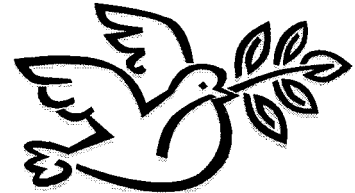


The Woodlands



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In Memorium



“He was a friend to man, and he lived
In a house by the side of the road.”---Homer

Richard Barbosa, postal clerk at the Citrus Center branch Post Office, died on September 5, 2007, was such a man. Richard, whose family described his “Spirit of Joy,” greeted everyone who had business in the Post Office. He knew the friends and neighbors, and those who worked in our area, by name. He provided a “ray of Light” each day, happy just to greet the more than 100 customers who come to the Post Office each day.

We all miss his personal greetings. Many of his customers knew him from the Ygnacio branch of the Post Office, and welcomed him, as he welcomed us.

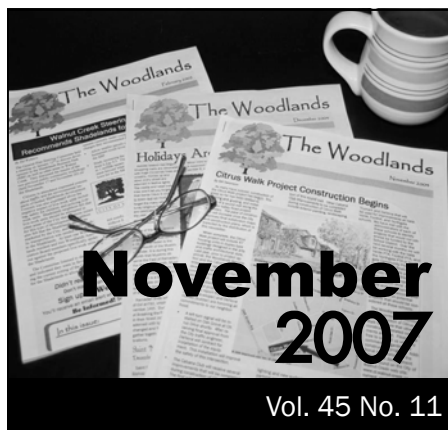
The Woodlands Board extends our sympathy to his wife Irene and his family. We all miss him, and think of him when we visit the Citrus Post Office.

I found this poem (which was a favorite of my father), by Sam Walter Foss, “The House by the Side of the Road.” I think of it now when I think of Richard.

“There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran—
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears,
Both parts of an infinite plan—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.”

--E. Witt



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A Little Help Along The Way

The Woodlands Association is seeking additional board members to help serve our community. As many of you know, we are an all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Woodlands through civic activities. All Woodlands residents over the age of 18 are eligible to serve on the Board. Currently, we are seeking individuals with interests in communications, advertising, financial management, and community outreach. If you or someone you know is interested in helping, please contact us through the website.

Woodlands Annual Garage Sale Thank You

This was the 26th annual Woodlands Garage Sale. There were over 70 families participating during the beautiful day! As usual the neighborhood sale was organized and run by our good friends from J. Rockcliff Realtors, David Galindo and Jan Williams. They fielded many phone calls, handled the signage, drafted the ad for the newspaper, and printed hundreds of maps for the customers, as well as door to door delivery of the seller packets. Without their help, it would be very difficult to have such a successful garage sale.



We appreciate all their volunteer efforts in the Woodlands!

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday November 3rd
and
Saturday, December 1st

8:15am in Carl's Jr. Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

School News

Source: Foothill e-Gazette 10/3/07

District Survey for Parcel Tax

COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY

MDUSD is considering a parcel tax and wants the opinion of parents in the district. Please help the District plan for school improvement by completing a short survey about the proposed uses of a parcel tax. You can access the survey from the district website at <http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/parceltax.html>

They also have additional information regarding the parcel tax and upcoming meetings.

Foothill Eighth Grade East Coast Trip

Attention all 8th grade parents:

After over 15 years of chaperoning the 8th grade trip I decided to make the last trip with the class of 2007. It was not an easy decision to make as I do love taking the kids on such a valuable learning experience. I have always enjoyed the students and the chaperones that I have had a pleasure to travel with. I have many wonderful memories. It is now time to make memories with my family. I am delighted to announce that the trip coordinator for the 2008 trip will be Ms. Sue Kunich, 8th grade core teacher. I will work with Sue to help her through the planning and paper work that is involved. Ms. Kunich is eager and excited and I know the trip will continue to be a rewarding experience for all who participate.

There will be a **Parent Information Night on November 6th at 7:30pm** in the Foothill Multi-Use room. At the meeting there will be the registration packets, an overview of the trip, and a time for questions. If you are unable to attend you can pick up a registration form in the office or have your child pick one up from his or her core teacher. Information will not be available until the 6th of November as Sue is working out the details at this time.

I wish the very best to all the students who are able to go on the trip and continued success to Ms. Kunich and her chaperones. I will look forward to living the trip through the eyes, mouths, and hearts of my students.

Barb Moser

Community Activities

Musical Theatre Instruction - Brand NEW classes with professional instructors starting October 15 including Singing, Acting and Dancing located in YOUR neighborhood at St. Matthew Church on Wiget Lane. All skill levels are welcome. Check out CCCT's website at <http://www.ccchristiantheatre.org/Home/Home.html> for more details.

Northgate Community Pride Foundation is ready to put a shovel in the ground! Last chance to join the \$500 club is December 31, 2007! To find out more about the sport complex development or how you can support them, please visit their website at <http://www.northgatepride.org/> for details.

Parent Education at the Creek

October 30th at 7:00PM

Michael Simon, MFT will be speaking at The Creek on Understanding Your Middle -School Child. We will learn about normal and expected changes of early adolescence and how to translate what pre-teens need to say to us, but cannot say with words. Some of the specifics that will be addressed are: recent research regarding middle school, psychological development, brain development, parental challenges, middle school challenges, effective communication and much more. Michael Simon has his B.S. in clinical psychology and is the founder of **www.practicalhelpforparents.com**. He is currently the Director of Counseling and Student Support for Bentley School in Lafayette. Please RSVP to The Creek if planning to attend by emailing teenyouthcenter@yahoo.com or call 934-3324.

Local History... The Woodlands

For nearly two centuries prior to the development of the Woodlands, this area had been relatively open land used for various types of farming activities. During the first half of the 20th century, most of the area had become Walnut orchards.

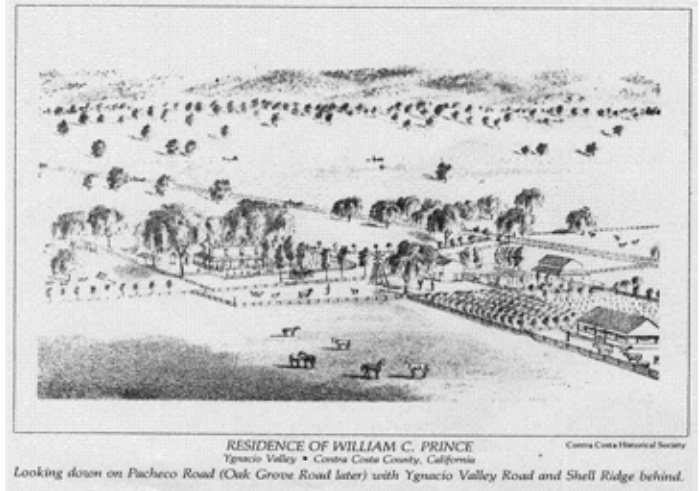
Back in the 1850's and early 1860's, our Woodlands were for the most part farmland. In the 1950's and 1960's, there was a lumberyard and nursery where the Nob Hill Food store is today. The Walnut Creek library and the local museums have drawings and etchings of this area dated from the early to mid-1800s.

The etching reproduced to the right is looking down at Oak Grove Road in the foreground, with the Ygnacio Valley Road starting from the right leading toward the left off to the hills. The etching shows the residence and farmyards of **William C. Prince of Ygnacio Valley** located roughly where Citrus Avenue is located in the Woodlands today.

Back in this era, there were daily stagecoaches running from Woodlands to the delta that followed a very dusty and sometimes very muddy Ygnacio Valley Road right past where the Woodlands Cabana Club is located today. By looking at the etching, you can imagine livestock grazing at Valle Verde Elementary School as well as right on your own lawn!

In 1961 and 1962, housing development planning for the area was just getting started. Several developers, including Middlefield, MacKay and Hofman, were the first to approach the City of Walnut Creek to create the "Woodlands". Once started the Woodlands area changed forever from basically farmland and walnut groves into an urban community.

The Woodlands Association was created as a California non-profit civic organization on July 15th, 1965. The purpose of the Woodlands Association is group action towards the betterment and protection of the common



RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM C. PRINCE
Ygnacio Valley • Contra Costa County, California
Looking down on Pacheco Road (Oak Grove Road later) with Ygnacio Valley Road and Shell Ridge behind.
Contra Costa Historical Society

interests of Woodlands residents, and for considering such other matters as may arise involving the interests of the households as a group, including but not limited to community and civic improvement. The originators were early Woodlands residents, Ray Taylor, the first president and Laurence Ainsworth, the first secretary. Others involved as founding board members included: Garfield Burkhardt, Wayne Johnston, Darlene Lovegreen, Russ Thompson and Richard Vitamanti. For additional information, please visit our website at www.woodlandsassn.org



The boundaries of the Woodlands today are: **The Contra Costa Canal on the North (Concord/Walnut Creek Border; Oak Grove Road on the West; Ygnacio Valley Road on the South; and, the Ygnacio "Relift Canal" on the East.** The East boundary is basically the Walnut Creek "Lime Ridge" open space and the "Relift Canal" has been buried in place in the form of a large diameter pipe system immediately next to the current open space hiking and cycling trail.

by Catherine Accardi



WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to John Gregory
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*

07-22063 09/13/07 23:04:32 3400 Bl Lime Tree Ct Reports Neighbor Just Saw Someone Trying To Get Into Vacant Resd.. Dispo: Area Check And Building Check Completed, House Secure. No Evidence Of A Crime. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Hurlbut

07-22315 09/16/07 17:17:38 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln Reports Loud Bird In The Backyard. Rp Has Contacted Animal Control-Says Its An Ongoing Problem. Rp Is Req In Person Contact W/The Dispo. Dispo: Contact Made With All Of The Involved Parties. The R/P Was Referred To Animal Control. Animal Complaint 3 80 Wallace

07-22625 09/20/07 13:36:27 3500 Bl Citrus Av R/P Would Like Advice Reg Her Husband (Redacted 01) Using And Selling Drugs ***Fc****. Dispo: Provided Service To Citizen 3 80 Thompson

07-22661 09/20/07 22:25:55 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln Reports Numerous Teens Loitering In The Parking Lot. Associated With 2 Vehs, 1 Minivan. (Redacted 01). Dispo: Contacted 5 Juvs And They Agreed To Move Along. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Hurlbut

07-22785 09/22/07 06:20:25 3000 Bl Citrus Cr Reports Hearing What Sounded Like A Window Being Smashed In The Woodlands Business Park Behind Rp's House - Second Building.. Dispo: At 6am 2subjects In A Grey Compact Car Broke The Window Of A Vehicle Parked Behind Business(Redacted 01). No Known Loss. Vandalism 3 80 Duggan

07-22833 09/22/07 17:36:02 Peachwillow Ln / Mandarin Ln Ped Stop. Dispo: Contacted Subj (Redacted 01) Was Told To Move Along Pedestrian Stop 3 80 Perlite

07-23039 09/25/07 18:18:27 500 Bl Rock Oak Rd Alarm- (Redacted 04) Alarm- False 3 80 Gerstner

07-23041 09/25/07 18:21:08 Canal Tl / Oak Grove Rd Req Welchk On Transient Subj Who Appears To Either Be Sleeping Or Passed Out On The Trail. Ls 1 Ago. Wma W/O A Shirt. No Further Info.. Dispo: Goa. Welfare Check 3 80 Thompson

07-23077 09/26/07 07:59:33 3000 Bl Citrus Cr Alarm- (Redacted 04) Alarm- False 3 80 Mauro

07-23148 09/26/07 19:03:23 Citrus Av / Peachwillow Ln Reports 3 Male Juvs Btwn Peachwillow And Sugarberry Playing Ball And Not Moving For The Traffic Coming By.. Dispo: Goa Service To Citizen 3 80 Rohwer

07-23207 09/27/07 16:08:56 3300 Bl Citrus Av Reports Vehicle Broken Into Btwn 0300-0500 In The Morning. Poe: Forced Lock Open. Loss: Wallet, Cd, Gym Bag, Etc. Red Ford Mustang.. Dispo: Occurred Between 0200 And 1200. Loss: Chef Knives, "Palmer" Gym Bag, Wallet, Cd's, Mp-3 Player, Gym Clothes. Burglary 3 80 Thompson

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07-23256 09/28/07 07:49:53 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln Reckless Gry Acura 750l Lic Similar To (Redacted 03) Ls Wb On Peachwillow 5 Ago. Veh Was Speeding And Crossed The Double Yellow When Passing A Car Stopped To Drop Off Kids.. Dispo: Area Check Neg Utl Reckless Driving 3 80 Jeha

07-23257 09/28/07 08:06:20 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln Reports Loud Macaw In The Back Yard. Per Rp Ongoing Problem. Rp Has Spoken To His Neighbor About The Bird Who Refuses To Bring It Inside.. Dispo: Both Parties Contacted And Dispute Mediated. Noise Complaint 3 80 Jeha

07-23295 09/28/07 15:03:27 3500 Bl Lime Tree Ct Reports Theft Of Purse, Backpack And Wallet From Unlocked Vehicle Past Night. Rp Is At The Counter.. Dispo: Occurred: 9-28-07 Between 0001 To 1130 Hrs. Vehicle Was Left Unlocked. Loss: Backpack, Purse And Contents. Theft 3 80 Barrientos

07-23298 09/28/07 16:27:34 3500 Bl Bayberry Dr Request A 21 For Advice Regarding His Incurable 15 Yr Old Son.. Dispo: Advice Given. No Crime. Service To Citizen 3 80 Connors

07-23339 09/28/07 23:44:31 600 Bl Wintergreen Ln Req Ofc Drivethru. Gry Honda, Older Jeep And 2 Other Vehs Were Loitering On The Street, Rp Heard Fireworks And Subjs Left.. Dispo: Area Check, But Utl. Noise Complaint 3 80 Baca

07-23471 09/30/07 17:26:48 3500 Bl Bayberry Dr Citizen In The Lobby Req An Officer Talk To His Incurable Son (Redacted 01). Dispo: Cancel Per The Rp Service To Citizen 3 80 –

07-24064 10/08/07 07:44:48 Bayberry Dr / Perada Dr Reports Burned Mattress At The End Of Bayberry. Per Rp, Ongoing Problems With Juvs Coming Around At Night.. Dispo: Unable To Locate Mattress. There Is “Reuse” Collection Going On In The Neighborhood. Service To Citizen 3 80 Barrientos

07-24069 10/08/07 09:33:51 3100 Bl Peachwillow Ln 911 Hang Up. Straight To Voice Mail On Call Back.. Dispo: Resident (Redacted 01) Advised Accidental. 9-1-1 Hangup 3 80 –

07-24174 10/09/07 15:42:00 Citrus Av / Persimmon Rd Reckless Red Mustang Paper Plates W/Yel Writing Ls 1 Ago Citrus Towards Oak Grove.. Dispo: Utl Miscellaneous Traffic 3 80 Rohwer

07-24315 10/11/07 08:51:12 3000 Bl Citrus Cr Reports Someone Broke Into His Car Within The Last 5 Minutes.. Dispo: Confirmed Window Smash Auto Burglary During Daylight. Loss: Alpine Gps System Burglary 3 80 Rebello

07-24360 10/11/07 19:03:14 500 Bl Candleberry Rd 2nd Hand Info To The Rp Of A Solicitor In The Neighborhood, Nfi., Dispo: Utl Service To Citizen 3 80 Rohwer

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