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Safeway Community Meeting

By: Ed Wohlers

Property Development Centers, a Safeway company, held their first community meeting on February 8th to discuss the 25 acres of land they own at the corner of Oak Grove and Ygnacio Valley Rd. The purpose of the meeting was to update the community on the progress of the Advisory Committee (“AC”) tasked with developing the Shadelands Gateway Specific Plan and to listen to community comments regarding the future development of the site. Property Development Centers planned to take the feedback from this meeting and share the information at the AC meeting held on February 22nd.

The meeting was attended by over 70 people from the community who had an opportunity to hear from Safeway. Most of the people were trying to get a better idea as to what Safeway was planning for the site. A few people indicated they didn’t want anything to change on the site, while others indicated they’d like to see the site developed in some manner. Safeway indicated they appreciated the feedback and said they would hold future community meetings for further discussion. The best way to get involved in this process is to attend one of the monthly AC meetings (see article in this month’s issue for specific dates/times).

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 to sign up for our e-mail list, or send us an e-mail – 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 . Over the next 7 months, the Advisory Committee will be meeting in the 3rd 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 **7pm-9pm**

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



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 10th of each month. To the extent that space is available, articles received and ready for print by the 10th 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.

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Woodlands Cabana Club Announcement

Summer is right around the corner and Woodlands Cabana club memberships are available. We are excited for the 2012 season and have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for your families to enjoy. Our season kicks off with our Pancake Breakfast Saturday, May 12th.

Membership information is available on our website
www.woodlandscabanaclub.org.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, March 3rd
 at 8:15 am
 and
 Saturday, April 7th
 at 8:15 am
 in Carl's Jr.
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Good Neighbor – Cars, Boats, RV's

By: Ed Wohlers

Many of us walk or run throughout the neighborhood since it is such a beautiful place. One thing I've noticed while walking around the neighborhood is that some people have had the same cars, boats, RV's, trailers, etc. parked in the drive way, or street for an extended period of time without movement. Vehicles and trailers that are not maintained (mechanically and in appearance) can tend to become eyesores.

Vehicles parked on private property are subject to the rules enforced by Walnut Creek Code Enforcement, which can be contacted by calling 256-3508 or 943-5863. RV's can be parked in your driveway for 4-5 days without violating Walnut Creek municipal codes. Boats and trailers are not permitted anywhere in the front yard.

Vehicles parked on the public street are subject to the Walnut Creek police jurisdiction. Commercial vehicles cannot be parked in residential neighborhoods except to load, unload, or to do a specific task. Boats, cars, and trailers cannot be parked on the street for more than 72 hours without moving. RV's cannot be parked on the street from 2am – 6am at all without a free permit that can be obtained from the City of Walnut Creek. This permit allows visitors with RV's to park on the street for 3 days. Permits for resident RV owners can be obtained for up to 2 days before and after a trip to load, unload, and clean your RV's. To report a violation, you can call the Walnut Creek police at 943-5844. Ask for dispatch and then parking enforcement to provide details for enforcement.

Please consider whether you have one of the above cars, boats, trailers, or RV's and whether it may be better stored in an appropriate storage facility outside the Woodlands.

Walnut Creek Walks Comes to the Woodlands!

On Saturday, March 11th, Mayor Bob Simmons will lead the fourth of his monthly second Saturday walks in both the Woodlands and the Shadelands, with a part of the walk including the paved Contra Costa Canal Trail between Rock Oak and Bayberry. The walk departs from the intersection of Shadelands Drive and Via Monte at **10 AM** and is about 4 miles in length.

If you don't wish to walk the entire distance, the walk will go past the Citrus Center as it enters and departs the Woodlands neighborhood. This is not a part of the ongoing Shadelands Specific Plan process, but, as a part of the Mayor's Walnut Creek Walks, it will provide the opportunity to experience the Woodlands neighborhood and the Shadelands in an up close and personal way.



School News

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR PARENT PATROL DUTY YET?

Volunteers Still Needed for March

If you have not yet volunteered for Parent Patrol this year, please consider signing up for a shift or two in March. Remember, we ask that each family volunteer two days during the year so that we can ensure the students have a safe student environment at lunchtime. Ideally we have two volunteers per day. If you are available to help between 11:05 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. (M,T,Th,F) or 11:25 am - 12:50 p.m. on Wednesdays, we would greatly appreciate your help. Parent Patrol is one of the best opportunities to volunteer on campus and we need your help.

Specific days where we need volunteers are listed below.

March dates: 8, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

All available shifts for the remainder of the year are posted at <https://sites.google.com/site/foothillmiddleschoolpfa/parent-patrol>. Any date that doesn't have two names filled in is a date when we could use your help. Please take a look at your schedules and email the Parent Patrol coordinator at mesunbury@yahoo.com with any dates you are available.

Thanks to all those parents who have already volunteered so far this year. If you are available to pick up an additional shift, it would be greatly appreciated.

PARENTS OF INCOMING FRESHMAN DESERVE A WELCOME TOO!

Please Join Us ... Northgate High School Spring For Education Mar. 30 - Tickets On Sale Now!

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For Tickets: Karen Cramer at cramerx4@comcast.net

Donations and Sponsorship: Linda Locke at lockes4@hotmail.com

Volunteers: Faye Mettler at gmettler@astound.net

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Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays, March 14 - May 30, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (no rehearsal April 11). One Friday rehearsal will be held May 11 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

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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. 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.

12-1047 01/10/12 12:50:18 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. RP is Kaiser nurse, requesting welfare check. See notes. Dispo: No current problem with adult male working at above location. Pleasant Hill PD doing welfare check at his residence later this evening.

12-1191 01/11/12 15:18:25 **Auto Burglary** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Victim vehicle is silver Mazda Tribute license 6PUA103. Point of entry unknown, vehicle was locked. Suitcase taken. Occurred within the last hour. Dispo: Theft occurred between 0330 and 0500 hours. Loss of suitcase with prescription medication and clothing. Ofc. Spoto SIL

12-1280 01/12/12 10:22:08 **Possible DUI** Citrus Avenue / Oak Grov Rod. Male may be under the influence of controlled substance; is throwing things out of his garage. Has now left on Citrus toward Oak Grove. Subject is white male adult, 6'2, 220 lbs, in full dress on black Harley with lots of chrome. Dispo: Be-on-the-lookout typed to police units for area wide lookout.

12-1744 01/15/12 20:39:25 **Verbal Dispute** 3500 block Citrus Avenue. Can hear male and female arguing in the background. Dispo: Verbal only; husband left for the night. Ofc. Hopkins

12-1867 01/17/12 00:04:17 **DUI Arrest** Oak Grove Road / Citrus Avenue. 31 year old male arrested for driving under the influence. Transported to Martinez Detention Facility.

12-1879 01/17/12 06:14:23 **Service to Citizen** Perada Drive /Citrus Avenue. RP states 3 males wearing dark hoodies on bicycles appear to be checking the area. Last seen towards Nob Hill area. Dispo: Unable to locate/ Gone on arrival. Ofc.

12-1944 01/17/12 16:57:27 **Service to Citizen** Citrus Avenue / Oak Grove Road. Witness reporting cold roadrage. Dispo: Information only in case one of the involved parties calls WCPD. No one assigned.

12-2177 01/19/12 19:48:35 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Suspicious white 2-door vehicle of unknown make and model occupied by a white male adult, 25-30 years old with brown hair and unknown clothing. Subject has been parked in the same spot for long stretches over the last few days. RP is anonymous and would like a call back. Dispo: RP advised vehicle left prior to police arrival. RP advised she will get a license plate if he returns. Gone on arrival/ unable to locate

12-2238 01/20/12 13:14:53 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Middle Eastern female with baby panhandling in front of the Post Office approximately 5 minutes ago. Disp: Couple with small child leaving upon arrival. Denied asking for money. Ofc. Kan

12-2241 01/20/12 14:55:43 **911 Hangup** Primrose Court. Resident and clicking heard upon call-back; rings once, then nothing. Possibly phone problem. Dispo: Resident was a work. Possible phone problem due to rain. Ofc. Barrientos

12-2445 01/21/12 23:54:17 **Runaway Juvenile** 500 block Banyan Circle. Dispo: Juvenile returned. No one assigned

12-2670 01/24/12 06:59:38 **Minor Injury Collision** Citrus Circle / Citrus Avenue. RP in silver Honda Accord, versus silver Camry. Ofc. Rohwer

12-2749 01/24/12 18:07:16 **Service to Citizen** 300 block Rock Oak Road. RP wants information for neighbor who he thinks is going to be victim of a scam. RP was given information but wants an officer to respond. Dispo: Gave advice per RP's request, contacted subject and advised not to follow through with questionable transactions.

12-3107 01/27/12 12:38:03 **Residential Burglary** 400 block Peppertree Road. Occurred sometime between 01/26 at 1100 hours and now. Residence belongs to father-in-law. Dispo: Point of entry is rear slider off track. No loss. Ofc. Power.

12-3140 01/27/12 17:45:05 **Trespass** Citrus Avenue / Sugarberry Lane, in the flood control basin. Five kids, 13-15 years old, all in dark hoodies and carrying skateboards, headed northbound. Last seen 1 minute ago. Dispo: Canceled; subjects are gone.

12-3204 01/28/12 00:11:03 **Suspicious Circumstance** 300 block Dogwood Drive. Kids shooting off dry ice bombs in front of RP's house. Dispo: Three dry ice bombs exploded, fourth bomb handled by WCPD Bomb Squad

12-3210 01/28/12 00:37:13 **Bomb Squad Callout** 300 block Dogwood Drive. Assist with 12-3204. Ofc. Gorski

12-3693 02/01/12 12:02:15 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Telephone report by RP that she was threatened by her coworker yesterday, who threatened to beat up RP. Dispo: Unable to substantiate a crime and advice given.

12-3994 02/03/12 13:50:14 **Suspicious Circumstance** 300 block Persimmon Road. Case number requested; under investigation

12-4025 02/03/12 17:38:42 **Solicitor** Banyan Circle / Peachwillow Lane. Solicitor described as black female in her 20's, wearing all black clothing with spray bottle hanging off of the side of her pants. Dispo: Gone on arrival. Ofc. Duggan

12-4149 02/04/12 07:12:58 **Animal Complaint** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Dog barking since 0530 hours. Dispo: No one home at the residence. Dog was in backyard barking loudly. Animal complaint issued. Ofc. Clemente

12-4253 02/04/12 22:33:55 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Four juveniles on campus, associated with red vehicle parked across from RP's residence. Dispo: contacted subjects as they were leaving in vehicle. Warned not to be on campus after school hours. Ofc. Appel

12-4365 02/05/12 14:30:34 **Service to Citizen** 3500 block Sugarberry Lane. RP said her 11 year old daughter is stuck in handcuffs. They were playing around. RP enroute from another address; ETA is ten minutes. Dispo: Officer's key didn't fit toy cuff. Fire Department responded with metal cutters and removed the cuff. Ofc. Hopkins

12-4380 02/05/12 17:37:47 **Vehicle Burglary** 3000 block Citrus Circle. RP states his red Jeep Grand Cherokee broken into. Point of entry was driver's side rear door. Loss is tools. Occurred within the last 30 minutes in underground parking structure. Dispo: As reported. Ofc. Kolmeister

12-4446 02/06/12 11:18:32 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3000 block Citrus Circle. Male was just pounding on the door, saying he was going to kill an attorney in the office. Second hand information to RP, occurred 20 minutes ago. Dispo: Subject contacted. Ofc. Barrientos

12-4482 02/06/12 17:50:39 **Solicitors** 3200 block Sugarberry Lane. Solicitors in the area asking for money for the homeless. The first subject said he had a permit but did not show it. Described as black male adult, 5'10, thin build, wearing a hat and brown clothing. Other subject is black female adult, no further description. Dispo: Negative check on area check

12-4735 02/08/12 23:16:39 **Vehicle Burglary** 3600 block Citrus Avenue. Driver's side window smashed out of black Mazda 3. Nothing appears to be missing. Occurred sometime between 2200 and 2300 hours. Dispo: As reported. Loss is TomTom GPS from dash. Ofc. Hahn

12-4914 02/10/12 10:23:20 **Found Property** Peachwillow Lane / Banyan Circle. Found black duffel bag. Dispo: Unknown owner. Ofc. Slater

12-4950 02/10/12 15:11:35 **Courtesy Report** 500 block Candleberry Rd. RP states new plates stolen from his mailbox at his other house in Lakeport, out of jurisdiction. Occurred sometime in December. Dispo: Courtesy report taken. Ofc. Hopkins

12-4993 02/10/12 21:45:25 **Suspicious Circumstance** 600 block Wintergreen Lane. Group of teenagers running around people's yards, ringing doorbells. Last seen headed toward Sugarberry. Were at RP's house just a few ago. Dispo: Refer to 12- 4994

12-4994 02/10/12 21:45:46 **Suspicious Circumstance** 600 block Wintergreen Lane. Subject knocked on the RP's door loudly and scared her. Described as black male juvenile wearing white shorts. Several subjects running around on Sugarberry. Dispo: Contacted several juveniles. Advice given. Ofc. Vevera



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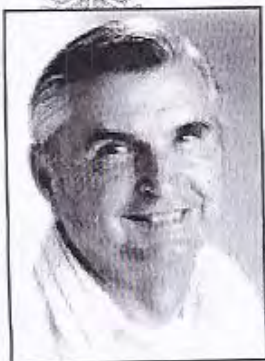
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