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## **Another Successful Woodlands Garage Sale!**

*By Ed Wohlers*

Last month was our annual Woodlands Garage Sale. There were over 75 families participating this year. As usual, local realtors David Galindo and Jan Williams from J. Rockcliff Realtors organized the sale. They fielded many phone calls, drafted the newspaper ad, and printed hundreds of maps for the customers, as well as door to door delivery of the seller's packets. Without their help I don't know how we could have had such a successful garage sale! We appreciate all their efforts with this annual event. Be sure to express your thanks when you see them!

## **Community Service Day**

*By Justin Wedel*

On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, the City of Walnut Creek launched its first annual Community Service Day. Commencing with a Pancake Breakfast - provided by the Lions Club of Walnut Creek - hundreds of volunteers from Walnut Creek, and surrounding cities, were dispatched across the City to one of 42 different volunteer opportunities. Opportunities that varied from painting the garage at Meals on Wheels to insuring that our trails and parks are clear of garbage.

The successful event drew 993 volunteers to pre-register, including many from the Woodlands community, who gave between four to six hours of their time to complete assigned tasks. Their hard work, dedication, and volunteerism, is yet another reason of what makes this community such a great place to live.

## **Feedback Greatly Appreciated**

This month we are requesting feedback on the Crime Report. Let us know if you like it, don't like it, or want to change it. For additional details see the Crime Report this month and provide feedback by e-mailing us at [woodlandsassn@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsassn@yahoo.com)



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## 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 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. To the extent that space is available, articles received and ready for print by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:woodlandsassn@yahoo.com).



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## Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, November 5th  
 at 8:15 am  
 and  
 Saturday, December 3rd  
 at 8:15 am  
 in Carl's Jr.  
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents  
 are encouraged to  
 attend board meetings

## School News

*Valle Verde Elementary*

### VALLE VERDE MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Attention all Valle Verde 4th and 5th graders! We are so very pleased to announce that the 2012 Valle Verde musical production is "Once Upon a Mattress!" It is going to be a fantastic theatrical season!! Auditions are coming up quickly so mark your calendars!

**Mandatory Auditions:**

Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd and Friday, November 4th directly after school in the MUR.

**Mandatory Callbacks:**

Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th also afterschool in the MUR.

We look forward to seeing all of you 4th and 5th grade thespians at auditions!! Come prepared to sing and dance - we will provide the music and dance steps ... you just show us your best stuff!

FYI: there will be a Mandatory Parent Meeting on Wednesday, December 7th at 7pm. This production continues year after year to rave reviews because of our dedicated parents and their vital contribution!! So please join us to discuss how you can best lend your talents!! By the way, costumers/seamstresses are being recruited right away! Please contact Denise Bird if you would like to sign up early for this fun production role!

Play rehearsals begin the week that we return from Winter Break - the week of the 2nd of January. The production itself is set to open on Thursday, March 15th and runs till the 17th.

*Foothill Middle School*

### FOOTHILL CASINO NIGHT - NOVEMBER 5TH



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# Crime Report - Request for Feedback

For many years the Woodlands Association has been including the Crime Report (renamed Police Calls this month) in our monthly newsletter. The column is compiled directly from the WCPD website that provides details on police activities in our neighborhood and is available to the public on their website. The Crime Report varies in size from month-to-month based on the amount of content and ads we have received. Recently we received feedback from residents expressing concerns about the Crime Report and the impact on our community. The Woodlands Board discussed this issue at last month's meeting and decided to request feedback from the neighborhood on the future status of the report. We would like to hear from you on this issue. Below is one e-mail we received on September 16th requesting the discontinuation of the Crime Report.

Dear Editor,

I wonder if the crime report page in the Woodland magazine makes anyone else as uncomfortable as it makes me?

On glimpsing at it I feel as though I am a peeping tom into other people's lives.

The reports are of a petty nature and it makes me question whether it could in fact be a hindrance to our community rather than, I presume, a help?

I am sure every other community have their petty issues that need to be taken care of by the police, but do they publish that fact?

Any citizen who is really interested and wants to get this kind of information can surely research this else where?

We are, all of us in this community, striving to keep the value of our real estate, our neighborhood and our schools high.

If I was looking to buy a home in this community and came across this magazine would I want to move here, with the pages and pages of listed crimes that go on here?

I, for one, would be happy to see these "Crime report lists" go; and would enjoy seeing a more positive side of our community being published in its place.

Sharon Duarte

One change we have made this month is to change the name of the report to "Police Calls" since not all items reported are "crimes." We value input from the Woodlands community and would like to hear from you on this issue. Do you like the present format of the crime report? Would you like us to discontinue the report? Please send your feedback to our e-mail address, [woodlansassn@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlansassn@yahoo.com) and let us know your thoughts on this issue? Thank you for your feedback!

The Woodlands Board



## WOODLANDS POLICE CALLS

*Thank you to Kathy Master  
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*



The information in this Crime Report 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](http://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.

11-29940 09/06/11 07:58:40 **Commercial Burglary** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Occurred over the weekend. Point of entry is pried door handle. Computers vandalized and 3 IMAC mini computers taken. Related to case 11-29950. Ofc. Thompson

11-29950 09/06/11 08:57:00 **Theft** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Theft of K12 gas powered concrete saw from back of truck. Occurred over the weekend. Ofc. Thompson

30026 09/06/11 21:53:36 **Service to Citizen** Bayberry Drive / Perada Drive. Two cars parked near the entrance to the open space. No description, unknown if occupied. Dispo: Gone on arrival. Ofc. Barrientos

11-30327 09/09/11 08:19:33 **Commercial Burglary** 2200 block Oak Grove Road in alley behind business. Door kick to business, business hasn't been cleared. Dispo: Occurred at approx 0645 hours based on video surveillance. Loss: Money from cash register. Ofc. Slater

11-30553 09/10/11 23:30:26 **Noise Complaint** 3600 block Perada Drive. Loud Party. Dispo: Party is indoors, no music. People celebrating LSU victory. Ofc. Lestrangle

1-30633 09/11/11 19:53:06 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Six teenagers on the school roof. Dispo: Gone on arrival, unable to locate. Ofc. Duggan

11-30640 09/11/11 21:47:55 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Three pallets of alcohol left in the parking lot. Bevmo store is closed, looks like product was left by accident. RP sees juveniles hanging out, possible waiting to steal from pallets. Dispo: Contacted three subjects who were stocking family restaurant next door. Ofc. Appel

11-31197 09/16/11 17:41:51 **Runaway Juvenile** 500 block Banyan Circle. 15-year old told RP she was going to a friend's house. RP found out juvenile is downtown somewhere so RP wants to report her as runaway. Dispo: Prior runaway; probable destination is Clayton. Entered into Missing/Unidentified Persons System. Ofc. Lestrangle

11-31286 09/17/11 10:38:28 **Supplemental Report** 500 block Banyan Circle. Runaway juvenile has returned home. Related to 11-31197. Dispo: Supplemental report written under same case number. Juvenile was out with friends all night. Advice given to juvenile and RP. Ofc. Estrada

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11-31411 09/18/11 06:39:10 **Vandalism** 300 block Candleberry Road. Language barrier upon call; possible vandalism to house being reported. Dispo: Flower pot and fixed light on cement wall broken during the night. Ofc. Slater

11-32015 09/23/11 11:21:16 **Illegal Dumping** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Advice requested regarding garbage dumped in business' garbage can by unknown subjects. Dispo: Responsible called and was advised of the illegal dumping. He will take care of it. Ofc. Barrientos

11-32017 09/23/11 11:29:27 **Service to Citizen** 3500 block Perada Drive. Light blue Lincoln and tan Honda taken from garage. Vehicles last seen 3-4 weeks ago. Keys are missing to both vehicles. Dispo: Vehicles were not stolen and "everyone is okay." Ofc. Brown

11-32028 09/23/11 14:28:02 **Theft** 3300 block Nutmeg Lane via mail. Unknown time frame or suspect information in cold theft of power washer. Ofc. Barrientos

11-32037 09/23/11 16:19:40 **Unwanted Person** 2200 block Oak Grove Rd. Panhandler in front of the business. Asian female adult; does not have child with her today but is showing his picture. Dispo: Gone on arrival, unable to locate. Ofc. Hahn

11-32136 09/24/11 01:38:38 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2200 Block Oak Grove Road. Security reports the back gate to the daycare center is partially open. No one suspicious seen in the area. Requesting PD make security check. Dispo: Door appears to be broken. Interior checked with no signs of entry to the building. Ofc. Duggan

11-32157 09/24/11 08:10:06 **Residential Burglary** 3400 block Peachwillow Lane. Possible known responsible(s.) Dispo: Entry via open side door last night between 2315 and 2400 hours while victims were sleeping. Loss: Ipods, laptops, A's hats. Ofc. Brown

11-32504 09/27/11 08:54:13 **Vandalism** 500 block Fireside Court. Garage door egged sometime during the night. Possible suspects are youths RP had words with on Monday. Ofc. Harman

11-32505 09/27/11 09:06:37 **Service to Citizen** 400 block Dogwood Drive. RP requests officer retrieve a note left on the door step. RP believes PD should look at the contents of the note. Dispo: Nothing to investigate. History of the author explained to RP. Ofc. Harman

11-32540 09/27/11 15:08:56 **Service to Citizen** Peachwillow Lane / Oak Grove Road. RP states bicyclist came to RP's house and confronted him regarding the RP almost running him over. RP requests the incident be documented. Dispo: Documented. No one assigned

11-32599 09/28/11 00:30:19 **Service to Citizen** 400 block Dogwood Driv. Fire Department requesting PD for assistance. Dispo: Subject exported for medical. Ofc. Connors

11-32914 09/30/11 18:20:11 **Miscellaneous Traffic** Sugarberry Lane / Joshua Ct. RP reporting white Chrysler Sebring and black BMW convertible drag racing up and down street. Dispo: Advice given. Juvenile drivers agreed to stop. Ofc. Coffin

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11-33092 10/01/11 20:10:45 **Service to Citizen** 200 block Hamlin Loop. Vandalism to mailbox lock reported. Occurred since yesterday. RP advised to contact Post Office for the inoperable mailbox lock; it would not open after the lock-entry was cleared of debris. Ofc. Estrada

11-33126 10/01/11 23:34:10 **Noise Complaint** 500 block Banyan Circle. RP hears noise about the items out for tomorrow's garage sale, coming from somewhere in the neighborhood. Dispo: Unable to locate. Ofc. Vevera

11-33247 10/03/11 02:15:07 **Susp. Circumstance** 3600 block Perada Drive. RP was woken up to car alarm sounding. No one was seen, however, the vehicle shows signs of being ransacked. Vehicle dome light was left on. Vehicle is white Mercedes E320. Occurred 10 minutes ago. Dispo: Unlocked vehicle was rummaged through, but nothing is missing. Mail from a neighbor's vehicle found on lawn. Ofc. Dalisay

11-33251 10/03/11 03:25:27 **Theft** 3600 block Perada Drive. Theft from unlocked vehicle related to #11-33247. Dispo: As reported. Loss is approximately \$1 in coins and a garage door opener. Ofc. Dalisay

11-33261 10/03/11 08:03:16 **Theft** 100 block Rock Oak Court. Cash and two GPS devices taken from unlocked Blue Honda Accord, parked in driveway. Occurred sometime after 2000 hours. Ofc. Kan

11-33269 10/03/11 09:13:42 **Vehicle Burglary** 3500 block Cassena Drive. Victim vehicle is gray Dodge van parked on the street. Side door pried open. Loss is GPS, and other miscellaneous items. Vehicle ransacked. Occurred sometime after 2030 hours. Ofc. Kan



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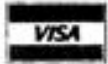
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