wife Was Able To Get The Rps Adult Son To Bring Back The Younger Brother.	Not Stated	3	80	Keeler
08-13596	06/10/08	00:25:43	00 Bl Primrose Ct	Req Advice Regarding A 415 He Had With His Gf's 13yr Old Son Earlier This Evening.. Dispo: Contacted All Involved Parties, Unable To Substantiate A Crime And No Report Desired. Advice And Counsel Given To All.	Service To Citizen	3	80	Watson
08-13692	06/11/08	02:51:51	Citrus Av / Dogwood Dr	Area Check For 4-5 Hm's In 20's Who Scattered In Diff Directions. Dispo: Area Checked, Utl Subject's, Unable To Substantiate Any Crime.	Susp. Circumstance	3	80	Slater
08-13693	06/11/08	03:29:44	Citrus Av / Dogwood Dr	11-95: 4jkt112 Arrested: Lawson, Nicholas 07/07/1988 For Dui At 0333 Hrs. Dispo: Arrested For Dui. Booked At Wcpd And Released To Custody Of Sober Friend.	Driving Under The Influence	3	80	Lyons
08-13748	06/11/08	14:49:39	Oak Grove Rd / Citrus Av	Rp States He Tapped The Back Veh. Lic.#5fzd296 In Citrus Shopping Lot. Driver Of Car He Hit Said Caused More Damage Than He Thought *****Fc*****. Dispo: Advice Provided.	Miscellaneous Traffic	3	70	Rohwer

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08-13810	06/12/08	07:44:26	700 Bl Mandarin Ln	Reports Someone Went Into Her Garage Through An Unlocked Side Door And Took Change Out Of Her Vehs. Occ'd Sometime Over Night.. Dispo: Occurred Between 2200 Hrs. On 6/11/08 To 0630 Hrs On 6/12/08. Loss Was A Blk Coin Purse That Contained \$20 In Change.	Burglary	3	80	Reese
08-13813	06/12/08	07:52:04	500 Bl Banyan Cr	Reports Wma W/Hat Sitting In A Blk Saturn For Past 30 Minutes Ifo Rp's Address. (Redacted 01). Dispo: Veh Belongs To Worker.	Susp. Circumstance	3	80	Norlund
08-13915	06/13/08	10:37:35	3000 Bl Citrus Cr	Subj Refusing To Leave. Being Unruly.. Dispo: While On The Phone With Dispatch Subject Left. No Further Services Required.	Service To Citizen	3	80	None Assgn.
08-14479	06/18/08	17:05:56	100 Bl Dogwood Dr	Reporting Lost Front License Plate. 02 Honda Civic Blu Lic/@4wra721/ Noticed It Missing Today, Unk Where Is Occurred.. Dispo: Lost Or Stolen Front Plate To A 02 Honda. Occurred Sometime Between 0900-1800 Hrs On 6/18/08.	Theft	3	80	Reese
08-14503	06/18/08	21:36:21	Bayberry Dr / Perada Dr	Reporting An Suv Parked At The End Of Bayberry In No Parking Zone. Dispo: Suspect Vehicle Gone On Arrival.	Service To Citizen	3	80	Brown
08-14746	06/21/08	16:20:10	500 Bl Banyan Cr	Reports 10852 To Burgundy Nissan Altima @5ynn814/ Veh Was Keyed By An Unk Subj Yesterday Afternoon.. Dispo: Vehicle Vandalized By Key Scratches To Rear Driver's Side Door. No Suspects.	Vandalism	3	80	Brown
08-14780	06/22/08	00:04:14	500 Bl Banyan Cr	Rpts A Window To His Resd Was Broken Sometime Today.. Dispo: An 10-51 Nbr (Redacted 01)Said He Broke The Windows While Knocking Too Hard/Was Upset Re Barking Dog.	Vandalism	3	80	Mauro
08-14892	06/23/08	09:23:50	3500 Bl Perada Dr	Reports Dogs Barking At House Directly Behind His Address.. Dispo: Contacted R/P Who Had Contacted Animal Control.	Noise Complaint	3	80	Estrada

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08-15314	06/27/08	18:48:15	3500 Bl Tupelo Dr	Barking Dogs.. Dispo: Not Home. Message Left.	Noise Complaint	3	80	
08-15330	06/27/08	21:58:48	3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln	Reports Group Of Juvs Loitering In The Parking Lot. Dispo: Contacted/Warned - Juvs Released To Adults.	Susp. Circumstance	3	80	Sadler
08-15344	06/27/08	23:24:20	Banyan Cr / Peachwillow Ln	Corner House Behind The Play Structure Loud Party, Lights On, All Lit Up.. Dispo: Complaint Quiet On Arrival.	Noise	3	80	Mauro
08-15432	06/28/08	22:03:38	Banyan Cr / Peachwillow Ln	Rpts A Loud Party In The Area.. Dispo: Contacted Resident (Redacted 01) Who Agreed To Keep Noise Down.	Noise Complaint	3	80	Moor- house
08-15441	06/29/08	00:53:56	3300 Bl Citrus Av	Reports Juvs Just Vandalized A 4sale Sign At Neighbors. Resps Left In Silver Toyt Coa, Unk Lic, Large Dent On Right Rear Quarter Panel. (Redacted 01) Rp Scared Subjs Off. Keep Driving Thru Area.. Dispo: No Damage To Sign.(Redacted 01)	Susp. Circumstance	3	80	Mauro
08-15475	06/29/08	10:24:45	700 Bl Mandarin Ln	Reports 459 To Locked Garage. Loss: Key To Merz, Cell Phones, Golf Clubs.. Dispo: Pc 459 From Locked Garage Occurred Between Midnight And 0945 Hours. Loss, Car Key, Golf Clubs, Cell Phone.	Burglary	3	80	Spoto

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### CURRENT SITUATION

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### PROPOSED CHANGE

All schools in the City of Walnut Creek would be in the same school system and be administered by WCSD and AUHSD.

### WHY CHANGE?

- The current boundaries were created 60 years ago and the WCSD boundary has not grown with the City.
- We live in a vital city divided by our school systems.
- Combining the schools would automatically bring increased revenue to the entire school system through parcel taxes. There is a tax exemption for seniors.
- K-12 continuity in the same feeder pattern - public policy favors students from an elementary school move to the same middle school and graduate from the same high school, yet MDUSD requires WC children from Bancroft Elementary to part ways after the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and attend different middle schools while students from Concord elementary schools are bussed to Foothill MS and Northgate HS.
- MDUSD sends some WC children to schools in other cities, even when WC and AUHSD schools are closer to their homes.

### WOULD THE PROPOSED TRANSFER HARM MDUSD?

MDUSD has 32,000 students and 56 schools, which puts it in the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile in the state based on size (it is approximately the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest school district in California out of 1,000+ school districts). Most MDUSD schools, including all of the schools included in the proposed transfer, perform below average when compared to other California schools with similar demographics. Expert studies indicate smaller districts have more personal contact, spend a higher percentage of funds in the classroom and have less administrative costs. Studies also show students perform better in smaller districts. The proposed transfer of 6 schools and 4500 students would BENEFIT MDUSD to make it a more manageable size and enable more attention be given to the remaining schools' needs. It is not credible that the transfer would have a substantial negative effect on MDUSD, financial or otherwise; lower enrollment means fewer expenses such as salaries and facilities maintenance. Also, MDUSD does not own the school facilities; it merely manages those properties as the trustee. Any claim that MDUSD would lose valuable real estate is misleading.

### HEARING DATE ON SEPTEMBER 10

The County Committee on School District Organization will be conducting a hearing on Wednesday, September 10, to make a decision on the merits of this proposal. The result of a positive decision would be further hearings, an analysis, and then a vote by the citizens. If the proposal is denied, then the process will end and none of these necessary and reasonable steps would occur.

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***Registration Ends Friday, September 26th!***

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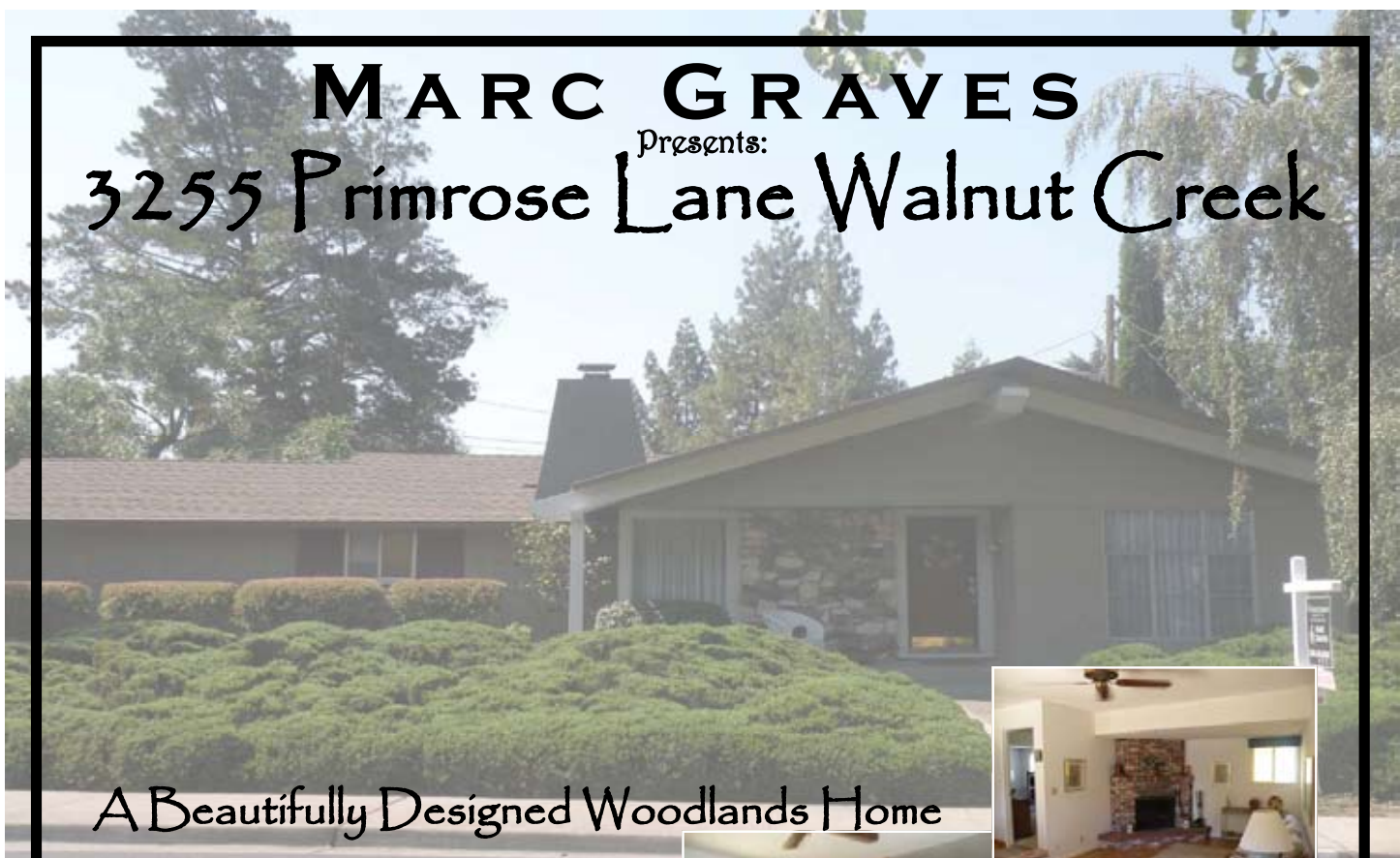
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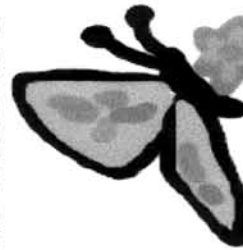
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