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Upcoming Woodlands Board Elections

Are you interested in serving the community? The positions of President and Secretary are up for election this year, with terms beginning in August. Among other responsibilities, the President leads monthly board meetings in rotation with the Vice President, represents the Woodlands at City Hall meetings, responds to resident questions and concerns, and takes on other projects of interest. The Secretary records board meeting minutes and posts them to our website, while contributing ideas for community events and community service opportunities. Both roles are voting board positions that require regular attendance at our monthly board meetings the first Saturday of the month at Denica's from 8-9 a.m.

All residents of the Woodlands over the age 18 are eligible for elected or appointed positions on the Woodlands Board. Interested candidates should prepare brief (up to 200 words) statements of interest to the Woodlands Board for consideration no later than May 10th. Statements of interest for eligible candidates will be printed in the July newsletter along with a ballot. All submissions should be sent to the Woodlands Board at woodlandswalnutcreek@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please email us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Save the Date: Walk or Bike to School Day, Wednesday, May 4th Make It a Habit!

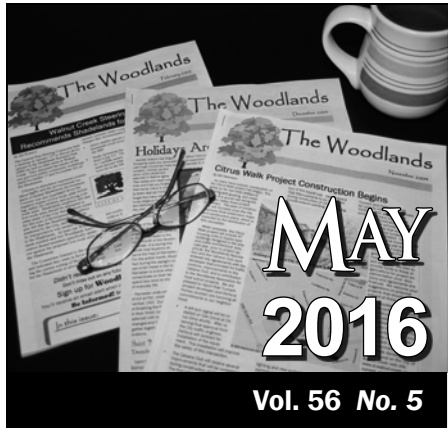
By Adrienne Robillard

Wednesday, May 4th, is National Bike to School Day. Street Smarts (511contracosta.org/schools/street-smart-diablo/) is partnering with schools in Contra Costa County to promote getting to and from school by bicycle and by foot. Valle Verde Elementary in the Woodlands is participating in the program along with Walnut Acres Elementary and Foothill Middle School. Valle Verde's goal is to have 150 participants. Prizes will be awarded to participating students.

WHY bike & walk? It's fun, healthy, reduces traffic, it's pollution-free, it gives students responsibility, and builds independence! Students are reminded to use Street Smarts to stay safe while biking, skateboarding, riding scooters and walking:

- Wear helmets
- Ride on the right side of the road (go in the same direction as traffic)
- Stop at red lights and stop signs,
- Make eye contact with other drivers,
- When walking: Use crosswalks and Stop, Look, & Listen before crossing streets!

Parents are reminded to use Street Smarts while driving in the 25 MPH school zone. Your children - and their classmates - are worth the extra time it takes to drive safely.



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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

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Oversized Vehicle Reporting, Sandy Mulligan: Parking Lead Services Officer, 925-943-5874

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Contra Costa County Animal Control, 925-335-8300

After business hours, contact the Walnut Creek Police through Dispatch Center at 925-935-6400. <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=59>

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Upcoming Board Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 7th
Saturday, June 4th

at Denica's,
2280 Oak Grove Road,
Walnut Creek
(in Citrus Marketplace)

Woodlands residents
are encouraged to
attend board meetings.

This Month at the Cabana Club

Opening Day

Opening Day B-B-Q is Saturday, May 7th from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm. Rain or Shine! This event is open to non-members, so bring a friend. Food will be available for purchase.

Did you know? If you refer a new member to the Cabana Club, you will receive a \$100 credit toward the following year's dues? It's true! So refer a friend today. The Woodlands Cabana Club has a Membership for Everyone.

Did you know that the Cabana Club isn't just for swim team? The Cabana Club proudly offers memberships to meet the needs of all Woodlands' residents.

Membership

Cost

Family Membership

\$560.00 per season

This membership is designed for families with children.

Adult Household Only

\$295.00 per season

This membership is for adult only households that do not qualify for a senior membership but would still like to enjoy the pool (This membership is limited to 2 adults per household, families with adult children at home do not qualify).

Senior Membership

\$275.00

This membership is for seniors (62 and older) who would like to enjoy the pool with their visiting grandchildren, take advantage of the free water aerobics and lap swimming.

All memberships include use of the BBQ & Lanai, use of the facility for private parties (additional fees apply), designated lap lanes and free water aerobics classes two times per week. In addition, all members are permitted to bring 10 guests per season.

Please see our website at: www.woodlandscabanaclub.org for more details. You may also contact Kathy or Mike Escobar at membership@woodlandscabanaclub.org for additional information or to schedule a tour of the facilities.

Children's Book Signing in the Woodlands

By Jan Gall

Please join us for a children's book signing on May 7th. Jenny Marin, author of the highly rated children's book, *Ruthie Raindrop's Incredible Journey*, will be visiting the Woodlands. There will be limited copies of this book, so we suggest you buy one on Amazon.com and bring it along. If you are interested in joining us, please email Jan Gall at rjgall933@comcast.net or call 925-933-3244 for further details and time of event.

SCHOOL NEWS



Northgate High School

Summer School Registration

If you have received a D or an F in English 1-4, US History, World History, Economics, Government, Algebra I or II, Geometry, Chemistry or Biology, then please schedule an appointment with your academic counselor to pick up an application. Registration will go as follows: Priority Registration (for non-graduating seniors) is March 1st -April 1st, 2nd Priority Registration (for juniors, sophomores, and freshmen) is April 4th -April 30th. Late Registration (space available basis) is May 9th – May 20th. Grade Improvement is for students who want to improve a grade and will be put on a waiting list and registered on a space available basis in late May. Confirmation of student enrollment will be mailed in early June. 4

Scholarships

\$250-\$1000 Concord Police Association Annual College Scholarship. Eligibility requirements are as follows: Graduating seniors, Cumulative 3.0 GPA, Most recent transcript, Copy of SAT or ACT scores (or both if available), Acceptance letter from 4 year college or university, Typed essay, Deadline is May 13th, More information is available at the College & Career Center.



Foothill Middle School

Foothill Middle School 50th Anniversary

- May 4 - Street Smarts Bike to School/Work Day
- May 11 - Multicultural Assembly
- May 16 - 4th Quarter Progress Report
- May 18 - Open House at 7 p.m.
- May 20 - 6th Grade Greek Festival Field Trip
- May 27 - 8th Grade Civil War Reenactment Day on Field
- May 30 - Memorial Day/No School

Writers Corner- The Expanding Horizons of Quantum Entanglement

By Alissa Johnson

Last month, I wrote the first part of an article exploring 'Quantum Entanglement' and the theories behind this phenomenon that Einstein called 'spooky action at a distance'. Today I'll cover a 2015 experiment from a team of scientists at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands that could prove Einstein's illustrious Theory of Relativity wrong. To do so, the scientists claim to have performed a "loophole-free Bell test." First, they 'entangled' two electrons and placed them in two separate diamonds 1.3 kilometers apart. This allowed them to ensure that the amount of time it took for one particle to influence the other was less than the time it would take light to travel the same distance, closing the 'locality loophole', which states that the particles could have communicated with each other at the speed of light.

Quantum Entanglement (cont. from Pg 4)

Next a laser beam was shot through both electrons, pairing each electron with a photon. The 'spin' of one of these pairs was measured by passing it through a polarizing filter, and the researchers found that the spin of the other entangled electron was always exactly the opposite. After replicating the experiment 245 times the scientists concluded that they could rule out any "hidden variables." The repetition and consistent results close the detection loophole, which states that the detectors only measured some of the entangled particles and those particles were not representative of all entangled particles.

According to Einstein nothing can go faster than the speed of light, and yet this experiment seems to tell us the opposite. In this experiment entanglement occurred at approximately 10,000 times the speed of light. Does that mean Einstein and his colleagues were wrong? Apparently, but we cannot be sure. Quantum mechanics makes us question the nature of reality. Some scientists argue that reality is well defined and the idea of particles existing in multiple states and places simultaneously before we measure them is impossible. However, other scientists argue that quantum mechanics is correct and our reality is not as normal and well defined as we thought. Most physicists today have accepted this theory, but there is still much controversy.

In conclusion, the universe is bizarre, such that the more we think we know the more that is revealed that we don't understand. For example, take an unassuming particle of light or photon shining through your window. This tiny particle could be part of an entangled system secretly communicating faster than the speed of light with another photon in another galaxy or time and you would never know it. There is so much that we don't see. This seemingly invisible world with its' many mysteries is yet to be fully understood. How does one particle "know" what state the other particle will be when measured and change accordingly? These experiments in quantum mechanics suggest that information from one entangled particle is transmitted to the other particle faster than the speed of light.

Could one particle, light years away in the future affect a particle in the present? Do future events affect our present as past events do? Are all objects in the universe connected?

WOODLANDS POLICE CALLS

The following information is taken from the Police Daily Bulletin as posted for public viewing on the Walnut Creek Police Department's website. 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. The entire Walnut Creek police daily bulletin can be viewed at:

www.walnut-creek.org/departments-services/public-safety/police/online-crime-reporting/walnut-creek-online-reporting

Police Calls from 02/09/2015 - 03/020/2016

03/05/16 20:59:49 Oak Grove Rd. / Ygnacio Valley Rd.

Tree in the roadway blocking traffic knocked down a power line, close to Walgreens. Dispo: roadway clear. Service to Citizen.

03/07/16 04:29:32 Peachwillow Ln. / Oak Grove Rd.

Reporting party reporting a male subject wearing a hoodie walking what appeared to be a child's bike in the area 5 minutes ago and thought it looked suspicious. Dispo: gone on arrival. #N/A.

03/07/16 21:27:51 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd.

Subject in store refusing to leave, eating food without paying for it. White male adult, 20's, long black hair, black t shirt with white stripe, black pants. Dispo: verbal only. Subject cooperated and left. Subject 602'd. Disturbance- 415 PC.

03/10/16 13:13:49 3200 Bl Sugarberry Ln.

1021 for report. Reporting party victim of ID theft. Dispo: reporting party was victim of online and out-of-state credit card fraud. Case forwarded to applicable jurisdiction. Assist Agency.

03/10/16 16:36:09 Ygnacio Valley Rd. / Oak Grove Rd.

Onstar reporting 2015 white Denali down mechanically eastbound on Ygnacio Valley Rd. , eastbound of Oak Grove. AAA is enroute with estimated time of arrival of an hour. Reporting party concerned she may be rear-ended. Dispo: vehicle's moved out of the roadway. Miscellaneous Traffic.

03/24/16 06:46:54 Ygnacio Valley Rd. / Oak Grove Rd.

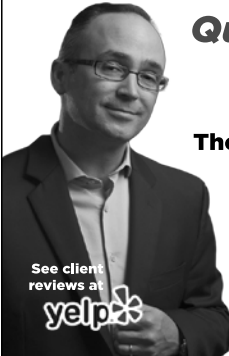
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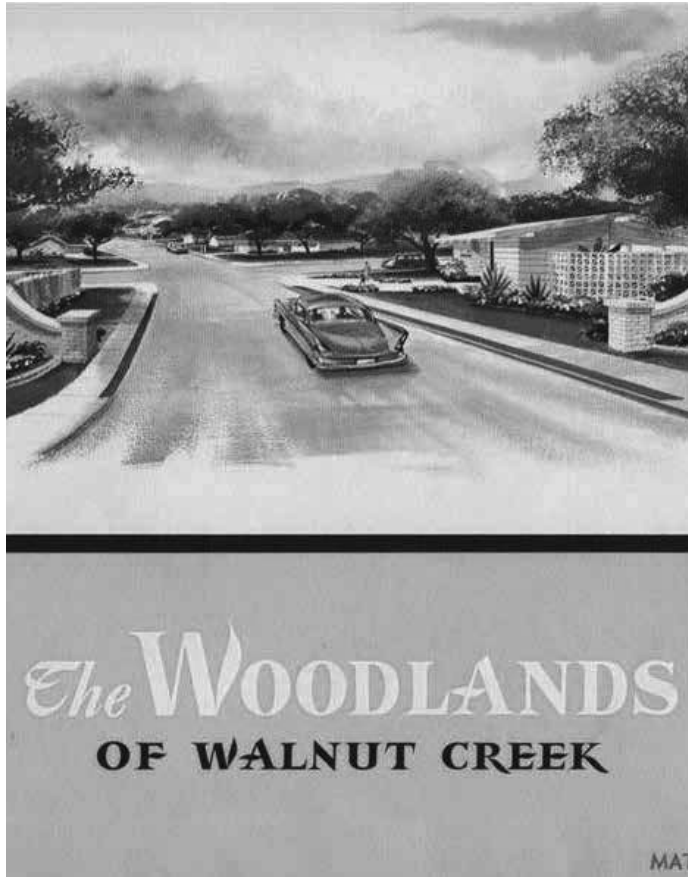
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red Acura, tried to run him off road, reporting party in silver Toyota camery, parked in Encina Grande parking lot. Dispo: determined incident occurred outside of city limits. Advice given. Service to Citizen.

03/28/16 18:36:47 2200 Bl Oak Grove Rd. Requested documentation/patrol information earlier today reporting party was 'scammed' out of 25 dollars. Black male, about 6 feet tall and in his 40's, sunglasses, ski jacket, asked reporting party for money because he was short cash for a tow truck. Reporting party gave it to him and later saw online that this guy has been doing this for years in the area. Dispo: reporting party requested information passed on to patrol. Service to Citizen.

04/02/16 21:43:49 Citrus Ave. / Oak Grove Rd. Reporting party reports two females possibly Indian were walking in the roadway, one in wheelchair, both lsw dark clothes, ls headed into Nob Hill parking lot, reporting party is concerned of the mental state due to them walking in the middle of the street. Dispo: gone on arrival/ unable to locate. Welfare Check.

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May 10, 2016

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- ❖ Think like a customer: Walk through your sale. How are things displayed? Make it easy for shoppers to see items and know prices. Makes your garage inviting & place highly desirable items closer to the road.
- ❖ Be clear on the purpose of your sale: Are you selling to make money or to make space. This question affects everything from how you price things to how you negotiate. Surprisingly, you will often make more money by pricing items low.
- ❖ Make sure everyone working the garage sale is in agreement of the ground rules. Bargaining Policy etc.
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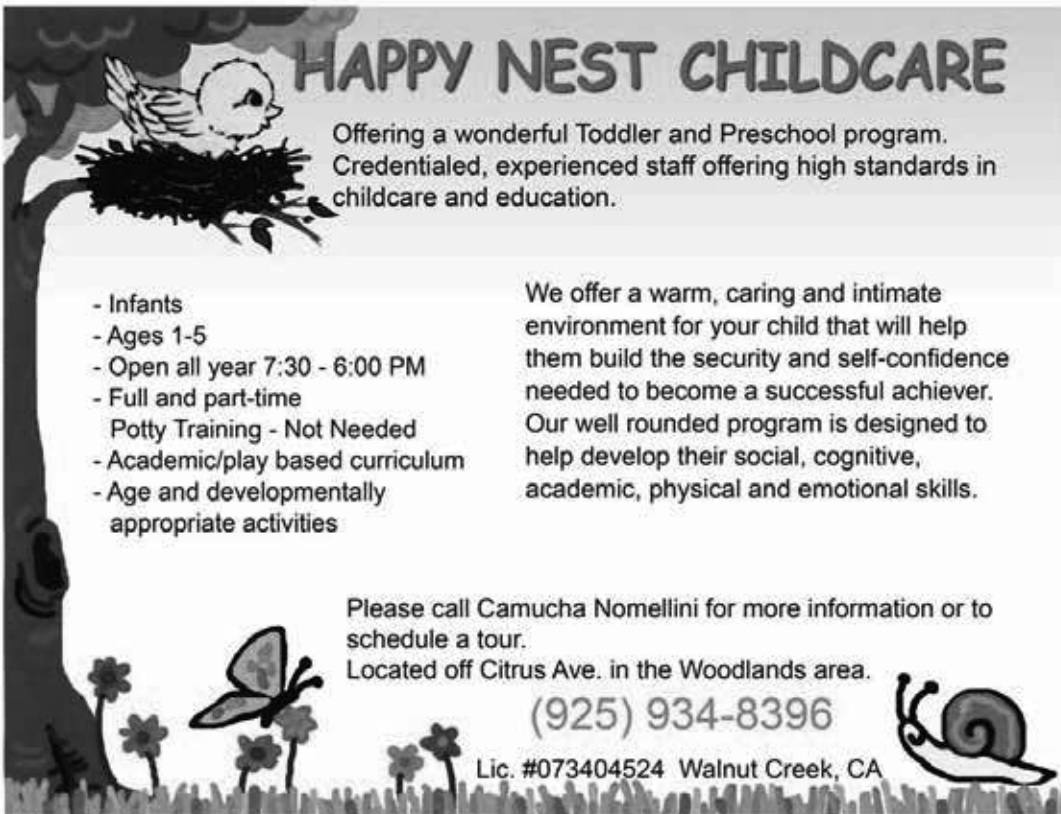
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