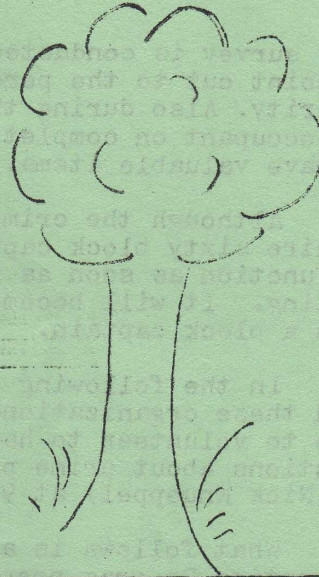


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WOODLANDS CRIME PREVENTION

Recently you may have read in the Contra Costa Times about Walnut Creek's crime prevention program. This program is directed by veteran Walnut Creek Police Officer, Lt. Jim Battles and staffed by three trained volunteer groups. Because the Woodlands has traditionally had an active homeowners association, Lt. Battles has invited us to be among the first neighborhoods in Walnut Creek to participate in this program. The Woodlands has always had a low crime rate and an active crime prevention program can help us to continue this good record.

The crime prevention program headed by Lt. Battles is made up of blocks with each block having a block captain. The Woodlands presently uses the block captain approach to distribute this newsletter. Should a crime occur in the Woodlands, the responding officer will contact Walnut Creek Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit in conjunction with the usual investigation. The Crime Prevention Unit will, in turn, notify block captains in the area where the crime occurred. The block captain is responsible for contacting the people in his block (at most 14 families) and giving them any information about the crime as supplied by the Crime Prevention Unit.

A fully organized crime prevention program in the Woodlands will require sixty block captains. The first step is an organizational meeting on each block which will be run by someone on Lt. Battles staff. At this meeting the neighbors will select a block captain and provide this person with a list of their names and phone numbers. This will be the block captains phone list. Also at the meeting the Crime Prevention Unit volunteer will answer questions and set up appointments for home security surveys.

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This survey is conducted in the person's home and is designed to point out to the person how they might improve their home's security. Also during the survey the trained volunteer will instruct the occupant on completing a home inventory and will offer to engrave valuable items.

Although the crime prevention program in the Woodlands will require sixty block captains to be fully staffed, it will begin to function as soon as we have our first organizational block meeting. It will become more effective as each block is organized with a block captain.

In the following weeks I will be asking for volunteers to hold these organizational meetings in their homes. If you would like to volunteer to have a meeting in your home or have any questions about crime prevention in the Woodlands, please call me (Nick Knueppel) at 932-7773.

What follows is an overview of the Walnut Creek Crime Prevention Program prepared by Lt. Battles.

CRIME PREVENTION

Recently the Police Department has implemented a different approach to crime prevention. The approach consists of three different programs with the main emphasis being on a Neighborhood Watch System. The other two programs are "Operation Identification" and a "Home Security Survey". This is not a new program but it is new for Walnut Creek.

The Neighborhood Watch is simply a program whereby neighbors are watching other neighbor's homes and businesses when burglaries or other crimes are likely to occur---these times are 24 hours a day. It's a mutual aid program of neighbors watching for suspicious happenings---a light on in a home when a neighbor is away, a garage door open which is normally closed or a suspicious person in the neighborhood. We are not looking for people to become physical or personally involved because this is the job for the Police Department. We are not, in any way, looking for vigilantes. Just simply call the police. The war against criminals is being fought more and more by the private citizens who are becoming involved in this type of crime fighting program. The Neighborhood Watch is accomplished by organizing each residential block with a Block Captain. The Block Captain's responsibility is to disseminate information within the block and to keep the block organized. It is a program which we need to work at continuously. Unfortunately, it lasts forever.

The staffing will be done by three trained volunteer groups which consist of a Citizens Crime Prevention Committee, a faction from both the Walnut Creek Police Reserve Association and the Walnut Creek Police Explorer Scouts.

The regular Police Officers will assist the Crime Prevention

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Committee group by making presentations to each of the blocks that are being organized and a team consisting of Scouts and Police Reserves will provide the Home Security Surveys and do the Operation Identification.

The funding is being provided by donations of cash and equipment which includes a \$6000.00 computer. This computer will assist in providing information back to the Block Captains regarding crime occurring in the respective areas. The Block Captains will disseminate this information to their blocks.

We need all our citizens involved. If you have any questions regarding the program, please call 943-5885. Citizens should be advised to call 935-6400 if they are reporting a crime or a suspicious circumstance.

WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

The Woodlands Homeowners Association Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, at 7:30 PM at the home of Shirley Hahn, 3641 Citrus Drive. If you wish to attend please let Shirley know at 939-6577.

COMMUNITY SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OFFERED

On June 19 a tragic fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gazda at 185 Rock Oak Road. As a community the Woodlands Association would like to express our sympathy and offer support to Jack, Mary Ann and their three girls.

If you would like to make any financial or other contribution donations are being gathered at the following locations:

Elaine Green 3650 Perada Drive 938-0567
Eileen Kempker 109 Dogwood 939-9570

If you have any questions, the Gazdas can be reached at 935-2457 or 929-6056. Please respond as quickly as possible so that we can be of immediate assistance.

FROM GAIL MURRAY

I'd like to thank the Woodlands' residents for their support in the April City Council elections. The precinct at Valle Verde School tied with one at the San Miguel Swim Club for the highest voter turnout in the city outside of Rossmoor. (we had a 32% turnout; Rossmoor's highest was 36%). The precinct in the Woodlands on Primrose tied with the one at Castle Rock

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School for the next highest turnout at 24%. Overall turnout citywide for the election was 22%.

Due to recent legislation, the city can now choose to change the date of its election from April to the general election in June or to combine with the school board elections in November. The advantage of a June election is higher voter turnout; the disadvantages are (1) party politics entering into a non-partisan race and (2) adding to an already lengthy, complicated ballot. Either change, however, will save the city money. Let me know your thoughts on this issue.

One of the best parts of the election process is meeting the voters at coffees and candidates' forums to learn about their hopes and concerns for Walnut Creek. I hope you will continue the dialogue with me, as your elected representative, for the next four years, by calling me whenever there is a city issue that interests you.

Gail Murray
Walnut Creek City Council
937-0841

VALLE VERDE CHILDREN'S CENTER

We are accepting advance registration for September, 1982. If you would like to use the Center in the fall, please call Elsie Witt, director, 944-5255 or 935-0463 between 9 AM and 5 PM.

The Children's Center, located in C-5, will be open in September from 7 AM to 6 PM week days (closed from 9:30-11:20 AM). Children may use the Center on monthly tuition or daily drop-in basis. All children using the Center are required to register at the Center. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10. Drop-in rate is \$1.50 an hour.

Valle Verde Children-s Center is owned and operated by parents with a paid professional staff. It provides a community service for working parents of children from kindergarden through sixth grade.

Forms are available upon request. There is an advanced tuition fee of \$15 which will be applied toward September tuition. If you are a new family, \$10 will be used for registration and the remainder will be applied to September tuition.

PLAYGROUP ORGANIZING: Do you have a child 4½+ years old?
I would like to start a playgroup.
If interested, please call 937-3261.

ROOM NEEDED: Whitworth College student needs housing
for the summer. Able to pay \$80 a
month. Please call Megan Dalvini 932-3519.