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The New Woodlands Website – Keeping Neighbors Informed

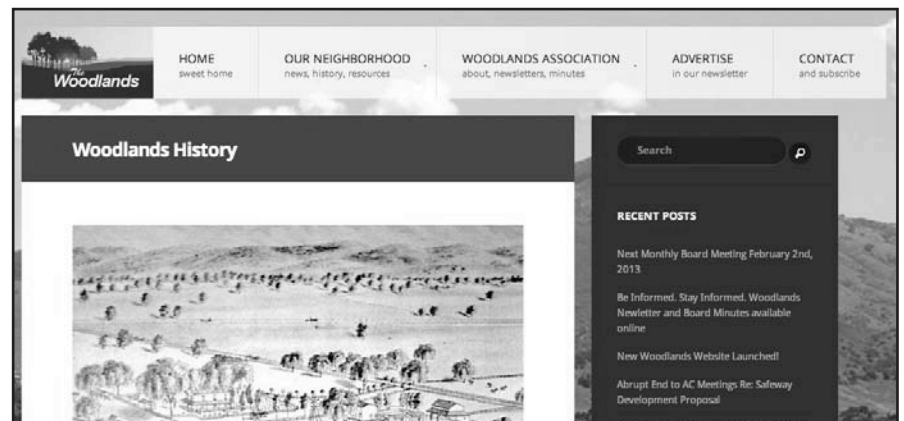
By Adrienne Robillard

The new Woodlands website has launched! The URL is the same, at www.woodlandsassn.org, but the experience is completely different. Developed by the Association's new Webmaster, James Goudy, the new site is designed to keep residents informed about our neighborhood, community, and to communicate with each other. The site showcases images taken by neighborhood residents (send us yours!) and includes historical graphics as well as up to date news on the proposed Safeway development, monthly Association meeting dates and times, area resources, and advertising information. You can join the Woodlands email list via the new site to stay informed on

community issues. Easily submit an article for publication in the newsletter, and read past issues of the newsletter online. The site also links to the newly created Woodlands Facebook page, where you can already see

some of your friends and neighbors interacting online.

We encourage you to visit the new site, bookmark it, interact, and send us your feedback at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.



Have Extra Fruit On Your Trees?

By Amy Ayala

This year the 4th grade Girl Scout Troop #32733 community service project will be harvesting backyard fruit for donation to hunger relief agencies. To accomplish this goal, we are partnering with The Urban Farmers, a local non-profit organization that harvest fruit for donation. There will be harvest opportunities between January and June 2013. If you have an abundance of fruit on your trees, please register your tree at The Urban Farmers

website <http://www.theurbanfarmers.org/>. The Urban Farmers will contact you to schedule a harvest. All fruits harvested will be donated to a local hunger relief agency, which provides a healthy food choice to low-income families and the homeless. Please join us in helping those less fortunate. If you have any questions, check theurbanfarmers.org or email Jackie Gronert jackiegronert@gmail.com.

Fruit Tree Registration

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"We can't eat this much fruit in two weeks!"
The fruit on a fruit tree often ripens in a short period of time. If the mature crop is not harvested, it puts extra pressure on the tree, attracts bug, diseases and pests. Yet many fruit tree owners, do not have time or ability to harvest the fruit. And if they could harvest the fruit, what would they do with that bounty?!

Here is a simple solution.
1- Register your tree with us. Click on the orange tree.
2- We will contact you.
3- You keep an eye on the tree and let us know when the fruit is ripe
4- We will coordinate a gleaning day with you
5- Our volunteers will harvest your fruit, leave what you want and take the rest to the food bank.



Register Your Tree



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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:

Walnut Creek Code Enforcement, 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.
http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/nuisance_abatement_n_code_enforcement.asp

Walnut Creek Police Department, 925-943-5844
<http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/default.asp>
 Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District (Pests and Insect Issues), 925-771-6196
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Did You Know?

By Deanna Constable

Our closest farmer's market is the Diablo Valley Farmer's Market, located in the Shadelands Business Park at N. Wiget Lane and Mitchell Dr. The market occurs every Saturday from 9am to 1pm, year-round, rain or shine! Check out their website at <http://cafarmersmkts.com/markets/category/diablo-valley> for more information. You can sign up for their e-newsletter and use the market's Facebook page to

learn about seasonal crop updates, recipes, and more. Or call 1-800-806-3276 for information.

The crop for this current season includes fresh navel oranges, mandarin orange varieties, grapefruit varieties, lemons, sweet potatoes, potatoes, chard, kale, spinach, onions, organic fruits and vegetables, Asian vegetables, fish, eggs, breads, and much more from California certified farmers and food producers.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, February 2nd
 at 8:15 am
 and

Saturday, March 2nd
 at 8:15 am
 in Carl's Jr.
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

SCHOOL NEWS

See the World Through European Eyes!

Enrichment & Lifelong Learning Opportunity for Northgate Families!

Program dates: March 7 – 20 - See your world through European eyes as you share your American culture with an Austrian high school student! An English class from a high school in Vienna is coming to Walnut Creek on an English Language Immersion Program for two weeks in March. While they are here, the students will be staying with host families to practice their English and immerse themselves in our culture. We are looking for Northgate families to host one of these Austrian students!

Program Details: The students are 15-17, all speak English very well and bring their own spending money. Working parents are fine, because the students participate in planned group activities each weekday, including two days of shadowing at Northgate! Families provide a shared or private room, meals, and transportation to and from the weekday activities in Walnut Creek. Carpooling is available. This is an amazing opportunity to have a friend in Austria to visit someday! Please contact Sheila Larson at sheila@educulture.com or 510-847-0716 for more information or to sign up for this incredible adventure!

8th Grade Parent Night at Northgate

8th Parents: If your child plans to attend Northgate next fall, there is a Parent Only meeting on Thursday, February 7th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Northgate High School Gym. You will pick up course planning packets; get answers to questions selecting classes and meet some faculty. Be sure to save this date.

Good, Bad and Ugly of Social Media

Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00 PM in Foothill Library - Middle school students and social media - what to do as a parent and educator. We will explore some of the many ways middle school students use social media and the responsibility that comes along with this use. Questions, please contact Mary Phalon, maryphalonmft@gmail.com

IMPACT Walk/Run Fundraiser - Don't Miss!

Pound the pavement and change a life. Participate in the 5K/10K Walk/Run in Walnut Creek on Sunday March 10, 2013. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Kiran-Anjali Project to benefit education for disadvantaged girls. Register on-line at www.kapimpackrun.com.



Woodlands Swim Team Sign-Ups

By Joanne Wathen

The Woodlands swim team will be holding sign-ups on March 8, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Sports Basement on Ygnacio Valley Rd. Swimmers do not have to be Woodlands residents. Please join us to register your swimmer, purchase swim gear, and sign up for jobs. All team members will receive 10% off of any Sports Basement purchases that evening. Please contact Amy Vieira at: Amybvieira@yahoo.com for more information.

Emily Andrews will also be on site for Kermit's Pals sign-ups, for swimmers ages 3-5 (the average age is 4-5). So if you think your little swimmer could be ready for swim team (able to swim 25 yards – 1 length of the pool) with a little extra coaching, stop by to discuss Kermit's with Emily and her staff. For more information on Kermit's Pals, please contact Emily at: lil_hem@yahoo.com.

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WOODLANDS POLICE CALLS

Thank you to Deanna Constable 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.

12/09/12 15:23:14 **Accident Minor Injury** Perada Dr / Rock Oak Ct. Something spilling into the road, possibly gas. Dark BMW. Dispo: d-1 was texting and collided into parked Acura Integra(v-2). complaint of headache for d-1/medical declined.

12/09/12 16:25:16 **Animal Complaint** 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln. Several dogs off leash on school grounds. Dispo: dogs and their owners left without incident.

12/09/12 17:32:56 **Suspicious Circumstance.** 3200 block Primrose Ln rp calling for elderly mother with dementia. She said that a PG&E worker was in the area last week. Said that he needed to make an appointment to come inside her house for service. Dispo: advice given. R/p may call if the people return.

12/12/12 18:38:30 **Service to Citizen** 600 block Joshua Ct Ex husband trespassing on her property after dropping children off. Occurred on 12/10/12 1730 hrs. Dispo: documentation only. 12/10/12 at 1730 hrs, ex husband parked in driveway after being told not to by rp.

12/19/12 05:40:41 **Auto theft** 600 block Joshua Ct 30 ago rp's friend left this address to go running and saw a suspicious subject near her 92 Hond Prelude when he returned from the run her vehicle was gone. rp 49 to location eta 15 mi. Dispo: white Honda Prelude was stolen on 12/19 between 0500-0530 hours.

12/19/12 07:41:24 **Auto Theft- Recovered** 600 bl Joshua Ct grn Honda Civic stolen from location in Concord overnight, located at the scene in Walnut Creek. Cpd contacted r/o who will be making report.. Dispo: vehicle recovered. . Released to the r/o.

12/20/12 14:23:49 **Miscellaneous Traffic** Oak Grove Rd / Ygnacio Valley Rd Drk grn Lexus sedan reckless driving, swerving in and out of lanes, subject on Oak Grove.. Dispo: utl goa

12/21/12 21:38:05 **Tow/ Impound** Oak Grove Rd / Ygnacio Valley Rd 11-25 blocking #2 lane. Dispo: roadway cleared. Vehicle towed per owner by B&D tow.

12/22/12 23:27:50 **Tow/ Impound** Citrus Av / Citrus. Dispo: silver Volks Jetta impounded for violation of 14602.6-cvc. Continental tow:p403 for svcs entry.

12/27/12 22:14:39 **Noise Complaint** Banyan Cr / Peachwillow Ln reporting subjects playing loud music in their vehicles near the park. Dispo: goa

12/28/12 00:31:06 **Noise Complaint** Peachwillow Ln / Banyan Cr juvs being loud in park. Dispo: subjects dispersed.

01/02/13 17:34:55 **Service to Citizen** 600 block Joshua Ct alarm. Dispo: bad sprinkler valve in rear was making noise due to water pressure.

01/05/13 00:11:17 **Narcotics** Banyan Cr / Meadow View Ln west side of Banyan, silv SUV occupied by 3-4 subjects possibly smoking h&s. Dispo: juvenile cited for possession of h&s. Juvenile transported home by officer.

01/05/13 16:30:08 **Service to Citizen** 2200 block Oak Grove Rd reports 10851 jo silver Hyunda Sonata. Dispo: rp located his vehicle. He parked it on the other side of the lot and forgot.

01/07/13 17:48:15 **Suspicious Circumstance** 2800 block Ygnacio Valley Rd wm 50's with back pack possibly trying to steal bikes from between Ace and Safeway.. Dispo: area check for male was neg. No potential victim on scene. No evidence indicating a bicycle was stolen.

01/07/13 22:52:44 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3100 block Sugarberry Ct reports a suspicious truck pulled into neighbors driveway. Large with a light on top. To the right of the rp. Honda in the driveway.. Dispo: contacted PG&E employee who was fixing a gas leak.

01/08/13 18:33:29 **Service to Citizen** Citrus Av / Sugarberry Ln WM beard homeless man on a bike with a storage container has been seen riding down Citrus and onto the bike trail. Rp concerned the subject may have an encampment nearby.. Dispo: documentation only. Rp stated it didn't appear the subject was doing anything illegal.

01/09/13 15:01:24 **Service to Citizen** Perada Dr / Rock Oak Rd 11-24 Request green Acura 2D. LIC/5PQS326. Dispo: vehicle was tagged.

01/10/13 19:13:18 **Miscellaneous Traffic** Ygnacio Valley Rd / Oak Grove Rd Reckless possible DUI driver: blue ACURA unable to maintain lane. Slowing and stopping randomly. Dispo: determined driver had been using his cell phone while driving, not DUI. Subject warned/advice given.

01/11/13 08:31:12 **Driving Under the Influence** Oak Grove Rd / Peachwillow Ln Possible DUI. Female driver, swerving, driving in two lanes. Subject arrested for DUI after backing into patrol car and another vehicle.

The Orchards at Walnut Creek - A Community Project

By Deborah Karbo, Property Development Centers, Safeway Company

I am pleased to introduce an exciting mixed-use project! Not a run-of-the-mill shopping center, but a lifestyle center that features the finest architectural and landscaping designs, a state-of-the-art grocery store, fine retail and unique outdoor spaces for your family to enjoy, to be located across the street from the Encina Grande Shopping Center.

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New Retail, Dining, Kids Park & More

The project also offers our neighbors a lifestyle center for the entire community to enjoy, including over seven acres of outdoor space and unique features such as a children's park, walking trails and areas for community functions, such as outdoor



art and music festivals. All this comes with special attention given to adding new trees to blend in with the old to provide shade and refuge.

Not to mention, the added economic benefits of creating hundreds of new jobs and tax revenue for important public services during these tough economic times.

The Planning Process – We Want to Hear From You

These unique offerings are a product of community leaders and neighborhood associations working together to create planning principles that demand the finest architectural and landscaping designs, and public amenities that benefit all those we wish to serve. Community input is important – we developed a website, www.SafewayatOrchards.com, that introduces our plans and solicits your comments.

By visiting the website, you can follow the project and ensure that you have a voice throughout an extensive planning process that could take 12 months or more. Again, it is with our neighbors in mind that we created this exciting project. So take our online survey, sign up for project updates and join me at a February 12th Open House Meeting. I look forward to introducing you to **The Orchards**.

Open House Meeting

When: February 12, 2013, Open House from 6:00-7:30pm – come anytime

Where: Safeway Office Building, 2800 Ygnacio Valley Rd (across the street from the Safeway store)

How: RSVP to info@SafewayAtOrchards.com or 925.322.1666

Timeline Overview (specific dates TBA) for The Orchards at Walnut Creek

1. Study Sessions with Traffic and Design Review Committees
2. Planning Commission and City Council Study Sessions
3. Draft EIR (Environmental Impact Report) Public Comment Period & Planning Commission Meeting
4. Final EIR Planning Commission hearing, makes recommendation to Council
5. Final EIR City Council holds hearing, votes on adoption

Links to More Information:

www.safewayatorchards.com

www.twitter.com/wcorchards

www.facebook.com/pages/the-orchards-at-walnut-creek/191891784284212?ref=hl

Editor's Note:

The Woodlands Association has not taken a position on this proposal as of the printing of this update, written by Safeway representative Deborah Karbo. There has been no approval by the City for this proposal, or any proposal, and this article expresses Safeway's current thinking of what could be developed on this site. Further information is available on the City of Walnut Creek website: http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/planning/shadelands_gateway_specific_plan.asp.

The Woodlands Association will continue to monitor and participate in this project proposal and provide updates to the neighborhood. The Woodlands Association encourages residents to attend the Safeway open house to learn more and get involved.

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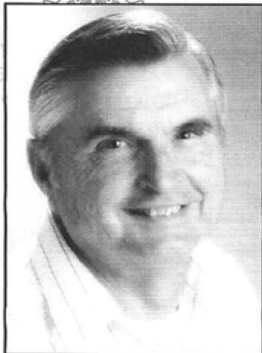
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