



**New pastor takes over  
at Woodside Village Church** | Page 18

# The Almanac

THE HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER FOR MENLO PARK, ATHERTON, PORTOLA VALLEY AND WOODSIDE

APRIL 29, 2015 | VOL. 50 NO. 34



[WWW.THEALMANACONLINE.COM](http://WWW.THEALMANACONLINE.COM)



## Spreading their wings

Hillview students explore the world, and teachers share their passions in week of mini-courses

SECTION 2

# FIND YOUR PLACE



**WOODSIDE \$4,750,000**

153 Marva Oaks Drive | Land  
Q. Grimm/D. Chesler | 650.529.1111



**MENLO PARK \$4,725,000**

344 Felton Drive | 5bd/3.5ba  
Liz Daschbach | 650.462.1111



**PALO ALTO \$4,498,000**

3318 Waverley Street | 6bd/4ba  
Julie Tsai Law | 650.462.1111



**WOODSIDE \$3,490,000**

277 Grandview Drive | 4bd/4ba  
Stephanie Nash | 650.529.1111



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

Mitchell Johnson at work in his warehouse studio in Redwood City.

# Dishing up a colorful canvas

Artist releases book, stars in documentary, and faces a Woodside audience

By Renee Batti  
Almanac Associate Editor

‘Somehow, in looking over Mitchell’s paintings I find myself thinking that he thinks a bit like a chef. His paintings consistently fuse their ingredients — colors, tones, and places — in challenging and unexpected ways.’ — John Seed, arts writer and professor.

Professor Seed’s comment is an excerpt from an essay in Menlo Park artist Mitchell Johnson’s latest large-format art book, “Color as Content,” a striking collection of images, critiques and interviews. The book — which also



Mitchell Johnson

## PRESENTATION

Mitchell Johnson will give a presentation entitled “Color as Content” at 7 p.m. Friday, May 1, at Woodside Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road in Woodside. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served.

Autographed copies of the book “Color as Content” will be available for sale at the event, which is sponsored by the Woodside Arts & Culture Committee. The book is also available at Kepler’s bookstore in Menlo Park.

includes paintings by artists who have influenced the 50-year-old Johnson, such as Giorgio Morandi and Josef Albers, Matisse, Bonnard and Chardin — complements several exhibitions, including “Color as Content: A Twenty-five Year Survey” at

the Bakersfield Museum of Art, which runs from May through August.

The professor’s comparison of the artist to a chef is particularly apt: Mr. Johnson is married to the highly regarded chef Donia Bijan, whose L’Amie Donia restaurant in Palo Alto was a revered institution among food-lovers until closing in 2004.

In addition to the essay by Mr. Seed, the book also includes commentary by artist and writer John Goodrich, Stanford art professor Alexander Nemerov, and Jennifer Samet, a New York-based art historian, curator and writer. Lively interviews conducted by poet Peter Campion and former UC Berkeley professor and art museum director Peter Selz are also included.

Known for his energetic and

See **JOHNSON**, page 6

## CALLING ON THE ALMANAC

Newsroom: **223-6525**  
Newsroom fax: **223-7525**  
Advertising: **854-2626**  
Advertising fax: **223-7570**  
Classified ads: **854-0858**

■ E-mail news, information, obituaries and photos (with captions) to: [editor@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:editor@AlmanacNews.com)  
■ E-mail letters to the editor to: [letters@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:letters@AlmanacNews.com)

To request free delivery, or stop delivery, of The Almanac in zip code 94025, 94027, 94028 and the Woodside portion of 94062, call **854-2626**.

THE ALMANAC (ISSN 1097-3095 and USPS 459370) is published every Wednesday by Embarcadero Media, 3525 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park, CA 94025-6558. Periodicals Postage Paid at Menlo Park, CA and at additional mailing offices. Adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation for San Mateo County, The Almanac is delivered free to homes in Menlo Park, Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside. Subscriptions for \$60 per year or \$100 per 2 years are welcome. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Almanac, 3525 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park, CA 94025-6558. Copyright ©2014 by Embarcadero Media, All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.



## KITE DAY COMMUNITY EVENT

Come fly a kite with us...



Saturday, May 2, 2015  
12 - 3:00 pm  
Bedwell-Bayfront Park

Bedwell-Bayfront Park is located at Marsh Road and Bayfront Expressway.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

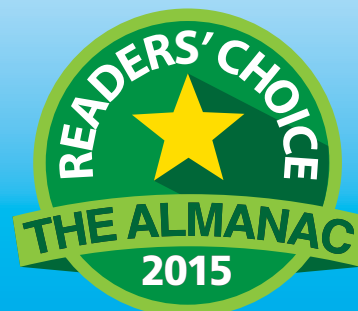
- Visit [www.menlopark.org/events](http://www.menlopark.org/events)
- Call 650-330-2220

### JOIN US

- For \$6 and you will receive a kite, hot dog and drink.
- All ages are welcome!



## IT'S TIME TO VOTE!



Tell us who your local favorites are by voting online today

**VOTE ONLINE**  
[AlmanacNews.com/readers\\_choice](http://AlmanacNews.com/readers_choice)



## Expertise that's in reach

We believe expert care should also be convenient care. That's why we have online services that allow you to email your doctor, refill prescriptions, and check lab results from your computer, tablet or mobile device at no additional cost. It's another way we plus you.

Doctors in Palo Alto, San Carlos and throughout the Bay Area

[pamf.org/findadoctor](http://pamf.org/findadoctor)

(844) 729-8134

 **Sutter Health**  
Palo Alto Medical  
Foundation  
**We Plus You**

# Local News

MENLO PARK | AThERTON | WOODSIDE | PORTOLA VALLEY

## It looks like water rationing is coming

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

**H**eads-up residents of the Bear Gulch Water District. It looks like water rationing is in your future.

At an Earth Day celebration in Atherton on Tuesday night, Dawn Smithson, the manager for the California Water Service Co.'s Bear Gulch water district, said the company is working on its plan for reaching an expected mandate of a 36 percent reduction in water use compared with 2013 levels.

While Ms. Smithson said she does not yet know the details of the water rationing program, it will probably be based on the historic water usage of each property, she said. In order to account for properties that have already been conserving, there will be baseline amount of water usage that no one will be expected to drop below, she said.

She said she expects there will be some sort of appeals process by which customers could challenge their allocation for special circumstances.

The district, which includes Atherton, Portola Valley, most of Woodside, and parts of Menlo Park and Redwood City, has reduced its water use by 11 percent from 2013 levels, Ms. Smithson said.

The Bear Gulch district used 252.5 gallons per day per person from July through September 2014, according to state water board numbers.

In response to a question, she said the district does plan on rationing water and is working on "water budgets" and penalties for non-compliance.

Ms. Smithson said the State Water Resources Control Board is scheduled to release its draft regulations on April 28 and adopt them May 5. The state Public Utilities Commission, which regulates Cal Water, is then expected to adopt the same regulations soon after.

After that, public hearings will be held on the Bear Gulch district's plan to comply with the regulations. Ms. Smithson said she expects that to take place some time before the end



Photo: California Water Service Co.

### Cal Water employee

Ramesh Dhullipaua poses with an inflatable "water jug," which shows the size of 100 cubic feet of water, the CCF that appears on a water bill.

of May. She expects one public hearing will be held, probably somewhere near the district's offices on Alameda de las Pulgas in Menlo Park.

The district will have to work cooperatively with local governments, Ms. Smithson said, to enforce the regulations. If the district does not show it is moving toward the

state-mandated goal, it can be fined up to \$10,000 a day for non-compliance, she said.

"It's going to take a conscientious effort on the part of all of us," she said.

Ms. Smithson said she does not know if tiered water rates will be used as a tool to encourage conservation because the California Public Utilities Commission sets the company's rates.

Ms. Smithson said the district does plan to work with "our high volume users," including residential customers who use lots of water, on a one-on-one basis, to figure out how to cut back. "I like to call it a concierge service," she said.

Ms. Smithson said Cal Water has "always been a huge supporter of conservation," and has had conservation programs in place for years including rebates on smart irrigation controllers and high efficiency sprinkler heads, and kits to retrofit faucets and check for leaks. In addition, there are program with agencies, such as schools, cities and

parks that use a lot of water on landscaping, to help them reduce water use.

"These efforts have been working," she said, noting that from 2007 to 2014 the district has cut back water consumption by 23 percent.

The district is responding to complaints about water use that does not comply with the restrictions already in place, including water running off from landscaping or washing down of hard surfaces. "You might also see us going door-to-door," she said, if employees notice misuse of water.

Ms. Smithson said the district is working on ways to help customers monitor their own water use. The district has information on its website and in handouts about how to read a water meter, and are experimenting with "smart meters" that could put that information online.

She said she has noted to Cal Water that bills that measure water use in gallons rather than cubic feet would be more helpful to customers. ■

## Landscape consultant: Don't replant now

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

**W**ith drought becoming a way of life, residents thinking of the summer ahead and possibly replacing their landscaping now with vegetation more tolerant of semi-arid conditions should wait. The window for such planting has just closed and won't open again until the fall, said landscaping consultant and Portola Valley resident Danna Breen. But all is not lost, she said.

Young plants need nutrients and plenty of water, Ms. Breen said. "You'd need to pour water on that plant to keep it alive until October," she said. Established plants are not as vulnerable.

Irrigation in general will be problematic now that the state Water Resources Control Board has identified outdoor

### ■ DROUGHT

irrigation by residents in urban areas as a key target for reducing water consumption around the state. Regulations that require water cutbacks that work out to 25 percent across the state are expected by June 1. Some areas will be cutting deeper than others.

If you're determined to replace your current landscaping, you might try succulents or plants with grayish foliage such as sage or lamb's foot, Ms. Breen said, adding that residents could supplement their irrigation with water collected in a bath or shower.

To keep your current landscaping alive over the summer, the most important factor is moist soil, Ms. Breen said. The key to moist soil is a blanket of detritus, particularly dead leaves. And the key to maintain-



Photo by Brandon Chew/The Almanac

**Danna Breen** has advice for residents wanting to help their landscaping survive the summer on less water: don't blow away leaves, and retrain your plants to be less thirsty.

ing that blanket? Keep the leaf blowers away.

"Gardens are simply being destroyed by these blowers," Ms. Breen said. "Gardeners are starting to get this. The aesthetic

needs to change."

A second priority would be retrofitting your irrigation system to drip or micro spray, but the blanket of leaves is very important, Ms. Breen said. "You

can retrofit until the cows come home, but if your gardener is blowing the soil, you'll be watering concrete," she said. "The top

See **LANDSCAPE**, page 6



## Town of Atherton

Town Administrative Offices  
91 Ashfield Road  
Atherton, California 94027  
650-752-0500  
Fax 650-688-6528

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF ATHERTON  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### JENNINGS PAVILION ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, until 11:00 a.m. MAY 12, 2015, at which time they will be publicly opened and read, for performing the following work:

Removing and replacing an existing asphalt shingle roof on the referenced building located in Holbrook-Palmer Park, in the Town of Atherton with a "Cool Roof", and completing ancillary related work, such as removing and replacing the gutters, downspouts and damaged or deteriorated portions of the roof per the attached specifications.

The Engineer's Estimate for the project is: **\$25,000**

Per Section 6.01 of the Town of Atherton's Standard Specifications, the General Contractor shall perform, with his own organization, work of a value amounting to not less than 50% of the total contract, excluding specialty items as indicated on the bid schedule.

Per Senate Bill 854, all public works projects must use only contractors and subcontractors that are registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>)

Bids must be for the entire work, and shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid of (Contractor) for JENNINGS PAVILION ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT, along with date and time of bid opening.

Plans and specifications may be obtained at the Town of Atherton's website at <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx> under Bid Posting at no cost. Additional important information is contained in Town of Atherton Standard Specifications, which are available on line at <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/285>. Contractor shall be responsible for any addendums that may be posted on the Town's website. No Planholders list shall be available.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of cash, a cashier's or certified check or bid bond for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder, if awarded the Contract, will fulfill the terms of the bid.

The Town of Atherton, The City, reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to make any awards or any rejections in what it alone considers to be in the best interest of the City, and waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids. The contract will be awarded, if at all, to the responsible bidder that submits the lowest responsive bid. **[NOTE: If there are alternates in the bid, the City will need to state how the low bid will be determined, as required by PCC 20103.8.]**

Bidders are hereby notified that, pursuant to California Civil Code Sections 3247 and 3248 and Standard Specifications Section 3.02, the successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in the amounts of 100% of the contract price.

Bidders are hereby notified that provisions of California Labor Code regarding prevailing wages and apprentices are applicable to the work to be performed under this contract. Pursuant to Section 1773 et seq. the general prevailing wage rates have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations and appear in the California Prevailing Wage Rates. Copies are on file at the office of the City Engineer and are available to interested parties upon request. The successful bidder shall post a copy of the wage rates at the job site.

The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the contract, without retention of any portion of the payment by the Town of Atherton, by depositing securities of equivalent value to the retention amount in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code.

All bidders shall be licensed under the provisions of the Business and Professions Code to do the type of work contemplated in the project. The City has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid Class B or Class C-39 Contractors license issued by the State of California at the time the bid is submitted. Failure to possess the specified license shall render the bid non-responsive.

Each bidder shall submit with this bid a statement setting forth his/her/its experience and qualifications. The statement shall be made on the forms provided by the Town and must accompany each bid. The three lowest bidders will be required to submit subcontractor's experience and qualifications statements within 48 hours of the bid opening, on forms provided by the Town.

By submitting a bid in response to this advertisement for bids, the bidder shall be conclusively deemed to have read, understood and agreed with all of the information and materials contained in the bid documents, including but not limited to the construction contract, the standard specifications, the special provisions, the required nature and amount of insurance and the documentation evidencing said insurance.

Any questions regarding the project should be directed to Andrew Poster, Project Engineer, telephone: (650) 752-0541 or by written Requests for Information (RFI) to: Public Works Department, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA 94027, no later than ten (10) business days before bid opening. RFIs may be emailed to [aposter@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:aposter@ci.atherton.ca.us) or faxed to (650) 752-0591. Responses shall be posted on the Town's website no later than five (5) days prior to bid opening.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gordon Siebert, P.E., City Engineer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Landscape consultant: Don't replant now

*continued from page 5*

of the soil has no way of replenishing the nutrients. If you disturb the upper layer, you disturb the system. You're cutting up the web of life just beneath the soil."

Terry Lyngso of Lyngso Garden Materials in Redwood City agrees. "Blowers create soil compaction due to blowing away the protective mulch over the top of the soil," she said in an email. "In addition to blowing away mulch, the blower also removes the fine humus and organic matter. Bare soil has no protection and becomes compacted."

Whether you have a smart irrigation system or water by hand, another priority is teaching your plants to get by with less, Ms. Breen said. Verdant, supple, full foliage on a plant is a sign of over-watering, she said. Plants can be trained by incrementally reducing their water supply.

Once you've committed to this regimen, you should walk your garden once a day, she said. Check on the plants to see what they're telling you. If they're not drooping or turning their leaves over, they're not in need of water, Ms. Breen said. Water when those behaviors are present, she said. You want the plants to be sending roots further down in the soil in a search for moisture.

## JOHNSON

*continued from page 3*

vital use of color and his bold geometric forms, Mr. Johnson will speak Friday, May 1, in Woodside about his work and the artists who have influenced his ideas about color in a presentation that's also called "Color as Content." The free event, sponsored by the Woodside Arts & Culture Committee, begins at 7 p.m. in Woodside Town Hall.

### Artist in action

A prominent painter whose work has been exhibited widely in the Bay Area, across the country and in Europe, Mr. Johnson typically has a number of projects that keep him on the go. But this year has been particularly eventful.

For four weeks in February and March, he was a visiting artist at the American Academy in Rome, where he painted and did research on one of his favorite painters, Camille Corot, he said in an email.

"You're creating a healthier garden by stressing your plants," she said. "You'll have better success by training your plants to go deeper."

If you're not watering by hand — something she recommends as a way to become familiar with the plants — you should reset your irrigation system. If you're irrigating for 20 minutes, cut back to 15 for a few weeks and see how they do. Then cut back to 10 minutes.

"The whole point is about being observant," she said. When you see evidence that your garden is staying alive on less water, you know you've been using too much. "Everybody tells you that roses need water," she said. "They don't."

As for lawns, they're nice for children, but 1,000 square feet is enough and 3,000 square feet is not responsible, she said.

The town has demonstration plots of four native grasses at the south end of the soccer field at Town Center. "You can't putt on them, but you can chip on them. It's rough," Ms. Breen said in a golfing reference. "It's not lawn, but I find them a lot more romantic and interesting."

Lyngso is hosting a free clinic, "Living Soil and a Waterwise Garden," from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 9, at 19 Seaport Blvd. in Redwood City. ▀

He became interested in the visiting artist program last year when he was installing some of his paintings at the American ambassador's residence, Villa Taverna. A friend set up a tour of the American Academy, and Mr. Mitchell was then urged to apply for the residency program, he explained.

Several of the Rome paintings are now on view at Flea Street Cafe in Menlo Park, where he has an ongoing exhibit that rotates every four months, he said.

Flea Street comes into play in another recently completed collaborative project: Mr. Mitchell is the subject of a short documentary, "The Artist of Silicon Valley" by filmmaker Meg Smaker. The film captures the artist in action in his warehouse studio in Redwood City, and includes other glimpses of him and his work — including shots of his paintings gracing the walls at Flea Street.

Go to [vimeo.com/119744764](http://vimeo.com/119744764) to view the documentary. ▀

### LET'S DISCUSS:

Read the latest local news headlines and talk about the issues on Town Square at [AlmanacNews.com](http://AlmanacNews.com)



Photo by Viola and John Moses

**McCoy, left, and Maddox** visited the Atherton Police Department on April 18, wearing the police uniforms they got for Halloween and haven't wanted to take off ever since.

## It's OK to impersonate a cop if you're 3 years old

**By Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**T**hree-year olds Maddox and McCoy love the police.

The Atherton twin brothers were police officers for Halloween, and for their third birthdays they received miniature police motorcycles, which look just like the real thing, says their mom, Viola Moses.

They want to wear their uniforms everywhere, including to pre-school, Ms. Moses says, and have been known to deploy the handcuffs that

came with the outfits to restrain Mom.

So when the two attended the recent Easter egg hunt in Holbrook-Palmer Park and met Atherton police officers who invited the boys to visit the Atherton Police Department, of course they had to go.

"They said, 'Mom can we go see the real police officers?'" Ms. Moses said. A quick phone call confirmed they were welcome, and the whole family, including their 20-month-old sister Minka, stopped by on Saturday, April 18.

"They would have been

happy with just a hello," said Ms. Moses. Instead officers showed the family around, and let the boys climb inside a police car and explore genuine police motorcycles. "They haven't stopped talking about it," she said.

The Atherton Police Department says anyone who would like to tour the department can make an appointment by emailing [jfrew@ci.atherton.ca.us](mailto:jfrew@ci.atherton.ca.us). Children who take a tour will be taught how to call 911 in an emergency, ways to protect themselves and how to avoid dangerous situations. ▣

## Caltrans asked to cut back on spraying

**By Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**M**idpeninsula Regional Open Space general manager Stephen Abbors has sent a letter to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) asking the state agency to consider maintaining its San Mateo County roadsides without broadcast spraying herbicides.

The letter, dated April 15, asks Caltrans to shift its roadside vegetation management practices "to be more in line with the (open space district's) practices" in its preserves. There, the letter says, the land near trails is kept clear of brush and weeds "solely with mechanical mowing, with spot application of herbicides only for invasive vegetation control or cut stump treatment

of woody vegetation."

In recent months local residents have protested Caltrans' continued use of broadcast herbicide spraying to control vegetation alongside state-maintained roadsides in the county. Caltrans sprayed herbicides along state Highway 84 (Woodside/La Honda Road) on March 17 and state Highway 35 (Skyline Boulevard) in January, prompting the protests.

Citing environmental and health concerns, San Mateo County in 2012 stopped broadcast spraying herbicides on county-maintained roads. At the time, Caltrans said it might do the same, but it has not done so.

Other local organizations that have recently asked Caltrans to stop the broadcast herbicide spraying include the Commit-

tee for Green Foothills and the South Skyline Association. More than 300 people have signed a petition asking for the same thing at [Change.org](http://Change.org)

Patty Mayall, who lives near La Honda and has fought herbicide spraying for years, says Caltrans officials recently indicated they will consider forming a special committee, including residents, to look at how Caltrans manages the vegetation along its county roadsides. Right now, only one of the 12 districts Caltrans is divided into has a District Roadside Vegetation Management Alternatives Committee.

"It is meaningful that they are considering it, as this will be the opportunity to have the public's direct input on roadside vegetation management decisions," Ms. Mayall said. ▣

## Mosquitoes test negative for virus

After a dead American crow found in the Willows area of Menlo Park tested positive for West Nile virus on April 20, the county's Mosquito and Vector Control District collected and tested mosquitoes in the area. The mosquitoes tested negative for West Nile virus, the county reported on April 24.

The mosquito control district continues to conduct West Nile

virus surveillance throughout San Mateo County, said Megan Caldwell, the county's public health education officer.

Residents are asked to help by reporting fresh carcasses of birds or tree squirrels to the California West Nile virus hotline at [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov) or by calling (877) 968-2473.

Go to [smcmvcd.org](http://smcmvcd.org) or call 344-8592 to contact the district.



PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION

### Thank You, Community Business Partners!

**Special Patron to the District**  
Stephen Silver Fine Jewelry

**Educational Trustees - \$5,000**  
Bianchini's Market  
Ginny Kavanaugh, Coldwell Banker\*

**High Honors - \$2,500**  
Dean Asborn, Coldwell Banker\*  
Terri Kerwin, Kerwin & Associates  
Ron Ramies Automotive  
Village Square Veterinary Hospital\*

**Honor Roll - \$2,000**  
CSI Custom Homes

**Honor Roll - \$1,500**  
Alice's Restaurant  
International ProInsurance Services, LLC  
Keri Nicholas, Coldwell Banker  
Old Port Lobster Shack  
Pollock Financial Group\*

Roberts Market  
Rusty's Roadside Grill  
The Symon Group, Alain Pinel Realtors

**Contributor - \$1,000**  
Mary Gullixson, Alain Pinel Realtors

**Contributor - \$500**  
Darci Reimund Designs  
Jean & Chris Isaacson, Coldwell Banker  
Jared's Custom Homes

**Supporter - \$250-\$300**  
Ana Williamson Architect  
Alpine Optometry  
Konditorei\*  
Ladera Cleaners  
Ladera Garden and Gifts  
Spring Down Equestrian Center\*

\*5th year participant in the CBP program

# Rudy Driscoll to resign from Woodside board

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Rudy Driscoll, who was elected to the board of the Woodside Elementary School District in 2011, announced April 21 that he will resign from the school board at the end of the school year on June 13, six months before his term ends.

Mr. Driscoll, who has three children in the district and one in college, said he had promised when he ran for the school board that he would not serve more than one term.



Photo by Cooper Driscoll  
Rudy Driscoll

“My time with my family is of paramount importance to me,” he said. “There is so much going on in our lives. I want to be focused on them.”

The effect of Mr. Driscoll’s resignation before his term ends in December is that the board will appoint his replacement, and that person will have the advantage of running as an incumbent.

Mr. Driscoll said he is resigning early to allow his successor to be in place at the beginning of the school year rather than midway through. His replacement will have to run for re-election in November.

“I remember starting the school year in December and feeling that I was so out of touch with all that had happened, since the school year started in August,” he said. “The administration and board do a great job of bringing you up to speed quickly, but given all that is going on I wanted to make sure the transition would be as smooth as possible.”

Mr. Driscoll said he does not

Rudy Driscoll is a former Menlo Park police officer.

feel an appointed candidate will have an unfair advantage in an election. Candidates who show interest are likely to be the same ones who would file for election, he said.

“It is a good opportunity for candidates to test the water and get their name and message out there early regardless of whom the board selects,” he said. “I look at it as more of a head start for a candidate and as an advantage to the district.”

Mr. Driscoll, an investor and business consultant and former Menlo Park police officer, said the experience of serving as a trustee “has been truly rewarding and I am grateful to the community for giving me the opportunity.”

He said the other trustees “have truly inspired and awed me with their combined expertise, passion, and commitment.”

Any registered voter who lives in the Woodside school district and is at least 18 years old can apply for the open position.

Go to [tinyurl.com/wes424](http://tinyurl.com/wes424) for an application form online or go to the school office at 3195 Woodside Road.

Applications should be mailed or brought to the school by 5 p.m. Monday, May 4, and must be submitted as a hard copy, not electronically. For more information, call (650) 851-1571.

The school board will interview candidates at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the Wildcat Room. The interviews will be open to the public. The board plans to appoint a board member at its regular meeting later that day. ▀



Photo by Nicole MacNaughton

Grand marshal of the 2015 Woodside May Day parade is school superintendent Beth Polito, shown here with the royal court of kindergarteners, from left: Princess Chelsea, Prince Kevin, King Henry, Queen Sadie, Prince Will and Princess Suri.

## Woodside parade has Bohemian flavor

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

The theme of the 93rd annual Woodside May Day parade and carnival, set for Saturday, May 2, is “Bohemian Festival.”

For those looking for costume ideas, the definition of Bohemian is either “a person who has informal and unconventional social habits, especially an artist or writer,” or someone from the central European region of Bohemia.

The grand marshal of this year’s parade should have the leadership skills necessary for leading the procession. It’s Woodside Elementary School District Superintendent Beth Polito. Among her charges

will be the traditional May Day royalty, chosen at random from Woodside School’s kindergarten class.

As is tradition, the day will start at 7:30 a.m. with late registration for the 2.25-mile fun run and walk sponsored by the Woodside Recreation Committee. From 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. the Rotary Club will serve a pancake breakfast at the Woodside Village Church, 3154 Woodside Road. Woodside Road will be closed to through traffic at 8:30 a.m.

Check-in for the parade begins at 9 a.m. at the school, with the parade starting at 10 a.m. Following the parade, third-graders under the direction of Kara D’Ambrosio will perform the tradition-

al May Pole dance in the school’s outdoor amphitheater with the presentation of the Woodside Citizen of the Year award following. A carnival and barbecue will run from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Race day entry fees for the fun run are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children 14 and under. A family of four can register for \$45.

Go to [tinyurl.com/run425](http://tinyurl.com/run425) to register online for the fun run up to May 1 at the discounted rates of \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, and \$40 for a family.

Go to [tinyurl.com/ws425](http://tinyurl.com/ws425) to register online for the parade or pick up a form in the school office at 3195 Woodside Road.

Kassia Kingsley and Kerri Stenson are the parade chairs. ▀

## New metering lights coming to Bayshore Freeway

By Sandy Brundage  
Almanac Staff Writer

Starting on Tuesday, April 28, Caltrans will phase in metering lights on

17 southbound U.S. 101 on-ramps in northern San Mateo County.

The new lights will be located between highway segments from Brisbane to San Mateo.

During the first phase, the lights will stay green to give drivers time to adjust to the change, according to the transportation agency. Then starting on Tuesday, May 5, the lights will cycle between red and green from 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The following week, on Tuesday, May 12, the lights will begin cycling during the morning commute, from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The agency said that all metering lights will allow one car per green light except for the on-ramp at eastbound State Route 92 where it connects to southbound U.S. 101, which will allow two cars per green light.

Caltrans will monitor the metering system and may adjust the activation times as needed.

Go to [tinyurl.com/n2zfv5](http://tinyurl.com/n2zfv5) or call 510-286-4531 for more information. ▀

Register for Fall today at [AYSO25.org](http://AYSO25.org)

# PLAYSOCCER®

Region 25: Woodside, Portola Valley, La Honda, Ladera, Emerald Hills

# Jerry Hearn named 'environmental hero'

Jerry Hearn, a longtime local environmental leader and resident of Los Trancos Woods, was recognized April 25 as an "environmental hero" of California's 13th Senate District.

"The wonderful quality of life we enjoy here on the Peninsula is thanks to leaders like Jerry who worked so hard to protect our natural environment," said state Sen. Jerry Hill in presenting a certificate of recognition to Mr. Hearn on Saturday at the Konditorei coffee shop in Ladera.

Mr. Hearn was a leader in the founding of the San Mateo County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee. He is a founder of the San Francisquito Creek Watershed Council and was a leader in the merger of the

Peninsula Conservation Center Foundation and Bay Area Action in 2000 to form the environmental nonprofit Acterra.

Mr. Hearn is also co-chair of the Searsville Advisory Group, which counsels Stanford University on the future of Searsville Dam. For more than 40 years, he was an instructor at Peninsula School in Menlo Park.



Jerry Hearn

"What I love about Jerry is that he's a great example of Alex Haley's quote, 'Find the good and praise it,'" said Lennie Roberts, the legislative advocate for the Committee for Green Foothills.

"He engages people in learning about our creeks and watersheds and how they can personally help protect and restore these critical ecosystems. His gentle and friendly advocacy results in people wanting to do the right thing."

Portola Valley Councilwoman Maryann Moise Derwin said she would be "hard pressed to find a person who has done more to protect the watershed than Jerry Hearn, and he's done it quietly for decades with intelligence, humility and grace."

Alex Von Feldt, a Portola Valley planning commissioner and the stewardship director for Acterra in Palo Alto, noted that Mr. Hearn "cares deeply about mentoring youth and providing meaningful opportunities for kids to get involved with their community. He brings people together from disparate backgrounds to work through problems and find a solution."

# Retaining wall to make cycling safer

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

## PORTOLA VALLEY

Wooden boards and steel I-beams will be the construction materials for a 400-foot-long retaining wall intended to make cycling safer near the intersection of Alpine and Arastradero roads in Portola Valley.

The Town Council, by consensus, chose wood and steel over rock or rock-faced concrete when it met on April 22. A wood wall is "incredibly non-obtrusive" and would be consistent with another retaining wall on Portola Road near the border with Woodside, Councilwoman Ann Wengert said.

Cyclists should benefit. Alpine Road is a popular route, but there are no bike

lanes and the road shoulders don't have the consistent width required for formal bike lanes. The shoulder on the north side of the road begins to narrow significantly at Arastradero, to as little as 2 1/2 feet wide at one point, according to a staff report.

This narrow stretch sits next to a hillside that will have to be excavated to widen the shoulder, prompting the need for a retaining wall.

In January 2014, a unanimous council, acting on the recommendation of the town's Bicycle, Pedestrian, Traffic Safety Committee, passed a resolution to seek grant funding from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for a retaining wall.

The committee applied for and won a \$250,000 grant, which includes a \$77,100 matching contribution from the town.

The project is expected to cost \$230,000, Public Works Director Howard Young told the council. Money left over will go toward widening the shoulder at another pinch point along Portola Road opposite Town Center.

Town staff expect construction on the wall on Alpine Road to start in late summer, if the schedule stays on track, and to take two to three months to build, Mr. Young said.

Wood and steel walls have a lifespan of 50 years, Mr. Young told the council. If they break, just take out the broken piece and insert a new one, he said. ■

# Burglars heist \$140,000 in jewelry, electronics

Burglars got away with jewelry, electronics and other items valued at \$140,000 in two recent home burglaries in West Menlo Park and Ladera, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office reported.

Someone entered a home on Sterling Avenue in West Menlo Park and took jewelry, two laptop computers and an Apple iPad for an estimated loss of \$40,000, according to an April 10 report. There were no signs of forced entry. Deputies say they have no leads, evidence or

witnesses.

The next day, a resident of La Mesa Drive in Ladera reported the loss of jewelry, electronics and several other items with a total estimated value of \$100,000. Entry was through an unlocked sliding glass door into the master bedroom. Deputies said they have no suspects.

**express**  
Sign up today at  
AlmanacNews.com

You can quote me...



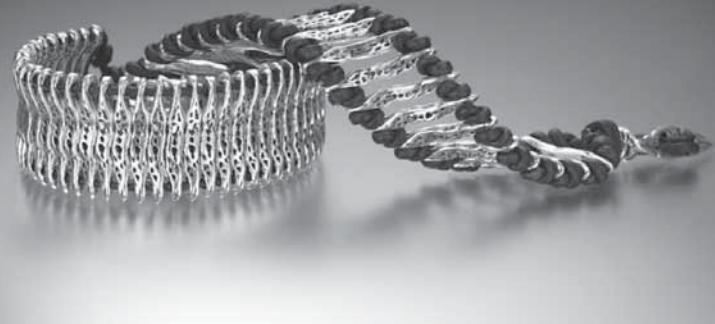
Steve was great to work with... he had a full team to help us get the house on the market quickly, he priced it well, he kept us informed, he went above and beyond to answer some specific questions for buyers, and he was quite responsive and good-humored through out the process. He is a real professional

30+ years of local knowledge. Born in Menlo Park. Raised in Atherton. A Woodside resident.



**STEVE GRAY**

BRE# 01498634  
**650-743-7702**  
sgray@cbnocal.com



Please join us for a  
**LAUREN AND GRACIA TRUNK SHOW**  
benefiting Eastside College Preparatory School  
Saturday, May 2nd  
from 3:00 to 6:00 pm  
hosted by Ana Williamson Architect  
885 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park

# Stanford High School Summer College

Attend Stanford while living at home.

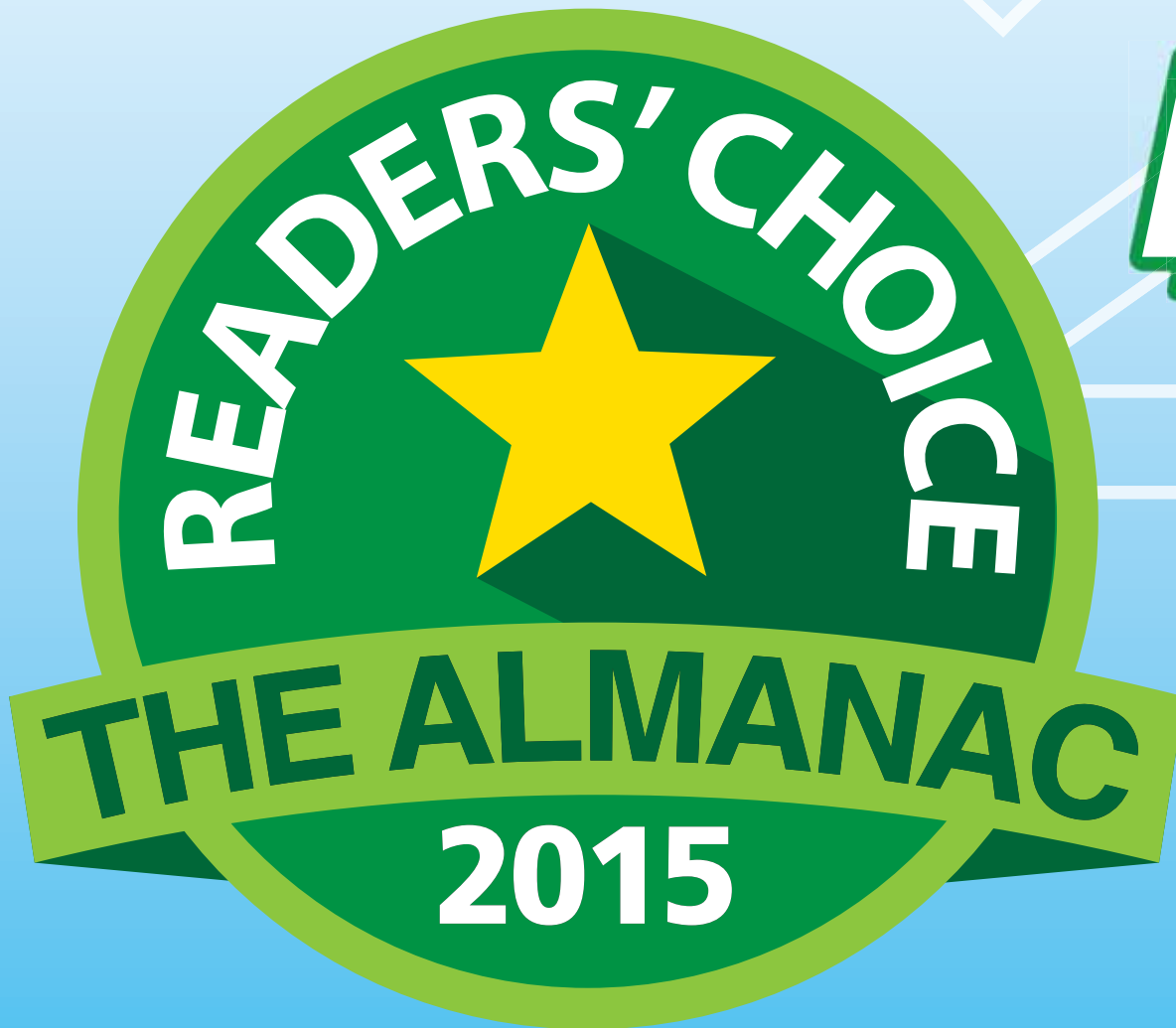
Stanford's High School Summer College is an academically selective program that provides high-achieving high school students the ability to attend Stanford University in the summer. The program runs 8 weeks and participants enroll as visiting undergraduates students in Stanford's Summer Quarter and take the same courses as Stanford undergraduates. Summer College students can choose from 145 courses across 30 university departments. Live at home and attend Stanford for as low as \$3,400.

DATES June 20 - August 16 AGES 16 - 19

Applications are open! Visit: [spcs.stanford.edu/paweekly](http://spcs.stanford.edu/paweekly)



# IT'S TIME



Tell us who your local favorites are by Voting Online today

**Vote Online**

[AlmanacNews.com/readers\\_choice](http://AlmanacNews.com/readers_choice)

or  
**from your phone**

scan the code to vote



**DEADLINE TO VOTE**

**May 31**

- |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <p><b>Food and Drink</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Bakery</li> <li>Best Breakfast</li> <li>Best Dessert</li> <li>Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt</li> <li>Best Independent Coffee and Tea House</li> <li>Best Hamburgers</li> <li>Best New Food/Drink Establishment</li> <li>Best Pizza</li> <li>Best Place to Buy Meat</li> <li>Best Sandwiches</li> <li>Best Take Out</li> <li>Best Wine List</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Dining with Kids</li> <li>Best French Restaurant</li> <li>Best Indian Restaurant</li> <li>Best Romantic Restaurant</li> <li>Best Italian Restaurant</li> <li>Best Japanese Restaurant</li> <li>Best Mexican Restaurant</li> <li>Best New Restaurant</li> <li>Best Outdoor Dining)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Hardware Store</li> <li>Best Home Decor &amp; Furnishings</li> <li>Best Jewelry Store</li> <li>Best Lingerie</li> <li>Best New Retail Business</li> <li>Best Nursery</li> <li>Best Pet Store</li> <li>Best Produce</li> <li>Best Shoe Store</li> <li>Best Specialty Store</li> <li>Best Toy Shop</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Green Business</li> <li>Best Hair Salon</li> <li>Best Health &amp; Nutrition Services</li> <li>Best Hotel</li> <li>Best Manicure/Pedicure</li> <li>Best New Service Business</li> <li>Best Painter</li> <li>Best Pharmacy</li> <li>Best Plumber</li> <li>Best Travel Agency</li> <li>Best Yoga</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Restaurants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best American Cuisine</li> <li>Best Casual Dining</li> <li>Best Chinese Restaurant</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Retail Shopping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Bicycle Shop</li> <li>Best Bookstore</li> <li>Best Boutique</li> <li>Best Floor Coverings</li> <li>Best Frame Store</li> <li>Best Gift and Novelty Store</li> <li>Best Grocery Store</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Auto Repair</li> <li>Best Barber</li> <li>Best Dry Cleaner</li> <li>Best Day Spa</li> <li>Best Gym</li> <li>Best Fitness Classes</li> <li>Best Florist</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Fun Stuff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Art Gallery</li> <li>Best Happy Hour</li> <li>Best Place for a Date</li> <li>Best Place to Meet People</li> <li>Best Live Music</li> </ul>  |

**Vote for us!**

**MENLO**  
FLOORING & DESIGN

**We appreciate your support!**

905 El Camino | Menlo Park, CA  
www.menloflooring.com  
(650) 384-6326 | Mon-Fri 10-6 ; Sat 10-5

Shady Lane Moved to Menlo Park  
Sharon Heights Shopping Center

Voted Best Boutique Gifts & Jewelry in Palo Alto 5 times in a row

You can now vote for us in Menlo Park!

Gifts from the Heart  
shadylanegallery.com  
650-321-1099

**Join us for live music, an amazing happy hour & casual dining!**

3736 Florence St., Redwood City  
650.365.2337 • freewheelbrewing.com

We are a classic village brewery and pub that proudly makes and serves the freshest, award-winning, craft beers.

**VOTE FOR US**

**Atherton FINE ART**

700 El Camino Real - Suite #165 | Menlo Park  
650.324.4278 | www.athertonfineart.com

# IT'S TIME TO VOTE!



**Voted Best Lingerie Boutique**

**ELA LINGERIE**

Downtown Menlo Park  
1139 Chestnut Street  
650.325.2965  
www.elalingerie.com  
Hours: Monday - Saturday 11-6



**VOTE FOR US!**

**Menlo Pilates & Yoga**  
1011 El Camino Real, Menlo Park  
(408) 480-8977 | menlopilatesandyoga.com



**Vote for us!**

**Best Grocery Store | Best Meat  
Best Produce | Best Bakery  
Best Specialty/Wine  
Best Sandwiches**



**VOTE FOR US!**

**The Great Frame Up**  
WHERE PICTURE FRAMING IS AN ART.

Voted **Best Frame Shop** by locals for past 18+ years  
**865 Santa Cruz Avenue • Menlo Park • 650.323.1097**  
Hours: Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 11-3pm



Thank you for your continued trust & support

**Best Nursery & Gifts**

**Ladera Garden and Gifts**  
3130 Alpine Road  
Portola Valley  
650.854.3850



**MENLO GRILL**  
BISTRO & BAR

A classic American grill with a warm and inviting neighborhood feel.

100 El Camino Real • Menlo Park www.menlogrill.com  
Located at the Stanford Park Hotel!

**Vote for us as Best American Restaurant!**

**Best Mexican Restaurant**



Now catering! Make it a perfect occasion for any birthday party, business meeting, company function or any special occasion.

**CAFE DEL SOL**

1010 DOYLE STREET, MENLO PARK  
(650) 326-2501 | CAFEDEL SOLMENLO.COM  
MON-THURS 11AM-3PM; 4:30PM-9:30PM • FRI & SAT 11AM-3PM; 4:30PM-10PM



**THE PET PLACE**  
"Not a chain... just one special store"

The Pet Place makes my dreams come true...

For 22 consecutive years

Winner of the Golden Acorn Award for Business of the Year, Professional Excellence, and Community Service

U.S. Retailer of the Year in Community Service

facebook

777 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park • (650) 325-PETS  
Monday - Friday 9-6 • Thursday til 8 • Saturday 9-5  
"Where animals and animal lovers gather..."



**TRADITIONALLY Derby**  
FURNITURE FOR THE HOME

- Custom Upholstery, Case Goods, Bedding & Window Treatments
- Gifts & Accessories
- Lighting & Rugs
- Design Services
- In-store Design Center

850 Santa Cruz Ave.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
650-521-0778  
Tu-Sat 10-5:30  
Th 10-7 | Sun 11-4

**VOTE FOR US!**

**Atherton Antiques & Consignments**

Unique Items From Around The World

(650) 322-1600  
877 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park  
www.athertonantiques.com

**Best Pizza in Town for Over 20 Years**



Order online:  
**www.applewoodpizza.com**  
FREE DELIVERY  
1001 El Camino Real Menlo Park  
**650.324.3486**

**BEST AUTO REPAIR**

For Quality & Performance



Servicing European, Asian and domestic vehicles with the most qualified and trained ASE certified technicians using factory diagnostic and programming equipment.

Most Trusted name in Auto Repair

**ASE** **PVG** **BOSCH Service**

Since 1948  
**Portola Valley Garage**  
4170 Alpine Road, Portola Valley 650-851-7442  
tramies@pvgarage.com

# Get to Know the DeLeon Difference



## Listing Team



DeLeon Realty specializes in making your home our priority. With your satisfaction as our motivation, our listing team will negotiate until we secure the highest possible price for your home. In addition, we will take time to familiarize you with the escrow process and guide you along every step.

## Design Team



An expert in maximizing your home's value, our listing coordinator will collaborate with one of our in-house interior designers to make your property shine. Our designer will work directly with vendors on cost-effective improvements, confirming the work is done beautifully, within budget, and on time.

## Marketing Team



Our marketing team partners with a professional videographer and a photographer to ensure your home receives the recognition it deserves. In addition to extensive media advertising, our team will also create a custom website for your property, which will include a photo gallery and a video tour.



650.543.8500 | [www.deleonrealty.com](http://www.deleonrealty.com) | DeLeon Realty CalBRE #01903224

# DELEON REALTY

## 1 Portola Green Circle, Portola Valley Offered at \$3,988,000

### Enchanting European Storybook Home

Surrender to the fairytale charm of this 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home of 4,654 sq. ft. (per appraisal) on a lot of 18,295 sq. ft. (per appraisal). An additional 19,200 sq. ft. of exclusive-use land surrounds the grounds. A three-car garage, an expansive motor court, and verdant natural landscaping accent the distinguished Tudor-style residence. Over 40 custom stained-glass windows line the interior, which features a turret dining room with a 23-foot ceiling, a state-of-the-art home theater, and a two-story game room. Topped with an A-frame ceiling, the rustic island kitchen includes a wood-burning fireplace, stainless-steel appliances, and a breakfast nook. A rear gallery opens to the paved terrace hosting a hot tub with slate surround and an outdoor speaker system, while the master suite provides a dazzling bathroom with a steam shower and a jetted tub.

For video tour & more photos, please visit:  
[www.1PortolaGreen.com](http://www.1PortolaGreen.com)



## 115 Eleanor Drive, Woodside Offered at \$5,988,000

### Custom Estate Draped in Luxury

Luxuriate in the quiet splendor of this exquisite 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home of 3,935 sq. ft. (per county) with a 1,060 sq. ft. walk-out lower level (per plans) on a lot of 1.12 acres (per county). Maple molding, recessed lighting, and French white oak floors enhance the interior. The two-story great room offers a fireplace and a mezzanine with bookshelves. The breathtaking gourmet kitchen brandishes a massive island, marble countertops, two sinks, intricate cabinetry, and a walk-in pantry. Posh appliances consist of concealed Thermador refrigerator and freezer units and a Wolf double-oven with a French top. The upstairs master suite offers a private balcony, dramatic ceilings, and a sumptuous bathroom with a free-standing tub.

For video tour & more photos, please visit:  
[www.115Eleanor.com](http://www.115Eleanor.com)



Ken DeLeon  
CalBRE #01342140



Michael Repka  
CalBRE #01854880

For more listings, photos, and  
information, please visit:  
[www.deleonrealty.com](http://www.deleonrealty.com)

650.488.7325 | [info@deleonrealty.com](mailto:info@deleonrealty.com) | [www.deleonrealty.com](http://www.deleonrealty.com) | CalBRE #01903224

# Conserve water now or the town will miss its target, council says

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

## ■ PORTOLA VALLEY

New regulations and water conservation targets are expected to be adopted soon to deal with the drought. But Portola Valley officials do not want to wait. To meet the town's target, residents should begin cutting back sharply now, they say, and do it together, as a town.

The Town Council heard from Brandi de Garmeaux, the town's sustainability and special projects manager, on April 22. She gave a rundown of what she did and did not recommend as ways to meet the expected conservation targets. The overriding strategy: "We need to approach this as, 'We're all in this together,'" she said.

The need to cut consumption is clear. The state Water Resources Control Board, responding to an order from the governor, has proposed cutbacks that vary by district, between 8 percent and 36 percent, based on how much water a district, as a whole, used from July through

September 2014.

The water board is proposing a 36 percent cut for residents in the Bear Gulch District, which includes Portola Valley, Atherton, much of Woodside and parts of Menlo Park and Redwood City. Usage data for 2013 showed Portola Valley, Woodside and Atherton consuming water at levels four to six times the Bay Area average for that year.

If Portola Valley's mandate is a 36 percent cutback, targeting heavy users will be important, Ms. de Garmeaux said. But that will be a matter for the California Water Service Company, she said, since it can track usage at individual addresses. Town officials lack access to that data and Cal Water, which is privately held, does not provide it.

The council could enact ordinances, but like speeding tickets, code enforcement has been shown not to have long-term impacts on changing behavior, she said. The council may want

to regulate the size of new lawns and pools, she said. A moratorium is another option.

Water conservation is a long-term issue, needing very thoughtful, long-term solutions, she said. This drought is the fourth in California in 15 years and by far the most severe, according to data Ms. de Garmeaux provided from the U.S. Drought Monitor project. "(The trend) doesn't seem like it's going to go away anytime soon," she said.

Council members spoke of educating residents without delay on big and obvious places to conserve, such as landscape irrigation. If residents don't see a water bill reflecting tougher regulations until the end of June, and don't see a bill showing the results of their initial conservation efforts until the end of July, it will be too late to meet the conservation target, council members said.

Councilwoman Ann Wengert suggested tips of the week. "People aren't going to like to see it, but they need to," she said.

Photo by Michelle Le/  
The Almanac

## The wise one

Bees buzz around an owl living in a tree at Holbrook-Palmer Park in Atherton.



"These will be the things that will make the difference."

Go to [tinyurl.com/PVC334](http://tinyurl.com/PVC334) for more on water conservation in Portola Valley.

### Doing it right

Breaking through the chatter and reaching residents who are already bombarded with information will be a problem, Ms. de Garmeaux said. "We need to get them engaged."

For help, the town brought in Seattle-based social marketing firm Colehour + Cohen on April 16 for a 90-minute seminar before the Water Conservation Committee.

A key takeaway: If a person's first try at a new behavior is not a good experience, it will be 10 times more difficult to get the

person to try it again, Ms. de Garmeaux said. The town will be paying attention to a behavioral change continuum that includes establishing participants' loyalty, their awareness of the issue, their understanding of its importance, and their willingness to consciously change.

Ms. de Garmeaux recommended starting with a pilot conservation program, perhaps based on an existing Cal Water program, that involves maybe five large properties, possibly including an institution such as a school.

The right program, she said, would focus on one change and one change only. It should have objectives that are measurable, methods that can be tested, and a long-term significant impact. ▣

# It's getting a lot healthier around here.

We're committed to keeping you healthy. That's why we've opened a new location in San Carlos, and added two experienced physicians, Martha Mejia, MD, and Pragya Jain, MD. Making an appointment with a primary care doctor is easy with online scheduling. Visit [sequoiamedicalgroup.org](http://sequoiamedicalgroup.org) today.

Hello humankindness™



Dignity Health Medical Group  
Sequoia

A Service of Dignity Health Medical Foundation



**BROWN JORDAN.**  
the world's finest furniture

[www.flegels.com](http://www.flegels.com)

Enjoy **exceptional savings** on  
In-Stock Outdoor furniture!

*Flegel's*

Interior Design & Distinctive Furnishings

**Menlo Park 870 Santa Cruz Ave. 650.326.9661**

## Invitation for Bids Remodel of District Residence at 4411 Alpine Road, Portola Valley

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) will receive bids at their Administrative Office located at 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA on or before **3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015** for the furnishing of all labor, materials and services required for the following designated scope of work: Asbestos and lead abatement, installation of new windows, removal of the sunroom, bathroom upgrades, heating, lighting upgrades, and new flooring in bedrooms/hallway at the residence located in Windy Hill Open Space Preserve. **All bidders must attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting and site tour scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015.** Reservations required. Contact: Lupe Hernandez at 650-691-1200 no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 to make a reservation and receive directions.

Complete project information is contained within the project Bid Package, which will be available by the end of the day on Friday, April 24, 2015 online at the District's website: [http://www.openspace.org/news/request\\_for\\_bids.asp](http://www.openspace.org/news/request_for_bids.asp)

A hardcopy is available for review at the District Administrative Office.

# Menlo Park development: City seeks clarity on 'public benefit'

By **Sandy Brundage**  
Almanac Staff Writer

The quest to define "public benefit" in Menlo Park struggled onward during an April 14 council study session.

Public benefits are community improvements that the city asks a builder to provide in exchange for extra development rights. Broadly, the term means "something that enhances public well being," according to Michael Yarne of Build Public (formerly Up Urban), the consultant hired to oversee an update of the city's economic development blueprint.

But what does that translate to in terms of concrete benefits

## City negotiates with builders to provide these benefits in exchange for extra development rights.

residents can see, touch or otherwise enjoy? Both developers and the community would like more clarity on that, according to Mr. Yarne.

Currently Menlo Park determines public benefit individually for each project that requires it. "Ad hoc negotiations impact the public trust because no matter how hard you try to make it transparent, there is a sense that a deal was struck, and it's not always clear that it was a fair deal," Mr. Yarne said.

The council subcommittee's negotiations with Stanford University, for example, have been dogged by residents who think the university's real estate division is taking advantage of the community. Stanford's proposed El Camino Real mixed-use complex is not seeking extra development rights in exchange for providing public benefits, but the voluntary negotiations with the city have led to doubts among some residents about fairness.

An alternative to the ad hoc approach would be to create specialized districts, such as infrastructure finance districts, into which property owners make payments over time for upgrades. That can leave one developer carrying most of the cost for upgrades that others will benefit from. Also the multiple landowners can make them complicated to administer.

The state allows cities to assess impact fees for new develop-

ment, but the caveat is that the money can't be used to correct existing deficiencies.

"A lot of cities will just stick to a fee. ... that's great, and it does provide certainty," Mr. Yarne said, but the drawback is that fees are at the mercy of the economy. In a downturn, the fees present an impediment for developers, while in a good economy, they might not provide enough value to the community.

Another option is selling the development rights of one site's unused floor area ratio — the ratio of floor area contained within the buildings to the total area of the lot — to another property, as San Francisco allows based on a third-party appraisal of fair market value, he said.

## Fire district

Menlo Park Fire Protection District Chief Harold Schapelhouman urged the city to take the fire district's needs into consideration as new development creates challenges for emergency personnel, in terms of access to tall buildings and response-time delays due to traffic. He acknowledged that the City Council is working on building a better partnership with the district.

Also speaking during the public comment period, resident Adina Levin pointed out that different neighborhoods have different priorities, so the city's benefit wish list should be tailored to individual areas.

Councilman Ray Mueller said he thought that was important to talk about, and that he was intrigued by selling floor area ratios. He also suggested forming a joint powers district with

See **DEVELOPMENT**, page 19

## Our people make the difference



**Vanessa Valerio, RN**  
VP & COO, Patient Care

Vanessa was a caregiver for many years before she co-founded Care Indeed. She learned from being a caregiver the importance of building solid relationships with people, the positive impact of listening, and the rewards that come from advocating for seniors.

A very satisfied client finds Vanessa's work ethic, spirit of reverence, and commitment to clients to be inspiring. This client said, "Vanessa instills this same spirit in those who work for and with her. We have the utmost confidence in the organization she shepherds. She is the home care provider that every family dreams of."



(650) 328-1001  
[www.careindeed.com](http://www.careindeed.com)  
1150 Chestnut St.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Responsive, attentive and professional care in the environment our seniors desire most-HOME

May 2-3 • 10 am-6 pm • Castro Street

ART • MUSIC • FOOD • FAMILY FUN • CLASSIC CAR SHOW



19th Annual  
**A la Carte & Art**  
MOUNTAIN VIEW

Contemporary Fine Art, Cool Crafts • Stellar Live Music  
Kids' Tons of Fun Zone • Health & Wellness Displays  
Home & Garden Exhibits • Farm-Fresh Produce  
Organic & Green Products • Fabulous Food & Drink

650-964-3395 • [www.MiramarEvents.com](http://www.MiramarEvents.com) • Presented by Mountain View Central Business Association • No Pets Please • Free Admission



## Bike lanes on ECR get backing

By Sandy Brundage  
Almanac Staff Writer

After a lengthy dissection of a 7-0 vote made at a previous meeting to recommend adding bike lanes, but not car lanes, to El Camino Real, the Menlo Park Planning Commission on April 20 stood by its recommendation, but this time it wasn't unanimous.

Commissioner Katherine Strehl dissented and John Onken abstained on the 4-1-1 vote. Andrew Combs was absent.

The request to revisit the issue was brought by Commissioner John Kadvany. After the original vote, taken on April 6, city officials received emails questioning why unbuffered bike lanes were favored for a busy state highway instead of more car lanes or bike lanes physically separated from other vehicle traffic. Several public speakers at the April 20 meeting made similar comments.

Commissioner Katie Ferrick, in making the motion to uphold the original recommendation, said she thought the unbuffered bike lanes struck

a balance between creating an illusion of bicycle safety, as buffered lanes could, versus slowing traffic down by adding car lanes. The design alternatives study carried out by consultants W-Trans came to the "counterintuitive" conclusion that more car lanes equaled longer travel times, she said, but that conclusion is backed up "by quite a body of evidence."

Mr. Onken said he was abstaining not because he objected to the recommendation, but to the timing. With a general plan update underway that will involve looking at the circulation element (the blueprint for travel around the city whether by vehicle, bike or foot), he felt making a recommendation for El Camino Real would be out of context.

He compared it to ordering from a dessert tray that presented a few choices before getting the rest of the meal. "There are a lot of other things going into this meal that are not part of this discussion," he said, including safety issues and emergency vehicle response

times brought up by Menlo Park Fire Protection District Chief Harold Schapelhouman, who backed adding more car lanes instead of bike lanes.

Ms. Strehl opted to dissent, for the same reason, and added that upcoming projects along El Camino Real, which have not yet been submitted to the city, could also influence the decision. "I feel like this is the wrong time to be making a recommendation of this sort," she said.

However, Commissioner Vince Bressler said that since people are already biking along El Camino Real, the time was right to do something to make the road safer. "If we make the recommendation, the project designs that follow will be forced to take that into consideration," he said. "If we're wishy-washy now, who knows what will happen?"

The City Council will make the final choice of a design option after considering the recommendations of the planning, bicycle and transportation commissions. ▀

## Man sentenced for beating woman in Menlo Park

A 33-year-old Mountain View man, who pleaded no contest to beating a woman he had been dating, was sentenced to one year in San Mateo County jail and three years of supervised probation on April 21, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Yishun Dong, a former engineering graduate student at Stanford University, was also ordered to undergo 104 hours of counseling, perform 30 hours of community service, and pay

restitution in an amount to be determined.

The attack took place in Menlo Park on July 19, 2014. He is prohibited from having any contact with the woman, who sustained a facial fracture during the assault that required surgery.

Mr. Dong is currently out of custody on a \$50,000 bail bond. He is scheduled to surrender on June 13 to begin his jail sentence. ▀

— Sandy Brundage

## Preparing children for kindergarten

Annye Rothenberg, a child/parent psychologist, will give a talk on Tuesday, May 5, at the Roberts School in Menlo Park about how parents can prepare their children for kindergarten.

The free program, which is for parents only, will run from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the school,

located at 641 Coleman Ave.

Dr. Rothenberg is a parent and author of six books for young children and their parents. She will provide guidance to parents of children from ages 3 to 5.

The Roberts School is a private preschool. Call 322-3535 for more information.

# Summer School at Lydian Academy



LYDIAN ACADEMY

All Subjects. One or Both Semesters.

Call now to enroll.

650.321.0550 or visit us on the web at [www.LydianAcademy.com](http://www.LydianAcademy.com)

815 El Camino Real, Menlo Park



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**Ama Zenya**, the interim pastor at Woodside Village Church, took up her duties on March 29 and will be helping the church revitalize its congregation, church officials say.

## New pastor takes over at Woodside Village Church

By **Dave Boyce**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**A**theists have a philosophical belief in common with the Rev. Ama Zenya, the interim head of the congregation at the Woodside Village Church. “I don’t believe in the God that atheists don’t believe in either,” Ms. Zenya told the Almanac. “Who or what God is is really beyond our understanding. We’re given access to a mystery that is greater than ourselves.”

Ms. Zenya, who took over church leadership on March 29, sat for an interview recently in the dappled shade outside the church at 3154 Woodside Road. For a while, DJ, the church cat, kept her company.

Ms. Zenya has a record of revitalizing church congregations and is filling in following the December 2014 retirement of Pastor Mike Harvey.

The Woodside Village congregation is in need of revitalizing, church officials say. Members have been moving away or dying or leaving following the depar-

ture of the previous pastor, said Barry Willibanks of the church’s long-range planning team. And the church is re-framing its service to be more contemporary musically while retaining some traditions, such as communion, he said.

“Ama is our interim pastor, who brings additional energy and imagination to our reformation,” Mr. Willibanks said.

The search for a permanent pastor may take a year or more, said Church Moderator Becky Rudd. Ms. Zenya is providing consulting services to the recruiting team, Ms. Rudd said.

Her pastoral career includes work in youth-oriented contemporary worship services, ministering to young families, guest preaching, and revitalizing congregations, according to a biography she provided. At the First Congregational Church of Oakland, she more than tripled the size of the congregation, more than doubled its income and received a commendation in 2008 from the Oakland City

Council, she said.

Ms. Zenya has a bachelor’s degree in religion and women’s studies from Wesleyan University and two master’s degrees — one in biblical studies and another in divinity — from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. She was ordained in 1998 in the United Church of Christ.

She spent much of her childhood in Kenya. She is married, has two sons and lives in Oakland. Her office hours at the Woodside church are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with a Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.

The door is wide open at the United Church of Christ, Ms. Zenya said, describing the United Church as a nondenominational denomination. Its mission, she said, is to break down barriers that denominations create, a mission in tune with a sentiment she attributes to Jesus Christ: “Please, God, let them all be one.”

### Like excellent art

Asked about her style, Ms. Zenya described herself as somewhat charismatic and somewhat liturgical, meaning that her practice includes spontaneity and scripted elements, such as the use of candles, robes and music.

Her goal, she said, is to create an alternate space of reality. “In that way, worship, at its best, is like excellent art that transports you to a different way of perceiving and interacting with life,” she said.

Religion helps people retain a moral stance regardless of circumstances, she said. Responding in kind to a hateful person may feel right, but a religious view offers ways to put such reactions aside, she said. Religion allows ordinary people access to the moral power of someone like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or Mahatma Gandhi.

Having the inner resources to share food with a hungry person when you’re short on food is an example. The religious person, she said, understands that “my transcendent perception is going to give me spiritual food.”

Is proselytizing a good thing? Some religions require it, and it is natural, she said. “If we’ve found something that feeds us, we naturally want to share it,” she said. Sharing is natural, then? When there is enough to go around, “I do believe it is,” she said.

She noted another bond she has with atheists: vulnerability to the idea that one set of beliefs is right and others are wrong. “Even people who are atheists can do that,” she said. “That’s a human problem.” ■

### Robert F. Jordan

July 19, 1933 - April 10, 2015  
Redwood City, CA

Robert (Bob) Jordan passed away peacefully on April 10th surrounded by his family after exchanging heartfelt goodbyes. He was a loving, proud father and husband, survived by his wife Barbara Jordan (Alameda, CA), his sons Tim Jordan (Bremerton, WA) and Kevin Jordan (Alameda, CA) as well as daughters Jill Heryford (Vashon Island, WA) and Becky Mees (Bend, OR), and nine grandchildren.

Bob was born in Rantoul, IL (weighing in at 12 lbs, 13 oz) living his childhood years in several cities such as Chicago, Memphis and New Orleans. He spent most of his childhood summers on a corn farm near Springfield, IL before his parents moved to California. Bob was an athlete, playing both baseball and basketball through high school and into college. He served in the US Army during the Korean War before attending UC Santa Barbara where he met his wife Barbara of 58 years. He later graduated from law school from Santa Clara University.

Bob worked in law (once occupied the law office above the Pioneer Hotel in Woodside), spent several years at Lockheed Martin and had a great passion for homebuilding and real estate. His body of work also included volunteer coaching beginning in the 1960’s before his own kids were old enough to play. He coached, organized and even built some of the fields for both Alpine Little League and AYSO soccer leagues in Portola Valley. He and his wife are the recipients of the Portola Valley Founders Award. Above all, his true forte was building family. A visit with Bob would include endless laughter, card games, apple pancakes, maybe a milkshake, discussion of the 49ers or Giants, and upcoming adventures.

In his last days he showed his family how to face death with dignity, humor and love. He came to terms with mortality head on. For Bob, what you have, what you are, and what you have amounted to, is what you have built with those around you. On April 10th (National Sibling Day) his children, grandchildren and loving wife spent a magical day with him as he prepared for his next journey with amazingly resolute composure.

Bob was larger than life and admired by all. He left this world better than when he arrived. His character and legend will live on through his family. If you were lucky enough to have known Bob, you know that his spectacular soul will be sorely missed.

A Celebration of life gathering will be held at Alice’s Restaurant (17288 Skyline Boulevard Woodside) on Friday May 29th at 3PM. For more information please email timjordan41@gmail.com



PAID OBITUARY

### William Patton

William Lee Patton, passed away on April 10th, 2015. He was born at Stanford Hospital on November 15th, 1991. William was a fifth-generation Northern Californian, who grew up in Atherton, California.

William attended elementary school at Phillips Brooks School and middle school at St. Raymond’s, both in Menlo Park. He attended Serra High School and graduated from Menlo/Atherton in 2009. Following High School, William spent time living in Taos, New Mexico; Asheville, North Carolina; and with his dad in Columbus, Ohio. William was very anxious to move back to the Bay Area where he felt most at home. He most recently was living in Marin County.

Will was an avid mountain biker growing up and loved to ride at all the hot spots throughout the Bay Area. He loved documenting his passion for the sport by making movies and was professionally photographed doing what he loved most. As time went on, Will began to explore his more artistic side, painting numerous original pieces, always with his signature “MARSH”. His latest passion was jewelry, keeping him busy for hours creating imaginative and beautiful pieces.

He was an upbeat happy person that always met his friends with a smile and an eager desire to engage.

Surviving William are his mother Nicole Delagnes McHugh, father Mark Patton, sister Victoria Patton, grandmother Cathleen Dickey, 4 Uncles, 2 Aunts, their spouses, 14 cousins and relatives in France. He was predeceased by his great grandmother, Angele Delagnes and Grandfather, Andre Delagnes. He will be missed and remembered by his many friends and family forever.

Private services will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to “Art In Action” / 3925 Bohannon Drive, Suite 300, Menlo Park, CA 94025-1055 Attn: Jeffrey Dollinger 650.566.8339



PAID OBITUARY

# Atherton talk: water-wise gardening

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Cutting back on the amount of water used for landscaping can be as simple as exchanging plants that use lots of water for those that use little, Master Gardener Julie Montanari told a crowd of about 60 people in Atherton for an Earth Day event on April 21 at Holbrook-Palmer Park.

She also recommended sheet-mulching to replace lawns, adding hardscape such as paths and patios, which use no water, and converting irrigation from spray to drip or replacing sprinkler heads with more efficient versions.

Ms. Montanari, a landscape designer from San Mateo, said there are hundreds of water-wise plants to choose from, including many that offer colorful flowers or foliage. "People tend to be more familiar with traditional thirsty plants, but they don't need to give up on color or interest in their gardens. They just need to use different plants," she said.

For example, the common garden hydrangea can be replaced with lower-water-using substitutes with a similar look and feel, such as the native California flowering currant, Lantana hybrids or dwarf

## Reduce watering by cutting back on the frequency, not the duration, of watering.

Crape Myrtle.

Rhododendrons can be replaced with the Australian Mint Bush, the Chaste tree or a Ceanothus (California lilac).

"These are the kinds of plants we need to see in our gardens," Ms. Montanari said.

The worst outdoor water users are lawns and pools, Ms. Montanari said.

While it is not the time to put in new plants, which would need too much water over the summer, there are things that can be done now.

Spend the summer planning the garden, sheet mulching, adding paths and patios and converting irrigation. "This will take some time," she said. "The planting can then be scheduled for October or November."

To sheet mulch, put compost,

paper or cardboard and lots of mulch right on top of the existing lawn, Ms. Montanari said. "This allows the lawn to compost in place and helps to build healthy soil." By planting time, she said, the soil will be in much better shape.

Ms. Montanari also recommends turning down the irrigation immediately. "People often have shrub and flower plantings that are a mix of plants that require a little water and plants that require a lot," she said. "If they turn down the irrigation, some plants will suffer, but many will not." She said plants that perform poorly can be taken out and replaced in the fall with plants that require less water to thrive.

Reduce watering by cutting back on the frequency, not the duration, of watering, Ms. Montanari said. Watering for too short a time means water will never get to a plant's roots, she said.

Go to [tinyurl.com/q4wd4kb](http://tinyurl.com/q4wd4kb) for more information from Ms. Montanari's talk, including a list of resources. ■

## Alice Kleeman to retire from M-A

Alice Kleeman, a college adviser at Menlo-Atherton High School for 20 years, will retire in June, the school has announced.

Ms. Kleeman is looking forward to more time with her children and grandchildren and "prefers to retire quietly without fanfare," but will be happy to accommodate expressions of good wishes, the school said.

Ms. Kleeman will work part-time on campus in the 2015-16 school year, but to aid in the transition to a new college adviser, not to work with individual students.



### CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

Quality. Service. Value.

Pursuant to resolutions adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission and the State Water Resources Control Board this spring, California Water Service (Cal Water) wants to ensure our customers are aware of the following prohibited uses of water:

- Application of water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures;
- Use of a hose that dispenses water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
- Application of water to driveways and sidewalks;
- Use of water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system;
- Application of water to outdoor landscapes during and within forty-eight (48) hours after measurable rainfall;
- Serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.

Additionally, Cal Water will be moving to the stage of our Water Shortage Contingency Plan that limits irrigation of outdoor landscapes or turf with potable water to no more than three (3) days per week. We will mail more information and the schedule directly to our customers in the coming weeks.

Operators of hotels and motels are required to provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and to prominently display notice of this option in each guest room using clear and easily understood language.

As part of our effort to help conserve water, we will be notifying customers directly of these restrictions. We will also notify customers when we receive information that indicates that a water leak may exist that is within the customer's control.

Violation of any of these prohibited or restricted water uses may be punished by a fine of up to \$500 for each day the violation occurs. Waste of water in Cal Water service areas can be reported online at [www.calwater.com/conservation/water-waste-report](http://www.calwater.com/conservation/water-waste-report).

Hotel, motel, and restaurant operators can email [conservation@calwater.com](mailto:conservation@calwater.com) for assistance obtaining table tents or signage. For questions about these prohibited uses of water and other water use restrictions, customers can visit [www.calwater.com](http://www.calwater.com) or contact their local Cal Water Customer Center.

## We're hiring

### Associate Editor at the Palo Alto Weekly

The award-winning news organization Palo Alto Weekly/PaloAltoOnline.com is seeking a well-rounded journalist to become our new associate editor. The ideal candidate is equally comfortable editing hard and soft news and possesses the creativity, organizational aptitude, focus on quality and adroitness in interpersonal communications to guide publications from start to finish.

Our associate editor plays a key role as the deputy head of the department, helping to ensure the smooth operation of the team and leading the department in the absence of the editor-in-chief. Experience as a news reporter or editor is desired, as is knowledge of the Palo Alto community. An enjoyment of teamwork and the ability to develop writers, including interns and freelancers, are musts.

The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in home and real estate topics, the position's main beat. New to the job will be the responsibility to push the bounds of digital presentation on those topics. Beyond real estate, the associate editor is involved in news coverage, arts, cover stories and special publications.

This is a benefited position, offering health insurance and a 401(k) savings plan, paid vacation, paid sick time and paid company holidays. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To apply, please submit a cover letter detailing how your experience fits the needs of the position. Also attach your resume, three articles you've written and links to two publications or sections you've edited. Email the materials, with "Associate Editor" in the subject line, to Editor Jocelyn Dong at [jdong@pawebly.com](mailto:jdong@pawebly.com). No phone calls, please.



450 Cambridge Avenue | Palo Alto, CA 94306 | 650.326.8210

## Menlo Park development: City seeks clarity on 'public benefit'

continued from page 16

East Palo Alto to channel public benefit money into the Ravenswood City School District, which is in Menlo Park as well as East Palo Alto. The money would be used for teachers and educational programs rather than buildings, he said.

Mayor Catherine Carlton, along with fellow council member Kirsten Keith, agreed that school improvements are a high priority.

Now that the study session's over, what happens next in the city's efforts to improve its public benefit process? The updates for the general plan and economic development plan will incorporate the study session's information, as will the downtown/El Camino Real specific plan review scheduled for the end of summer, the city's staff said. ■

## PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Request for Proposal For Food Service Providers

The Portola Valley School District is soliciting a Request for Proposal (RFP) as an initial step in the selection of a qualified Food Service organization to provide food preparation, delivery, and distribution services to the District for the lunch program at Ormondale and Corte Madera Schools. The qualified Food Service organization must be willing and able to operate in accordance with current National School Lunch Program regulations and requirements.

For application materials, please contact:

Jonathan Barth

CBO

Portola Valley School District 4575 Alpine Road  
Portola Valley, CA 94028 (650) 851-1777 ext. 2560

From the qualified list of food catering companies, the District may proceed to select a number of companies for oral interviews. The deadline for submission of the RFP application materials is Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 3:30 pm.

The Request for Proposal does not commit the Portola Valley School District to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal responsive to the request. The District reserves the right to accept all or part of any proposal or cancel in part or in its entirety this Request for Proposal. The District further reserves the right to accept the proposal that it considers to be in the best interest of the District.

**TOWN OF WOODSIDE  
2955 WOODSIDE ROAD  
WOODSIDE, CA 94062**

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
May 6, 2015  
6:00 PM**

#### PUBLIC HEARING

2. Kevin and Jackie Killeen VARI2014-0005  
235 Glenwood Avenue Planner: Sage S. Schaan, Senior Planner

Continued review and approval/denial of a proposed Variance to permit a new detached two-car garage within the required front and side building setbacks. **This item was continued from the March 4, 2015, meeting.**

3. Rising Oaks, LLC SDES2015-0001 GRAD2015-0002, and X2DR2015-0001  
160 Greer Road Planner: Sage S. Schaan, Senior Planner

Review and approval, conditional approval, or denial of a proposal, requiring Formal Design Review, to remodel and construct additions to an existing single family residence, up to a complete demolition; demolish two existing accessory buildings, and construct five new accessory buildings, including: a study, gym, 'sport house'/recreation building adjacent to the proposed sport court, and two storage sheds; convert a pool to a cistern; construct a new pool adjacent to the primary residence; and, remove an existing tennis court and construct a sport court in the same vicinity. The project includes a request for approval of a Grading Exception for grading quantities to exceed 1,500 cubic yards; and for a second driveway exception to include a primary access driveway on Greer Road, and a service driveway on Kings Mountain Road.

All application materials are available for public review at the Woodside Planning and Building Counter, Woodside Town Hall, weekdays from 8:00 – 10:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM, or by appointment. For more information, contact the Woodside Planning and Building Department at (650) 851-6790.

## Multiple gunshots lead to arrest of Menlo man

A report of gunshots sent Menlo Park police officers to Chilco Street during the pre-dawn hours of Friday, April 24.

Around 4:37 a.m. the officers went to the 1300 block of Chilco Street, and proceeded to Hamilton and Plumas avenues, where a caller had heard additional shots. The officers themselves then heard approximately four gunshots in the vicinity of Modoc Avenue, police said.

When officers arrived in the 1400 block of Modoc Avenue, they spotted a solitary figure

walking along the street, who turned out to be Isileli Lolohea, a 29-year-old Menlo Park resident, police said.

Officers said they found a gun at his feet and small caliber shell casings on a nearby sidewalk. Mr. Lolohea was arrested for related firearms charges and allegedly being drunk in public, according to the report.

The police ask that anyone with information call 330-6300 or the anonymous tip line at 330-6395. ■

— Sandy Brundage

## Committee may meet May 4 on school transfer

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

The San Mateo County Committee on School District Organization may consider on May 4 a request by Menlo Park residents to move from the Ravenswood City School District to the Menlo Park City School District.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the San Mateo County Office of Education, 101 Twin Dolphin Drive in Redwood City. The matter may be postponed until the committee's June meeting.

Residents of 31 Menlo Park homes, from 235 to 295 O'Connor Street, between Elliott Drive and Euclid Avenue, have petitioned to change school districts. The district boundary runs down

the middle of O'Connor Street. Residents on the south side are in the Menlo Park district, and those on the north side are in the Ravenswood district.

Check [tinyurl.com/smc427](http://tinyurl.com/smc427) for the agenda and supporting documents the office of education plans to post there.

The school boards of both districts have voted to oppose the transfer. Because of the opposition, if the county committee does approve the transfer, an election will be held. The committee will decide which areas are included in the vote, ranging from just the residents who want to transfer, to both of the entire school districts.

The committee's decision can be appealed to the state board of education. ■

## USGS, fire district set workshop on emergency preparedness

A free two-hour emergency preparedness workshop will be held Wednesday, April 29, thanks to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Scientist Steve Walter will speak about earthquakes. According to the fire district, 75 percent of the calls that came to the dispatcher after the Loma Prieta quake were about how to shut off a gas line.

The training starts at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the William Rambo Auditorium on the Menlo Park campus of USGS at 345 Middlefield Road.

#### **Bookstore day**

Kepler's, located at 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park, will celebrate Independent Bookstore Day on Saturday, May 2. Festivi-

#### ■ MENLO BRIEFS

ties include story time in rhyme at 10:30 a.m.; a "create your own dinosaur skeleton" workshop at 11:30 a.m., and a literary trivia showdown at 7 p.m.

#### **Cemetery tour**

A tour of the Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park will be given on Saturday, May 30, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Professor Michael Svanevik will lead the tour, which is organized by the Menlo Park Historical Association.

Tickets cost \$10. Reservations are required, and the tour is limited to the first 25 people to sign up. Contact the association at 800 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025 or online at [sites.google.com/site/mphistorical](http://sites.google.com/site/mphistorical).

**SUPPORT LOCAL  
JOURNALISM**

Support  
The Almanac's print  
and online coverage  
of our community.

Join today: [SupportLocalJournalism.org/Almanac](http://SupportLocalJournalism.org/Almanac)

# Celebration of life of Robert F. Jordan

A celebration of the life of former Portola Valley resident Robert F. Jordan will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 29, at Alice Restaurant, 17288 Skyline Blvd. in Woodside. Mr. Jordan died April 10 at age 81.

He grew up in Chicago, Memphis and New Orleans and spent most of his childhood summers on a farm in Illinois. He played baseball and basketball through college and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He had a law degree from



Robert F. Jordan

## OBITUARY

Obituaries are based on information provided by the family.

Santa Clara University and once had a law office above the Pioneer Hotel in Woodside.

Mr. Jordan lived in Portola Valley from 1965 to 2002 and participated in local sports, including coaching and organizing Little League and youth soccer, and even building some of the fields, the family said.

He is survived by his wife Barbara of Alameda; daughters Jill Heryford of Vashon Island, Washington, and Becky Mees of Bend, Oregon; sons Tim of Bremerton, Washington, and Kevin of Alameda; and nine grandchildren.

## JobTrain needs supplies

The instructors at JobTrain, a nonprofit that provides free employment training for the local community, are asking for donations to the healthcare and the test preparation classes.

Needed supplies include: digital thermometers, blood pressure monitors and cuffs; stethoscopes, portable scales, microscopes, life-sized baby

dolls and equipment to conduct blood cell counts and chemistry evaluations; scrub tops, towels and blankets; ten TI-30XS calculators; a document camera; \$35 vouchers for GED testing; \$6 vouchers for online practice GED tests; and a secure filing cabinet

Call (650) 330-6429 for more information.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Menlo Park City School District will hold two separate public hearings on the proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16 on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Menlo Park City School District Office, TERC Building located at 181 Encinal Avenue, Atherton, California. A copy of the LCAP and the proposed budget will be available for public examination at the above location from May 8, 2015 through May 12, 2015 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any stakeholder affected by the LCAP or the Menlo Park City School District budget may appear before the Menlo Park City School District Board of Trustees and speak to the LCAP or the proposed budget or any item therein.

4/29/15

CNS-2742921#

THE ALMANAC

## ■ POLICE CALLS

*This information is based on reports from the Menlo Park Police Department and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.*

### PORTOLA VALLEY

**Traffic accident:** A cyclist headed north on Portola Road collided with the passenger side of a southbound vehicle as it was turning left on to Westridge Drive. The cyclist was thrown from his bike, suffered visible head injuries and was taken to Stanford Hospital. April 6.

### NORTH FAIR OAKS

**Residential burglary:** A burglar stole jewelry and electronic devices from a home on 9th Avenue. Estimated loss: \$8,820. April 7.

### MENLO PARK

#### Commercial burglaries:

■ Someone entered an office building on Hamilton Court, broke into a fenced-off area and stole six or seven sets of blueprints of the building's layout, including electrical and plumbing system layouts. No estimate on losses. April 20.

■ A burglar kicked in the door to a room in a hotel under construction on Glenwood Avenue and stole a 30-inch

TV. Estimated loss: \$650. April 20.

■ Someone smashed the front window of Mike's Camera on Santa Cruz Avenue. No estimate on losses. April 23.

**Auto burglary:** A backpack with a laptop computer inside was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 1800 block of El Camino Real. Estimated loss: \$1,200. April 22.

**Theft:** A woman left her purse unattended at an O'Brien Drive event and someone stole her ID, a medical card and \$150 in cash from her purse. April 23.

**Stolen vehicle:** A blue 2001 Volvo S60 from a Carlton Avenue driveway. April 19.



## REQUEST FOR BIDS

TOWN OF ATHERTON  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### TOWN OF ATHERTON JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, California 94027, until 3:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015.**

Janitorial maintenance services at Atherton Town Center and Holbrook-Palmer Park to include the Library, City Council Chambers, Police Department, Town Administration offices, Permit Center, Public Works Corporation office, Carriage House, Main House, Playground restrooms and Little League field restrooms per specifications.

Proposals must be for the entire work, and shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked: "Bid of (Contractor) for TOWN OF ATHERTON JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES, Project No. 15-005", along with date and time of bid due date.

Request for Bid may be obtained at the Town of Atherton's website at [www.ci.atherton.ca.us](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us) under <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/bids.aspx> at no cost. Additional important information is contained in Town of Atherton Standard Specifications, which are available on line at [www.ci.atherton.ca.us/publicworks.html](http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/publicworks.html). Contractor shall be responsible for any addendums that may be posted on the Town's website. No Plan holders list shall be available.

The Town of Atherton reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

**A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walkthrough will be held Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., May 13, 2015, in the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 94 Ashfield Road in Atherton.** The meeting will consist of two parts, first an oral presentation discussing the scope of work and second, a walkthrough of the Town facilities reviewing the various components and janitorial needs. **Failure to attend this meeting will result in a disqualification of proposal for that company.**

Bidding companies are hereby notified that provisions of California Labor Code regarding prevailing wages are applicable to the work to be performed under this contract. Pursuant to Section 1773 et seq. the general prevailing wage rates have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations and appear in the California Prevailing Wage Rates. The successful bidder shall post a copy of the wage rates at the job site.

The successful bidder must be licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3, of the California Business and Professions Code to do the type of work contemplated in the project at the time the contract is awarded and shall be skilled and regularly engaged in the general class or type of work called for under the Contract.

Being Atherton has for many years been under contract for janitorial services, the successful bidder may be subject to the Displaced Janitor Opportunity Act (California Labor Code Sections 1060-1065) - See more at: <http://www.shrm.org/templatestools/hrqa/pages/california-displacedjanitoropportunityact.aspx#sthash.sDQmdgvm.dpuf>.

Each bidder shall submit a statement setting forth his/her/its experience and qualifications.

By submitting a bid in response to this advertisement, the bidder shall be conclusively deemed to have read, understood and agreed with all of the information and materials contained in the request for bid documents, including but not limited to the REQUEST FOR BID, SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT AND THE ATTACHED EXHIBITS.

Any questions regarding the project should be directed to Steve Tyler, Public Works Superintendent, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA 94027, telephone (650) 752-0541, preferably no later than five days before BID due date. Requests for Information may be faxed to (650) 752-0591.



Like us on **facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/AlmanacNews](http://www.facebook.com/AlmanacNews)

# Hermosa Way heritage trees escape the ax

By **Sandy Brundage**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Two towering redwood trees at 1020 Hermosa Way escaped the ax after the Menlo Park Environmental Quality Commission voted 6-0 to deny the homeowner's removal permits after a next-door neighbor appealed.

The trees, standing approximately 90 feet tall, were evaluated by both Michael Young, an arborist with Urban Tree Management, as well as Christian Bonner, the city's arborist, at the homeowner's request. Both arborists decided that slapdash pruning years ago had left tree limbs in danger of breaking off and falling on vehicles, people and adjacent properties, accord-

ing to the city staff's report.

However, a neighbor, Mary Ann Robbiano, challenged the conclusion that removal was the only solution.

"Menlo Park is advertised as Tree City USA," Ms. Robbiano wrote in her appeal. "The trees were one of the reasons that my husband and I bought our property at that location on Hermosa Way. We loved all the trees that were on our lot and the lots around the area."

The commission heard her appeal on Wednesday, April 22 — Earth Day — and concurred that other solutions were viable, according to Environmental Programs Manager Heather Abrams.

Commissioner Allan Bedwell was unable to attend the meeting. ■

## CALENDAR

Go to [AlmanacNews.com/calendar](http://AlmanacNews.com/calendar) to see more local calendar listings

### Art

'**Light of the Landscape**' exhibit of watercolor paintings by Steve Curl. Monday-Saturday, May 1-30, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-321-0220. [www.portolaartgallery.com](http://www.portolaartgallery.com)

### Benefits/Fundraisers

**2015 Big Bear 5K Run** The Menlo-Atherton Athletic Boosters holds 10th annual Big Bear Run in support of M-A High athletics. May 3, 9-10 a.m. See website for details. M-A High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 415-515-9879. [www.m-boosters.org](http://www.m-boosters.org)

'**Voyages ... with International Flair**' Filoli celebrates 27th anniversary of Flower Show Fundraiser. May 7-10, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Regular admission. Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside. Call 650 364-8300, ext. 508. [www.filoli.org](http://www.filoli.org)

**Circle of Support Luncheon** Leslie Morgan Steiner, author and advocate for victims of domestic violence, speaks at 12th annual luncheon that benefits Family & Children Services of Silicon Valley. Advance registration required. May 1, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club, 2900 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-543-5434. [www.fcservices.org/circle-of-support/](http://www.fcservices.org/circle-of-support/)

**Menlo Park Relay for Life Kickoff** provide information on upcoming Menlo Park Relay for Life, an American Cancer Society fundraiser. April 29, 5-7 p.m. Free. American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, 748 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. [main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15CA?pg=entry&fr\\_id=68543](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15CA?pg=entry&fr_id=68543)

**Riekes Center** holds seventh Rally for Riekes fundraiser. May 2, 5:45-9 p.m. \$175 (dinner included). Riekes Center, 3455 Edison Way, North Fair Oaks. Call 650 364-2509. [riekes.org](http://riekes.org)

### Community Events

**Menlo Park Kite Day** Bring kite or buy one and a hot dog for \$6 at the event. Bring extra water and sunblock. May 2, noon-3 p.m. Free. Bedwell Bayfront Park, Bayfront Expressway and Marsh Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2220. [www.menlopark.org/241/Special-Events](http://www.menlopark.org/241/Special-Events)

**Author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston** talks about her memoir, "Farwell to Manzanar," which chronicles her time as a child in a Japanese-American internment camp. May 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2501. [menlopark.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=942&day=5&month=5&year=2015&alType=0](http://menlopark.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=942&day=5&month=5&year=2015&alType=0)

**Bay Area Cancer Connections Honoring Life event** provides opportunities for reflection and remembering those lost to cancer. Guest speakers, candle-lighting ceremony

and meditation. RSVP required. May 1, 6-8 p.m. Free. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. [bccconnections.org/events/honoring-life/](http://bccconnections.org/events/honoring-life/)

### Kids & Families

**Old Woodside Store Day** Family event shares history of Old Woodside Store and the area during the 1880s. Children's activities will include cutting logs with a two-man saw. May 3, noon-4 p.m. Free. Woodside Store, 3300 Tripp Road, Woodside. [www.historysmc.org](http://www.historysmc.org)

**AYSO Menlo Park & Atherton registration** AYSO Menlo Park & Atherton Region 109 will hold walk-in registration days at Hillview Middle School for the coming fall soccer season. Boys and girls new to AYSO or the region are required to attend. Others can register online beginning on May 1. Registration is \$150 for the season, or \$100 for a kinderleague season. AYSO does not hold tryouts and all are welcome to participate, regardless of ability. May 2 and 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free to attend. Hillview Middle School Library, 1100 Elder Ave., Menlo Park. [www.mpsoccer.org](http://www.mpsoccer.org)

**Boswick the Clown** May 4, 4-4:45 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-242. [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org)

**Preparing children for kindergarten talk** Annye Rothenberg, child/parent psychologist, gives talk. Open to community, but for parents only. May 5, 4:30-6 p.m. Free. The Roberts School, 641 Coleman Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-322-3535. [www.robertsschool.com](http://www.robertsschool.com)

### Film

'**Guru Zane**' screening and BBQ dinner This event at National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy (NCEFT) includes screening of documentary "Guru Zane," which profiles a child with special needs; a panel discussion; and a BBQ dinner from The Boneyard Truck. Online registration requested. May 5, 7-9 p.m. Free (donations accepted). NCEFT, 880 Runnymede Road, Woodside. Call 650-851-2271, ext. 7. [www.nceft.org/guruzane](http://www.nceft.org/guruzane)

### On Stage

'**Fiddler on the Roof**' Menlo School Drama Department stages outdoor production of musical "Fiddler on the Roof," which follows a Russian family as its Jewish traditions come into conflict with modern influences. Attendees can picnic on lawn before each performance at 7 p.m. May 1-3, 8 and 9, from 8-10 p.m. \$10 adult; \$5 student. Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. [www.menloschool.org/arts/drama.php](http://www.menloschool.org/arts/drama.php)

'**The Mouse That Roared**' Woodside Priory Theater stages a comedy that follows a California winery when it copies and outsells "Pinot Grand Fenwick," the Duchy of Grand Fenwick's only export. April 30-May 2, 7-9 p.m. \$5 student; \$15 student. Woodside Priory, 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-465-9770. [www.priory.ticketleap.com/mouse](http://www.priory.ticketleap.com/mouse)



## COMMUNITY TALK

# Latest Advances in Stroke Treatment

Presented by *Stanford Health Library*



### SPEAKER

Jeremy Heit, MD, PhD  
*Neurointerventional Radiology*

For anyone having a stroke, time is everything. Getting help quickly can make the difference between recovery and disability. Stroke affects more than 750,000 Americans annually. Join this discussion to learn more about:

- Stroke risk factors
- New stroke therapies

### JOIN US

**Thursday, April 30 • 7:00pm**

Stanford Health Library, Hoover Pavilion  
211 Quarry Road, Suite 201 • Palo Alto, CA  
*Free parking*

**No Fee.** To register, please call **650.498.7826**.  
This event is free and open to the public.  
Please register, seating is limited.



**Stanford**  
HEALTH CARE

**Talks & Authors**

**Author and art collector Gary Beau-doin** gives illustrated talk on his book, "Unbroken Web: The Art of Ellen & Lucy Begay," which delves into the complex work of these Navajo (Dine) weavers. No registration required. May 3, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton. Call 650-328-2422. www.smcl.org

**Author Jacqueline Winspear** discusses her latest Maisie Dobbs mystery "A Dangerous Place." April 29, 7:30 p.m. \$20 general. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/946305

**Author Jane Smiley** discusses "Early Warning," second installment in The Last Hundred Years trilogy, which chronicles the journey of the Langdon family through mid-century America. May 5, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/jane-smiley-0

**Cafe Scientifique Silicon Valley: 'Reflecting Sunlight to Cool Earth's Climate'** Event features two climate change thought leaders, Drs. Ken Caldeira and Armand Neukermans. May 12, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. SRI International, 333 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-859-2198. www.sri.com

**Dr. Robert Wachter** and Dr. Abraham Verghese discuss Dr. Wachter's new book,

"The Digital Doctor," which examines what the medical field will look like in an even more digital and technological future, including some pitfalls. May 8, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/robert-wachter-md-conversation-abraham-verghese-md

**Et Alia**

**Collage Vocal Ensemble** presents concert, "There Was a Tree: Songs of Flowers, Trees, Birds and Bees," featuring Eric Whitacre's "Three Flower Songs," jazz standards by Cole Porter and Joseph Kosma, and Broadway hits. May 3, 3-5 p.m. \$15 suggested donation. St. Bede's Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Call 854-6555. www.collagevocalensemble.org

**Ballet Folklorico of Half Moon Bay** performs the regional dances of the Mexican state of Sinaloa. The group's instructor will also teach the audience a dance after the performance. April 30, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-851-0560. www.smcl.org

**Teen Spring Book Club** for ages 12 to 18 will meet to discuss "The Young World" by Chris Weitz at a themed book party. Registration required. May 2, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2530. menlopark.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=991



**NOTICE REQUESTING BIDS**

**WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT  
SAUSAL VISTA PUMP STATION PROJECT – PHASE 1**

Sealed proposals for the Sausal Vista Pump Station Project - Phase 1 will be received at the West Bay Sanitary District, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, California 94025 until **2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2015** at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be labeled "West Bay Sanitary District, Proposal for SAUSAL VISTA PUMP STATION PROJECT – PHASE 1."

The Work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment, and other appurtenances for replacement and construction of sanitary sewer mains and force mains by Open Trench Construction, as indicated on the project plans.

The contract documents may be inspected at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District; San Francisco Builders Exchange, Attn: Deanna Johnson, 850 So. Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94110; Peninsula Builders Exchange, Attn: Andrea Nettles, 735 Industrial Road, Suite 100, San Carlos, California 94070; Santa Clara Builders Exchange, Attn: Kanani Fonseca, 400 Reed Street, Santa Clara, California 95050; Builders Exchange of Alameda, Attn: Richard Owen, 3055 Alvarado Street, San Leandro, California 94577; Construction Bidboard Incorporated, Attn: Plan Room, 11622 El Camino Real, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92130; and, Contra Costa Builders Exchange, Attn: April Hamilton, 2440 Stanwell Drive, Suite B, Concord, California 94520.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the West Bay Sanitary District upon payment of a check or money order in the amount of \$60.00 for each set. The check or money order must be issued to the West Bay Sanitary District. All payments are nonrefundable.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at **10:00 am on Wednesday, April 29, 2015** at the West Bay Sanitary District Office in Menlo Park, California.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or a proposal guaranty bond payable to the order of the West Bay Sanitary District in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid as a guaranty that the bidder will execute the contract if it be awarded to him in conformity with the proposal. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price and a labor and material bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

The District ("Owner") reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to determine which proposal is, in the judgment of the District, the lowest responsible bid of a responsible bidder or group of bidders and which proposal should be accepted in the best interest of the District. The District also reserves the right to waive any informalities in any proposal or bid.

Bid proposals received after the time announced for the opening will not be considered. No bidder may withdraw his proposal after the time announced for the opening, or before award and execution of the contract, unless the award is delayed for a period exceeding forty-five (45) days.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 22300, and upon the request and at the expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract may be deposited with the District, or with a state or federally chartered bank as escrow agent who shall deliver such securities to the Contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Only those securities listed in Government Code Section 16430 or other securities approved by the District are eligible for deposit. The deposit of securities with an escrow agent or the District shall be made in the form and on such terms and conditions as the District may require to protect the interest of the District in the event of the Contractor's default. The Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities that are deposited and shall receive any interest thereon.

Pertaining to Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1 of the California Labor Code, the successful bidder shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Copies of such prevailing rates are on file at the District office of the West Bay Sanitary District and which copies shall be made available to any interested party on request. The successful bidder shall post a copy of such determinations at each job site.

In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 3300, the District has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid Class A License or a combination of Class C-12 "Earthwork and Paving", C-34 "Pipeline" and C-42 "Sanitation System" licenses at the time this contract is awarded. Failure to possess the specified license(s) shall render the bid as non-responsive and shall act as a bar to award of the contract to any bidder not possessing said license(s) at the time of award.

West Bay Sanitary District  
Board of Directors  
San Mateo County, California

/s/ Phil Scott  
District Manager  
Dated: March 25, 2015

*You're Invited!*

*Avenidas Lifetimes of Achievement 2015*

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**  
**3:00 - 5:00 pm**

Join us for a garden party honoring six distinguished seniors who have made significant professional and community contributions:

**Barbara Carlitz**  
**Ann DeBusk**  
**Bob Harrington**  
**Gib Myers**  
**Mary and Allan Seid**

Call (650) 289-5445 or visit [www.avenidas.org](http://www.avenidas.org) for tickets and event location.

# Woodside real estate.

## Ed Kahl knows it inside and out.

and he's provided successful results for his clients for over 20 years.



MOUNTAIN HOME ROAD listed at \$7,750,000



GREER ROAD listed at \$10,500,000



MANZANITA WAY listed at \$5,500,000



WHISKEY HILL listed at \$6,500,000



OLIVE HILL listed at \$8,995,000



WINDING WAY listed at \$4,900,000



## Ed Kahl

[www.EdKahl.com](http://www.EdKahl.com)

400-2796



- Over \$1 Billion Sold
- MA in Economics from UC
- Real Estate Broker since 1972
- Top 1% of Coldwell Banker agents
- DRE #00511740



MOUNTAIN HOME RD listed at \$17,500,000