

## Walnut Creek City Council Election - Kish Rajan Drops Out

*By Ed Wohlers*

On Tuesday, September 11, 2012, Walnut Creek City Councilman, Kish Rajan announced that he was suspending his campaign for re-election to City Council to take a position as Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. While his name will still appear on the election ballot he has indicated that he will not serve if elected and encourages

voters to vote for other qualified candidates.

That leaves four candidates remaining for the three openings for City Council – Mayor Bob Simmons, Barry Grove, Loella Haskew and Woodlands resident Justin Wedel. Woodlands residents should evaluate the candidates and vote on Election Day.

## Shadelands AC Meeting Addresses Neighborhood Concerns

*By Arsen Kitch*

The 9th Shadelands Gateway Advisory Committee Meeting was held on August 29th at the Shadelands Art Center. Nearly 80 people, the largest turnout to date, showed up to provide feedback and listen to comments. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss neighborhood concerns about the potential development. The Committee focused on the following topics: economic viability, traffic concerns, benefit to neighborhood, a potential gas station, pedestrian/bike safety, and open space.

Several committee members questioned the overall idea of changing zoning due to the overwhelming opposition to the development from the Woodlands and Northgate neighborhoods. A debate took place about the merits of a development, with some members suggesting that the development would bring jobs and improve the viability of the struggling Shadelands office park. Mayor Pro Tem Kish Rajan and Committee Member Eric Harrison also suggested that a development would be a great gathering place for the neighborhood.

As in previous meetings, the comments received from the community were overwhelmingly against re-zoning. Existing questions about economic viability, impact on neighboring shopping centers, and traffic concerns were raised by the nearly 20 community members that spoke. The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday, October 1st, at St. Mathews Church in the "Teen Center". The address is 399 Wiget Lane (off Ygnacio Valley Rd.) and the meeting is expected to last 2-3 hours.

Please visit the City of Walnut Creek site for more information: [http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/planning/shadelands\\_gateway\\_specific\\_plan.asp](http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/planning/shadelands_gateway_specific_plan.asp). All residents are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please take a few minutes to provide your input to the Association via email. Send your comments to [woodlandsassn@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsassn@yahoo.com) and they will be forwarded (if you request) to the City and included as part of the official meeting notes.



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## Who to Contact?

The Woodlands Association receives some emails and questions about many issues that are best resolved by contacting the following agencies directly. The following is a reference guide:

<p><b>Walnut Creek Code Enforcement</b>, 925-256-3508 or 925-943-5863                  The Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department is responsible for enforcing provisions of the Walnut Creek Municipal Code involving quality of life and neighborhood quality issues.  <a href="http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/nuisance_abatement_n_code_enforcement.asp">http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/nuisance_abatement_n_code_enforcement.asp</a></p>
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<p><b>Allied Waste Services of Contra Costa County</b> (925) 603-1144  <a href="http://www.pleasanthillbayshoredisposal.com">http://www.pleasanthillbayshoredisposal.com</a></p>

## 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, October 6th**  
 at 8:15 am

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

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Woodlands Chili Challenge

Pull out your chef's hat, dust off that chili recipe and mark your calendar for the first annual Woodlands Chili Challenge! Whip up your favorite pot of chili and bring it to the Cabana Club on **Sunday, October 14th at 3:00 pm** to be evaluated by a panel of esteemed judges that includes: Kristin McNulty, Jack Foudy, Chuck Henderson, Audie Holian, Caroline Knueppel, Chris Rector, Steve Weimer and Steven Woods.

Current challengers include: Jill Darsow (reigning Valle Verde Chili Cook-Off Champion), Ann Bonano, Trish

Carstensen, Gloria Bertolozzi, Mike Clancy, Chris Gay, Karen Hokanson, Charyl Levy, Paige Mainer, Kish Rajan, Lori Schauffler, Joanna Sibley, Henry VanBrocklin, and Joanne Wathen.

So come on out for a day of fiery, festive, fun! There will be plenty of fun for residents of all ages.

It isn't too late to enter! Prospective challengers should contact Linda VanBrocklin at [hlesvanb@pacbell.net](mailto:hlesvanb@pacbell.net)



## Walnut Creek Community Service Day on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

By Gayle Vassar

Help a favorite cause and give a half-day to the community on Saturday, Oct. 6th during Walnut Creek's 2012 Community Service Day.

With more than 50 projects to choose from, from cleaning creeks to building a demonstration garden, there is something to inspire everyone.

The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a free pancake breakfast at Heather Farm Park, hosted by the Walnut Creek Lions Clubs. After the breakfast, hundreds of volunteers will fan out across the city, making Walnut Creek an even better place to live. Projects will be complete no later than 1 p.m. And, for the first time, there are some projects that offer afternoon shifts!

For project descriptions and online registration, visit [www.walnut-creek.org/service](http://www.walnut-creek.org/service).

## 800 Pairs of Shoes!

By Leo Brajkovich III

On August 18th, as part of my Eagle Scout Service Project, 17 volunteers and scouts from Troop 227 collected donations of new and used shoes from the Woodlands Neighborhood. Flyers were distributed to every doorstep in the Woodlands and to both central mailboxes in the Citrus Walk neighborhood on August 7th. At the end of the day, forty-one 30 gal trash bags were collected, totaling 800 pairs of shoes! WAY TO GO WOODLANDS! The shoes were taken that day to the 1-800-GOT-JUNK franchise in South San Jose that provided transport to the Nashville-based global charity Soles4Souls ([www.soles4souls.org](http://www.soles4souls.org)). Soles4Souls has delivered over 17 million shoes to over 127 countries, including Kenya, Thailand, Nepal and the United States. The Woodlands shoe drive was also part of a statewide initiative to keep shoes out of California landfills. Thanks to all the volunteers and to the Woodlands residents for supporting the project. You are awesome!!!

## Stay Informed: Join the Woodlands Email List

By Adrienne Robillard

Are you interested in being notified about community meetings and events in the Woodlands Neighborhood? The Woodlands Association maintains an email list for the purpose of keeping Woodlands community members up to date about meetings and events in the neighborhood. This list has been used to inform residents about the McDonalds application for a location on Citrus Circle, and we currently inform members about meetings regarding the Safeway development proposal. The mailing list usually sends an average of 1 email a month.

If you would like to join the email list and receive emails from the Woodlands Association, please sign up at <http://groups.google.com/group/woodlands-assn-mailing-list>. Your email address will NOT be given to anyone outside the Woodlands Association board and your email will be used solely for the purpose of informing you about Woodlands Neighborhood issues. If you have any questions about the email list you may contact the Woodlands Association webmaster at [woodlandsassn@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandsassn@yahoo.com).

# School News

## Foothill Middle School & NGHS

Source: Foothill Gazette 9/5/12, NG PFC

### Foothill Magazine Drive

The Foothill PTA will have our annual magazine subscription fundraiser September 27 - October 24. Please don't renew your magazine subscriptions directly through the publishers, but renew through our vendor so Foothill benefits. If you would like to place your orders/renewals early you may go to [www.aphearst.com](http://www.aphearst.com). Students will receive prize credit for all orders placed after July 1 until the sale's conclusion.

We are working with a new company this year, please note the new website [www.aphearst.com](http://www.aphearst.com). Our school code is **FOOTHILLMS**.

We have over 650 magazines that you may order at special discount prices. You may renew the magazines you already take, order new subscriptions or give them as gifts.

This year we will begin offering digital subscriptions for your computer, I-Pad, Kindle and other devices.

*Thank you for your support!*

### Foothill Casino Night

Get your Tickets for Casino Night at  
Back to School Night!

**Saturday, November 10, 6:00-11:00pm**

\$55 per person, which includes \$25 in fun money, food, and 1 drink ticket

For tickets or questions contact Holly at  
[webhew@astound.net](mailto:webhew@astound.net)

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*And more.....*

## *Fun Run, Sunday October 7*

Don't miss the fun at the United Mt. Diablo Athletic Foundation's Save Our Sports 5k on Sunday, October 7 at Newhall Park. There is something for everyone! The competitive run begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Fun Run/Walk at 9:45. At 10:30, there is a kiddie run for those 8 and younger. You can sign up at [www.unitedmtdiabloathletics.org](http://www.unitedmtdiabloathletics.org). Come join the fun and support the Northgate community and high school athletics.

# Walnut Creek Community Service Day at Foothill

**Walnut Creek  
Community Service Day is  
Saturday, October 6  
& the City of Walnut Creek  
is once again  
celebrating volunteerism  
& the role it plays in  
making Walnut Creek  
a strong community.**

Foothill Middle School has many renovation projects that will be a part of Community Service Day. There is something for every age, interest and skill level. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Heather Farm Community Center with check-in and a pancake breakfast. Volunteers report to their project site by 9:00 a.m. for a half day of work.

***Registering is Quick and Easy!***

Visit Community Service Day 2012 Online Registration at [http://www.walnut-creek.org/about/resources\\_n\\_programs/community\\_service\\_day.asp](http://www.walnut-creek.org/about/resources_n_programs/community_service_day.asp) to learn more about Foothill's projects, and register yourself, your group or your family for Foothill Middle School's projects. Questions? Please contact Karen Brajkovich at [kbrajovich@gmail.com](mailto:kbrajovich@gmail.com).

## Northgate Fall Campus Clean-up Day

**Saturday, October 6th  
9 am – 12 pm**

*Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.*

Volunteer to help beautify our campus by cleaning, weeding, painting, and landscaping. We will be partnering with Walnut Creek's Community Service Day.

**Check it out at [http://www.walnut-creek.org/about/resources\\_n\\_programs/csd/default.asp](http://www.walnut-creek.org/about/resources_n_programs/csd/default.asp)**

*Let's show our wider city community what Bronco volunteerism is all about!*

*Freshman families, this is a great way to get involved at Northgate!*

# Valle Verde Carnival – Everyone is Welcome!

By Amy Vieira

The Valle Verde Carnival is coming up - Sunday, October 28th from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a fun-filled day of games, food, raffles, a haunted house, exciting entertainment, bounce houses, and sweets.

Everyone – including adults - is encouraged to wear a costume this year! There will be a costume parade and contest to kick off the event at 11 a.m. The 5TH Grade Haunted House, a big fundraiser, will open Friday night October 26th, after dark. Come see the MUR transformed into a Haunted House!

This event is family friendly and delivers fun for all. Various types of food, drinks and snacks will be available all day at the Carnival. The sweet tooth booth will be back this year, guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser! Come and support our students and school!

# October 6<sup>th</sup>: Community Service Day at Valle Verde

By Sabine Kroeber

Come help beautify Valle Verde's campus on Saturday, Oct. 6th, as part of Walnut Creek's Community Service Day 2012. Our project is one of more than 50 different projects planned across the community for Community Service Day. Volunteers at Valle Verde will trim trees and bushes, weed, rake, plant perennials and daffodils, and edge landscape areas.

Community Service Day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a free pancake breakfast at Heather Farm Park, hosted by the Walnut Creek Lions Clubs. Project work will begin at 9 a.m. and will be done no later than 1 p.m. Please bring gloves, brooms, rakes, weeding and bulb planting tools, hand trimmers, shovels and pruning gear, if you have it handy.

Online registration and additional information is available at [www.walnut-creek.org/service](http://www.walnut-creek.org/service).



## 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](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.

12-25533 08/09/12 22:00:46 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3600 block Sugarberry Lane. RP states his mother was outside watering the lawn; RP heard a loud noise outside and now his mother is gone. RP states she can hardly walk. Dispo: Subject was out walking and returned home. Ofc. Hibbs

12-25670 08/10/12 21:53:59 **Service to Citizen** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Subjects shooting off fireworks. Dispo: Unable to locate. Ofc. Godinez

12-25749 08/11/12 10:53:21 **Disturbing the Peace** 3300 block Perada Drive. RP states an altercation occurred with a male subject who was forcing entry into home to speak with RP's roommate. Dispo: Argument between resident and ex-boyfriend occurred; both parties contacted. Ofc. Brown

12-25881 08/12/12 09:17:38 **Outside Agency Assist** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. RP states several post office boxes have been pried. Dispo: Eleven post office boxes were pried, entry was made into four. Case will be forwarded to the USPS. Ofc. Spoto

12-26113 08/14/12 02:52:19 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3300 block Perada Drive. Ex-boyfriend was reportedly sitting in his vehicle in front of RP's home. Vehicle left 2 minutes ago. Dispo: Unable to locate, gone on arrival. Contacted both parties. Advice given regarding obtaining a restraining order. Report for documentation. Ofc. Vesser

12-26166 08/14/12 15:23:48 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Subject is loitering in front of the bank, refusing to leave. He has left trash and other items in the past. Subject is described as a white male with short dirty blonde hair, wearing a gray sweatshirt, jeans and tennis shoes. Dispo: Subject gone on arrival. No one assigned.

12-26176 08/14/12 17:19:59 911 **Hangup** 3600 block Perada Drive. Dispo: Determined as medical call, resident called fire department directly. No one assigned

12-26319 08/15/12 23:54:09 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3700 block Perada Drive. Vehicle parked in the wrong direction near the bridge. Two subjects are pushing the vehicle. Vehicle only described as possibly silver in color. Vehicle was facing Citrus Avenue. Dispo: Gone on arrival, unable to locate.

12-26405 08/16/12 19:24:40 **Narcotics Arrest** Citrus Avenue / Oak Grove Road. Subject reports she is being followed. 45-year old female arrested for being under the influence of controlled substance and transported to Martinez Detention Facility.

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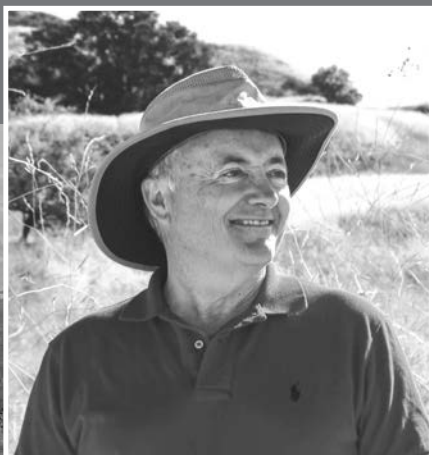
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Former Walnut Creek Mayor*

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David Light  
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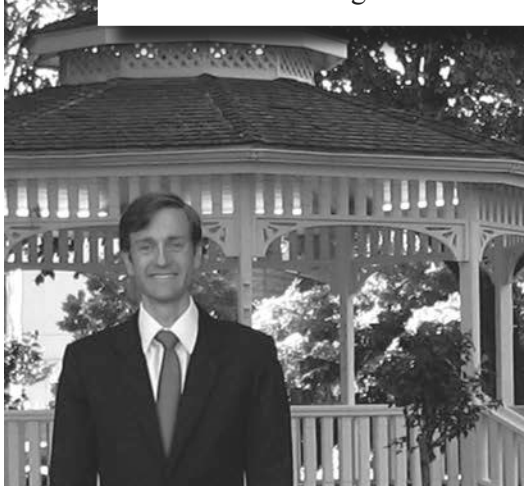
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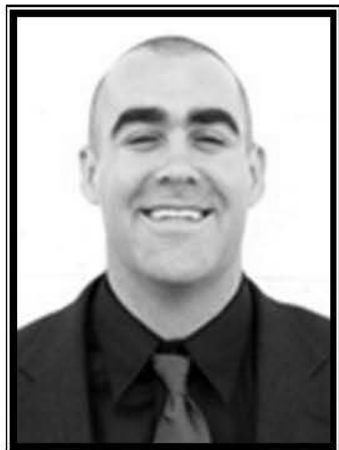
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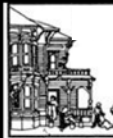
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