

The Woodlands

June 2005

Update on School Project Funding

As discussed in previous newsletters, the Woodlands Association received funds from the Citrus Walk developers for improvements at Valle Verde Elementary, Foothill Middle, and Northgate High schools. During the past several months, we have been in contact with the administrators and parent teacher/faculty associations at each of these schools to identify priority projects that are not currently in the school district budget or capital improvement plan. Through this coordination we identified preference projects at each school, and we have taken the following actions:

We are finalizing an agreement to provide \$25,000 to the Valle Verde PTA to help fund construction of a permanent shade structure. The PTA will raise the remaining project funds and expects construction to be sequenced with planned

resurfacing scheduled in 2006.

During April, the Woodlands Association provided a check in the amount of \$40,000 to the Foothill Parent Faculty Association to fund several technology upgrades, primarily computers and printers at Foothill Middle School. The equipment will be purchased this summer and should be ready for the fall session as wiring upgrades are completed.

We are currently discussing with the Northgate PFA alternative approaches to help fund a new permanent classroom at Northgate High School.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to make valuable investments in the schools that serve the Woodlands and will keep you updated as we make final decisions and provide funds for the projects.

By Bill Swanson

FOOTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION



Dear Jim, Ed, and The Woodlands Association,

I want to thank you so very much for your generous donation to Foothill. What a wonderful community we live in when people like you step forward to better the education of the children who live here.

How excited we are to be able to provide an updated tech lab in the fall. All of the students will benefit from the many upgrades that you have agreed to fund.

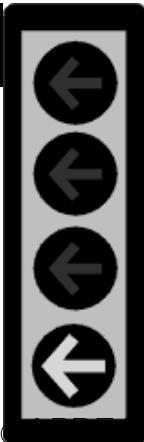
Thank you, Thank you,

Warmly,

Vicki Fraser, PFA President

New Light Installed!

A new protected left turn light has been installed at the corner of Oak Grove Road and Citrus Circle. This is a direct result of neighborhood input into the Citrus Walk project that the developer agreed to complete as part of the project. Without the neighborhood input, we would not have the protected turn signal!



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Woodlands Youth

Parent Action Coalition for Education

PACE Attacks School Music Budget Cuts

This March, the Board of Education in MDUSD voted to officially cut 4th grade instrumental music from the 2005/06 budget and dramatically reduced middle school and high school library services. Historically, programs and classes that have been lost or reduced due to budget cuts have proven to be almost impossible to restore. Today, the choice is ours to either sit back and watch these programs dissolve or stand up and take action. If we allow these programs to erode due to our inaction, we send a message to our children and our community that quality education is no longer our priority.

Northgate Students Harness Bronco Pride To Help Raise Funds For Little Theatre

Rallied by the Leadership students, the entire school is striving to SAVE BRONCO MAN during the month of May. This creative fundraising concept to 'SAVE BRONCO MAN' has a real goal: raising \$20,000 in just 3 weeks to help Northgate Community Pride Foundation reach their goal and start construction on the Little Theatre this summer. The students hope to show the community by their involvement that renovation of the theatre is their NUMBER ONE PRIORITY!

Northgate High School Student Body President Will Nevius and the Student Leadership Committee have created a website that highlights the tale of "Broncoman", the school mascot and his deplorable living conditions in the depths of the current Little Theater. Visit Broncoman

and the Northgate Leadership Website at:

www.savebroncoman.com

Other Northgate Pride News:

✦ *Northgate Pride has raised \$1.2 million of the \$1.7 million needed for the Little Theatre project. Designs are awaiting state approvals and we hope to bid the project in June. Construction could start this summer if the community comes together to raise the final \$500,000. Northgate Pride has submitted several grants and is looking at corporate and individuals gifts to help reach the goal. Please consider a donation NOW before the end of the school year. BE A PART OF THIS SUCCESSFUL PROJECT! Visit our website to make a donation today*

www.northgatepride.org

It is our responsibility as parents to define the limits of minimally acceptable standards in public education. Join the many families who have already contributed and made the commitment to stand together as one united, educational community and to invest in what we value. Your \$100 donation, less than 30¢ a day, restores these programs and sends the message that you support quality education. For more information and to make your contribution today, visit our website at www.mdpace.org.

MDUSD Considering A Boundary Study For Area High Schools

The Mt. Diablo School District School Board (Board) is considering conducting a high school boundary study for Northgate, Clayton Valley, College Park and Ygnacio Valley. They are looking at a study because College Park and Northgate are currently overcrowded and Clayton Valley and Ygnacio Valley are under-utilized and projected to be for the foreseeable future.

If the Board decides to proceed with a study, a committee would be set up to study the problem and to formulate recommendations. The committee of approximately 30 people would be made up of parents, faculty and administration, from each school included in the study. Bob Rayborn, Director of Research and Evaluation, is heading up this project.

Mr. Rayborn indicated that

there has been no discussion or proposal to change any boundaries to date and boundary changes are only one potential recommendation the committee might make. The formulation of this committee is expected to proceed on a long timeline including formulation of the committee in a year (April 2006) and the recommendations expected a year after that. The goal is to have a recommendation to the School Board in time for a decision to be in place by the fall of 2007. This issue will be discussed at the next School Board meeting, scheduled for May 23rd at 7pm. The District website, including meeting agendas can be accessed at

http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/mdusd/board_of_education.html
Bob Rayborn can be reached at raybornr@mdusd.k12.ca.us.

By Ed Wohlers

Community News

Good Neighbors

From time to time we have printed brief articles on being a “good Woodlands neighbor”. Some of these subjects have had to do with simple good sense while some have been reminders of actual restrictions, ordinances or local laws. Recently we have received several eMail notes sent to our Woodlands website regarding extended parking of boats and also recreational vehicles on our Woodlands streets. We should all recognize that vehicles of this type are integral to family recreation and fun and certainly will be coming and going in the neighborhood. At the same time we all know that there are specific Walnut Creek restrictions regarding storage of vehicles on our streets... it is also just an act of being a good neighbor not to leave boats or other vehicles on the street for more than a day or so. If we have to temporarily park a large vehicle, take care not to block lines of site on bends in the roadway, at corners or near schools. Minimizing the time large vehicles are on our streets makes our neighborhood safer for everyone... and it also enhances the esthetics, or look and feel, of the community as we walk to the open space, bike to the store, drive to work, go to school and go about our lives. As we have written before, let's all continue to be good neighbors.

By the Board



Citrus Walk is Open

I have seen many Woodlands neighbors trekking through the new model homes at the Citrus Walk development... probably out of curiosity after three years of designs, redesign, disputes, planning meetings and construction. DeNova opened the first model units for all of us to see on April 30th.

By now, you all know that the Woodlands Association board was able to negotiate additional neighborhood improvements as well as special school funding for capital projects from the two developers of Citrus Walk. *See the article on the first Foothill project funded from our special Woodlands Association fund in this issue.* You have all likely experienced our “mandated” left turn signal from Oak Grove on to Citrus. The traffic light changes have been up and functioning for several weeks now.

Take a quick drive by our Cabana Club! Funding from the Citrus Walk development is providing the club a whole new look and feel including the beautiful new sound wall wrapping around the club, an updated and revitalized main building, an enlarged & gated parking lot, upgraded pools and new paving, new landscaping, even a special security gate directly into the Citrus Walk development... and more. Much of this work is done and the rest is well underway. The club opened the 2005 season on May 7th. All 47 Citrus Walk home owners will receive a Cabana Club family membership and first year dues paid by DeNova.

These Citrus Walk upscale homes will be housing our new neighbors very soon. Our Woodlands newsletter will be delivered to each house as the Citrus Walk homes are purchased and occupied. Let's all make our new neighbors feel very welcome to the Woodlands!

By J Tilley

Woodlands

Board of Directors

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Next Board Meetings:

June 4, 2005 @ 8:15am

July 9, 2005 @ 8:15am

Carl's Junior Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings at all times!

CABANA CLUB NEWS

HOURS:

Weekdays 4pm—7pm

Weekends/Holidays noon-7pm (thru June 17)

Summer hours Mon-Sat. 11:30am—8pm (after June 17)

Summer hours on Sunday noon-8pm

Don't miss the Woodlands Cabana Club open house on June 17. The club is open for a “school's out” celebration from noon to 5 pm.

The club will close at 5 pm on June 17 for the annual Valle Verde 5th grade graduation party.

Swim Team Home Schedule:

Sat, 6/4, Forest Park @ WST, 9am
Wed, 6/8, PH Dolphins @ WST, 6pm
Sat, 6/18, Antioch Delta Skimmers @ WST, 9am
Wed, 6/22, Pinole Seals @ WST, 6pm
Sat, 6/25, Ygnacio Wood @ WST 9am
Tues, 6/28, Valley Vista @ WST 6pm
Wed, 6/20, Dolphin Swim Club @ WST 6pm
Sat/Sun, 7/23-7/24, 42nd Annual Woodlands Invitational

Community News

4th of July is Coming Up Fast!

Yes, it is coming up fast. For well over 30 years, our Woodlands kids have been decorating their bicycles, tricycles and wagons and parading from Valle Verde Elementary School to the Cabana Club. Neighbors will be lining the streets to enjoy the parade. Everyone in the Woodlands is invited to the Cabana Club from noon to 5:00 pm on the 4th. Help your children decorate in red, white and blue streamers and get them to Valle Verde by 11:30 to be in our parade!



Woodlands children walk behind a float in the July 4, 1968 Woodlands parade. For more July 4th photos, visit www.woodlandsassn.org/woodlands_july_4th_parade.htm

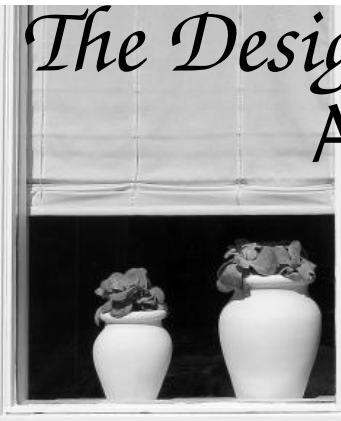
The Cabana Club will be open for swimming, burgers, dogs and games on this special afternoon of making new friends and seeing old friends. What a great tradition! The youngest, the newest and many of the original Woodlands folks all together on this day.

This year is extra special with all the renovations and improvements at the club. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

By J Tilley

The Design Corner

Advice on Interior Design & Decorating for Woodlands Homes



Woodlands resident Ann B. asks:

Should you vary the fabric on your furniture from a solid on one item, stripe on another and floral on another? Is that too busy? Are there any "Golden Rules"?

Generally speaking, the designer "Golden Rule" for fabric is that each space in your home can handle a stripe, a solid, a floral and a geometric pattern. This doesn't mean that you have to use all four types of fabrics in every space...just that you can think of a room's fabric choices with

these parameters when you are ready to make selections.

Using a variety of fabrics enlivens any space. The specific stripe, solid, floral and geometric fabrics you choose sets the style for your home. Within each fabric type, try to also consider the compatibility, durability, the sheen, the scale, and the overall feel of the fabric.

On larger pieces, like sofas, loveseats, and fully upholstered chairs, strive for the use of a neutral fabric. These are the pieces you are less likely to replace often. Neutrals give you a clean palate from which to build character and style with your other fabric choices.

Stripes, florals and geomet-

rics are best used on smaller furniture upholstery, draperies, pillows, or accent fabrics, like runners. These workhorses of design can give a room the style and panache you desire. Using too much of a stripe, floral, or geometric can give a room a busy feel. Avoid this by using neutrals for larger pieces with smaller doses of the busier fabrics.

Fabrics seldom work alone in a decorating scheme. Create a unified space by bringing your fabric selections home to pair with your wood pieces, paint colors, carpeting, and other furnishings. In addition, remember to disperse your stripes, florals, and geometrics around the room with pillows, artwork, and accessories. For

instance, if you've used a striped fabric on an occasional chair, consider the same striped fabric on a drape pull-back, sofa pillow, or similar stripes in a picture mat.

Most of all, keep an open mind and give yourself time when selecting your varying stripes, solids, florals, and geometric patterns. By taking the time to thoughtfully select fabrics you are setting the stage for a welcoming home for many years to come.

Do you have an interior design question you'd like to see answered in the next Design Corner? If so, please e-mail Karen Worthington at worthington@earthlink.net.

By Karen Worthington

Community Happenings

June 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
V V = Valle Verde FH = Foothill NG = Northgate			1	2	3	4 Woodlands Board Meeting 8:15am Carl's Jr. Home Swim Meet 9am
5	6	7 VV: Chorus Concert 6:30pm & Jr. Choir Concert 7:30pm & PTA Ice Cream Social	8 <i>Home Swim Meet 6pm</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!!	16 FH: 8th Grade Promotion @ 6:30 & Dance @ 8pm	17 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! VV: 5th Grade Promotion 8:30am Cabana Club Open House Noon—5pm	18 <i>Home Swim Meet 9am</i>
19	20	21	22 <i>Home Swim Meet 6pm</i>	23	24	25 <i>Home Swim Meet 9am</i>
26	27	28 <i>Home Swim Meet 6pm</i>	29	30	Please submit any events you would like to see on July's calendar to srizzo@woodlandsassn.org or 465-4464 by June 15th	



Woodlands Community Emergency Response Team

GOOD NEWS !!!

Woodlands CERT is now Scheduled!

September 13th through October 18th

Every Tuesday Evening – 6:00 to 9:30

We have about 25 reservations already and we can expand the training up to about 40 participants. Please email us at emergency@woodlandsassn.org (or call 465 4464) if you would like to participate in this special program. These six Tuesday evenings are taught by top professionals and might just be one of your more important life training experiences. After the sessions, we should be prepared to know what to do for just about any type of emergency or disaster.

For more details on the CERT training content see www.walnut-creek.org/community.

By J Tilley

Thank You Web Content Contributors!

We received more wonderful items to add to the Woodlands Website this month!

- ◆ Turner Family home photos from 1967
- ◆ Barnett Family home photos from the 1960's
- ◆ 2002 & 2004 July 4th Parade Photos, courtesy of Sheri Nodder
- ◆ Hofmann Builder Brochure
- ◆ Citrus Walk Brochure

If you have any documents, photos, newspaper articles or the like...please call us!

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Woodlands mom interested in starting or joining a neighborhood playgroup for her five month old daughter. Please call **906-9940** or email **GLTTERGL@aol.com**

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