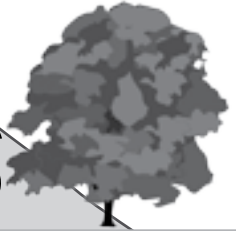


The Woodlands



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SHADE AT VALLE VERDE

The long-awaited shade structure at Valle Verde Elementary is now ready for the 2007-2008 school year. Many thanks to the Valle Verde PTA and also to the Woodlands Association negotiators for their perseverance in prying the funds for this from the Citrus Walk developers. The photo shows the positioning of the structure behind the school's Multi-Use Room. You can imagine years of lunches out of the direct sun and many more special classes in the shade of this addition to Valle Verde. Stop by the school and take a look.

By J Tilley





LIONS, TIGERS & BEARS IN THE OPEN SPACES?

Did you know that about an hour and 15 minutes from here there is another open space where really big animals are living in peace and contentment? There are actually three sanctuaries in California where abandoned or abused animals and former performing animals have been rescued and given a fabulous new life and freedom in open spaces that are covered with native California grasses, huge California Oak trees and native shrubs... just like our own open space.

Yes, they do have Lions, Tigers & Bears along with elephants, primates and a bunch more exotic animals that have all been rescued. This is P.A.W.S. which stands for Performing Animal Welfare Society. Their California sanctuaries are located in Galt, San Andreas and Herald, California together covering nearly 3000 acres of freedom for these beautiful animals. Their several giant barns are stocked with items needed for husbandry, medical care and shelter.



PAWS is in constant need of able volunteers and also supporting "PAWS Partners". One of our own Woodlands residents, John Gardella, is an active volunteer and is on site with the big animals several times a month. To join as a supporting "PAWS Partner" or as a volunteer visit their beautiful website at: www.pawsweb.org

As we have indicated earlier in the newsletter, PAWS is also in constant need of fruits and vegetables from your own gardens. John Gardella at 930-9487 would be happy to pick up any fresh items you might donate on his way to one of the sanctuaries.

If you actually want your family to see these amazing animals and open spaces in person, check out their calendar of open house events, brunches, wine tastings, elephant stomps, and more... wow! And this is less than two hours away from your own back yard.

By J Tilley

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday September 8th
 and
Saturday October 6th

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

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Here's Maggie!!!

Maggie Ryan is a native of Southern California. She moved to the Bay Area eight years ago to work for the largest manufacture of PVC pipe in North America.

Maggie and her husband John were married five years ago. Immediately after the wedding John and Maggie moved into the Woodlands. She and her husband enjoy long walks with the dogs. In addition, it seems there are never ending renovations to the house!

Along with volunteering on the Woodlands Board, Maggie is pursuing her passion of animal welfare. For three years she worked part-time and volunteered at Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation. Today she is expanding her knowledge in the field and volunteering at Pet's Unlimited in Pacific Heights.



"Maggie Ryan, Woodlands Association's New Newsletter Editor"

DON'T MISS THE GARAGE SALE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th

Out of our 897 households in the Woodlands each year the number of participants in the annual Woodlands Garage Sale gets larger and larger! 25 years ago the number of families was about 8 to 12 that put out treasures to sell. Last year over 70 households participated.

See the garage sale ad on page 10 of this newsletter. Through the continued diligence of David Galindo, we gather information about the key treasures up for sale. The beauty of this event is that David will post this information in the Contra Costa times for several days before sale date to draw treasure hunters from all over the east bay. Then when they arrive all the shoppers will be provided a pre-printed map of the Woodlands showing the locations of the participating homes making it much easier for the treasure hunters. Literally thousands came through the Woodlands last year curious to see the wares offered.

Look through your garages and closets... get your items ready... and then call David Galindo to be included on the pre-printed map of all of our Woodlands once-a-year-traders. Join the group by calling 945 4575 by September 28th. When you do call leave your name, number, address and a brief description of the items offered. Then see if your items get included in the big Contra Costa Times want-ad. Sunday, October 7th, should be a great day for you and any junior sales kids in your family.

By J Tilley

FOOTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Source: Foothill Gazette 8/15/07

From the Foothill Library



BOOK FAIR - Help Needed

The Fall Book Fair will be held from Friday, August 31 through Friday, September 7. This fundraiser makes it possible for our wonderful librarian, Mrs. Sugiama, to keep our library updated with new materials for our students. Volunteers are needed to cashier, straighten shelves, assist shoppers, and help monitor students attending their preview sessions. In addition to this, many hands make light work during set-up on Thursday, August 30 and take-down on Monday, September 10. Please look for the sign-up sheet at the library volunteer table in the courtyard during registration. Even if you are unable to volunteer this year, please stop by to see what the Book Fair has to offer for your family's own reading pleasure as well as many gift giving possibilities.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS--the library needs volunteers at lunch, brunch, and to process books. Call our Library Parent Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Sheehy, at 937-8846.

Magazine Drive Fundraiser

Attention all Parents and Students: We're gearing up again for the annual Magazine Drive. Last year thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of our students and their families we were able our reach our goal.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Magazine Drive kick off: Friday, Sept. 21st school assembly
Address Book turn in: Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 24-25
Magazine Order turn in: Friday, Sept. 28 & Friday, Oct. 5th

Monies raised from the magazine drive are critical in making sure that our students continue to receive a quality education.

Foothill Pasta Feed and Social

Join us for Foothill's first annual fall pasta and wine social Saturday, October 13th! This promises to be tons of fun. Get together with Foothill parents and faculty to enjoy a terrific night out. Tickets include appetizers, music, dancing, dinner, dessert, beautiful views and good company.

Simply fill out the order form available online at:
<http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/foothill/staff/pfa/Documents/Orientation%20Forms/PastaWineSocial.pdf>
 to get your tickets!

(You can also bring it into the Foothill office or mail it to Amy Frazer at 2548 Pawnee Dr. Walnut Creek, CA 94598)



Girl's Basketball Camp



Ygnacio Valley High School Women's Basketball will conduct the nationally-recognized Global Shot Doctor Basketball Camp on Saturday, September 22nd for Girls and Boys grades 5-12.

Three-hour sessions will be conducted at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Space is limited to fifty participants for each session, so early registration is recommended. Cost is \$45. Information about the camp and a registration form are available at www.yvwomensbasketball.org or by contacting Dave Smith, Ygnacio Valley Women's Basketball Head Coach, at 415-298-7851.

Community Activities

Synchronized Swim Show - Come see Walnut Creek's own Aquanuts at their Annual Synchronized Swim Show nightly August 31 - Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Clark Memorial Swim Center at Heather Farm. Visit the Aquanuts [website](#) for more information.

Almond Festival - Foothill's very own Mr. Monroe will be performing with his Van Halen Tribute band HOT FOR TEACHER, headlining the Oakley Almond Festival Saturday September 15, 2007 from 8:00 - 10:00PM. Participation has been dwindling over the last few years and HFT was asked to play in order to increase attendance. Support public and private education. Come one, come all and help the Oakley Chamber of Commerce raise money for the community!

Good Neighbor

Preventing and Controlling Rats

Woodlands neighbors have noticed several incidences of rats in and around their homes. Rats can be very damaging to roofs, attics and to equipment such as pump houses for pools and hot tubs.

In a brochure from the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District, suggestions were listed for places that harbor rats, and what we can do to avoid them.

- Roof rat survival depends upon the existence of three basic environmental factors: Food, Water and Harborage. Good environmental management practices supplemented the wise use of rodenticides is the most effective approach to roof rat control.
- Harvest fruit and nuts as they ripen
- Pickup fallen fruit and nuts on a daily basis
- Never leave uneaten pet food outside overnight
- Keep palm trees and yucca plant well trimmed
- Algerian ivy, and other thickly matted plants should be removed or trimmed well away from roof, wall, fences, utility poles and trees
- Eliminate unnecessary standing water
- Store wood and lumber piles at least 18 inches above the ground and 12 inches away from walls.



Recommendations for Rodent Control

1. Repair gaps and breaks in exterior walls
2. Repair foundation, attic and gable vent screens with ¼ inch hardware cloth, or replace vent screens
3. Seal gaps around pipes and wiring that enter through exterior walls
4. Keep pet doors closed at night and whenever possible during the day.
5. Repair voids where fireplace/chimney has separated from walls (in Woodlands, be sure door to remove ashes from outside is closed tightly)
6. Keep all doors and windows closed at dusk and until dawn
7. Seal all holes, gaps around pipes located under sinks in kitchen, bathrooms, and utility rooms
8. Feed pets amounts of food that will be totally consumed per feeding
9. Eliminate snail population
10. Remove bird feeders and bird food

For a complete list and other helpful information, contact the Mosquito & Vector Control District 925/685-9301 or www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us. The brochure is available on line also.

By Elisie Witt

FEEDBACK ITEMS

The Woodlands Association always encourages feedback of any type. Let us know what you feel is being done well by the Woodlands Association and where we may be missing the boat. Feedback can help keep us on track and in touch. You can use mail, email or the feedback function on our website to reach us quickly.

We just received the following item through the regular mail.

“Thank you for outlining some of the issues with the parcel tax in the latest newsletter and its potential impact on total competitive compensation for the teachers in our district. I believe the issue will boil down to dealing with the diverse span of the Mt Diablo Unified School District. We may never get two thirds of this diverse group to agree to much of anything let alone a tax adequate enough to solve the problem of reaching a total teacher’s compensation that is truly competitive. What do the school board members think of somehow separating from our Mt Diablo district? What are the pros and cons of this alternative?” (name withheld by request)

By copy to the school board members, we have posed this same question to them. We clearly need more residents and more parents attending their board meetings. See www.strangelaw.net for a broad view of the issues and see www.mdusd.k12.ca.us for district proceedings and their open meeting times and dates.

By J Tilley



WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

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

07-16018 07/10/07 01:45:43 3600 BL CITRUS AV REPORTS SUBJ JUST THREW A ROCK THROUGH HIS REAR VEH WINDOW. FORD E250 WORK VAN. RP HAS VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF THE RESPONSIBLE. OCC AT 0141HRS....REAR VAN WINDOW SHATTERED. SUSPECT IS SKINNY WMJ WEARING GRAY SHORTS AND A GRAY HOODIE SWEATSHIRT. Vandalism 3 80 - Smith

07-16021 07/10/07 04:10:43 3200 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS GROUP OF JUVS AT THE SCHOOL ON THE CORNER. RP SAYS THEY GO OVER THERE FOR ABOUT 15 MIN THEN LEAVE. SHE THINKS THEY'RE DEALING DRUGS.... Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Godinez

07-16034 07/10/07 08:24:06 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD REPORTS 20002 OCC'D 30 AGO. SUSP VEH IS WHI HOND ACC. VIC VEH IS SIL TOYT MINIVAN (Redacted 01)...HIT AND RUN WITH NO SUSPECT INFORMATION. Hit and Run 3 70 Rebello

07-16078 07/10/07 16:46:13 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD TRAFFIC HAZARD. START A TOW FOR VEHICLE THAT HAS DROPPED ITS TRANSMISSION....VEHICLE OUT OF THE ROAD. Miscellaneous Traffic 3 70 Norlund

07-16124 07/11/07 07:54:39 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD RECKLESS BLU FORD THUNDERBIRD. SPEEDING, UNABLE TO MAINTAIN LANE. LS EB YGN 2 AGO....INFO GIVEN TO CPD, VEH WAS GOA Reckless Driving 3 70 Gerstner

07-16267 07/12/07 21:13:18 BAYBERRY DR / PERADA DR REPORTS VEH PARKED IN NO PARKING AFTER 2100 HRS ZONE, NO DESC....GONE ON ARRIVAL. Parking Complaint 3 80 Brown

07-16268 07/12/07 21:27:19 3200 BL PEACHWILLOW LN REPORTS GROUP OF 20 SUBJECTS SMOKING H&S IN THE PLAYGROUND AREA....UTL/GOA Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Hopkins

07-16323 07/13/07 11:25:19 600 BL TEAK CT REPORTS HEATED 415 VERBAL BTWN MOM AND HER BF...10852 Vandalism 3 80 Norlund

07-16414 07/14/07 03:36:37 600 BL TEAK CT CPD OFC REQ WCPD OFC RESPOND W/ HIM TO THIS ADR FOR CONTACT OF RESIDENT (Redacted 01). EARLIER TODAY WE TOOK A 594 REPORT REGARDING THIS SUBJ. **SEE 07-16323**...COVER PROVIDED. UNABLE TO MAKE SUSPECT CONTACT Assist Agency 3 80 Mangini

07-16447 07/14/07 14:29:48 YGNACIO VALLEY RD / OAK GROVE RD REPORTS 20002 OCCRD 5 AGO. SUSP VEH WHI LEXUS DAMAGE TO LEFT FRONT LS EB YGN VI VEH IS BGE LEXUS AND IS 49 TO SHELL AT YGN/ SAN CARLOS. VI IS SHELL EMPLOYEE...SUSPECT VEHICLE STRUCK THE VICTIM'S CAR ON E/B YGNACIO VALLEY ROAD AND FLED E/B. SUSP CAR- WHT 96- Hit and Run 3 70 Baker

07-16561 07/15/07 15:50:40 600 BL ROCK OAK RD REPORTS JUVS TO THE LEFT OF THIS ADDRESS IN WHITE 4DR OLDER SEDAN DRINKING ALCOHOL. APPROX 4-5 WMJUV'S. RP NO LONGER ON SCENE....GOA/UTL Service to Citizen 3 80 Baker

07-16637 07/16/07 11:43:36 500 BL BANYAN CR REPORTS ABANDONED VEHICLE, SIL FORD MUSTANG (Redacted 03) BEEN THERE FOR TWO WEEKS. EXP TAGS ON VEH. PASS WINDOW LEFT DOWN....PSO FILE. Abandoned Vehicle 3 80 -

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