

January 2009



Woodlands Association Volunteers Needed

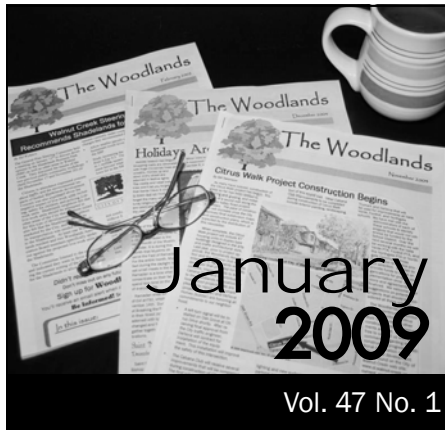
Start off the New Year right by becoming a Woodlands Association volunteer! We have several opportunities for people who would like to get involved in their neighborhood. All positions are voluntary and most involve as little as 1 to 2 hours per month, in addition to attendance at 1 monthly board meeting. The roles and duties of the opportunities are described below.

Crime Report – this involves putting together the monthly Crime Report for our neighborhood newsletter. All of the information comes from the WCPD website. This takes less than an hour each month and is appreciated by many in the neighborhood.

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

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

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Established in 1965, the *Woodlands Newsletter* is a monthly publication that is published by the Woodlands Association. Archived issues are located at www.WoodlandsAssn.org

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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.

The Woodlands board is very flexible in how any duties are assigned to individuals and is very open to any and all interested people that want to help. We have experienced people that can provide training and encouragement to help you get started in any role you would like. Please consider helping out to make your neighborhood a better place.

Please contact us by e-mail at 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.



<h3 style="margin: 0;">Woodlands Association Board of Directors</h3> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Ed Wohlers ~ <i>President</i> Bill Swanson ~ <i>Vice President</i> Judy Jarvis ~ <i>Treasurer</i> Elsie Witt ~ <i>Secretary</i> Marc Graves ~ <i>Newsletter Advertising</i> John Gregory ~ <i>Webmaster</i> Vacant ~ <i>Newsletter Coordinator</i></p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Upcoming Board Meetings</h3> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Saturday, January 3rd at 8:15 am and Saturday, February 7th at 8:15 am in Carl's Jr. Conference Room</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings</p>
<p style="margin: 0;">Kay Ready ~ <i>Newsletter Distribution Manager</i></p>	
<p style="margin: 0;">Board email ID's can be found at www.WoodlandsAssn.org</p>	

School News

Foothill Middle School

Source: Foothill Gazette 12/3/08

Parent Patrol

Thanks to everyone who is participating in the Foothill Parent Patrol. The PFA and staff appreciate your contribution of time and your commitment to our kids' safety.

We have openings for those of you that haven't signed up for your two (required) sessions yet! Available dates include:

- February 6, 18, 19, 25
- March 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 19, 26, 27, 30
- Plenty in April and even some in June

Just to remind you, the hours are 11:05 to 12:40 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 11:25 to 12:50 on Wednesday. Let's keep up our solid coverage to help during winter. I look forward to hearing from you to set up your dates!

[Mary Jo Bernardo](#) - home: 925-933-3531

[Robin Bach](#)



GOODSEARCH / GOODSHOP Fundraiser



Foothill Middle School PFA can earn a penny every time you search the Internet. Additionally, a percentage of every purchase you make online will support the Foothill PFA.

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use as you would any search engine; get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your designated charity! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, BestBuy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop. The experience of shopping through GoodShop is exactly the same as going to the retailer's websites directly.

Each time you place an order, with a simple click of the button, you'll support your favorite cause. Go to www.goodsearch.com, enter Foothill Middle school as your charity of choice, and shop! And, be sure to spread the word to friends and family. It's a fast, easy and fun way to support our school.

Please support this easy fundraiser.....it is just like e-scrip with no cost to you.....we have the potential to make thousands of dollars. In one month we have raised \$4.22 with just a few people using it. Just imagine what it would be like if every family had this added to their favorites on their computer and used this search to find websites.

Valle Verde Elementary

Source: e-voice 12/10/08

Annual Spellathon:



Score One For Our Team!

The 2009 Valle Verde Spellathon is coming up after we return from the holidays. This is an annual tradition at Valle Verde and a wonderful way for students to practice their spelling skills while helping the school raise money for the PTA. Please keep a lookout for your pledge envelopes, which will be sent home the week after we return from the holiday break. Thank you! Michele Momich, Sumi Dahlen, Maureen Enos, and Jennifer Santiago

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Box Tops for Education Contest:

Thank you to all the families that submitted box tops, we have earned \$108 so far this year!!

The box tops for education contest has started!! The prizes and details will be announced when we return from break in January. We have great prizes, like gift cards from the Yogurt Station!

When you turn in your box tops to the office, please put them in an envelope, or put a piece of paper in your Ziploc with the CHILD'S NAME AND TEACHER.

Here are a few ways to start saving:

- 1- Ask your family (Aunts, Uncles, Grandma) to save them for you.
- 2- Look for the box tops labels when buying your groceries

You can turn in your box tops in the office at anytime. They will be counted and added to your child's total and classroom total. So, gather your box tops up today to start earning money for the school, and prizes for the kids!

For a complete list of participating products, as well as great recipes, coupons, activities for kids, and parenting tips, go to: www.boxtops4education.com

Questions? Email Jamie LaPierre at Jamielap@gmail.com

Annual Spelling Bee in January:



Valle Verde's spelling bee will be held on January 30, 2008 from 8:30am to 10:15am in the MUR for 4th & 5th graders. The winner will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee held in March.

Check out the free web site aimed at suggesting ways to prepare and peak interest in spelling, as well as providing helpful study techniques. Go to www.myspellit.com for the official study guide and fun interactive tricks and tips.

Watch for additional news in the near future.

Northgate High School

Source: NGHS PFC website

Annual Spelling Bee in January:

NHS Athletic Boosters Crab Feed Fundraiser

January 24, 2009 at the
Concord Center

This is a great event that supports our Athletes and Sports Med Program. We are desperately looking for the following donations for our LIVE & SILENT AUCTION: Tickets for sports & theatre events, one or two-week stays at your vacation home or time-share, sports memorabilia, dining excursions, golf membership, bottles of fine wines; services such as housekeepers, plumbing, painting, electrical, pool service, landscaping, massage therapy, teeth whitening, veterinary services, tax preparation, just to name a few. Please email or call [Laurel Ferns](mailto:Laurel.Ferns@northgatehs-pfc.com) at 818-6701. Ticket order forms are available at the following URL: http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/athletics/athletic_crab_feed_0809.pdf



WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to Judy Jarvis
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*

08-27297 11/11/08 10:59:09 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd Red Hond Acc @4psc659/ Assoc W/ 2 Subj Who Rp Thinks Are Pretending Their Cards Don't Work So They Can Take Pictures Of Other Customers With Their Cellphones.. Dispo: Subjs Had Left At Toc - Info Only At This Time. Susp. Circumstance 3 70 None Assgn.

08-27425 11/12/08 22:36:42 Oak Grove Rd / Peachwillow Ln Traffic Stop: Lic/5cgn897 Contacted: Calderon, Israel 01/27/86. Dispo: Israel Calderon (1-27-86) Arrested/Cite Released For Vc 14601.2(A). Driver's License Violation 3 70 Moorhouse

08-27562 11/14/08 13:14:57 3000 Bl Citrus Cr Reports A Susp Afa In The Bldg Who Has Been There Since Yesterday. She Is Banging Her Head On The Doors And Wandering Aimlessly. Desc: Mid 40's Blk Hair, Unk Clothing Desc.. Dispo: Contacted Carol Overall. She Agreed To Leave The Business Without Incident. Service To Citizen 3 80 Olson

08-27609 11/14/08 20:38:26 400 Bl Dogwood Dr Reports Brother Threw A Bottle At Him. Rp's 2 Brothers And Nephew Are Out Front Now Smoking Pot.. Dispo: As Reported. No Injuries. Aggressive Party Goa. Vic Does Not Want To Press Charges. Assault 3 80 Mangini

08-27664 11/15/08 15:18:04 3400 Bl Tupelo Dr Reports Theft Of Bike From Garage. Dk Grn Mens Road Bike. Occrd: Ovrnght.. Dispo: Theft Of Bike From Open Garage Of Home Under Construction. No Sus Or Witnesses. Dgrm Men's 18 Spd W/Fenders. Theft 3 80 Slater

08-27702 11/15/08 22:39:11 3500 Bl Cassena Dr Loud Music Behind Rps Resd.. Dispo: Contacted Leane, Adrienne(Redacted 010 Who Agreed To Keep The Music/Noise Down. Noise Complaint 3 80 Slater

08-27965 11/19/08 15:00:22 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln Reports Her Son May Be Missing.(Redacted 01)Another Student Told The Rp He Left The School With The Paternal Grandma, But The Rp Has Not Been Able To Confirm That.. Dispo: Rp Called Back To Say The Son Is With The Father. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 None Assgn.

08-28185 11/21/08 19:37:33 3600 Bl Sugarberry Ln Reporting Res Burg Since 0800 Hrs This Morning. Poe: Unlocked Side Door. Loss: Computer And Jewelry. Dispo: Occurred Bwtwn 0800-1930 Hours. Poe Side Garage Door. Loss: Computer, Jewelry, & Personal Day Planner. Burglary 3 80 Slater

08-28258 11/22/08 15:50:38 Sugarberry Ln / Citrus Av Reports Suspicious Hma 18 Yo Dk Hair Whi Tshirt Jeans. Walking Nb In The Canal. Keeps Looking Over Fences.. Dispo: Area Check And Unable To Locate Subject. Talked With Several Passerbys On The Trail That Did Not Notice The Subject. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Slater

08-28995 12/02/08 12:51:24 Sugarberry Ln / Persimmon Rd Red Yamaha Parked On The Sidewalk For Several Weeks.. Dispo: Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 None Assgn.

08-29148 12/04/08 11:20:34 400 Bl Candleberry Rd 11-24 Blu Boat Parked On The Street. Dispo: Pso File Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 None Assgn.

08-29217 12/05/08 08:42:10 3400 Bl Peachwillow Ln 11-24 Blk Jeep/5xrt800. Dispo: Moved 120608 1201 P329 Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 None Assgn.

08-29237 12/05/08 13:49:26 400 Bl Candleberry Rd White/Blu Boat Parked Ifo Above Address For At Least 1 Wk.. Dispo: Pso File Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 None Assgn.

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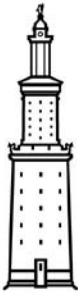
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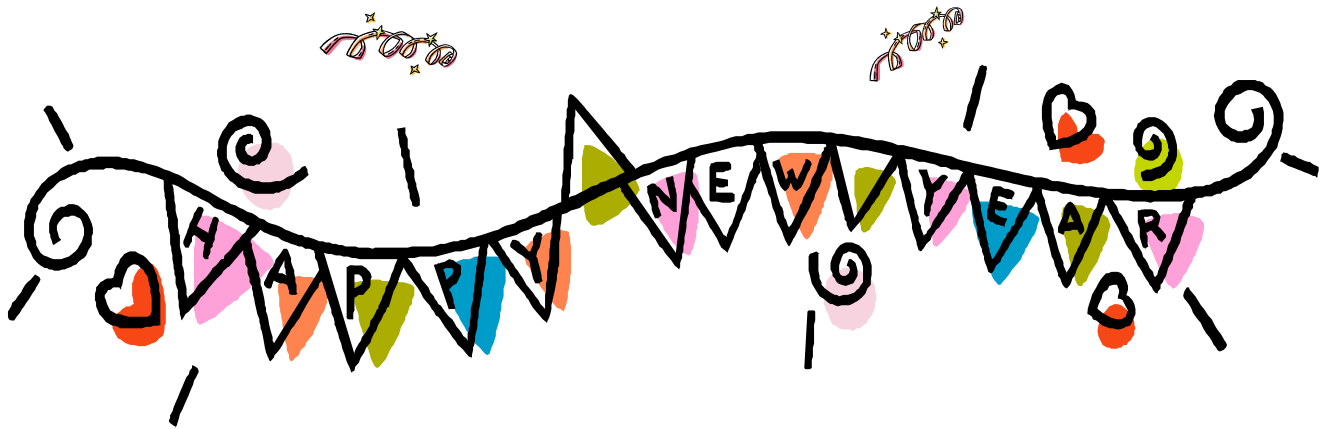


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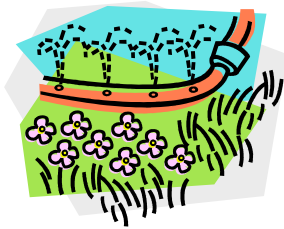
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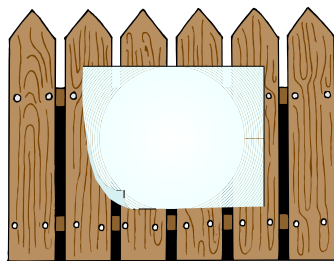


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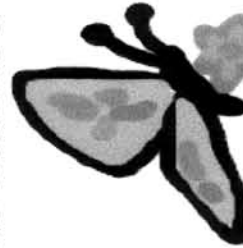
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