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Neighborhood Watch Program Can Help Protect Our Community

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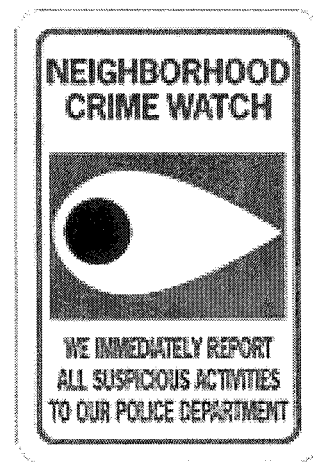
Anyone whose home has been burglarized often feels one of many emotions including shock, helplessness and anger. Burglary is generally considered a crime against property. This crime carries the added potential for injury or death to the victim who comes into surprise contact with the intruder. Some of our residents have been victims of burglars, and asked the Woodlands Association Board what can be done to deter such crimes.

The Walnut Creek police have advised us that one of the best deterrents is neighbors looking out for one another. In the past Neighborhood Watch Programs have been formed in our area to address this crime and others that we as private citizens can be proactive in preventing.

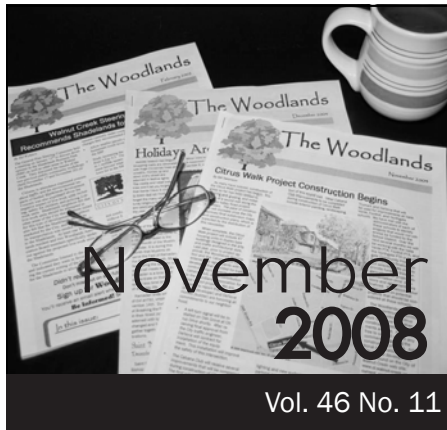
The Walnut Creek Police Department sponsors the **Neighborhood Watch Program**. This program offers a way to get citizens involved and proactive in protecting their homes, according to Amy Doyle, Walnut Creek Police Department. Some of the areas the program focuses on are helping citizens recognize suspicious activity, persons, and vehicles. The program also encourages neighbors get to know each other, exchange phone numbers in case of emergency, and become generally aware of each other's comings and goings. This is an easy way to prevent crime. When your neighbors are aware that you are away or notice strangers in the area, the police should be alerted.

The National Sheriffs' Association created the National Neighborhood Watch Program in 1972, with financial assistance from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, to unite law enforcement agencies, private organizations, and individual citizens in a massive effort to reduce residential crime. The plan which emerged put together local neighborhood-based programs.

Since its establishment Neighborhood Watch has helped thousands of local residents to 1) make their own homes and families less inviting targets for crime, and 2) cooperate with law enforcement through block and neighborhood groups to control crime throughout their community.



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Woodlands Association Volunteers Needed

Several months ago we ran an article on open positions for the Woodlands Association and were very pleased to have filled one position. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the roles and duties described below. All positions are voluntary and each takes about 1 to 2 hours per month, in addition to attendance at 1 monthly board meeting. They include:

Newsletter Coordinator – this involves compiling articles (most are written by other members) and coordinating with an outside contract printing company to assure they have all the information needed for the monthly newsletter.

Public Relations – this involve attending City Council and Planning Commission meetings, and/or MDUSD Board meetings to track issues of concern to the Woodlands.

Neighborhood Relations – this involves maintaining contact with Woodlands residents to address issues of concern and provide general assistance in getting their concerns resolved. We are always looking for interested people to assist with this.

Advertising Coordinator – this involves contacting regular advertisers to assure their ads are received in time. It also could involve contacting past advertisers or potential new advertisers.

Webmaster – this involves updating information on the Woodlands web-site (Woodlandsassn.org) and posting monthly newsletters and other information.

The Woodlands board is very flexible in how any duties are assigned to individuals and is very open to any and all interested people that want to help. We have experienced people that can provide training and encouragement to help you get started in any role you would like. Please consider helping out to make your neighborhood a better place.

Please contact us by e-mail at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com, call our Secretary Elsie Witt at 935-0463, or join us at our next monthly board meeting. Meeting times and locations are listed in the newsletter on pg. 2.

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Board email ID's can be found at www.WoodlandsAssn.org

Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, November 1st
 at 8:15 am
 and
 Saturday, December 6th
 at 8:15 am
 in Carl's Jr.
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Foothill News

Source: Foothill Gazette 10/15/08

Possible Drive Through at Foothill!

We are forming a committee of parents, administrators and staff to look into the possibility of creating a drive through drop off and pick up at Foothill. Similar to the ones at Walnut Acres and Vale Verde. Please contact me at vicki_fraser@yahoo.com if you are interested in being an active and valuable participant in this committee. Together we can find a solution to the parking problems at the school during drop off and pick up.

Parent Patrol - a place for YOU at Foothill!

Always wish you knew what was going on with your child during school?

The parent patrol at Foothill Middle School is the right place for you to be (11:05 to 12:40 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 11:25 - 12:50 Wednesday) a fly on the wall during lunch. Supervising our middle school teens is fun and provides a nice opportunity to connect with the staff and administrators of Foothill.

We have had great coverage throughout early fall and need to keep it up through the winter and spring. We ask for two dates per family so if you need to sign up please e-mail us to arrange it today!

Robin Bach

Mary Jo Bernardo (925-933-3531)

Pasta Social Update

A BIG Thanks to all who attended the Foothill Social and Auction event on Friday evening. We had a tremendous turnout and a great time was had by all.

A special thanks to Sunrise Bistro, The Wellness Community Challenge, Stage Frite, and Kish Rajan along with all our wonderful parent volunteers for all they brought to the event.

There is still an opportunity to get in on the action. If you are interested in supporting the event by purchasing one of the buy in parties, please contact Amy Frazer (925-595-0376) to sign up. **#1 Chef Dane's**/\$20 per person: Enjoy wine, margaritas, refreshments, and good company while assembling a complimentary fresh delicious meal to take home to the family. Thursday October 23 @ 7:00pm or Thursday November 12 @ 7:00pm

#2 Sports Basement Hike/Walk and Brunch/\$20 per person: Enjoy a hike/walk led by Sports Basement. Head back to the store for brunch and some shopping.(15% shopping discount). Hike sponsored by Amy Frazer, Gail Markham and Sports Basement.

Friday November 14 9:30am

#3 Wine Charms & Wine/\$40 per person: Wine, several varieties, including champagne.Heavy Appetizers. (Call it Dinner). Liveley conversation. Create wine charms to take home. Party sponsored by Vicki Fraser. (you won't want to miss this if you saw the spread she donated the night of the event!), Friday, May 15 5pm to 9pm.

Thanks again for attending!

Magazine Drive a Success!

Foothill students raised \$38,400 from the magazine drive fund-raiser! Thank you very much to ALL who participated and also to all the volunteers.

Prizes earned by students were distributed on Friday, October 10. Approximately 45 students sold 15 or more subscriptions so in addition to their October 10 prizes, they will participate in a prize scramble game during school on October 22nd. We had approximately 20 students from the 45 sell 20+ subscriptions and they will enjoy a Limo lunch with Mrs. Hutcherson to Skipolini's in Walnut Creek on October 17th.

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Visiting Author & Upcoming Book Club

Parents are welcome to come to the author visit on October 28th with Marc Tyler Nobleman. His book is called *Boys of Steel :The Creators of Superman*. Marc will be speaking on October 28th at 9:15 in the morning to the 6th grade. Please see the review of this charming book by clicking [here](#).

Foothill Middle School's Book Club will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month starting November 6th. Meetings will be during lunch in the library so students should bring their lunches to the library to eat. Sixth and seventh grades will meet together and eighth grade will meet separately. Monthly book selections may be purchased through Foothill Library for \$7.00 each. Parents are welcome as well.

Monthly Selections for 6th & 7th grade lunches:

Nov. 6th Heat by Mike Lupica
Dec. 11th Rules by Cynthia Lord
Jan 8th Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson

Tentative Monthly Selections for 8th grade lunches

Nov. 6th Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi by David Chotjewitz
Dec. 11th Sold by Patricia McCormick
Jan 8th Life As WE Knew It by Susan Pfeffer

Please contact [Diana Conner](#) (939-8879), Library Media Teacher for more information on pre-ordering books.

Intradistrict Transfers - 8th Grade Families

If you are currently attending Foothill on an Intra-District transfer, you must re-apply for an Intra-District transfer to continue on to Northgate. Applications are available October 1st in the office and must be turned into the District Office by January 15, 2009.

[Patty Cochran](#)
Office Manager
Foothill Middle School
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Statistics show that when a concerned citizenry does its part, the possibilities are endless, and the results are positive. One of the reasons we began publishing the "Crime Watch" in our Woodlands Newsletter, is to help us know what crimes are happening here, and to take steps to decrease the chances of becoming a victim.

Burglary, unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft, is the crime that is targeted particularly by **Neighborhood Watch**, and is one major crime that can be effectively resisted by each citizen taking positive action at home. Some of the things we as citizens can do include:

- Arrange for home security inspections by crime prevention officers to identify security vulnerabilities,
- Upgrade locks, security hardware and lighting,
- Train family members to lock doors and windows when leaving home,
- Ask neighbors to watch for suspicious activity when the house is vacant,
- Organize block parent and block WATCH groups to assist children, the elderly, and other especially vulnerable persons if they appear to be distressed, in danger or lost,
- Meet in neighborhood groups with trained crime prevention officers to discuss needs and crime prevention strategies,
- Identify the area's participation with decals warning, "Neighborhood Watch—our neighbors are watching to report suspicious activity to our law enforcement agency."

For more information and help with starting a **Neighborhood Watch** on your street or area, call **Amy Doyle**, Walnut Creek Police Department, 925-943-5885 or email doyle@walnutcreekpd.com.



WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to Judy Jarvis
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*

08-22489 09/16/08 09:52:42 3500 Bl Perada Dr 911 Open Line.. Dispo: Child Playing On Telephone. 9-1-1 Hangup 3 80 Pickett

08-22770 09/19/08 22:00:04 600 Bl Rock Oak Rd Reporting Barking Dog For Over 4 Hours, Coming From X The Creek ,Poss On Rock Oak.. Dispo: Dogsitting For Their Sons Dogs. Residents Returned While I Was There. They Will Keep The Dog Quiet. Animal Complaint 3 80 Duggan

08-22781 09/20/08 00:40:08 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd Reports Group Of Loud Subjs In The Parking Lot. Rp Can Hear Lots Of Vehs Revving Their Engines As If To Race.. Dispo: Vehs Dispersed, One Veh Warned For Cvc Violation, Collected 2 Tires (Left In Lot Where Vehs Had Been) For Disposal Noise Complaint 3 70 Harbison

08-22856 09/20/08 20:11:14 Oak Grove Rd / Ygnacio Valley Rd 11-83 2nd Hand To Rp From Inv Party. Bro Crv Vs Unk Veh. (Redacted 01). Dispo: 11-81. Complaint Of Pain. Declined Amr Trans To Hospital. Accident Minor Injury 3 70 Sadler

08-22955 09/22/08 08:15:01 3600 Bl Sugarberry Ln Reports 459 To Whi Toyt 4runner Via Window Smash. Loss: Speaker Box. Dispo: Unknown Suspect Broke Window Of Vehicle And Took A Speaker. Occ 2230 - 0750. Burglary 3 80 Gerstner

08-23136 09/24/08 11:52:24 Oak Grove Rd / Citrus Av Chp Transfer: Two Vehicle Accident W/Subj Having A Seizure. Rp Is Witness/ Passerby.. Dispo: As Reported. Non Injury Accident 3 70 Norlund

08-23536 09/29/08 07:54:48 Oak Grove Rd / Ygnacio Valley Rd Reports 11-81 Medical Declined, Wb Yv Not Blocking. Blk Acur Vs Grn Vw.. Dispo: As Reported Accident Minor Injury 3 70 Rohwer

08-23604 09/29/08 20:11:51 600 Bl Sitka Dr Reports Harassment. By Email, Text, Voicemail, In Person. (Redacted 01) Refer 08-22933.. Dispo: Citz. Request Advice Regarding Unwelcome Continuing Contact With An Individual. Advice Givenservice To Citizen 3 80 Duggan

08-23778 10/02/08 01:13:59 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd Traffic Stop Lic/3xec715 Arrested: Spryer, Peter 02041985 For Dui. Dispo: Peter Spryer Was Arrested For Dui And Transported To Mdf. Driving Under The Influence 3 70 Duggan

08-23862 10/02/08 21:19:30 300 Bl Rock Oak Rd Reports Id Theft. Unk Subj Using Rp's Name, Addr, Ssn To Open Credit Accts. 1 At Macys In Ohio. Unk Subj Also Withdrew \$4,800 From Rp's Checking Acct. ** 21 Rpt To Home # **. Dispo: Reporting Party Will Meet With Officers After Getting More Details From Bank And Macy's Regarding Fraudulant Purchases. Fraud 3 80 None Assgn.

08-23941 10/03/08 22:42:14 3700 Bl Citrus Av Loud Music Coming From A House Across The Street.. Dispo: Contacted.(Redacted 01) Agreed To Keep The Noise Down After 11pm. Noise Complaint 3 80 Slater

8-23965 10/04/08 10:33:28 600 Bl Sitka Dr ***Complex*** Reports Harassing Phone Calls(Redacted 01)Ongoing Issue Ref #23604. Dispo: Advice Given. Rp Did Not Want Suspect Contacted. 3 Calls Last Night, One Today From (S). Service To Citizen 3 80 Mauro

Woodlands Garage Sale Thank You

This was the 27th annual Woodlands Garage Sale. There were over 65 families participating. As usual, David Galindo and Jan Williams, our good friends from J. Rockcliff Realtors organized the sale. They fielded many phone calls, handled signage, drafted the newspaper ad, and printed hundreds of maps for the customers, as well as door to door delivery of the seller packets. Without their help I don't know how we could have had such a successful garage sale. We appreciate all their volunteer efforts in the Woodlands! Be sure to thank them if you see them!

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Below is one of our favorite Fall recipes for your feast...

Orange Glazed Cranberry Pumpkin Bread

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|-------------------------------|--|
| 3 1/2 cups flour | 1 (16oz) can pumpkin |
| 1 2/3 cups sugar | 1 (16oz) can whole berry cranberry sauce |
| 2 teaspoons baking soda | 3/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted |
| 3/4 teaspoon salt | 4 eggs |
| 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice | |

In a large bowl, mix together ingredients in first column. In a second bowl, stir together ingredients in second column. Add pumpkin mixture to flour mixture; stir until ingredients are just moistened. Pour batter into two greased 9x5-inch loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 65 minutes or until breads test done with wooden pick. Cool in pans 10 minutes then remove to cooling racks; let cool completely.

Glaze: In a small bowl, mix 1 cup powdered sugar, 1/4 cup undiluted orange juice concentrate & 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice. Drizzle glaze over top and sides of breads.

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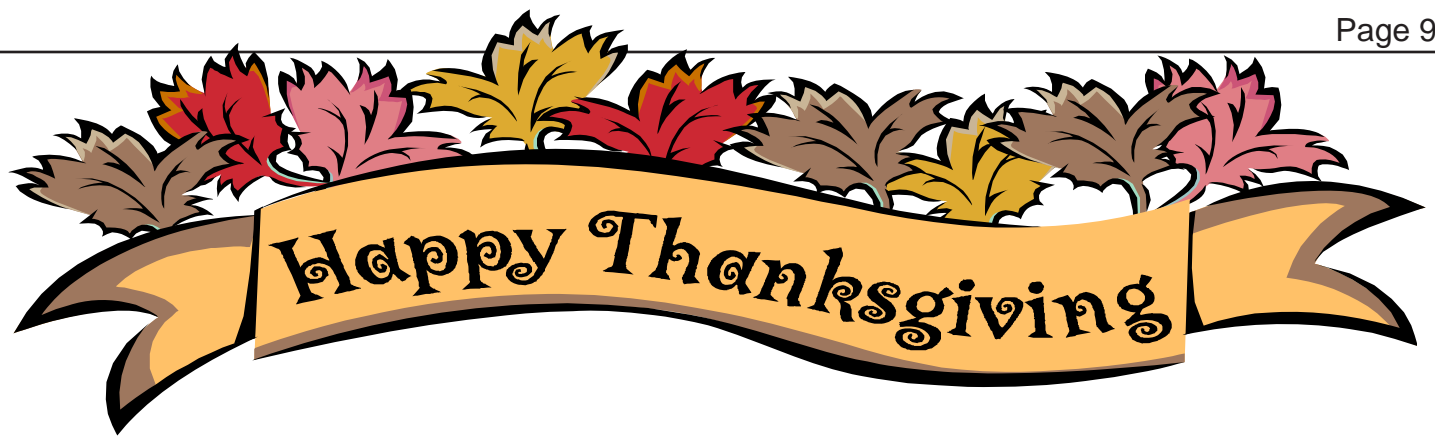
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