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## **Neighborhood Meeting to Discuss Shadelands Gateway Specific Plan - February 8, 2012**

In May 2011, Property Development Centers, a Safeway company, as the owner of the 25 acres located on the northwest corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Oak Grove Road submitted a Pre-Application request for the City Council to consider an amendment of the existing General Plan land use designation from Business Park to General Retail. On August 2, 2011, the City Council endorsed the idea of processing a General Plan Amendment through the creation of the Shadelands Gateway Specific Plan. The Council authorized the creation of an Advisory Committee (AC) comprised of city officials, business leaders and residents. The purpose of the AC is to develop the Shadelands Gateway Specific Plan for the property and make a recommendation to the City Council.

In addition to the AC meetings which are held once a month (see article in this months issue for dates/times), Property Development Centers is hosting a community meeting on February 8, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the existing office building located on the site. We invite all members of the Walnut Creek community to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to update the community on the progress of the AC and to listen to your comments regarding the future development of the site. Property Development Centers will take the feedback from this meeting and share the information at the AC meeting being held on February 22.

**What:** Community meeting to discuss the Shadelands Gateway Specific Plan

**When:** Wednesday, February 8, 2012

**Time:** 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Where:** 2800 Ygnacio Valley Rd.

## **Advisory Committee Meetings Schedule - Safeway Property**

*By: Ed Wohlers*

As discussed in the January newsletter, the City of Walnut Creek is holding a series of public meetings to discuss possible changes to the 25 acre Shadelands property owned by Safeway that is located across from the Woodlands neighborhood at the corner of Oak Grove Rd. and Ygnacio Valley Rd. The Advisory Committee will be meeting monthly to discuss this property and will gather input from the community to form a Specific Plan for this property. If you are interested in learning more about this process, this project, or how to get involved, please visit our website – [www.woodlandsassn.org](http://www.woodlandsassn.org) to sign up for our e-mail list, or

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# Want to Write Something?



The Woodlands newsletter provides a community service by keeping neighborhood residents informed about issues and events of interest. We encourage Woodlands residents to submit articles for the newsletter and we regularly receive articles that are published in the newsletter.

If you would like to contribute an article, please contact us and we will be happy to work with you to help get it edited and published. Our publication guidelines are relatively simple – topics should be of interest to Woodlands residents, the newsletter can not be used as a forum to air issues between individuals, and articles may need to be edited to fit within available space (typical length is 200 words or less). To meet our publication schedule for a monthly newsletter, we have established a closing date of the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. To the extent that space is available, articles received and ready for print by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month will be published in the next version of the newsletter.

We appreciate your help in making the newsletter as informative, useful, and relevant to Woodlands residents. To submit an article, please write to [woodlandsassn@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsassn@yahoo.com).

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## Good Neighbor Tips

This is just a reminder to be considerate to your neighbors. Some things to consider include:

- Don't water your front lawn early in the morning on cold nights because the water may freeze on the side walk creating a hazard for early morning walkers
- Watch your speed and stop signs. The speed limit is 25MPH in the neighborhood and you should come to a complete stop at all stop signs before proceeding.
- Be respectful of your neighbors when doing yard work with gas powered devices and don't start those devices until after 8am

If you have additional suggestions, please send them to [woodlandsassn@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsassn@yahoo.com).

## Woodlands Association Board of Directors

Board email ID's can be found at [www.WoodlandsAssn.org](http://www.WoodlandsAssn.org)

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

**Saturday, February 4th**  
 at 8:15 am  
 and  
**Saturday, March 3rd**  
 at 8:15 am  
 in Carl's Jr.  
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

# Thanks to all the Woodlands Newsletter Distributors

By: Woodlands Board

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers in the neighborhood that assist with getting the newsletter deliveries out every month. Without your assistance, we couldn't continue this long tradition (over 45 years) of producing a local newsletter featuring local news in your neighborhood. In no particular order, we would like to thank all of the people who deliver the monthly Woodlands newsletter: **Charlie Freschl, Kay and Lee Ready, Bill Holt, Jane Cops, Sue Gardella, Barbara Johnson, Ron Chesney, Judy White, Clifford Egan, Liz Matousek, Terri Payne, Matt Clay, Tony Lansang, Jan Warren, Kathy Shields, Robin Harrison, Connie Kuronko, Tina O'Brien, Nancy Treadwell, Catherine & Jim Melnyk, Margaret Brown, Karen Nettercot, Janet Dolliver, Ann Jennings, Ellen Diamond, Marge McDowell, Lisa Peachee, Steve Carter, Gloria Laurel, Gail Chen, Marge Smith, BJ Kim, Michele Kiziltug, Pat Coyle, Audrey Morgan, Ann Raymond, Mike Wong, Joan Weber, Jerry Ossinger, Debbie Full, Rich Coulter, Gloria Lamm, Jane Streich, Sandy Wagner, John Casey, Lois Mitchell, Panya Sawan, Paul Parkus, Eric Knox and Charlene Lafrades.** If you see a neighbor delivering the newsletter, please thank them because without them we couldn't deliver the newsletter.

## Thanks to our Newsletter Coordinator

We wanted to express thanks to our outgoing Woodlands newsletter coordinator, Jessica Williams. For the past two and a half years, Jessica has been our newsletter coordinator. She faithfully compiled and edited articles, wrote articles and worked with an outside printing company to insure that the Woodlands newsletter was produced every month. We really appreciate her assistance and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

## Woodlands Association Volunteers Needed

Woodlands Association is in need of volunteers to assist with the Board activities. All positions are volunteers and take 2-3 hours per month, in addition to attendance at 1 monthly Board meeting. Currently, there is one open position as follows:

**Newsletter Coordinator** – this involves compiling and editing articles and coordinating with an outside printing company to produce the monthly Woodlands Newsletter.

If you are interested in assisting with this position or in other ways, please contact us by e-mail at [woodlandsassn@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsassn@yahoo.com).

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send us an e-mail – [woodlandsassn@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsassn@yahoo.com) with your comments or contact information. You can also see the City website on this project: [http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/planning/shadelands\\_gateway\\_specific\\_plan.asp](http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/planning/shadelands_gateway_specific_plan.asp). Over the next 7 months, the Advisory Committee will be meeting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at Walnut Creek City Hall from 6:30pm – 8:30pm to discuss this project on the following dates:

AC Mtg. #2 – Wednesday, January 25, 2012  
 AC Mtg. #3 – Wednesday, February 22, 2012  
 AC Mtg. #4 – **Tuesday**, March 27, 2012  
 AC Mtg. #5 – Wednesday, April 25, 2012

AC Mtg. #6 – Wednesday, May 23, 2012  
 AC Mtg. #7 – Wednesday, June 27, 2012  
 AC Mtg. #8 – Wednesday, July 25, 2012

## School News

Valle Verde Elementary PTA

### ACCOMPANIST NEEDED FOR SCHOOL PLAY

Sara Wade and Denise Bird are producing the school play this year, and they are in desperate need of an accompanist to help make the play happen. They are looking for someone available after-school twice a week for about 90 minutes. They can be flexible. It would be a perfect position for a school Mom. It is a "paid" volunteer position.

The performances are March 15, 16, 17 but right now they are focusing just on the rehearsals which start in early January. For more information, contact sarawade@astound.net or dbirds5@att.net.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS IN FEBRUARY

For those of you with children entering Kindergarten in 2012, Valle Verde has a new process for registering your students this year. First, we'll start with a meeting on 2/6 at 6pm where you will meet our principal, the current Kindergarten teachers, and listen to a guest speaker on Kindergarten readiness and sign up for an appointment to complete your registration process on 2/7.

**Registration will be by appointment only on 2/7 - so there will be no waiting in line!** Also new this year, your student must turn 5 by 11/2/12 to attend kindergarten. **At your appointment time, you'll need to bring your student and turn in all paperwork in your registration packet.**

**Registration packets will be available in the main office beginning on January 18, 2012.**

- 2/6 Kindergarten Meeting at 6pm in the MUR - guest speakers & sign up for your appointment on 2/7
- 2/7 Registration for Kindergarten by appointment only in C6. Bring your student and all paperwork completely filled out.

### INTRADISTRICT TRANSFERS

Tee ball and baseball leagues for the Feb-May season are signing up now. Sign up by 1/15/12 to get an early bird discount.

Register Online! Applications will be accepted online, or by mail UNTIL EACH DIVISION IS FULL. You may mail in your completed application with a check or money order payable to WCYAA to P.O. Box 4281, Walnut Creek, California 94596. To receive off-line applications, please call (925) 933-4884.

Fee assistance is available. To receive a fee assistance application form, call (925) 933-4884.

### SWEAT PANTS NEEDED

Our Valle Verde office is in need of sweat pants. Preferably in a variety of sizes and dark colors. During the winter months students slip in mud or puddles and often need a change of clothes to get dry. Our goal is to get the student back to class as quickly as possible and provide an option for them in the way of pants to change into. Please drop off your extra sweat pants in the office. Our office staff and our kids will thank you!



## WOODLANDS POLICE CALLS

*Thank you to Kathy Master  
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*



The following information is taken from the Police Daily Bulletin as posted for public viewing on the Walnut Creek Police Department's website. The entire Walnut Creek police daily bulletin can be viewed at: [www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp](http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp). Some issues of the Woodlands Newsletter may include only a portion of the monthly police activity in our neighborhood, as available print-space varies from issue to issue.

11-41390 12/07/11 14:59:01 **Verbal Dispute** 500 block Banyan Circle. RP is a gardener and is in verbal dispute with a neighbor. Neighbor is cursing at him and pushed him. Dispo: Argument over gardener blowing leaves into neighbor's driveway. Both parties came to an agreement for the future. Ofc. Harman

11-41614 12/09/11 15:37:26 **Reckless Driving** Oak Grove Road / Peachwillow Lane. Dark gray Chevy truck with white male adult driver in his 30's was swerving so RP honked at him. Driver of truck hit his brakes, then waved his hand in the air holding an object. Last seen 3 minutes ago, northbound on Oak Grove Road. Dispo: Broadcasted to Concord PD, vehicle last seen in Concord. No officer assigned

11-41653 12/09/11 19:40:31 **Suspicious Vehicle** Rock Oak Road / Perada Drive. RP states suspicious vehicle seen stopping in front of different addresses, driving slowly then stopping and turning its lights off. Vehicle is white SUV, license 5GBR486, last seen 5 minutes ago. Dispo: Area check with negative results. Gone on arrival.

11-42160 12/14/11 13:28:53 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Black male adult in his 40's has been circling the RP. Subject is wearing black bandana on his head, gray shirt and jeans. Has long beard and is possibly homeless. RP is collecting money and the subject keeps coming around him. Now in front of BevMo. Dispo: Contacted subject; determined no crime. Ofc. Olson

11-42382 12/16/11 12:53:03 **Miscellaneous Traffic** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. RP states a white sedan, license POW124 hit her Ford Explorer. Suspect left on Oak Grove Road toward Treat. No damage, just a knick in the bumper paint. Dispo: No accident occurred. Ofc. Brown

11-42883 12/19/11 22:58:36 **Suspicious Circumstance** Rock Oak Road / Perada Drive. Group of juveniles hanging out at the end of Rock Oak, smoking and drinking. Dispo: Area checked, gone on arrival and unable to locate.

11-43044 12/21/11 11:59:02 **Suspicious Circumstance** 400 block Peppertree Road. Occurred ten minutes ago, male subject came to RP's house and went through her mailbox. Second hand information to RP from her 13-year old who is home with 11-year old. Subject didn't ring doorbell. No further information. Dispo: Unable to locate. Possibly a solicitor. Ofc. Harman

11-43264 12/23/11 05:44:19 **Vandalism** Candleberry Road / Citrus Avenue. Hit and run to garbage cans, garbage now strewn about the street. Dispo: Tampering to parked Honda Accord. Waste Management cans used. Occurred overnight. No video. Call out made for debris pick-up. Ofc. Estrada

11-43430 12/24/11 08:56:01 **Theft** 3600 block Citrus Avenue. Garbage can taken, occurred overnight 12/22/11. Dispo: Incident number provided to RP. No one assigned

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### TERMITE WORK

- All necessary work to obtain a clearance

### ELECTRICAL

- Bathroom and Kitchen Fans
- Wiring
- Fixture Replacement

### PLUMBING

- Repair or Replacement of Broken Pipes
- Repair of Leaking Pipes
- New Installations
- Repair Replacement of Washer, Faucets, Commodes, Wax Rings • Water Heaters

### PAINTING

- Exterior - Interior
- Spot Painting After Repairs
- Wall & Ceiling texturing

### GUTTER WORK

- Clean out Gutters • Installation of gutter screens

### CARPENTRY & DRYWALL

- Installation of Doors, Locks
- Repair Stucco - Drywall
- Brickwork
- Odds and Ends

### TILE WORK

- New Tile Installation
- Seal and Grout Existing Tile

*If you need a service not mentioned above, just call us. Prices will be quoted by the job.*