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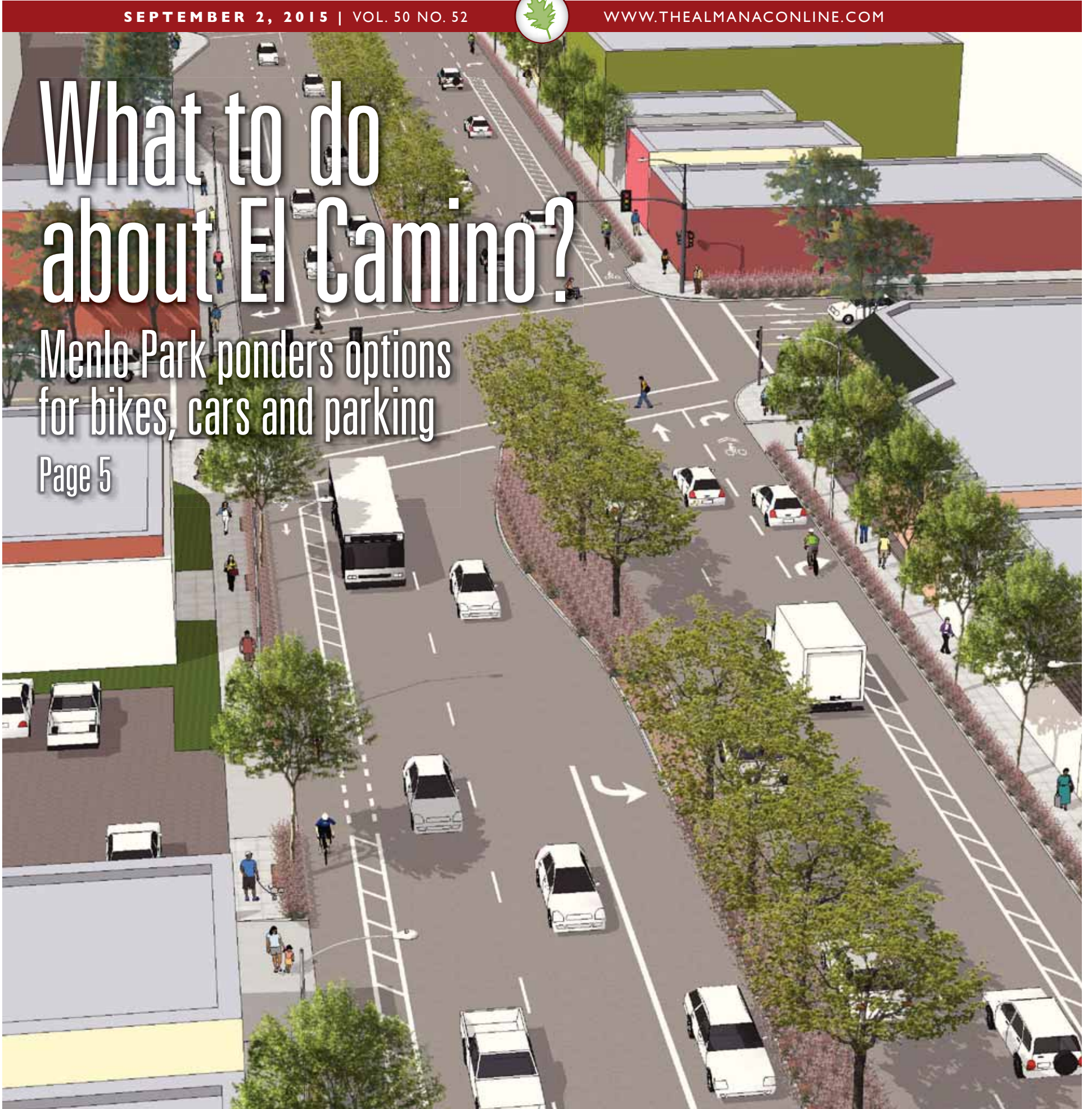


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A pickup truck crashed through the fence on Marsh Road in Atherton shortly before midnight Aug. 24, taking out several hundred feet of fence and ending up upside down in the Atherton drainage channel. The accident caused a lane of Marsh Road to be closed for six hours later in the week to repair the fence.

Atherton: Another vehicle takes out Marsh Road fence

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

A driver lost control of his pickup truck and crashed through the fence on Marsh Road shortly before midnight on Monday, Aug. 25, taking out about 200 feet of fence and ending upside down in the Atherton drainage channel. A passenger in the truck was not injured.

The driver had to be extricated from the vehicle by Menlo Park Fire Protection District responders, and the road was closed for six hours on Wednes-

day, Aug. 27, so the town could repair the damage.

In March and April, similar accidents took out the Marsh Road fence.

Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said he is concerned that such incidents are “becoming a much more frequent occurrence and it’s going to end badly at some point.”

He said he is “not sure if this is related to more traffic, or distracted or impaired drivers, but the impact to the community is significant during the closures for the actual emergency and repair.”

“The Fire District would like to see the road opened up, the channel enclosed, and the route be more conducive to accommodating emergency vehicles and traffic in general,” he said, admitting, “that’s easier said than done.”

Atherton Public Works Superintendent Steven Tyler said the town plans to put reflectors and reflective paint along the edge of the road to try to improve safety there. The town is currently seeking a permit to redo the drainage channel, and once those changes are made the area should be safer, he said. ■

Outdoor movies in downtown Menlo Park

By Kate Bradshaw
Special to the Almanac

Visitors to downtown Menlo Park have likely noticed the colorful array of astroturf, colorful chairs, and young families at play in the new “Pop-Up Paseo” on Chestnut Street between Santa Cruz and Menlo avenues.

A pilot initiative of Menlo Park’s specific plan to improve

public spaces in the city, the paseo will be home to the Menlo Movie Series, which offers free screenings of family-friendly films each Friday during September.

This is the lineup (each screening starts at 7:30 p.m.): Sept. 4, “Guardians of the Galaxy”; Sept. 11, “Planes Fire and Rescue”; Sept. 18, “Big Hero 6”; and Sept. 25, “Cinderella.”

The paseo will also be the

location for other events in September. On Friday, Sept. 4, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Menlo Park patrol officers will host a Friday Night Lights tailgate party, which will offer pizza, popcorn, soft drinks, and memorabilia giveaways. The event will directly precede the free screening of “Guardians of the Galaxy.”

Jim Cogan, the city’s economic

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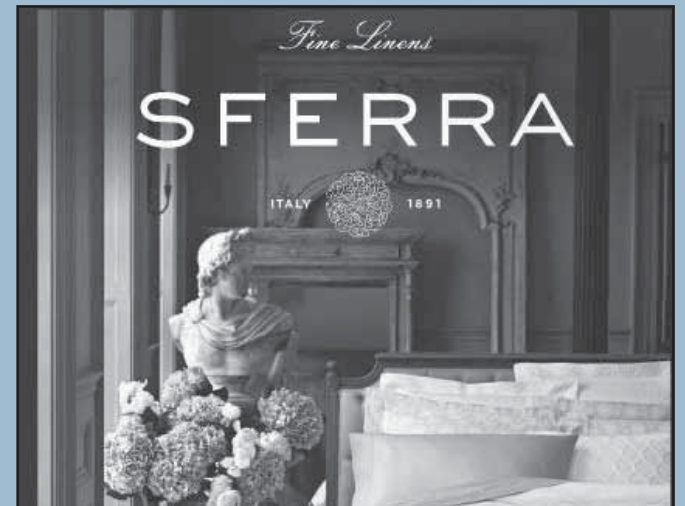
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What to do about El Camino Real?

Menlo Park ponders options for bikes, cars and parking

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

One thing is inevitable in an area filled with well-educated, bright and articulate people — they will have opinions.

And when it comes to a topic that touches the lives of nearly everyone in the community, the future of El Camino Real, another inevitability is that there will be lots of those opinions.

The city recently released a lengthy report on a study of the 1.3 miles of El Camino Real that runs through Menlo Park and carries as many as 45,000 vehicles a day. The report looks at the current conditions of the state highway, the city's main north/south corridor, and examines what might happen if certain changes were made to the road.

Since the 62-page report, with an accompanying 567 pages of appendices and a 15-page tree report, was released on Aug. 3, the City Council has received at least 80 emails on the topic at their official town email addresses.

Not quite that many people spoke at an Aug. 25 study session for the council to discuss the report, but at least 26 of them did present the council members with a wide range of opinions, many of them heartfelt and sometimes in complete opposition to those of other speakers.

In the end, however, the opinions of the five elected City Council members will decide what to do about El Camino. What the council members seemed to agree on was that rather than making any permanent changes to El Camino, the city should conduct a trial of some kind of bike lanes to see how they work.

Next steps

Nicole Nagaya, the city's transportation manager, said the meeting gave her and W-Trans, the consultants working on the \$459,713 study, a long list of tasks, including:

- Discussions with the Menlo

The council leans toward a trial run of bike lanes on El Camino.

Park Fire Protection District about the effect of bike lanes on emergency vehicle response.

- Discussions with Palo Alto, Atherton and Redwood City to gauge interest in a multi-city bike-lane trial.

- Discussions with the California Department of Transportation (which has jurisdiction over El Camino) about a trial bike lane, including timelines for designs, permits and construction.

- Discussions with local businesses on El Camino between Live Oak and Ravenswood avenues about alternatives for parking if on-street parking is removed.

- A closer look at the trees on El Camino near Ravenswood Avenue and how to protect them.

Ms. Nagaya said the council will get a progress report in October before deciding what it wants to do.

The options

The study lists a number of changes that could make El Camino Real safer, and considers four alternatives: doing nothing; six continuous vehicle lanes; the current number of lanes (4-6 vehicle lanes depending on location) with bike lanes buffered by painted lines; and the current number of lanes with bike lanes protected by 3-foot-wide curbs or planters.

How the alternatives would affect traffic and the time it takes to get through Menlo Park, as well as the length of vehicle backups at nine intersections, are all part of the study. How each alternative would affect bicyclists, pedestrians, aesthetics, parking and trees is also considered.

Visit tinyurl.com/ECR-DOCS to see the project page on the city's website.



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

A bicyclist and a pedestrian (at left) cross Ravenswood Avenue, heading north on El Camino Real.

W-Trans was told not to alter sidewalks, center medians or newly planted trees, and not to use grade separations or tunnels in its design.

None of the options reduce the current number of through vehicle lanes; but some right-turn lanes are eliminated. Two of the options, the one with six through lanes and one with paint-buffered bicycle lanes, add an additional through lane at Ravenswood Avenue.

All of the options would affect some trees on the corner of El Camino and Ravenswood Avenue, although one of the consultants has suggested more trees might be saved by shifting the sidewalk that now runs in front of the trees to run behind them.

Adding a third vehicle lane in each direction between Live Oak and Valparaiso avenues would be accomplished by removing on-street parking. Both the bicycle lane configurations would remove all on-street parking on El Camino, while bike lanes with a physical separation would remove most right-turn lanes.

The views

Among those the council heard from on Aug. 25 was Sharon Delly, a Menlo Park resident whose family owns Menlo Clockworks on El Camino. Ms. Delly said that removing the parking, and its use as a loading zone, on El Camino could be a real hardship for businesses and elderly customers.

"Many merchants on El Camino depend on that parking for their livelihood," she said. "By taking away the parking, the city will lose revenue from these businesses because they may have to close."

Ms. Delly said a petition signed by 240 people opposes parking removal.

Sean Mulcahy, who owns the Leather Leather Furniture Gallery on El Camino, said parking is crucial. His customers "can't walk for blocks" to get to the store, he said.

Others argued that, rather than a hardship, replacing parking with bike lanes could draw more customers. Dale Hall, who works in Menlo Park and is part of the new environmental organization Menlo Spark, said

ON THE COVER

This rendering shows a view looking south on El Camino Real toward the intersection with Santa Cruz Avenue, with bike lanes buffered by painted lines. (Graphic courtesy of city of Menlo Park.)

other communities, including San Francisco and Oakland, have seen more business for nearby retailers after improving bike lanes.

"If you're in a car on El Camino, you're either flying by or you're at a stoplight," he said. "This just isn't a proposal to help out a small group of die-hard bicyclists," he added, but something that "will benefit the entire Menlo Park community."

Adding bike lanes and other safety improvements suggested in the report will also make El Camino safer for pedestrians, he said.

Ellen Barton, the active transportation coordinator for

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Questions raised about silencing staff on reasons for town manager's exit

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

■ PORTOLA VALLEY

While a mandatory silence surrounds the details of the recent "involuntary resignation" of former town manager Nick Pegueros from Portola Valley Town Hall, some Town Council members have been willing to talk about one aspect of Mr. Pegueros' contract: the clause that forbids Town Hall staff from talking about his departure.

A clause in the three-year agreement, signed in December 2014, says that the council, the staff and Mr. Pegueros himself cannot talk to "the public, the press, or any Town employee concerning the termination of this Agreement."

This imposition of silence on staff members raises questions about whether it abridges their rights to free speech, and whether it is enforceable.

Lawyers asked to comment on language meant to silence the staff have said that its purpose is probably to direct the council to direct Town Hall employees to be quiet.

Nikki Moore, an attorney with the California Newspaper Publishers Association, said the clause is probably unenforceable, meaning that a staff member could not be sued for talking. But talking about the termination could put that person's employment at risk, she said. Portola Valley Town Attorney Leigh Prince agreed.

Council comments

The Almanac asked the council members to comment on how that language made its way into the contract.

Councilwoman Maryann Moise Derwin said in an email she could not recall who proposed it, but said that the council was trying to give Mr. Pegueros "a contract that he was comfortable with" since the town manager had long been underpaid relative to contemporaries in the county.

"Given our history of friendliness and collaboration at Town Hall, I couldn't have imagined a scenario in which a manager would have parted on such terms that it would have actually mattered if the staff were chatty or silent," she said. "I certainly

stand corrected on that naive thinking, and in a contract with a future town manager, I would not agree to many of the terms in Mr. Pegueros' contract. Steep and painful learning curve."

Councilman Craig Hughes said he saw only the contract's final version, after it had been handled by then-mayor Ann Wengert and then-vice mayor (and now mayor) Jeff Aalfs. Mr. Hughes said he recalled being told that Mr. Pegueros had described the framework of the previous contract as outdated.

Ms. Wengert did not respond to repeated requests for an interview.

"Town contracts must be able to control the actions of town employees to some degree (through their employment), or else they become effectively meaningless," Mr.

Hughes said. "I think Nikki Moore is right that the employees could, of course, say whatever they like (if it's not slanderous) without legal repercussions, but as town employees, it is part of their job to not

violate the terms of town contracts," he said.

Asked about the staff-silence clause, Mayor Aalfs said he doesn't remember who proposed it, but described it as "more a statement of intention than a binding statement."

Councilman John Richards said he could not recall discussing the matter, nor did he recall any controversy about it. "I can tell you that Nick did some very valuable things for the town, and that protecting his privacy was and still is a priority," he said.

Being nice

Noting that he could not discuss Mr. Pegueros' departure itself, Mr. Hughes did say this: "We went through an extensive process over many weeks to review Nick's performance before that termination occurred. I can also tell you that I would not ever be party to any coverup of illegal or suspected illegal activity, nor any activity that went against" the equal opportunity employment or misconduct sections of the town's personnel policies manual.

Mr. Hughes said the council

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City loses fourth top manager

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

The city of Menlo Park has lost its fourth administrator since mid-July, with the departure of Human Resources Director Gina Donnelly, which was announced by City Manager Alex McIntyre on Aug. 27.

Mr. McIntyre said Ms. Donnelly, who began working for the city in July 2013, is leaving because her commute from her home in Morgan Hill had become unmanageable. She will become human resources director in Monterey.

"Menlo Park is a great community and is a great employer as well," said Ms. Donnelly. However, she got a great job offer from the city of Monterey. "I was presented with a wonderful opportunity," she said.

She had been commuting from her home in Morgan Hill as long as two hours each way and could not afford to relocate to Menlo Park. "The commute has gotten exponentially harder since I began three years ago," she said.

Assistant City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson retired on July 31 and Finance Director

Drew Corbett left Aug. 14 to take the same post with the city of San Mateo. Public Works Director Jesse Quirion left the city Aug. 20 for a job with Google in Tennessee.

At the same time Ms. Donnelly's departure was announced, Mr. McIntyre announced a number of hires or shifting of personnel within the city.

He said that police commander Dave Bertini will become the city's interim human resources director, to "hold down the department until such a time that I can name a new permanent director."

Retired Menlo Park Police Commander Terri Molakides will temporarily fill Commander Bertini's vacancy, Mr. McIntyre said.

Mr. McIntyre has also borrowed Ann Stillman, San Mateo County's deputy director of public works, to work three-quarters time for Menlo Park as interim public works director until a permanent replacement for Mr. Quirion can be found, he said.

On Aug. 25, Mr. McIntyre announced he had contracted with Nick Pegueros, whose "involuntary resignation" as the Portola Valley town manager was announced Aug. 12, to be the interim administrative services director. Mr. Pegueros will oversee interim finance director Clay Curtin, interim human resources director (Mr.

Bertini), and information technology manager Gene Garces, Mr. McIntyre said.

In an email to city employees sent Aug. 27, Mr. McIntyre noted that a great deal of change has taken place in the city over the summer. "A number of key managers have left the City in pursuit of other work opportunities," he wrote.

"With the strong and talented managers we have, it should not come as a surprise that greater work, quality of life and/or financial opportunities lure them away. It is to be expected. My preference is that they not all happen at the same time."

Mr. McIntyre said the city has a number of challenges in recruiting and retaining top quality employees. The high cost of living locally, the distances people have to travel to work, and the changes in the city's retirement system that offer fewer benefits to new employees "all combine to make it difficult to attract a pool of talent," he said.

Because "people can't afford to move to the area," recruitment is harder, he said. "The ones who I have to hire are the ones who are here."

"This is partially a function of compensation; this is partially a function of location," he said, and similar things are affecting many other Silicon Valley businesses. "Menlo Park's not alone," Mr. McIntyre said. ■

Pegueros named to interim Menlo post

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Nick Pegueros, whose "involuntary resignation" as the Portola Valley town manager was announced Aug. 12, has been named the interim administrative services director in Menlo Park, City Manager Alex McIntyre announced Aug. 25.

Mr. Pegueros will partially fill the role left vacant by Starla Jerome-Robinson's recent retirement. Ms. Jerome-Robinson was assistant city manager as well as administrative services director, but Mr. Pegueros will not take on the assistant city manager role, Mr. McIntyre said. He will oversee the interim finance director, the interim human resources director, and information technology manager, Mr. McIntyre said.

■ MENLO PARK

Mr. Pegueros' resignation as the Portola Valley town manager was announced by the Portola Valley Town Council in a prepared statement on Aug. 12, which said that "at the request of Nick Pegueros" the council "requested the involuntary resignation of the Town Manager and the Manager resigned, effective immediately."

Mr. McIntyre said he had spoken to Mr. Pegueros about the circumstances of his resignation from the Portola Valley position. "I am aware of Nick's situation in Portola Valley and none of it has to do with his ability to do the job I need to have him do," Mr. McIntyre said.

"He has explained it to me and I have had his explanation affirmed by a separate source," he said.

"I don't know the details of why the Portola Valley council did what it did and that's not my business," Mr. McIntyre

said. Mr. McIntyre was the town administrator for Portola Valley from 1997 to 2000.

Mr. McIntyre said that with the recent loss of three high-level city administrators, including Public Works Director Jesse Quirion, Assistant City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson and Finance Director Drew Corbett, "I need help."

"I am happy about my appointment of Nick," he said. "For Nick it's a trial run, he gets to test us out; we get to test him out."

Mr. Pegueros was hired on a contract that will expire at the end of the calendar year, with an option for renewal if both parties agree, Mr. McIntyre said. Mr. Pegueros' salary is approximately \$170,000 a year. He began working for the city on Aug. 25.

The city also announced that Clay Curtin will become the interim finance director. Mr. Curtin has been assistant to the city manager since 2013. He

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Pilot program to make city parks herbicide-free approved by City Council

By Kate Bradshaw
Special to the Almanac

■ MENLO PARK

The Menlo Park City Council unanimously adopted revisions to the city's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy Aug. 25, including implementing a pilot program at four city parks to eliminate all herbicide use and authorizing the city manager to release a request for proposals to determine the cost viability of making all parks in Menlo Park herbicide-free.

The pilot program would be conducted at Bedwell Bayfront, Fremont, Willow Oaks and Stanford Hills parks.

Mayor Catherine Carlton proposed two amendments to the proposal that were adopted by the council: eliminating the use of systemic pesticides and discontinuing the use of baited rat traps. Ms. Carlton explained that there have been cases in which poisoned rats have then poisoned other potentially endangered predators.

"The poisoned rats are getting into the ecosystem and poisoning birds and bobcats and endangered species," she said.

She suggested using alternative "zap" traps to address rat problems, which contain the deceased rat's body and prevent its ingestion by other scavengers.

Heather Abrams, environmental programs manager for the city, shared a list of systemic pesticides currently in use. These, she had been assured by staff, could be eliminated without issue, including a class of pesticides called neonicotinoids that have been linked to honey bee die-offs.

The council also authorized the city manager to seek bids from landscape contractors to maintain all of the city's parks without herbicide use to see if that option is cost-feasible.

With Mayor Carlton's amendments, the motion passed unanimously. ■



Photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

The study looked at reducing the difficulty of crossing El Camino Real, as these autos and a lone bicyclist are doing, heading west on Ravenswood Avenue.

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San Mateo County, said bicycle lanes bring new patrons to businesses. Making El Camino safer could help older people who "eventually do not usually drive in the later years," she said, and could make room for innovative ideas "such as pedal taxis."

Others, including former Planning Commission member Henry Riggs, advocated for more through traffic lanes, despite the fact that the report showed that would actually slow traffic by drawing in drivers who don't now use El Camino.

"We do need bike routes in Menlo Park. We also need to improve auto circulation for the 30,000 or so of us who have to drive daily on El Camino Real," Mr. Riggs said. "I am looking forward to an El Camino that handles real-life traffic."

John Duhig, an Allied Arts resident who calls himself "a septuagenarian cyclist," also liked the additional traffic lanes, because if traffic "isn't going to come down El Camino, it's going somewhere else," he said. "It will all be coming down the road where I live."

As for bike lanes on El Camino, Mr. Duhig said:

"There's lots of other ways" to get where one wants to go on a bicycle. "I never go on El Camino," he said. "It's not necessary."

Others said the bike lanes would help students and families.

"I bike to school every day," said Stella Kaval, who lives on Willow Road. "I go to Hillview School and I'm in 7th grade." Bike lanes "would make me feel safer about biking and encourage more of my friends to bike."

Lydia Lee, a bike commission member who said she maintains a Facebook page called "Bike Menlo Park," said she lives on the north end of town off El Camino, about where people start driving faster as it opens up into three lanes in each direction. "My kids bike to school anyway, and we figure it out, we manage," she said. But adding bike lanes would make biking something to look forward to, she said.

Jon Johnston, the fire marshal for the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, said the fire district worries that the plan did not take into consideration what changing El Camino would do to the time it takes for a fire truck or ambulance to respond to an

emergency. "In no aspect (of the report) did they include emergency response," he said.

Steve Weinberger of W-Trans said that option 1, allowing 6 vehicle lanes in each direction by removing parking, "probably has the greatest impact to emergency vehicles and the response time" because it leaves cars no place to pull over.

With the bike lane alternatives, cars can pull into the bike lanes, he said. Even with a physically separated bike lane, the separation can be a curb that can be driven over, he said.

The idea of a trial was popular with speakers and with the council.

A trial of bike lanes could "actually let people see the proof ... so a pilot makes sense to me," said Councilman Ray Mueller. "I would like a pilot, but I'd like Atherton and either Redwood City or Palo Alto to also take part."

A trial could also help the city see exactly what is needed on El Camino. "It's hard sometimes when you're planning for things, to plan for the people who can't do it yet," said Councilwoman Kirsten Keith. ■

Kiwanis Club announces roster of speakers for September

Submitted by Judy Horst, of the Kiwanis Club of Menlo Park.

The Kiwanis Club of Menlo Park meets each Tuesday, from noon to 1:15 p.m., at Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park. Guests may attend by calling (650) 327-1313.

September speakers are:

■ Sept. 8: Bayana Chunga, of the African Bible College, will talk about the college he represents and the challenges facing the people of Malawi. He started daily devotional programs on the Malawi Broadcasting Corporation, produced a radio documentary that dealt with the AIDS crisis in Malawi, and

has written a weekly column in a Malawi newspaper.

■ Sept. 15: Sara Jorgensen, one of Harrell Remodeling's designers, will speak on home remodeling options.

■ Sept. 22: Menlo Park Councilwoman Kirsten Keith will talk about challenges facing the city of Menlo Park.

■ Sept. 29: Chris Carpenter, general manager of the San Mateo Event Center, will discuss the center, which covers 48 acres and has seven indoor buildings. The center hosts hundreds of events, including trade and consumer shows, product launches, concerts, corporate meetings and the county fair.

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development manager, said he is working with downtown furniture stores to gauge interest in using the space to showcase their outdoor furniture collections.

Mr. Cogan said that creating open and fun public spaces is an important next step for Menlo Park's downtown development. For Menlo Park's downtown area to stay competitive in the age of online shopping, he said,

going downtown needs to feel more like an "experience."

Citing examples like free Wi-Fi in cafes, farmers' markets and food trucks, and the addition of active spaces such as bocce ball courts in local shopping centers like the Hillsdale Mall, Mr. Cogan said people go to these spaces for the things they can't get online.

"The more we provide an experiential element downtown, the more likely we are to help those businesses," he said. ■



Drawing of the proposed additions to Stent Hall on the Menlo School campus.

Menlo School gets go-ahead on campus expansion plans

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo School has apparently calmed the objections of its neighbors over plans to expand several buildings in its central campus. On Aug. 26, the school won unanimous approval from the Atherton Planning Commission to go ahead with the project.

The only dissenting vote came from commission member Mary Widmer, who voted against giving the school a variance to exceed the 34-foot height limit in its zoning district by 8 feet.

Architect Kevin Hart said representatives of Menlo School, located at 50 Valparaiso Ave., had asked the town a year ago to approve building a two-story building where a one-story building is now proposed.

The representatives were asked to work with neighbors and come back with a revised plan.

What they came up with, he said, is “a new heart of campus, as far away from any of our neighbors as possible.” Most of the new buildings will not be visible from anywhere but the center of campus, he said. Only one neighbor will be able to see the project and that neighbor “can only see a slight corner as they look through their bushes,” he said.

The school was given the variance despite a recommendation from town planners to deny it for fear of setting a negative precedent. Several neighbors spoke in favor of the variance.

“I’ve actually come to be positive about this project for the most part,” said immediate neighbor Ed Goodstein. “I think that the school has done

a good job of reaching out and trying to have a meeting of minds about this. Most of our concerns are alleviated.”

Granting the variance “would certainly help the neighbors,” he said, because it allows building in the center of campus, rather than the earlier proposed “building outside our back door.”

Neighbor Liz King agreed. “I want to endorse all aspects of this plan,” she said. “They’ve

Most of the new buildings will not be visible from anywhere but the center of campus, said architect Kevin Hart.

been amenable and thoughtful to the concerns of the neighbors.”

Than Healy, the head of school for the private middle and high school, said the construction of the proposed projects will “virtually complete” the school’s plans to update the campus. Mr. Healy said the school will return by early next year with plans for changes in the Cartan Field athletic facilities it shares with Menlo College. He said a meeting with neighbors about the Cartan Field plans is scheduled for October.

Menlo School was given a conditional use permit for three additions to two existing buildings. A new dining hall, student center and library addition of 7,600 square feet, would connect to Stent Hall. A 5,400-square-foot, one-story structure with a basement would be added to the Creative Arts & Design Center and used for a technology and business

office. Business, development and communication offices, totaling 4,500 square feet, would be added to the third floor of the 1998 addition to Stent Hall.

The school plans to use 10 portable buildings during construction, putting them on the oval lawn area of the main entry loop, where it put portables during construction in 2004.

Among the conditions imposed on the construction by the town are noise controls that would keep the noisiest construction activities between 8 and 10 a.m. or 3 to 5 p.m.; offsite mixing of concrete; and placing wooden barriers around any jackhammers used.

Conditions imposed by the neighbors include not allowing noise from mechanical equipment to be heard from neighboring properties; adding landscape screening in front of the creative arts building; and storing food waste on a site away from the neighbors.

Conditions to protect the history of Stent Hall (formerly Douglass Hall) include requiring a website with the building’s history and historic photo exhibits inside the building.

Civic center

In other business, the Atherton Planning Commission unanimously recommended the City Council approve the final environmental impact report on the town’s Civic Center Master Plan. The town is currently designing a new civic center, and those plans will need further environmental review only on aspects that differ from the master plan. The environmental report will now go to the City Council for final approval. ▀



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See map at <http://www.mpsmc.org>

The Mounted Patrol Foundation, a 501c3 supports all of the events above, and is assisting in the advertising of events.

MP resident Cardinal Levada charged with DUI in Hawaii

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

A resident of St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park, Cardinal William Joseph Levada, has been charged with drunken driving after being stopped on Aug. 20 by a police officer on a street in Kailua-Kona in Hawaii.

Cardinal Levada, 79, is out of custody after posting \$500 bail and is expected in court on Sept. 24, according to the Hawaii Tribune-Herald. He was on vacation with friends, according to a church spokesman.



Cardinal William Joseph Levada

At the time he was pulled over by police, Cardinal Levada was alone and driving a 2015 Nissan Altima, the story said.

The seminary has not yet responded to a request for comment.

Cardinal Levada's long career with the Roman Catholic Church

includes terms as archbishop of San Francisco and archbishop of Portland, Oregon. He is currently the Prefect Emeritus of the Conclave of the Faith.

He has held a position of great power within the church, succeeding Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger) in May 2005 as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. This office within the curia — the Pope's cabinet — has a mission to “promote and safeguard the doctrine on faith and morals in the whole Catholic world,” according to Catholic-hierarchy.org.

The church changed the office's original name — the Congregation for Universal Inquisition — in 1908, and again in 1965 to its present name, according to a historical summary at the website.

Cardinal Levada, who retired in July 2012, was the first U.S. prelate to hold the Prefect position, the Tribune-Herald story said. He was also a voting member of the College of Cardinals when that body elected Pope Francis in March 2013. ▣

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will likely tweak “some sections” of the contract with the new town manager. But, he added, “mutual-non-disparagement clauses are familiar to me from the private sector for senior managers, so I didn't find it unusual that there should be one in our contract with Nick.”

Asked whether private sector practices were appropriate in the public sector, Mr. Hughes said that non-disparagement clauses were not universal in the private sector, and acknowledged the validity of the question for a public employee with a \$200,000 salary.

But senior-level jobs are

few, he noted. If the separation is for reasons that do not involve illegal behavior or other “nefarious things,” Mr. Hughes said, it is “somewhat more reasonable” for senior employees to have some control over what is said about them.

The employer is more likely to agree to such clauses if the management is enthusiastic about retaining the employee, as this council was in December, he said. “He was a town manager whom everyone felt was doing a great job,” he said.

The council will be evaluating its contracts with a colder eye in the future, he said. If a candidate requests a mutual-non-disparagement clause, it would be appropriate to consider it, Mr. Hughes said. ▣

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had also worked in Southern California for the cities of West Covina and Manhattan Beach and has a bachelor's degree from Washburn University and a master's degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

Mr. McIntyre said that while Mr. Curtin has a “limited background” in finance, he is “a good

manager.” He will be reporting to Mr. Pegueros, who has extensive finance experience, Mr. McIntyre said.

In addition to serving as town manager in Portola Valley, Mr. Pegueros was finance and administrative services director in Los Altos Hills and assistant finance director for the city of San Bruno. He has a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a master's degree from the University of Washington. ▣

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Fire board approves four-year contract with firefighters

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

With his letter to the public, Chuck Bernstein was on the record as opposing his colleagues on the governing board of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District on a new four-year contract with firefighters, and he was alone in not voting to approve it on a 4-1 vote Aug. 25. But his letter did provoke a question or two for the district, and a call for his censure.

Mr. Bernstein claims that the contract (formally termed a memorandum of understanding) does not inform constituents of the true costs, that it institutionalizes overtime as regular pay, that it's misleading about the pension plan, and that it will ripple to the battalion and division chiefs and raise their pay as well.

He says the district was misleading in saying that firefighters' base compensation would rise by 18 percent over four years. The total increase was



Board member Chuck Bernstein says contract doesn't

inform constituents of the true costs.

41 percent, compensation that would beat by 60 percent the consumer price index over the same period.

Board member Peter Carpenter did not deny that assertion, but said it represented a worst-case scenario, and that while the matter had not been addressed in the contract itself, it had been in a subsequent question-and-answer format on the district's website.

"The staff worked very hard on that issue because you did, in fact, raise it and the staff went

and looked at it," Mr. Carpenter said. "The text (in the Q and A) is very clear. It says this is a worst-case assumption and we think this actually is going to be less expensive than that."

A worst-case scenario of the contract's costs to the district, according to Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman and board member Rex Ianson, would include no firefighters retiring over the contract's term, all employees opting into the district's medical plan, all employees being reimbursed for their educational expenses, all receiving \$150 a month for being bilingual, and all earning a 3 percent bonus for having bachelor's degrees. None of that is going to happen, they said.

In dissent

Amid praise by board members to the contract's negotiators, Mr. Bernstein was alone in his criticism. "I wish I could join the love fest," he said. "I think we're going to spend the decade regretting (approving) it."

Payroll could rise to 70 percent

of the budget, he said. "It risks not being sustainable anymore," he said. "I'm sorry I haven't been more persuasive and more effective. ... I think this is not the right answer. I think it is a mistake."

The raises amount to 2 percent a year when dated from 2007, Mr. Ianson said. Firefighters continued working at a high performance level despite not having a contract, he added. "I think that what's in the contract is reasonable," he said.

The firefighters of Local 2400 of the San Mateo County Firefighters have been working without a contract since 2007.

"Were trying to recognize the professionals we have for the skills they have" so as to keep them employed in the Menlo Park district, Mr. Carpenter said. In negotiating, the district had to comply with the law and convince the union to accept it, he said, adding, "We met someone in the middle."

"This was not a rushed process. Everyone has a piece of this contract," said board President Virginia Chang Kiraly. "This is not a love fest."

Censure ahead?

After the board members approved the contract, they voted again, this time unanimously,

to discuss in September the idea of censuring Mr. Bernstein.

Mr. Carpenter requested the discussion, alleging that Mr. Bernstein violated the board's policies and procedures governing decorum and a member's conduct and responsibilities.

Mr. Bernstein's letter included this sentence: "Notwithstanding my pride in the quality of service we offer, I will vote against the proposed contract. I believe it represents a terrible deal for residents and taxpayers."

Section 5.8 of the board's policies and procedures says that members "shall observe" a code of conduct, which includes this directive: "A Fire District Board Member should strive to: ... 1) Refuse to make commitments on any matter which should come before the Board as a whole."

Mr. Bernstein said he would welcome "a discussion of what's permitted and what's not permitted."

Contract provisions

Under the contract's terms, firefighters' pay will rise by 9 percent the first year and 3 percent annually for three years which, with the annual increases, works out to 19 percent, with

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Menlo Park is next on PG&E tree-removal plan

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Representatives of PG&E told the Menlo Park City Council on Aug. 25 that the company has begun examining 1,300 trees in the city that are growing in its gas transmission line easements and might have to be removed.

There are 500 trees in public right-of-ways and 800 others on private property, according to PG&E.

In July, PG&E made a similar presentation in Atherton, where it is looking at 600 trees on 48 properties. Atherton officials asked the utility to return to the Sept. 16 council meeting with its promises, in writing, about how it will conduct the program.

Darin Cline, a PG&E government relations representative, told the Menlo Park City Council that the company has already begun looking at the trees in the right-of-way and has found “56 that are unacceptable ... and we would like to address those right away. The rest are manageable,” he said.

PG&E has said that it will keep an eye on trees that don’t need to be immediately removed, but they may have to be removed in the future.

Mr. Cline said that while only a little more than 10 percent of the trees in the Menlo Park rights-of-way needed immediate removal, the percentage will probably be higher for the other 800 trees that remain to be examined — many of them in backyards. “It ends up being 20 to 30 percent in most cases,” he said.

In Atherton, PG&E officials had said 30 to 40 percent of trees examined in other communities have had to be removed initially.

At pge.com/pipelinelocations, PG&E’s website shows the gas lines run along parts of Middlefield Road, Sand Hill Road, through the Sand Hill Circle area, Sevier Avenue, Chester Street, Grayson Court, Van Buren Road and Bay Road.

In early April, PG&E was ordered by the California Public Utilities Commission to put \$850 million of shareholder funds into “gas transmission pipeline safety infrastructure improvements,” as part of \$1.6 billion in penalties “for the unsafe operation of its gas transmission system.” In 2010,

an explosion at a gas transmission line in San Bruno killed eight people. The penalties were the highest ever imposed by the PUC.

According to a brochure prepared by PG&E about what it is calling a “community pipeline safety initiative,” trees, shrubs and plants with woody stems, such as manzanita and juniper, should be at least 10 feet away from a gas pipeline, while “larger trees” need to be at least 14 feet away. That means property owners could be asked to remove trees from a 28-foot-wide swath of their properties.

PG&E says it will replace any removed trees with new trees elsewhere on a property. Officials at the Menlo Park meeting said replacements are usually 15-gallon trees, and that if homeowners offer to plant the trees themselves, PG&E will give them two for each tree removed.

Councilwoman Kirsten Keith asked if PG&E could give homeowners more than two to one replacements for trees and was assured PG&E would come to whatever agreement homeowners asked for. Mr. Cline said PG&E will not do any work until it has a signed agreement with property owners.

The PG&E brochure says structures, including buildings, solid fences, pools, hot tubs, patios, decks and gazebos, also must be removed if they are above the pipeline, but PG&E says that is not a problem locally.

Councilman Ray Mueller asked what will happen if property owners do not want to remove the trees, but did not receive a clear answer. “We have about a 90 percent success rate” after initial conversations with property owners, Mr. Cline said. “We hopefully can get them to come around.”

Mr. Mueller persisted. “If they don’t come around, what’s the procedure?” he asked.

“We have brought in first responders to come in and talk to some folks,” Mr. Cline said. “We have found that we need to educate them.”

In Menlo Park, the utility might have trouble finding first responders to talk to residents.

Menlo Park Fire Protection District Chief Harold Schapelhouman, who is featured in a recent PG&E mailing to San Mateo County residents, said

The utility is examining 1,300 trees in gas line easements in Menlo Park.



Photo by Bill Methvin

Employees from the Woodside Tennis Shop and the office of Dave Tanner’s home design and remodeling business used a fire extinguisher to put out a fire on the roof of the Woodside Bakery.

Woodside Bakery roof fire extinguished by alert civilians

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Quick action on the part of employees at the Woodside Tennis Shop and the office of Dave Tanner’s home design and remodeling business put out a small roof fire at the Woodside Bakery shortly after 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 25.

Sparks from the stovepipe of the bakery’s pizza oven got through a spark arrester and landed on what is an old shake roof and ignited a shake, Mr. Tanner said.

The fire burned an area of between 400 and 900 square feet, said firefighter Javier

Valdes of the Woodside Fire Protection District. Firefighters pulled off all the burnt shingles. With the age and dryness of the wooden roof, the fire damage could have been much worse, Mr. Valdes said.

The fire was fought from the roof. Julian Fernandez of the tennis shop vaulted up by way of standing on a fountain, Mr. Tanner said. Octavio Lopez and Josue Patricio, both of Mr. Tanner’s office, climbed up a permanently installed ladder at the back of the building. The three had a fire extinguisher from Mr. Tanner’s office and used it to put out the fire.

Though the fire was out, through a group effort, a hose was strung across the parking lot from the Emily Joubert garden center and the water used to hose down the roof, Mr. Tanner said. There were no injuries, he said.

Battalion Chief Rob Lindner of the Woodside Fire Protection District confirmed Mr. Tanner’s account. The incident lasted about an hour, the businesses were evacuated, but there was no damage to any business, he said.

The fire didn’t penetrate the roof, Mr. Tanner said.

Firefighters were on the roof to make sure the fire was out, Mr. Lindner said. ▀

after the earlier presentation in Atherton that he understands why officials were questioning the utility about the need to remove trees.

“I thought the council members asked some very important questions and had some excellent points,” he said. Chief Schapelhouman said he understands “why there is a huge concern about what ‘access’ really means and how we actually and logically define and discuss risk.”

PG&E said that residents with questions should contact Sarah Wetter, a customer outreach specialist for the utility, at sarah.wetter@pge.com. ▀

Fire board approves contract

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total compensation to cost the district around \$9.8 million, Mr. Schapelhouman has said.

Under the worst-case scenario of a 41 percent increase described by Mr. Bernstein, total compensation costs would be about \$14 million, the district says.

In 2014, the district paid its firefighters \$1.5 million in penalties after a determination by the state Public Employee Relations Board that the district had

engaged in piecemeal bargaining.

Under the new deal, firefighters would pay 12 percent of pension costs, retroactive to 2014-15, up from the 9 percent they are paying now. This will save the district around \$1.2 million over four years, the chief said. Firefighters would also pay 10 percent of the costs for health care coverage.

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'Impressions' by Jared Sines The Portola Art Gallery will present a selection of Jared Sines' oil paintings of places and still lifes, "Impressions." Some of the artist's favorite subjects are pictured, including the fountains and flowers of the Allied Arts Guild and the waterways of Venice. Monday-Saturday, Sept. 1-30, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-321-0220. www.portolaartgallery.com

Mostly 3D Art Exhibit The Atherton Arts Foundation will host a community art show at Holbrook-Palmer Park, which will feature kinetic art, sculpture, jewelry and more. All are welcome. Sept. 11, 4-7:30 p.m. Free. Holbrook-Palmer Park, Jennings Pavilion, 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton. Call 650-504-2133. www.athertonarts.org

Benefits/Fundraisers

Cocktails & Couture The San Francisco 49ers Academy will hold its annual fundraiser where women can come together to enjoy high fashion, cocktails and edible treats. The event will directly benefit local youth attending the academy in East Palo Alto. Sept. 9, 5-9 p.m. \$150 cocktail; \$250 VIP Couture. Private estate, El Cerrito Avenue, Hillsborough. Call 408-859-6001. bit.ly/CocktailsandCouture2015

Classes/Workshops

ReBoot: Accelerator for Women This eight-week program will lead women in re-engaging confidently in the workforce. Exercises will help participants refine their career goals and expand their knowledge of current office technologies. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Nov. 11, 9 a.m.-noon. \$995. GSVlabs, 425 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-281-7844. gsvlabs.com/programs/reboot-accelerator-for-women/

Write Your Life Story memoir class Taught by local author and writer Phyllis Butler, this weekly class held at Deborah's Palm will assist students in discovering their own voice while writing creatively about their lives. Thursdays, Aug. 13-Dec. 17, noon-1 p.m. \$50 series of four classes; \$15 drop in. Deborah's Palm Women's Center, 555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-326-0723. deborahspalm.org

Clubs/Meetings

Kiwanis Club meetings The Kiwanis Club of Menlo Park meets weekly to work on projects to improve lives and provide community service. Weekly speakers include Stanford University alumni and faculty, community leaders and local business owners. Guests

are welcome. Tuesdays, year-round, noon-1:15 p.m. Free for guests. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-327-1313. www.menloparkkiwanisclub.org

Lifetree Cafe: 'Blowing the Whistle on Abuse' Lifetree Cafe Menlo Park will hold two hour-long conversations discussing how to break the cycle of abuse, including a look at one woman's experience going public, as well as the costs of and freedom produced by her decision. Sept. 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Sept. 3, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-854-5897. www.facebook.com/LTCMenloPark

Lifetree Cafe: 'When Faith and Politics Collide' Lifetree Cafe Menlo Park will hold two hour-long conversations discussing possible responses to illegal immigration. Participants will be able to share their views on illegal immigration, immigration reform and responses to undocumented immigrants. Sept. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Sept. 10, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-854-5897. www.facebook.com/LTCMenloPark

Rotary Club of Menlo Park The Rotary Club of Menlo Park is a service club dedicated to working on projects in the community and internationally that meets on Wednesdays. Its members are men and women who live and work in Menlo Park, Atherton and surrounding communities. Visitors are welcome. Wednesdays, July 29-Sept. 30, 12:15-1:30 p.m. \$20 lunch. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. www.rotaryclubrotary.org

SRI Organon Toastmasters The SRI Organon Toastmasters club focuses on improving leadership and communication skills. Club membership is diverse, and guests are welcome. Tuesdays, year-round, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. SRI International, Building G, Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Call 650-859-2236. www.sriorganon.com

Exhibits

'Another Look at the Permanent Collection' This new exhibit at the Anderson Collection will refresh the inaugural installation at the museum, sharing a wider variety of modern and contemporary pieces donated by the Anderson family. Wednesday-Monday, beginning Sept. 9, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. Free. Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. anderson.stanford.edu/exhibitions-programs/upcoming-exhibitions/

'Artists at Work' This major exhibition will include some 100 European and American prints, drawings and photographs pulled from the Cantor Art Center's collection and will celebrate the opening of the McMurry Building, the new home of Stanford University's Depart-

ment of Art & Art History. Wednesday-Monday, Sept. 9-Jan. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

'Constructive Interference' This Anderson Collection exhibit will include drawings, prints, paintings and sculpture by Tauba Auerbach and Mark Fox, two Stanford University graduates whose work investigates process, material manipulation and chance. Wednesday-Monday, Sept. 9-March 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. Free. Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. anderson.stanford.edu/exhibitions-programs/upcoming-exhibitions/

'Warriors, Courtiers, and Saints' The Cantor Art Center's exhibit "Warriors, Courtiers, and Saints: The Etchings of Jacques Callot" examines the 17th-century French artist's experimental work in the medium of printmaking. Wednesday-Monday, Aug. 26-Feb. 15, 2016, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday til 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Family and Kids

Preschool Activity Hour At this family event at the San Mateo County History Museum, preschool-age children will make vegetable collages for taking home and listen to the story "Up, Down and Around" in the "Nature's Bounty" exhibit gallery. Sept. 4, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. www.historysmc.org

Story Time with Don and Audrey Wood Audrey and Don Wood — creators of the bestseller "The Napping House," the Caldecott Honor-winning "King Bidgood's in the Bath-tub" and other children's books — will visit Kepler's to share their latest, "The Full Moon at the Napping House." Attendees are encouraged to wear their pajamas. 6 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1864603

Storyteller John Weaver The Menlo Park Library's storyteller John Weaver will share his comedic versions of fables and folklore, all told without a book. The events are recommended for those in grade school and older. First Thursday of the month, Sept. 3-Dec. 3, 4-4:45 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2530. menlopark.org/library

Film

Menlo Movie Series: 'Guardians of the Galaxy' At this free community movie night, the City of Menlo Park will screen last year's hit science fiction film "Guardians of the Galaxy," which is rated PG-13 and runs for 121 minutes. Sept. 4, 7:45 p.m. Free. Downtown Menlo Park, Chestnut Street and Santa Cruz Avenue (on the Chestnut Paseo), Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2223. www.menlopark.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=1280&month=9&year=2015&day=4&calType=0

Menlo Movie Series: 'Planes: Fire & Rescue' As part of its community movies night series, the City of Menlo Park will next screen the 2014 animated film "Planes: Fire & Rescue," which is rated PG and runs for 100 minutes. All movies are subject to change. Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Menlo Park, Chestnut Street and Santa Cruz Avenue (on the Chestnut Paseo), Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2223. www.menlopark.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=1281&month=9&year=2015&day=11&calType=0

Health

PSA & Stanford Stroke Talks The Pacific Stroke Association Here & Now Program, in collaboration with Stanford Health Care's Stroke Program, will present monthly talks for community members on topics including early mobilization and coping after a stroke, nutrition and more. Those interested should visit the website for details and to register. Second Tuesday of the month, July 14-Nov. 10, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-565-8485. pacificstrokeassociation.org

Food and Drink

Portola Valley Farmers' Market This year-round market offers organic fruits, veggies, nuts, juices, grass-fed meats, chicken, local farm eggs, fresh seafood, fair trade coffee, nut butters and jams, artisan beer, gluten-free and

Submitting items for the Calendar

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At Kepler's

Constance L. Vincent of Woodside will discuss her book, "Not Going Gently: A Psychologist Fights Back Against Alzheimer's for Her Mother ... and Perhaps Herself," at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Menlo Park City Council chambers, 701 Laurel St. in Menlo Park. The free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Menlo Park Library, which will provide refreshments. Call 330-2501 for more information.



artisan baked goods, honey and crafts. Hot Roli Roti chicken is also on sale. Thursdays, March 12-Nov. 5, 3-7 p.m. (summer hours). Free. Portola Valley Farmers' Market, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Call 650-941-4911. www.portolavalleyfarmersmarket.com

Live Music

Guitarist Carlos Pavan The Menlo Park Library will offer a guitar recital by Carlos Pavan, who will play music from Argentina as well as his own original compositions. The composer/performer was born in Argentina and is now based in New York. Sept. 9, 7-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Call 650-330-2501. menlopark.org/library

Music On The Square: Pride & Joy Veteran Bay Area band Pride & Joy will close out Redwood City's Music On The Square series with a show of pop/soul music, complemented by its distinctive look and choreography. Sept. 4, 6-8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. www.redwoodcity.org/events/musiconthesquare.html#VdeQWVhHw

Woodside Arts & Culture Committee: Singer-songwriter Megan Keely At the Woodside Arts & Culture Committee's September First Friday event, singer-songwriter Megan Keely will perform some of her folk-rooted, contemporary-pop blends. Sept. 4, 7 p.m. Free. Woodside Town Hall, Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside. woodsidetown.org/artsandculture

On Stage

'Chicago' The Palo Alto Players will offer a production of the musical "Chicago," a satire on celebrity and the justice system in 1920s America that focuses on a pair of women on trial for murder. The show is recommended for ages 13 and up. Student, senior and military ticket discounts are available. Sept. 11-27, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$35-\$49. Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-0891. www.paplayers.org

'The Voice of the Prairie' Dragon Productions will next stage the contemporary play by John Olive, "The Voice of the Prairie." The story follows an early radio broadcaster named Davey Quinn who is reunited with Frankie, a blind girl he once saved from her abusive father. Aug. 20-Sept. 13, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10-\$35. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. Call 650-493-2006 ext. 2. www.dragonproductions.net

Wheel Funny Comedy Wheel Funny Comedy will return to Freewheel Brewing Company, offering a show hosted by Phil Griffiths with a lineup of top Bay Area comedians. There is no cover charge for the show. Sept. 5, 8-10 p.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. Call 650-365-2337. freewheelbrewing.com

Sports

Stanford Football vs. UCF The Stanford Cardinal will face University of Central Florida in the football home opener. Sept. 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$20-\$35. Stanford Stadium, 625 Nelson Road, Stanford. Call 800-STANFORD. gostanford.com

Stanford Women's Soccer vs. Penn State The Stanford University Women's Soccer team will take on the Pennsylvania State University squad in its second official home game of the season. Sept. 11, 8-10 p.m. \$6-\$15. Laird Q. Cagan Stadium, 641 Nelson Road, Stanford. Call 800-STANFORD. gostanford.com

Lectures & Talks

'Essential Knowledge for Transition' Marco Vangelisti will begin a three-part lecture series that offers an eye-opening and plainspoken look at the current economic and monetary system, including how it affects the general public and what can be done about it. Sept. 13, noon-2 p.m. \$10 donation requested. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City, 2124 Brewster Ave., Redwood City. Call 650-759-5060. bit.ly/EK4Transition

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Author Daniel J. Siegel on 'Brainstorm' Daniel Siegel, M.D., an author and UCLA psychiatrist, will discuss his book "Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain," which examines the heightened social, emotional and creative energy that drives teen behavior. Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. \$10 general. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2156094

Author Marina Krakovsky on 'The Middleman Economy' Marina Krakovsky will discuss her new nonfiction book "The Middleman Economy," which investigates the important roles played by middlemen — agents, brokers, dealers and other go-betweeners — in today's world. Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1990815

Author Stephanie Clifford on 'Everybody Rise' Stephanie Clifford will talk about her debut novel, "Everybody Rise," in which she portrays the triumphs and agonies of a young woman in a new and puzzling world. Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1817320

Comedy Night Out: Adam Mansbach and Alan Zweibel This event at Kepler's will include beer, snacks and raunchy humor from Adam Mansbach, author of "Go to the F* Sleep," and Alan Zweibel, author of "Benjamin Franklin: Huge Pain in My ..." Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. \$10 general. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2071024

Your Infinite World program Little House Activity Center will offer the Your Infinite World program, which features videos from the Great Courses series in which scholars dig into a number of fascinating topics. The first series will be "Great American Music: Broadway Musicals," led by Professor Bill Messenger of the Peabody Institute. Aug. 25-Dec. 29, 1-3 p.m. \$5 one class. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. Call 650-326-2025 ext. 242. www.pervol.org/littlehouse

Teen Activities

Author Josephine Angelini on 'Firewalker' Young adult author Josephine Angelini, whose books have sold well internationally, will come to Kepler's to share her newest fantasy title, "Firewalker," a direct sequel to "Trial By Fire." Sept. 4, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1864077

Menlo Park spraying for West Nile virus set for overnight Wednesday

A large swath of Menlo Park will be sprayed overnight on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 2 and 3, as a result of the recent detection in adult mosquitoes of the West Nile virus, according to the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

The district will conduct the truck-mounted fogging between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., weather permitting.

The area to be sprayed is bounded by Alma Street, Ravenswood Avenue, Ringwood Avenue, Coleman Avenue, Willow Road, Gilbert Avenue and the southern

border of the town. See the map tinyurl.com/nbrmf96.

Residents can call the district at 344-8592 with questions.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. The virus has been detected in mosquitoes a number of times in Menlo Park; the district last sprayed for the virus on Aug. 2.

The district asks residents to call 877-968-2473, or go to westnile.ca.gov, to report fresh carcasses of birds or tree squirrels, which may indicate that the virus is circulating in the area.



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When silence isn't golden

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

Nick Pegueros last month left his three-year post as town manager of Portola Valley under a shadow. But thanks to a new provision inserted into his contract only months before, the public and potential future employers may never know the nature of that shadow — an “involuntary resignation” that followed a series of closed-session meetings of the Town Council to evaluate his performance.

The new mutual non-disparagement provision in the contract signed in December, when the council apparently was satisfied with Mr. Pegueros’ management of Town Hall, banned the council, Mr. Pegueros and — stunningly — all other members of the town’s staff from talking to the public, the press, or other town employees about any future termination of the contract. This ill-thought-out clause is troubling, to say the least, and an example of how decisions lightly considered can potentially deprive citizens and potential employers of information they may be entitled to.

Councilwoman Maryann Moise Derwin conceded last week that “naive thinking” on her part led to her decision, and that she would proceed differently with the next town manager’s contract. But Mayor Jeff Aalfs described the clause as “more a statement of intention than a binding statement,” and Councilman Craig Hughes indicated that, under certain circumstances, he might not honor the agreement. “I would not ever be party to any coverup of illegal or suspected illegal activity,” or any activity that went against the equal opportunity employment or misconduct sections of the town’s personnel policies manual, he told the Almanac.

So why would council members include a provision in a legal contract if they aren’t firmly committed to adhering to it? The

provision is indeed “binding,” and not honoring it would make the town legally liable. What if the cause for Mr. Pegueros’ firing was misconduct as defined by the town, and Mr. Hughes then spoke publicly about it? One

might assume that, in such a case, Mr. Pegueros would have left with far more than the \$100,000 severance he received from the town.

The contract provision was a mistake. Observers are almost certain to conclude that something happened between December and July, when Mr. Pegueros’ performance reviews began — something that undermined council members’ confidence in him as the town’s top manager. It’s unlikely that what occurred was merely a disagreement over a management decision; council members have consistently demonstrated their commitment to allowing their top staff member to manage while they set policy. But the facts behind his departure remain a mystery to the public and, equally important, to residents and city staff members of Menlo Park, where Mr. Pegueros has taken an interim position in City Hall that involves supervision of a number of staff members.

The non-disparagement clause as it pertained to the council and Mr. Pegueros was bad enough, but a provision gagging employees was an egregious misstep on the part of the council. The provision is almost certainly unenforceable in a court of law, which raises the question: Why would the council agree to a legally unenforceable provision in a legally binding document? We can’t know for sure, but it smells like an intimidation tactic. Is that really how council members want to treat loyal employees, or was this just another instance of not thinking through the real-world ramifications of provisions in an employee contract? ▣

Looking back

Dominico Grosso, known as the hermit of Jasper Ridge, is the gent with the long white beard to the left of the adults in this undated photo, published in the Woodside history book by Thalia Lubin and Bob Dougherty. He was thought to be from Genoa, Italy, and to have arrived in the area in the 1870s after a stint in the mines of Chile, according to the historians. He’s shown here with guests in front of his house, surrounded by a vineyard, orchard and flower and vegetable gardens. Mr. Grosso lived alone on land that is now Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve until his death in 1915, the historians write.



Woodside History Committee

LETTERS

Our readers write

Menlo fire district's ballot measure is premature

Editor:

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District is placing a measure on the November 2015 ballot to increase its appropriations limit from \$40 million to \$50 million, on the basis that the district may surpass that limit by 2018. This increase is supposedly to address population growth and rising inflation.

OK, the current limit is \$40 million; the district reports that appropriations subject to the limit are \$25 million. There seems to be plenty of room for the next three years. Are we talking about population growth and/or rising inflation between now and 2018?

I would like the district to provide a projection (five-year budget equivalent) to tell the voters what the issue is. In the meantime, I believe this proposal is premature.

*Linda Craig
Rondo Way, Menlo Park*

Use supply-and-demand principle for firefighter pay

Editor:

Kudos to Menlo Park fire board member Chuck Bernstein for speaking out about the proposed firefighter contract. His statement that the total annual cost of compensation will increase by 40 percent under the proposed contract is a real eye opener. Total employee compensation is a more informative figure than the narrower "base pay" 18 percent increase being touted by the fire board.

Last year I wrote to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District Board and the Menlo Park firefighters union suggesting they allow the principle of supply and demand to play

a role in the then-stalled contract negotiations between the board and firefighter union. I directed them to an article in the Los Angeles Times that tells the story of over 6,000 screened applicants (they had all passed a written civil service exam and physical agility test) applying for 70 openings in the Los Angeles Fire Department. Menlo Park fire board member Robert Silano told me that number of applicants is proportionally similar when firefighter openings are advertised for Menlo Park.

The principle of supply and demand suggests the abundant supply of qualified applicants for relatively few firefighter job openings would not support the currently proposed compensation increase.

*Brian Kruczic
Willow Road, Menlo Park*

An idea to consider for land near tracks

Editor:

With the closure of Alma at Ravenswood, traffic on Alma has plunged to almost zero. It occurred to me that, as a nice wide, long-unused area next to the railroad tracks, the stretch of Alma east of Ravenswood would be prime land for high-speed rail to acquire. They could even start Peninsula construction right there — after all, no one's really using it. Indeed, it's a prime target for eminent domain by HSR in its current condition.

I neither advocate nor oppose such a move, merely point it out.

*Brian Schar
Laurel Avenue
Menlo Park*

On the fatal shooting of two journalists

Editor:

What will it take for all law-abiding hunters, sportsmen and

women and other gun owners to say, "Enough!?" To not allow this societal tragedy (the Aug. 26 shooting in Roanoke, Virginia) to be pushed aside until the next one?

I ask all legitimate gun owners to let your voices be heard. Because I truly believe until we hear from you — and not an NRA spokesperson or press release — that this mayhem will only intensify.

Please get involved.

*Dan Dippery
Santa Rita Avenue
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GENERAL PLAN & M-2 AREA ZONING UPDATE

City of Menlo Park





Draft Goals, Policies, and Programs and M-2 Area Zoning

Over the past year, Menlo Park has been working to update its General Plan, with a focus on future land uses in the M-2 Area and transportation throughout the city. The next phase will focus on General Plan goals, policies and programs, as well as the zoning and design requirements for new development in the M-2 Area. Attend one of the upcoming **Open Houses** to learn about and provide feedback on the following topics:

- Goals, Policies and Programs of the Land Use and Circulation Elements
- M-2 Area Zoning Development Regulations (density, floor area ratios, height, setbacks, etc.) and Design Standards
- Community Amenities
- Citywide Street Classification System

Have Questions? City staff and the consultant team will be available to talk with you and address comments and questions. We can also be reached at ConnectMenlo@menlopark.org. Connect with ConnectMenlo!

Stay Connected

Open Houses

Wednesday, September 2, 2015
 Downtown Paseo (Chestnut Street at Santa Cruz Avenue) and
 Wednesday, September 9, 2015
 Senior Center (110 Terminal Avenue)

The same information will be presented at both meetings.

Children are welcome to attend. Child care will also be provided (ages 2 to 10)

Planning Commission Meeting & EIR Scoping Session

Monday, September 21, 2015
 Council Chambers
 701 Laurel Street

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2015
 Council Chambers
 701 Laurel Street

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted

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APN: 062-083-230 TS No: CA08001537-15-1 TO No: 00316815 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED February 24, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 18, 2015 at 01:00 PM, at the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94061, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on March 5, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-033494, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by CARNEAL WASHINGTON, SURVIVING JOINT TENANT, as Trustor(s), in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. A DELAWARE CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property

heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1207 HOLLYBURNE AVE, MENLO PARK,, CA 94025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$564,412.80 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001537-15-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: August 5, 2015 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001537-15-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Miguel Ochoa, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION

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OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ORDER NO. CA15-002603-1, PUB DATES: 08/19/2015, 08/26/2015, 09/02/2015
ALM

September 2, 2015
In the matter of:

Heavy Bits, Inc.
1459 18th St #252
San Francisco, CA 94107

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF HEAVY BITS, INC. AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that on August 3, 2015, the stockholders of the Heavy Bits, Inc. (the "Company") approved the voluntary dissolution and liquidation of the Company (the "Dissolution") pursuant to a plan of distribution. The Company's certificate of dissolution became effective at 3pm PST, on August 3, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 280 (a) (1) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, notice is hereby given of the Dissolution and to all persons having a claim against the Company, other than a claim against the Company in a pending action, suit or proceeding to which the Company is a party (each a "Claim"), requiring such persons to present their Claims against the Company in accordance with this notice. Any Claim must be made in writing to the Company at the address set forth above no later than November 2, 2015 and must contain sufficient information reasonably to inform the Company of the identity of the claimant and the substance of such Claim.

ANY CLAIM NOT RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY AFTER NOVEMBER 2, 2015, WILL BE BARRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 280 (A)(1)(D) OF THE DELAWARE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW. The Company may make distributions to other claimants and the Company's stockholders or persons interested as having been such without any further notice to claimant. The Company has not made any distributions to its stockholders for the three years prior to the date the Company's certificate of dissolution became effective.

Very truly yours,
Heavy Bits, Inc.
(ALM Sept. 2, 9, 2015)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
MARIETTA E. FULTON, a/k/a MARIETTA FULTON, a/k/a MARIETTA EVE FULTON, a/k/a MRS. PAUL FULTON
Case No: 126013
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARIETTA E. FULTON, a/k/a MARIETTA FULTON, a/k/a MARIETTA EVE FULTON, a/k/a MRS. PAUL FULTON.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LYNN D. KURN and DAVID STIEFEL in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO.

The Petition for Probate requests that: LYNN D. KURN and DAVID STIEFEL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 28, of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate

Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Eiko Itoh
400 Main Street, Suite 250
Los Altos, CA 94022
(650)327-4200
(ALM Sept. 2, 9, 16, 2015)

T.S. No. 14-28863APN: 061-390-100-8 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/29/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: CYNTHIA A. SMITH, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: LAW OFFICES OF LES ZIEVE Deed of Trust recorded 1/16/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-006673 in book, page, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California Date of Sale: 9/24/2015 at 12:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Marshall Street entrance to the Hall of Justice and Records 400 County Center Redwood City CA Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,087,999.66 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of

the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1539 LAUREL PLACE MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA 94025 Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N #: 061-390-100-8 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 848-9272 or visit this Internet Web site www.elitepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 14-28863. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Dated: 8/26/2015 Law Offices of Les Zieve, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606 For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920 For Sale Information: (714) 848-9272 www.elitepostandpub.com Christine O'Brien, Trustee Sale Officer
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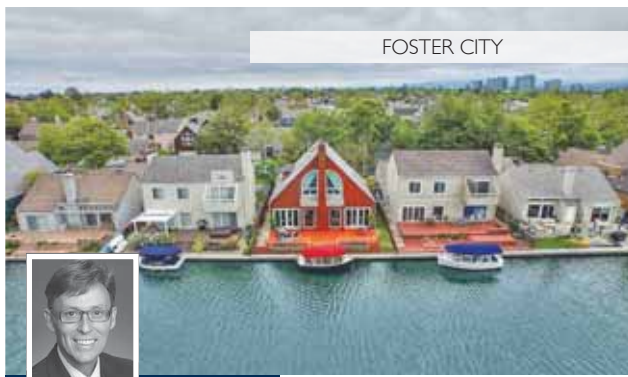


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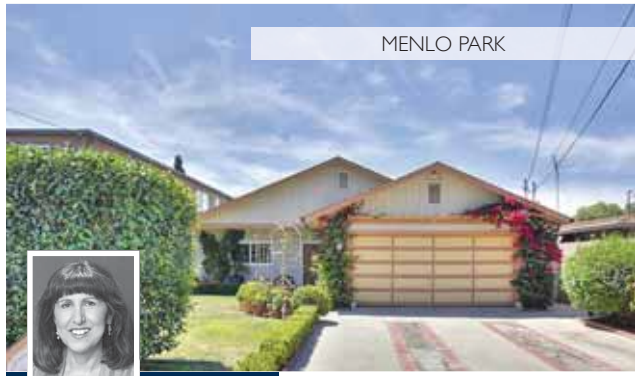


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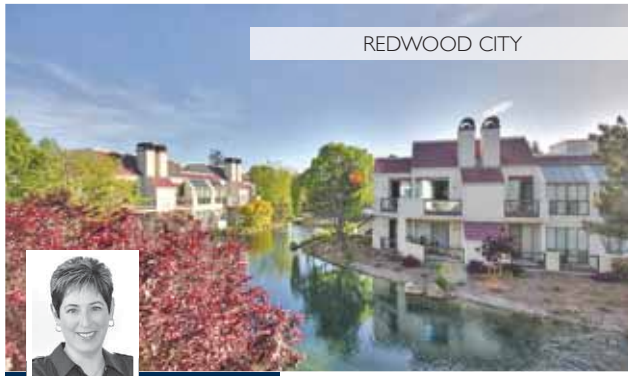


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