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Neighborhood Concerns Raised at Shadelands Advisory Committee Meeting

By Arsen Kitch

The 8th Shadelands Gateway Advisory Committee Meeting was held on July 26th at the Shadelands Art Center. Turnout was robust, with more than 40 people in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to review, discuss, and begin aligning on Preferred Land Use Plan and development standards. The original plan was to have a total of 9 Advisory Committee Meetings with a resulting Draft Specific Plan recommendation to the City Council regarding the 25-acre parcel of land at Ygnacio Valley Road and Oak Grove Road which Safeway owns and would like rezoned from business to retail so that a shopping center can be built there.

Ed Wohlers, a member of the Advisory Committee and a current Board member of the Woodlands Association, paused the meeting and raised a concern about the entire process. He stated that after nearly 8 months of work, the Committee was ready to start aligning on a Draft Specific Plan without spending any time discussing neighborhood concerns. Ed pointed out that the vast majority of the comments received by the Committee have been opposed to re-zoning the current Safeway property from office space to retail. Issues like traffic and economic impact have not been adequately addressed by the committee. Ed's comments were echoed by other members of the Committee, including Rocco Biale of Rocco's Pizzeria.



Updates Shown at the July 26th Meeting

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Mayor Simmons (Chair of the Committee) agreed to dedicate the remaining part of the meeting to identifying and discussing neighborhood concerns. The list generated included items such as traffic, noise, pollution, density, economic impact, and fit with neighborhood. The Committee spent some time discussing traffic impact and agreed that more time was needed to cover all issues.

The next Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 29th from 6:30-9:30PM in the Shadelands Art Center Dance Studio (rear of building) at 111 N. Wiget Lane. This meeting will focus on comments received from the public and AC members about this project. 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 and they will be forwarded (if you request) to the City and included as part of the official meeting notes.

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 10th of each month. To the extent that space is available, articles received and ready for print by the 10th 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.

<p>Woodlands Association Board of Directors</p> <p>Board email ID's can be found at www.WoodlandsAssn.org</p> <p>Justin Wedel ~ <i>President</i> Arsen Kitch ~ <i>Vice President</i> Elaine Coyne ~ <i>Treasurer</i> Ed Wohlers ~ <i>Secretary</i> Marc Graves ~ <i>Newsletter Advertising</i> Adrienne Robillard ~ <i>Newsletter Coordinator</i></p>	<p>Upcoming Board Meetings</p> <p>Saturday, September 8th at 8:15 am and Saturday, October 6th at 8:15 am in Carl's Jr. Conference Room</p> <p>Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings</p>
<p>Kay Ready ~ <i>Newsletter Distribution Manager</i> Open ~ <i>Webmaster</i></p>	

1st 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 Schaffler, 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



Goats in the Gully

By Adrienne Robillard

A herd of about 100 goats made quite a stir starting the final week of July as they ate through the overgrown brush in the gully and could be seen "working" off Perada Drive at the bridge between Citrus Avenue and Rock Oak Road. Over the course of a week the goats munched their way through the brush along the gully all the way to the end of Rock Oak Road, tended by a goat herder and his dog. What an effective & natural way to take care of our neighborhood.

Steer, Beer, & Ear and 50th Reunion

The 50th annual Steer, Beer and Ear (yes, the ear is back) was held on August 6th at the Cabana Club. This year's SB&E was organized by Tom Johnson and Lee Orr and differed from those in years past as it was a reunion for past members. People came from as far away as New York and Seattle to attend and it was touching to see people walking around the neighborhood reminiscing about old friends and what it was like to be a kid in the Woodlands in the 1960s and 70s. As former members entered the club, many checked to see if pool records they had set were still standing, and if not, when they had been broken and by whom. Everyone had a favorite story to share and it became very clear that The Cabana Club has been an integral part of the Woodlands since its inception. Our current membership owes a huge debt of gratitude to the members who went before us and helped build the Woodlands and the Cabana Club into the wonderful community that it still is today.

To view pictures of the 2012 Steer, Beer and Ear please visit the Woodlands Facebook Group at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/212021998810719/>

Meet Our New Vice President

By the Woodlands Board

The recent election of Justin Wedel as President and Ed Wohlers as Secretary left an opening on the Woodland Association's Board. At the August Board of Directors Meeting, Arsen Kitch was unanimously approved to serve out the remainder of Justin Wedel's term as Vice President.

Arsen and his family have been residents of the Woodlands for a little more than a year. He and his wife, Daria Kitch, have 2 beautiful children: Nadia (2.5 years old) and Roman (1 month old). Arsen has spent the greater part of his life in the San Francisco Bay Area, attending high school in San Ramon, earning his

undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley, and an MBA at Stanford. Arsen is currently working for Nestle in Oakland as a Program Manager within Field Sales. The Kitch family bought their home from one of the original Woodlands families. The previous owner was coincidentally one of the founding members of the Woodlands Association! Arsen is looking forward to serving as Vice President and is committed to preserving our neighborhood's character and quality of life. Please reach out to Arsen if you have any comments or concerns at: woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.

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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. 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.

12-21975 07/10/12 15:04:55 **Parking complaint** 3100 block Peachwillow Lane. White Cadillac Eldorado parked in front of address for days. Dispo: Owner advised vehicle will be moved by 7/14 and was notified it would be towed for expired registration. Ofc. Miranda

12-22030 07/11/12 00:11:40 **Loud Party** 600 block Persimmon road. Dispo: Subject contacted. She agreed to quiet down. Advice given. Ofc. Godinez

12-22081 07/11/12 15:35:36 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3100 block Peachwillow Lane. Received report of a baby that started daycare here in May. It was discovered child has a subdermal hematoma. Phone report. Dispo: Suspicious Circumstance. Ofc. Thompson

12-22125 07/12/12 07:11:20 **Noise Complaint** 3000 block Citrus Circle. Maintenance work being done in the area. Per municipal code, OK after 0800. Dispo: Gone on arrival RP contacted. Ofc. Kan

12-22127 07/12/12 07:47:52 **Found Property** 3300 block Nutmeg Lane. Found suitcase in the street at the curb. Dispo: Black and brown leisure suitcase with miscellaneous clothing. No identification. Booked into evidence. Ofc. Welge

12-22205 07/12/12 20:29:57 **Suspicious Circumstance** 400 block Candleberry Road. 2 male juveniles in front of a nearby house. RP thinks they are buying drugs from the resident whom she believes to have a drug problem. No further information. Dispo: Gone on arrival. Ofc. Estrada

12-22313 07/13/12 20:39:46 **Agency Assist** 600 block Sitka Drive. Female on the line summoning a response, can be heard crying and repeating "stop." Dispo: Subject transported to hospital by ambulance for evaluation. Ofc. Hahn

12-22471 07/14/12 22:20:56 **Noise Complaint** 3600 block Perada Drive. Dispo: Noise abated. Ofc. Hahn

12-22560 07/15/12 19:40:15 **Service to Citizen** 600 block Sitka Drive. RP in PD Lobby to speak with an officer about dispute with husband about walking the dog and reading private emails. Dispo: Advice given. Ofc. Duggan

12-22701 07/17/12 10:44:05 **911 Open line** 3700 block Citrus Avenue. Dispo: Contacted resident upon call-back; advised son dialed 911 in error. No ofc. assigned
12-22830 07/18/12 15:25:25 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Four-year old girl alone in gray Mercedes convertible. RP has been at location for over 10 minutes and has not seen parent. Dispo: Contacted the father and told him not to leave his child alone in the car. Street check done. Ofc. Thompson

12-23091 07/20/12 23:41:45 **Service to Citizen** 3000 block Citrus Circle. Group of kids in the parking lot, being loud and skateboarding in the lot opposite Safeway. Dispo: Kids playing soccer in underground parking lot. All disbursed while on scene. No officer assigned

12-23132 07/21/12 09:16:49 **Miscellaneous Traffic** Banyan Circle / Peachwillow Lane. **White vehicle parked 2-3 feet from the curb at the bend in the road creating a traffic hazard.** Dispo: Unfounded. Ofc. Keagy

12-23261 07/22/12 11:17:28 **Animal Complaint** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Crow reportedly stuck between cardboard display and a window inside the post office, beyond gated area. Dispo: Bird was set free. Ofc. Spoto

12-23361 07/23/12 13:37:15 **Residential Burglary** 3500 block Citrus Avenue. Occurred between 0830 and 1300 hours today. Dispo: Point of entry was unlocked bathroom window. Loss included computers, iPod, iPhone, iPad, jewelry, cash; attempted to take TV. Ofc. Welge

12-23482 07/24/12 16:55:07 **Suspicious Circumstance** 300 block Peppertree Road. Two males came to the door, wanted to come into RP's house and check electricity. Neither had business cards and were carrying clipboards. Last seen toward Citrus. Dispo: Gone on arrival, unable to locate. No one assigned

12-23951 07/28/12 15:13:15 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Juveniles reported to be on the roof of the school. Both were released to their parents. Ofc. Brown

12-24086 07/29/12 15:17:20 **Welfare Check** 300 block Peppertree Road. 911 dropped call, busy upon call back. RP called again requesting a welfare check of an elderly female walking alone with a walker. Dispo: Area check, unable to locate. Ofc. Spoto

12-24122 07/29/12 20:55:07 **Welfare Check** 3400 block Bayberry Drive. RP states she hasn't seen her neighbor in three days. The garbage cans were left out and newspapers are piling up. No one answered when she knocked and rang doorbell. Dispo: Subject no inside. Ofc. Appel

12-24149 07/30/12 01:08:47 **Runaway Juvenile** 600 block Persimmon road. RP states child ran away after being grounded for trying to sneak out of the house. Dispo: Child returned home, advice provided to family. Ofc. Jower

12-24164 07/30/12 08:28:16 **Service to Citizen** Rock Oak Road / Perada Drive. Information only regarding possible barking dog complaints: Herd of goats in the area for weed abatement. Neighborhood dogs are going nuts. Dispo: Information only, no one assigned.

12-24223 07/30/12 18:28:55 **Possible DUI Driver** Rock Oak Rd / Perada Drive. RP was following a white Toyota Celica, believes the driver may be drunk. RP was behind the vehicle but no longer sees it. License late provided to Dispatch. Dispo: Hit and run occurred in Concord, CPD to handle. No one assigned.

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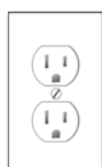
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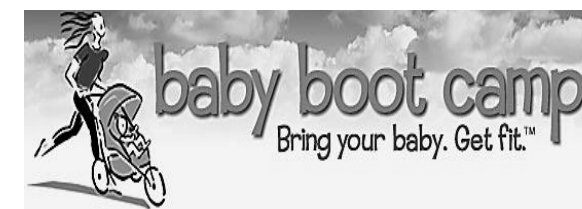
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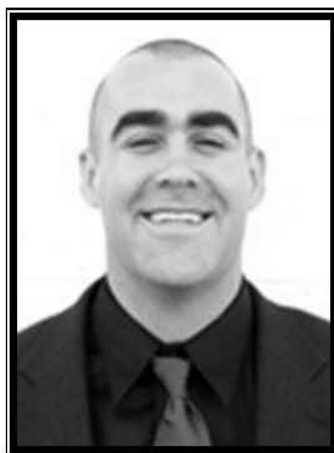
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Woodlands Annual Garage Sale

Sunday, October 7, 2012

A map of the neighborhood, identifying the locations of those who are participating in the garage sale is created to aid buyers to find your homes. Maps will be provided to the participants to hand out to buyers. To get on the map you need to register. You may still participate without registering.

Beginning Saturday, September 1st
call 945-4575 To Register!
Please do not call prior to this date

Registration Ends Sunday,
September 30th!

When you call, please leave (1) your name, (2) home phone number, (3) address, & (4) a brief description of the items for sale.

You will receive a call back to confirm the information within a few days.

*Garage sale hours are advertised as 9:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m.
You can open and close your garage whenever you wish.*

**Because of the details involved in setting up this event,
 Please Call No Later Than 6:00 p.m., Sunday, September 30th**



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