

The Woodlands

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Woodlands Dads!

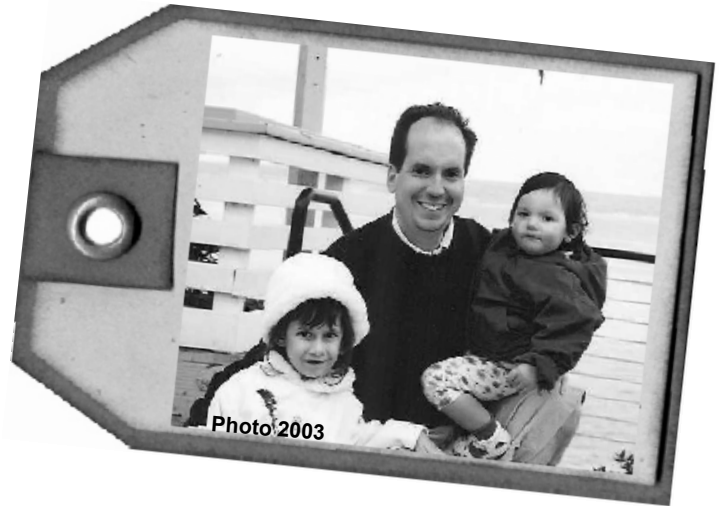
DAD: Tony Moniz



We would like to honor our Dad, Tony Moniz, on Father's day. He is the best dad ever. He always helps us with our math homework and loves to tell us stories about his childhood growing up in Goa, India. It's lots of fun watching the NBA Basketball playoffs on TV with him - we all scream together. We call him "Pops" and he doesn't mind when we tease him. We would like to wish our Dad a very Happy Father's Day and tell him that we really love and appreciate him.

~ Jeremy (9) & Nathan (13) Moniz

DAD: Marco Bertolozzi



Allison: The best activity with my Dad is bike riding.

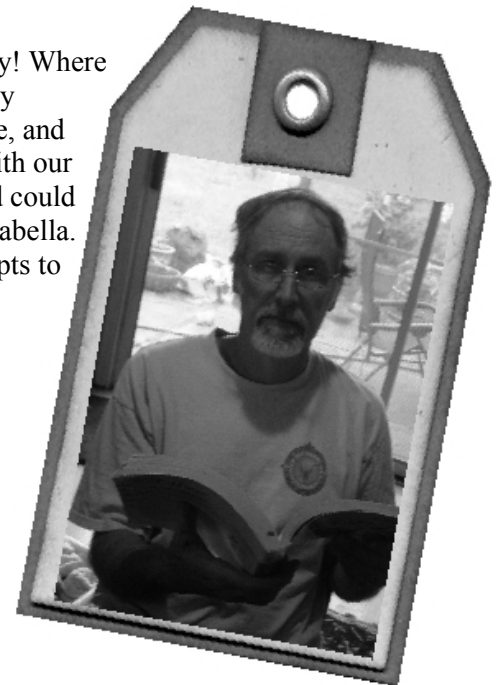
Isabella: I like to go to the swimming pool with daddy and the library and also Pixieland. If my daddy were a truck he was probably a tow truck since he is always picking us up from places. He is also the best daddy because he takes us to girl scouts, even though he is a daddy.

Susan: Why is my husband special? Oh boy! Where do I start? Marco has to put up with my crazy requests, last minute changes, work schedule, and mainly my pms days. The time he spends with our children is priceless -no money in this world could compensate quality time with Allison and Isabella. I love him also because he sometimes attempts to clean up the garage! We love you, Daddy.

DAD: Brad Rose

A father is a strong figure who is always there to offer you worldly advice, but also able to accept your choices. My father is awesome because he is always there to give me advice, and no matter what, he will always support and respect my decision.

~ Isaac Rose





Community

Crystyl Ranch assigned to Northgate High School

As mentioned in a previous newsletter (March 2006), the Mt. Diablo School District School Board decided not to proceed with a study on high school district boundaries. At the Feb. 14th school board meeting, the Board recommended making permanent the temporary agreement that designated residents of the Crystal Ranch development in Concord to Northgate High School. Superintendent

McHenry indicated that Northgate had sufficient capacity to accommodate the Crystyl Ranch high school students. Woodlands Board member, Bill Swanson, indicated he was not in favor of a permanent designation without additional information on the impact of this decision. Despite the objection, and that of another resident, the Board voted 4-0 to assign the Crystyl Ranch development

to the Northgate High School attendance area. No other changes to the current high school boundaries have been made or are contemplated at this time. For additional information on upcoming MDUSD board meetings, visit their website at: www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/mdusd/boe-sam.htm
By Ed Wohlers

Emergency Preparedness – CERT Training

In last month's newsletter we indicated that our Woodlands households now have over 50 individuals that have been CERT trained and certified. CERT, or Community Emergency Response Training, has new class series beginning again in July and September. Remember these classes meet weekly for six weeks, 6:00-9:30 p.m. at the Contra Costa Fire District Training Center on Treat Blvd. near Oak Grove Road. This is very handy to the Woodlands.

We definitely need more neighbors trained and

as you may know, many of our local teens have accompanied parents through the training sessions. The actual dates for the series are July 25th to August 29th and the next series starts Wednesday, September 13th to October 17th. (Sept 13th is the only Wednesday night session). Woodlands residents may register in any of the city-sponsored sessions. The city does not charge for these sessions and clearly they provide very valuable skill sets that will remain valuable a lifetime. To register, call Gayle Vassar, Community Relations Officer at 943-5899, extension 189. You may also

email Gayle to register at vassar@walnut-creek.org.

Also recall that the CERT graduates have formed several small teams to move the emergency plans and projects along on a volunteer basis. If you get called to help on these teams please support them with your assistance and advice wherever possible. As mentioned in the last newsletter, these teams will be having brief review sessions in the coming months and these sessions will be announced in coming newsletters.

By J Tilley



Thank you to all Valle Verde Girl Scout Troops for making a difference in our community. Through your efforts, we helped make Valle Verde an even greater school. We helped

Girl Scouts

at the Fall Carnival, we helped beautify the school as our Earth Day project and we donated hundreds of socks to the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. We sang our hearts out to the elderly in nursing homes and to our neighbors during the holidays. We collected coats and food for the homeless. We learned about saving the SF Bay and explored ways to clean it up. We are a positive force and people know they can count on us for help.

Parents, Girl Scouts offers a terrific opportunity

for your daughters to learn self-confidence, leadership and responsibility. There are benefits to parents as well who want to offer their talents in grooming tomorrow's young women. If you and/or your daughter are interested in being part of a terrific organization, you can contact Gloria Bertolozzi, Valle Verde GS Coordinator at gbertolozzi@yahoo.com or 925-944-7009. We are always looking for leaders and girls at every level!

Summer Job Opportunities for Teens & Young Adults

City of Walnut Creek Recreation Department

***Aquatics *Specialized Recreation *Day Camps
 *Sports Camp *Scorekeepers *Gym Attendants**

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for detailed information and who to contact.

Or call 925-943-5858



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Community

Home Safeguards and Vacation Time

A Community Prepared

In the March 2006 newsletter we wrote about Walnut Creek burglaries and crimes along with steps you might take to avoid being a victim. Also from time to time we have published articles on crime watch as well as information about our city sponsored neighborhood watch programs. Many of us will take vacations in the summer months and as a reminder, here are a few tips to safeguard your home as well as you valuables while traveling.

Make sure you have adequate locks on all doors and windows before leaving for any period. Contact the post office and your newspaper company to hold delivery until you return. The post office can be done on the web or

by giving your own carrier a signed form available at the local post office. The newspapers can be stopped by calling your newspaper office and telling them the dates to hold delivery.

Don't leave a key under a mat but only with a trusted neighbor. Remember that good neighbors that watch out for each other are really excellent deterrents to burglars. Make your house appear lived in. Make use of light timers in and around the house. Have your neighbor park in your drive from time to time... especially if they can park overnight.

Leave trip plans and emergency numbers with those trusted neighbor. Also make sure they know exactly how to reach

you if required. It is good idea to mark or etch any valuable items left at home with you driver's license number. Many stolen items have found their way back home because of this type of identification.

While on your vacation, avoid carrying large amounts of cash and to the extent possible use ATM or credit cards as well as traveler's checks. Keep a copy of credit and debit card numbers safely and away from your wallet. With each card number, record the telephone number to call in case of loss or stolen cards.

Have a great summer!

By J Tilley

June 2006

Calendar of Events

VV=Valle Verde FH=Foothill NG=Northgate

Tuesday, June 6:
Saturday, June 10:
Sunday, June 11:
Friday, June 16:
Saturday, June 17:
Sunday, June 18:
Sunday, June 18:
Thursday, June 22:
Friday, June 23:
Saturday, June 24:
Sunday, June 25:

VV Open House 6:30pm
Heritage Day, Borges Ranch, 11am-5pm
Shadelands Antiques Show, 8am-4pm
Last Day of School!
Miniature Horse Show, Heather Farm Park, 9am-4pm
Happy Father's Day!
Miniature Horse Show, Heather Farm Park, 9am-4pm
Civic Arts Ed Sale, Shadelands Art Center, 5pm-9pm
Civic Arts Ed Sale, Shadelands Art Center, 10am-9pm
Civic Arts Ed Sale, Shadelands Art Center, 10am-5pm
Civic Arts Ed Sale, Shadelands Art Center, 10am-4pm



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Woodlands Newsletter is a monthly publication. Previous issues are posted on our website.

Next Board Meetings:
6.3.06 @ 8:15am
7.1.06 @ 8:15am
Carl's Jr. Conference Rm.

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings



Want Ads

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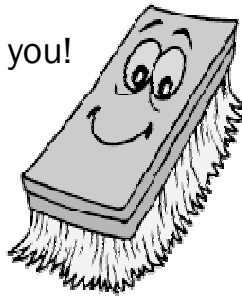
HANDYMAN: Quality work. Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Linoleum, Tile, Windows, Doors. Woodlands References. **Paul 676-6607**

BABYSITTING: Need help entertaining your children? Experienced high school graduate with references available for day and evening care during the summer. **Lara 947-0233** or **330-9337**.

Zoila Housecleaning

Too busy to clean?
Zoila housecleaning can help you!

Call Zoila:
Home (925) 709-3059
Cell (925) 642-6399.
I have good references!



"A father is a guy who has snapshots in his wallet where his money used to be."
- Anonymous

FOR SALE

Moving Sale—Dining Set—dark wood, four chairs. Must see to appreciate! 2005 Honda Pilot, red SUV, 4WD, loaded. Like new and under warranty. **925-945-7301. Please leave msg.**

For Sale—Ivory Damask skirted couch/matching chair \$300. Glass and iron coffee table \$75. All in excellent condition. Mens 21 speed/women's 15 speed bikes \$25 each. **938-2749**.

Advertiser Quick Reference

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|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 3 Good Painters | 935-7593 | Happy Nest Childcare | 934-8396 |
| AAA Insurance | 285-1566 | Home Loan Experts | 287-4860 |
| Arreola Landscaping | 709-8561 | Huntington Learning | 944-8774 |
| Bay Healing | 935-2502 | Marc Graves, Realty | 935-5895 |
| Becky Marconett | 280-8507 | McLaughlin Remax | 877-473-6425 |
| Brana Home Repair | 283-1107 | Newpane Windows | 800-614-7263 |
| CA Custom Carpets | 828-7810 | Neck/Back Pain Ctr | 947-1507 |
| David Galindo, Intero | 945-4575 | Painting, Paul Morris | 939-2498 |
| Dumploads On Us | 934-3743 | Roger Studebaker | 595-3934 |
| Executive Brokers | 974-1170 | Sheri Nodder | 975-5244 |
| Green's Lawn Service | 827-0103 | Zoila Housecleaning | 709-3059 |
| Handyman Paul Fleck | 676-6607 | | |

Happy Father's Day!

Sunday, June 18th

ADVERTISING RATES

DEADLINE: 15TH OF EACH MONTH

Contact: **Elsie Witt 925-935-0463**
ewitt@woodlandsassn.org

PLEASE MAIL 1 copy of your ad & payment to:
"Woodlands Association"

P.O. Box 31085, Walnut Creek, CA 94598
WANT ADS

Line Ad with a maximum of 30 words.

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| Woodlands Residents | \$8.00 |
| Non-Woodlands Residents | \$13.00 |

BUSINESS ADS

(Guidelines) *Please submit ONE copy of your ad in the size you have chosen.

*There is a one time set up fee for ads that need layout/design or artwork.

Set-Up Fees are as follows:

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| 1/8 page ads | \$5.00 |
| 1/4, 1/2 and full page ads | \$10.00 |

Color paper is only offered for FULL Page Ads. Colors: blue, green, yellow.

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| Full Page, white paper | \$80.00 |
| Full Page, colored paper | \$85.00 |
| 1/2 Page | \$45.00 |
| 1/4 Page | \$25.00 |
| 1/8 Page (Woodlands Residents) | \$15.00 |
| 1/8 Page (Non-Woodlands Residents) | \$18.00 |

Summer Vacationing in Walnut Creek

With a city like ours...there's no need to go far for a good time!

Here are some ideas to try:

- ◆ **Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts** - www.DLRCA.org
- ◆ **Bedford Gallery** (FREE admission on Tuesdays from 12pm-5pm!) 295-1417.
- ◆ **Lindsay Wildlife Museum** - 1931 First Avenue (Larkey Park) 935-1978.
- ◆ **Shadelands Ranch Historical Museum** - 2660 Ygnacio Valley Rd. 935-7871. Call for hours/admission.
- ◆ **Borges Ranch** - 1035 Castle Rock Rd. 943-5860. Open daily 8am-dusk.
- ◆ **WC Model Railroad Society** - 2751 Buena Vista Rd. 937-1888 www.WCMRS.org. \$2 adults/\$1 seniors & children.
- ◆ **Gardens at Heather Farm** - 1540 Marchbanks Dr. 947-1679
- ◆ **Ruth Bancroft Garden** - 1500 Bancroft Rd. 210-9663. Tours on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month.
- ◆ **Sugarloaf Open Space** - 2161 Youngs Valley Rd. 944-5766. Open daily during daylight hours. Free.
- ◆ **WC Equestrian Center** - Located at the North end of Heather Farm Park. Open daily. Free.
- ◆ **Go for a family bike ride.** Get bike trail maps here: www.ci.walnut-creek.ca.us/ under Online Services-Maps.
- ◆ **Visit one of the many WC Parks** - Get a list of parks here: www.ci.walnut-creek.ca.us/ under Online Services-Maps.
- ◆ **WC Skate Park** - Heather Farm Park. FREE. 8am-9pm. You must wear a helmet and elbow/knee pads to skate. This is a city requirement.
- ◆ **WC Downtown Library** has many programs for kids. www.ccclib.org/programs/wcl.html 1644 N. Broadway. 646-6773



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