

# The Woodlands



September 2006

## Woodlands Flag Retirement Project

*American Flag Retirement Ceremony, Borges Ranch, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.*

Attaining the Eagle Scout rank in scouting is a top attainment in the Boy Scouts of America. Only 4% of the US Boy Scouts ever reach this rank. However over one million scouts have achieved the rank in the past 96 years. Every

approved by the Boy Scouts of America and our Woodlands Association is sponsoring Matthew for this effort. Matthew will be retiring these old flags in very special ceremony at Borges Ranch on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.



US astronaut that walked on the moon was an Eagle Scout. Many of our US presidents, Bill Gates and hundreds of other famous, accomplished people earned this special rank as a teen. To earn the distinction a candidate must accumulate over 20 merit badges and each candidate must complete an approved special "non-profit" service project... all by the age of eighteen.

One of our Eagle candidates from Northgate High School, Matthew Clark, has chosen a service project to retire old, badly worn and torn flags from the Woodlands neighborhood. Matthew is with our local Boy Scout troop 832. This project has just been

See Matthew's flyer attached to this newsletter.

Matthew needs your old flags for this ceremony and will be canvassing the neighborhood for candidate flags. You can also call Matt directly at 925 363 4532 and he will take care of your flag. Everyone in the Woodlands is invited to see this special ceremony that will be performed by a trained group of Boy Scouts. Please RSVP to Matt if you can attend because seating is limited. Bring your family to see this unique event. Anyone that can help Matthew locate flags for this ceremony is more than welcome. Give Matthew a call.



**Woodlands Annual  
Garage Sale  
September 24, 2006**



**Get Your Address on The  
Woodlands Garage Sale Map!**

**You must call David Galindo by  
6pm on September 17th**

if you want to be included on the garage sale map!  
Pick up the phone and **CALL NOW! 925-945-4575**  
(See David's ad in this newsletter)  
Maps are handed out to all shoppers on garage sale day.  
Let them know about your garage sale goodies!

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[www.WoodlandsAssn.org](http://www.WoodlandsAssn.org)

Woodlands Newsletter is a  
monthly publication.  
Previous issues are posted  
on our website.

**Next Board Meetings:**  
9.2.06 @ 8:15am  
10.7.06 @ 8:15am  
Carl's Jr. Conference Rm.  
Woodlands residents are  
encouraged to attend  
board meetings

# Mark Your Calendar!

- Aug. 28: 1st Day of School!
- Sept. 1-5: Labor Day Holiday—No School
- Sept. 4: Labor Day Concert @ Civic Park, 6pm  
Movies Under The Stars @ Heather Farm Park - "Racing Stripes", dusk
- Sept. 6: Return to School
- Sept. 9: Shadelands Antique & Collectibles Show, 8am-4pm, Free
- Sept. 11: VV Back to School Night for Parent's Only, 6:30pm-8:15pm
- Sept. 16: Walnut Festival Parade, 6:15pm, Main Street
- Sept. 18: VV PTA Meeting
- Sept. 21: Walnut Festival, 5-10pm, Heather Farm Park
- Sept. 22-24: Fine Arts Sidewalk Festival, 10am-6pm Sat & Sun, Main & Locust Streets  
Walnut Festival, Heather Farm, 5pm-12am Fri., 11am-12am Sat., 11am-9pm Sun.
- Sept. 28: VV Picture Day
- Oct. 20: VV Spookhouse 5pm
- Oct. 21: VV Fall Carnival 11am-5pm

VV=Valle Verde FH=Foothill NG=Northgate



## HAUNTED HOEDOWN

Save the date! The Valle Verde Fall Carnival will be held on  
**Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..**  
This year's theme is a Haunted Hoedown. Dig out your Cow-  
boy Hats and come join the fun!!!

## Cub Scout Pack 464 Invites New Members!

Cub Scout Pack 464, operated by Parents of Pack 464 out of Valle Verde Elementary in Walnut Creek will be having a picnic to start the new school year, and welcome potential new members on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Valle Verde Park on Banyan Circle at 4pm.

All boys in first through fifth grades are invited to bring a parent or guardian to this special event. There will be games and activities for the boys, while the adults are completing new-member applications and learning about the scouting year ahead. We have a great year planned, including many fun events:

Pack 464 is also celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1967-2007) this year and we have some special celebration plans!

If you want to know more about Cub Scouting, log on to the Boy Scouts of America national Web site: [www.joincubscouting.org](http://www.joincubscouting.org) or [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

**Contact Cubmaster Dean Master at 934-5095 or Pack Committee Chair Leo Brajkovich at 937-4713 for more information.**

## Want to Join Girl Scouts?

Check out the Walnut Creek Girl Scout Assoc. web site at:  
[www.wcgssa.org](http://www.wcgssa.org) or contact one of the following coordinators:

**Valle Verde Girls:**

Gloria Bertolozzi  
[valleverde@wgcgsa.org](mailto:valleverde@wgcgsa.org)

**Foothill Middle Girls:**

Karen Neilson  
[foothill@wgcgsa.org](mailto:foothill@wgcgsa.org)

**Seven Hills Girls:**

[sevenhills@wgcgsa.org](mailto:sevenhills@wgcgsa.org)

**St. Mary's Girls:**

Lynn Guidi  
[stmarys@wgcgsa.org](mailto:stmarys@wgcgsa.org)

**Palmer Girls:** Geni Federas

[palmer@wgcgsa.org](mailto:palmer@wgcgsa.org)

**Doris Eaton Girls:**

[doriseaton@wgcgsa.org](mailto:doriseaton@wgcgsa.org)

# Community

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## You can help the Valle Verde Silent Auction!



The Silent Auction is an exciting part of Valle Verde's Fall Carnival coming up on Saturday, October 21st. The money raised by the Silent Auction helps pay for a number of educational programs and instructional assistants. **If you would like to support Valle Verde, there is an easy way to do it.** Donate a bottle of wine to the Silent Auction! The various bottles of wine will be grouped together into one or several wine baskets (or auctioned off separately). In the past our wine lover's baskets have been very popular, selling well over value and raising much needed funds for our school. (Of course, only pictures of the wine will be present on campus and it will only be sold to adults!) If you are interested in making a donation please contact our Silent Auction Chair Sabine Kroeber, [skroeber@astound.net](mailto:skroeber@astound.net), 3443 Tupelo Drive, 296-0948. Thank you for your support!

## New to The Woodlands? Check Out The Newcomer's Club of Walnut Creek

Are you looking for a way to make new friends, participate in fun activities, and enhance your life in Walnut Creek? Newcomer's Club of WC provides this and more! Our members come to us from all over the state, country, and world and they have settled in various areas of the surrounding communities. This is a great group of women who love to laugh and have a good time. We meet for a Welcome Coffee at 10am on the second Wednesday of each month and we would love to introduce ourselves to you and tell you about the many activity groups we offer. For more info call **Ann Thelwell 925-256-0385**.

## Money Doesn't Grow on Trees... But it Has Been Known to Grow in Pantries



**If you haven't signed up for Box Tops for Education, you really should consider it.**

"Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools earn over \$175 million in just over 10 years. Earn cash for your school through everyday activities: buying groceries, shopping online and making purchases with a credit card. All at no additional cost to you! Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating brands. Earn up to 8% back for your school when you shop online and 1% every time you use your credit card. With your help and the dedication of your school's volunteer Box Tops Coordinator, your school can earn up to \$60,000 through Box Tops each year." - quoted from [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)

**The Hard Facts...** ⇒ Red Bird Mission School in Kentucky (with only 250 students) earned **\$21,361** last year. They earned the highest amount of all schools last year.

⇒ Valle Verde, a *CA Distinguished School* (with approximately 560 students) earned **\$372** last year.

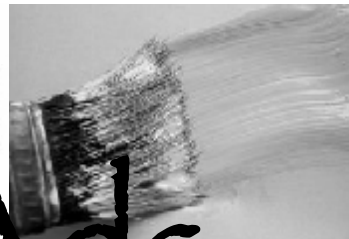
**The Solution...** Living in such a prosperous city with high community involvement, we can most definitely boost Valle Verde's earnings for the 2006-07 school year. Here's what you can do to help:

- Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and choose Valle Verde as your school when you register (it's free).
- Start clipping box tops from all participating brands. For a complete list of brands, go to the Box Tops web site and click on the "All About Box Tops" section. **DROP OFF or MAIL your BOX TOPS to the Valle Verde office at 3275 Peachwillow Ln, Walnut Creek, 94598.** The school will be collecting Box Tops throughout the year, so once you've gathered a big pile - drop them off - and start collecting some more!
- Shop online through the Box Tops Marketplace and automatically earn dollars for Valle Verde. There are over 60 popular stores to shop at. [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) & click on Box Tops Marketplace.



## Valle Verde Also Collects Campbell's "Labels for Education"

Campbell's Labels for Education is the same concept as Box Tops. Collect Campbell's labels that have the Labels for Education logo on them. To view a list of products and instructions on how to remove labels, please visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). You may drop off or mail the labels to Valle Verde.



# Want Ads

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**HANDYMAN:** Quality work. Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Linoleum, Tile, Windows, Doors. Woodlands References. **Paul 676-6607**

**FREE Guinea Pigs!** 2 female guinea pigs. Very cute. They come with a cage, water bottle, hay, food, bedding. Call Kathy **947-1646**.

## Advertiser Quick Reference

|                        |          |                       |              |
|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 3 Good Painters        | 935-7593 | Happy Nest Childcare  | 934-8396     |
| AAA Insurance          | 285-1566 | Marc Graves, Realty   | 935-5895     |
| Brana Home Repair      | 283-1107 | Massage w/Keri S.     | 947-0780     |
| CA Custom Carpets      | 828-7810 | Newpane Windows       | 800-614-7263 |
| David Galindo, Intero  | 945-4575 | Neck/Back Pain Ctr    | 947-1507     |
| Diablo Valley Kids Gym | 944-5596 | Painting, Paul Morris | 939-2498     |
| Dumploads On Us        | 934-3743 | Sheri Nodder          | 975-5244     |
| Executive Brokers      | 974-1170 | Handyman Paul Fleck   | 676-6607     |
| Green's Lawn Service   | 827-0103 |                       |              |

## FOR SALE

"Elegant Buck-Stove" with flue, chrome chimney and water kettle. 35,000 BTU - wood or coal, black cast-iron; non-catalytic. Made in USA by Vermont Castings. a \$2800 plus value. Only \$750. **(925) 938-3111**.

## ADVERTISING RATES

**DEADLINE: 15TH OF EACH MONTH**

Contact: **Marc Graves 925-932-1574**  
[madmacsdad@aol.com](mailto:madmacsdad@aol.com)

PLEASE MAIL 1 copy of your ad & payment to:  
**"Woodlands Association"**

**P.O. Box 31085, Walnut Creek, CA 94598**  
**WANT ADS**

**Line Ad with a maximum of 30 words.**

Woodlands Residents \$8.00  
Non-Woodlands Residents \$13.00

## BUSINESS ADS

(Guidelines) \*Please submit ONE copy of your ad in the size you have chosen.

**\*There is a one time set up fee for ads that need layout/design or artwork.**

Set-Up Fees are as follows:

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1/8 page ads                       | \$5.00  |
| 1/4, 1/2 and full page ads         | \$10.00 |
| Full Page, white paper             | \$80.00 |
| Full Page, colored paper           | \$85.00 |
| 1/2 Page                           | \$45.00 |
| 1/4 Page                           | \$25.00 |
| 1/8 Page (Woodlands Residents)     | \$15.00 |
| 1/8 Page (Non-Woodlands Residents) | \$18.00 |

# Diablo Valley Children's Gym

## Promoting Fitness & Nutrition to Diablo Valley Children for 25 Years

Personal attention to your child's individual development is key at Diablo Valley Children's Gym. For 25 years, Joy Parsons owner, director, and teacher has been guiding children in a positive way to reach their full potential and be the best they can be. Her gymnastics program (with a touch of yoga) is noncompetitive and stresses individual personal achievement. Joy also teaches a popular sewing class for kids at her gym.



Joy gives a "hands-on" fitness and nutrition presentation to local schools throughout the year. Joy is also an active volunteer with *Wellness City Challenge*, a non-profit organization in Walnut Creek.



*"Friday is my favorite day because that's when I go to Ms. Parsons sewing class. The projects are so fun and she makes learning so easy." ~ Bay, 8 years*

## Ongoing Gymnastics & Sewing Classes

For Info Call Joy Parsons: **925-944-5596**

1400 Central Rd. Ste 2-B, Walnut Creek, 94596

**You deserve a massage... close to home.**

**Keri Salemme**

**Professional Massage Therapist**

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Massage is a great tool to help you feel great for the summer. Call now to book your rejuvenating massage therapy session.

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**Keri Salemme, CMT**

3093 Citrus Circle Suite 105  
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Email: [message@astound.net](mailto:message@astound.net)



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eScrip offers the best vehicle for simple, year-round fundraising. eScrip streamlines the whole fundraising process and puts everyone -- the organization, the kids, their parents, and the community -- in the winner's circle.

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  - ♥ Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.
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**Here are a few local Walnut Creek groups that you can choose to benefit from your everyday shopping:**

(for a full list go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and search by name or zip code)

- Valle Verde Elementary
- Foothill Middle School Parent Faculty Assoc.
- Northgate Parent Faculty Assoc.
- Eagle Peak Charter Montessori School
- Woodlands Swim Team
- North Creek Academy & Preschool
- The Seven Hills School