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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL
MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2016
AND NOVEMBER 29, 2016
GENERAL PLAN AND M-2 AREA ZONING UPDATE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Menlo Park, California is scheduled to review and consider the following item:

City of Menlo Park General Plan and M-2 Area Zoning Update, including a General Plan Amendment, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Rezoning, Environmental Review:

The City is proposing to update the Land Use and Circulation Elements of the General Plan, including revised goals, policies and programs, the establishment of new land use designations, and the creation of a new street classification system. The General Plan Update seeks to create a live/work/play environment that fosters economic growth, increased sustainability, improved transportation options and mobility, while preserving the existing residential neighborhood character and quality of life enjoyed today. The land use changes are generally focused in the M-2 Area (which is primarily the existing industrial and business parks located between Bayfront Expressway and Highway 101) and could result in an increase in development potential above what would be allowed under the current General Plan, as follows:

- Up to 2.3 million square feet of non-residential space;
- Up to 4,500 residential units; and
- Up to 400 hotel rooms

This additional development potential in the M-2 Area, combined with the remaining development potential under the current General Plan, would result in a total of up to 4.1 million square feet of non-residential development and up to 5,500 residential units in the City.

The City Council will consider and make decisions on the following:

1. **Environmental Review:** Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the General Plan and M-2 Area Zoning Update, which analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the General Plan and M-2 Area Zoning Update, and adopt Findings, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and a Statement of Overriding Considerations.
2. **General Plan Amendments:** Incorporate the updated Land Use and Circulation Elements into the General Plan to replace the existing elements. Change the General Plan land use designations of properties in the M-2 Area, as shown in the included figure, to one of the following designations - Office, Life Sciences, Mixed Use Residential, Public Facilities, and Baylands. No land use designation changes are anticipated outside of the M-2 Area and Baylands Area.
3. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments:** Create three new zoning districts in the M-2 Area for consistency with the proposed General Plan Land Use Element. The proposed zoning districts include Office (O), Life Sciences (LS) and Residential-Mixed Use (R-MU). The O district includes overlays to allow hotels (O-H) and corporate housing (O-CH). Overlays for bonus level development are also proposed in the Office, Life Sciences and Mixed-Use zoning districts (O-B, LS-B, and R-MU-B). The proposed bonus level development would allow increased density (up to 100 dwelling units per acre), intensity (up to 200% floor area ratio) and/or height up to 120 feet in exchange for community amenities. Each zoning district includes development regulations, design standards, green and sustainable building requirements, and potential new public paseos and street connections. In addition, proposed changes to the C-2-B (Neighborhood Commercial District, Restrictive) zoning district would allow for residential uses with up to 30 dwelling units per acre and heights of up to 40 feet for mixed use development. The zoning ordinance amendments also include proposed modifications to streamline the hazardous materials review process as an administrative permit, subject to the review and approval of the Community Development Director (or designee) when certain criteria are met, and other minor modifications, such as allowing administrative review for architectural changes

in the O and LS districts similar to current regulations for the M-2 district, changes to the nonconforming uses and structures chapter, and other minor text amendments for consistency in implementing the proposed changes to the M-2 Area.

4. **Rezoning:** Rezone property in the M-2 Area, as shown in the included figure, to one of the following zoning districts for consistency with the proposed General Plan land use designation amendments – O (Office), Office, Hotel (O-H), Office, Corporate Housing (O-CH), Office, Bonus (O-B), Life Sciences (LS), Life Sciences, Bonus (LS-B), Residential Mixed Use (R-MU-B), Public Facilities (P-F), and Flood Plain (FP).

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said City Council will hold a public hearing on this item in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on **Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. A second City Council meeting on the proposed project has been scheduled for **Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** or as near as possible thereafter. If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The City Council will be the final decision-making body on the proposed project.

Documents related to these items may be inspected by the public on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, with alternate Fridays closed, at the Community Development Department, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

Please call Deanna Chow, Principal Planner, if there are any questions or comments on this item. She can be reached at 650-330-6733 or by email at connectmenlo@menlopark.org. Up-to-date information on the project can be found on the project webpage: <https://menlopark.org/ConnectMenlo>.

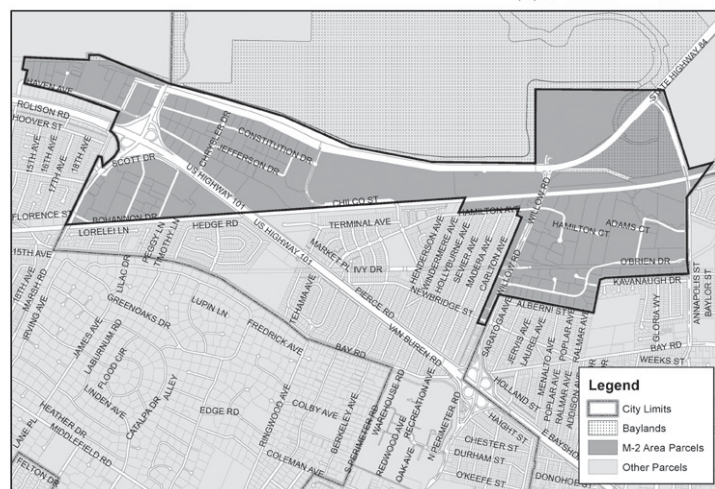
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DATED: October 27, 2016 Pamela Aguilar, City Clerk
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If there are any questions, please call the Planning Division at (650) 330-6702.

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Timing of stoplight makes crossing perilous

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

ATHERTON

Dimitris Dimitrelis said he and his family were thrilled when installation of a new pedestrian-activated stoplight on El Camino Real at Almedral Avenue in Atherton was completed in late August.

Until they tried to use it. Mr. Dimitrelis said he, his wife and 13-year-old daughter often used that crosswalk to get

from their Lloyd Park neighborhood on the east side of El Camino Real to west Atherton, where they like to walk. Now, he said, crossing with the light is so dangerous they won't cross there.

He said the light, which is dark until activated with a push button, shows drivers a solid red "stop" signal for only 10 seconds. That, he said, is only enough time for a pedestrian to get to the middle of the intersection, especially after waiting for oncoming traffic to stop.

After the 10 seconds, the light that drivers see then begins to flash red, which means drivers can proceed after stopping, if it's safe. The problem, he said, is that on the six-lane road a car in one of the center lanes can hide a pedestrian from cars in other lanes. "One car goes and all the others go," he said, leaving the pedestrian mid-intersection with cars whizzing past.

To finish crossing, he said, pedestrians must wait for traffic to clear and then "run for your life."

"That's a liability waiting to happen," he said.

After several town officials observed the same problem at the light, Atherton asked Caltrans to adjust the timing.

The problem's impact goes beyond that crossing, because Caltrans is in the process of installing 13 more such pedestrian-activated lights on El Camino throughout San Mateo County, starting with two in Atherton at Isabella and Alejandra avenues. Construction of those two lights recently began, and they are scheduled to go into operation in

'I didn't feel comfortable out there. You can get caught in the middle.'

CITY ENGINEER
MARTY HANNEMAN

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Caltrans controls El Camino Real because it is a state highway. Atherton requested the Almedral light after 32-year-old Atherton resident Shahriar Rahimzadeh was killed crossing there in July 2014. The \$360,000 cost of the light was split by Atherton and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, but Caltrans will pay for the other 13 pedestrian-activated stop lights, also called pedestrian hybrid beacons.

Caltrans agreed to put in the lights after a court ordered it to pay \$8 million to the family



Almanac file photo by Natalia Nazarova

Atherton officials were thrilled when a pedestrian-activated stoplight was installed to protect the El Camino Real crossing at Almedral Avenue, but now they say the timing of the light may make crossing there more dangerous than ever. Caltrans plans to install 13 more such lights on the Peninsula.

of 17-year-old Emily Liou, who was left in a coma after she was hit in an El Camino crosswalk in Millbrae.

In July, the state agency was found 90 percent liable for the death of 62-year-old Chris Chandler in an El Camino crosswalk in Atherton and ordered to pay an additional \$8.5 million in another lawsuit.

City engineer Marty Hanneman said he's tried out the Almedral light "numerous times" and had the same experience as Mr. Dimitrelis. "I didn't feel comfortable out there at all," he said. "You can get caught in the middle there."

"If they made that flashing red just a steady red, I don't think

there'd be a problem," he said. "The way it's set up now, for me, doesn't seem to be the best way to do it."

Mr. Hanneman met with Caltrans engineer Min Yin Lee on Oct. 25 to discuss the issue. After the meeting, Mr. Lee sent a two-paragraph email concluding: "We understand your concerns with drivers failing to yield or pedestrians entering the intersection after the signal has changed to (the flashing red). As these behaviors are undesirable, the approach should be enforcement to discourage these behaviors."

Acting Atherton Police Chief Joe Wade said the department has trouble policing the

intersection because it is not routinely used by pedestrians. "We spend a lot of time on El Camino," he said, but officers have not ticketed any drivers at the crosswalk since they staged a "sting" operation with an undercover officer there on Aug. 26, when they issued four citations.

Mr. Lee said he is looking at a possible solution, but could not say what his potential fix is until a supervisor approves it.

He does, however, admit there is a problem. He says he has asked Caltrans workers to try out the signal, and they also found themselves mid-intersection with cars whizzing by.

"I'm looking into options," he said. ■

Menlo district school board gets advice on ending budget woes

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Speakers at two public-input sessions about a possible new parcel tax for the Menlo Park City School District almost universally favored another tax, with several people suggesting a tax high enough to avoid all budget cuts.

But district officials acknowledged at the end of the meetings, held Oct. 24 and 25, that most of those they have been hearing from, besides teachers, have students in the district. In the previous parcel tax election, however, fewer than 15 percent

of registered voters had children in district schools.

Assistant Superintendent Erik Burmeister said that of nearly 250 people who had posted comments on the district's website regarding the district's finances using an online form, more than 80 percent currently had students in the district, about 6 percent previously had students there, and close to 5 percent had children who may eventually attend district schools.

One voter without a district student who spoke was Peter Carpenter, an Atherton resident who had strongly opposed two parcel taxes that failed to gain

the needed two-thirds' voter approval in May 2016.

Mr. Carpenter recommended that a \$515 parcel tax measure with a term of about six years be placed on the ballot in March. "I think it can be done, but it has to be a community-wide effort," he said.

After the meeting, Mr. Carpenter said his recommendation came from a belief that "the entire community needs to decide the issue of how much we are willing to support MPCSD and I think that decision needs to come before the teacher (lay-off) notification date."

Mr. Carpenter said he has not,

however, decided how he will vote.

Scott Hinshaw, co-chair of the May parcel taxes campaign, had a different take. "I believe we can find a compromise in our community, but it is going to require a bit of belt-tightening and sacrifice on all our parts — parents, the schools, the board, the teachers and the community," he said.

Among his ideas: the suggested annual contribution to the district's foundation and parent teacher organization be raised by \$250 to a total of \$2,000 per student annually. "If we are able to do this and 70 percent of our

families participate, this will add \$500,000 in revenue to our schools every year," he said. He also suggested the Menlo Park Atherton Education Foundation give the district an extra \$100,000 per year for the next three years from its \$2.9 million endowment.

Mr. Hinshaw also asked the district to spend some of its "economic uncertainty" reserves in the coming year to allow it to avoid issuing teacher layoff notices and to help in retaining and attracting teachers.

For district teachers and staff,

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Portola Valley surveys residents on installing license-plate cameras

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

Portola Valley Town Hall is using an online survey to gather community opinion on the use of cameras that photograph the license plates of every vehicle entering or leaving the town.

In the wake of two home-invasion robberies by armed gunmen, one in mid-June and the other in mid-October, the Town Council is hosting a community discussion on public safety at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the Community Hall at 765 Portola Road.

License-plate cameras may have been helpful to authorities investigating these robberies, but the cameras are not cheap to install and maintain,

and there are still questions about their effectiveness, Town Manager Jeremy Dennis said recently.

In past discussions, the Portola Valley council opted for alternatives such as increased patrols.

Go to portolavalleysurvey.com to log in as a resident or to sign up for an account and take the survey. The survey will close on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The crime rate in Portola Valley is higher this year than it was in 2015 around this time, but lower than it was in 2014, officials have said.

Home-invasion robberies are random and "very rare" in Portola Valley, Detective Salvador Zuno of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office said after the October incident. ▣

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he suggested a three-year salary freeze, citing the district's contract with Erik Burmeister, who will become superintendent in July, which keeps his salary flat for three years.

Mr. Hinshaw also asked voters to consider that "our community has accumulated a staggering amount of wealth in property values over the last 10 to 20 years in the hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars." Mr. Hinshaw said property tax revenues have grown, but not "enough to keep up with enrollment outpacing our neighbors."

"Out of the hundreds of millions of dollars in appreciation we have had, I don't think it's a big ask for a few hundred dollars for our schools," he said.

District parent Jen Wolosin urged the school board to do whatever it could to protect the district's teachers and small class sizes that ensure "every child in the classroom is getting what he needs."

School board candidate and district parent Scott Saywell said he has talked to hundreds of district residents while campaigning.

"By definition, as a community-funded district, our community decides the size of our budget," he said. The community will support a parcel tax, he said.

He suggested the district do more to inform the public about the budget impacts of

state-mandated pension costs.

Kelly Morehead said her family, like several others, moved to the district because of the quality of the schools. "I think you should go out and ask for the full amount," she said.

District parent Hongran Stone told board members they face communication challenges. "My neighbor who has a kid in Oak Knoll didn't know we have a budget deficit," she said.

Teacher Jeffrey Mead said teachers need to help campaign for the new parcel tax. "If this is going to benefit us and save our jobs, we should be out there too," he said.

Jennifer Bestor, a Menlo Park resident who formerly had a child in the district, reminded the board that the district has many disadvantaged students who would feel cuts first. "It is the children who have the least in this district who will suffer," she said.

Sarah Leslie, an Oak Knoll School parent, said voters need to understand how many volunteer hours go into district schools, including from volunteers without children there. "People feel this is a community institution and they want to help out," she said.

At District.MPCSD.org, the district's website, videos of the budget meeting will be posted. Assistant Superintendent Erik Burmeister said a list of answers to frequently asked questions will also be posted soon. ▣

Traffic woes lead to divide over general plan

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

■ MENLO PARK

With the Planning Commission's members down to four (three commissioners recused themselves due to personal connections to the area under discussion), the commission found itself at an 11 p.m. divide on Oct. 24. The commission split 2-2 on whether the city's general plan update is OK as is or should be refined to address citywide traffic problems.

This was the last meeting on the general plan update before the City Council reviews the proposed changes to city zoning that could allow construction of 2.3 million additional square feet of nonresidential buildings, 400 hotel rooms and 4,500 residential units in eastern Menlo Park. The update would also reclassify roadway designations citywide.

Commissioners Larry Kahle and Andrew Barnes voted to recommend the changes be approved by the City Council as proposed, with a recommendation to "use all means possible to push regional transportation solutions forward," in the words of Commissioner Kahle.

Mr. Barnes pointed out the regional nature of much of Menlo Park's traffic problems. "There are things in Menlo Park we can control, (and) things we cannot, which require regional work on this," he said.

Commissioner Henry Riggs pointed to the large amount of development in the works, with the Menlo Gateway hotel and Facebook's expansion, which the commission discussed recently. "Not a single tenant vehicle has hit the streets yet," he said. "Before any of this (proposed changes to the general plan) turns into buildings, we are going to see significant impacts on our transportation."

Mr. Riggs said he found the proposed changes in the general plan "to be a good plan except for one element, and it's a key element. ... Where do the transportation mitigations come from?"

Mr. Riggs said he thinks the city should spend a few more weeks to develop specific alternative transportation plans and find possible funding sources before approving the changes.

With the existing state of clogged roadways throughout the city, he said, alternative transportation should be a bigger part of the general plan changes. The city should lay out specific milestones or deadlines to ensure the transportation

network gets improved while development happens, he said.

"(It) means more than handing out bus passes," he said, hinting a resurrection of the Dumbarton Rail project should be a priority.

Katherine Strehl, who chairs the Planning Commission, agreed with Mr. Riggs that Menlo Park was not doing enough to address transportation problems, and they were not ready to stamp their approval of the proposed plans just yet.

With regard to large-scale infrastructure needs laid out by Mr. Riggs, Commissioner Strehl said: "I think it'll be a Herculean task to get anything done. Menlo Park on its own could push and shove and scream all they want with the regional agencies, but there are other fish that are pushing and shoving. I don't think we should be naive about what kind of influence Menlo Park might have."

In the commission's eight-plus hours of discussion over two meetings, several other key issues with the general plan update remain unresolved.

Fire safety

One point that became clear during the meetings was that the Menlo Park Fire Protection District is angry that the city is not considering adopting development-impact fees for the fire district.

The fees would be paid by developers based on the floor area of new development. The money would go to the fire district to expand its facilities and equipment to provide services to the new development and the additional workers and residents.

The Belle Haven fire station, Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said, needs to be expanded. That station is only 21 years old, and the district doesn't want to rebuild it.

That said, Chief Schapelhouman added: "We're addressing the growth. We're addressing what's in front of us. We're addressing millions of more square feet and thousands of new people. And then we read in the plan that any impacts to the fire station are less than significant. Really? Seriously?" he asked the commission incredulously.

"We're not looking for problems anywhere, we just want to have responsible and prudent growth in the community."

Water conservation

If the proposed zoning chang-

es go through and the land gets built out to the maximum of what's allowed, and a multi-year drought happens, Menlo Park could find itself facing a considerable water shortfall, said Azalea Mitch, senior civil engineer.

To improve water efficiency, one proposed general plan change would require new buildings 250,000 square feet or larger to have their own water recycling system.

Richard Truempler, vice president of real estate development at the Sobrato Organization, asked the commission to waive the requirement, and instead require residential developments over 250,000 square feet to install the necessary plumbing to connect to a recycled water network, if and when it becomes available. The Sobrato Organization owns property that is slated to be rezoned to allow residential/mixed-use development.

According to Ms. Mitch, getting a network to distribute recycled water in that area is a long-term project and could require cooperation with Palo Alto or Redwood City.

Affordable housing

Mr. Truempler also asked that the city allow developers to construct affordable, or "below market rate," housing in a building that is separate from, but perhaps adjacent to, market-rate housing. Opinions varied on the subject.

Maya Perkins, a Menlo Park resident, said she wanted the housing designed so that tenants from different income brackets are integrated into the same building.

"I think for people to have a healthy, culturally diverse experience, (they) need to live all together and not have some families go into the poor building and some families go into the market-rate building," she said.

Lily Gray of MidPen Housing said that in her experience, it's been easiest to get housing units built when developers have flexibility in where they build affordable units and what category of below-market-rate housing are built (for instance, for tenants who are low income, very low income, or extremely low income).

Corporate housing

Several commissioners asked why, in the final draft of the general plan update, the new zoning category of "corporate housing," appeared on the map by Facebook only.

The zoning change would allow up to 1,500 dorm-like housing units, where tenants would not be able to have children, pets or spouses who don't work there.

The housing would have no parking, but tenants could use Facebook's existing parking spots, according to Principal Planner Deanna Chow.

Those conditions were reportedly studied in the environmental impact report on the

general plan update, but not in the draft fiscal impact analysis. When consultants from BAE Economics ran the numbers in the final fiscal impact analysis, the expected revenues for the city declined somewhat because property-tax revenue from dorm-style housing would be lower than that from larger apartments, according to Ms. Chow.

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Is A Transfer Tax Required for a Gift Transfer?

Dear Monica: My husband and I gifted our daughter a property we owned and now the city where the property is located wants us to pay a transfer tax even though it was a pure gift with no money exchanged. Do you think we should pay this?
Charlotte M.

Dear Charlotte: From your description, it doesn't seem like a tax is owed but you may have to pay it and then appeal. There should be an appeal process noted on the letter you received and you will probably be required to appear in person to make your case for not paying this tax. You should bring

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If you gave a bona fide gift, no transfer tax is owed under most circumstances. However some municipalities are in need of funds and the transfer tax is a good place to look for revenue. I would encourage you to explain the situation in clear, simple terms, with supporting documents, and in most cases you should be successful.

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Will robots be making deliveries in Menlo Park?

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Entrepreneurs, take note: If you want to pitch the Menlo Park City Council on something newfangled, it can't hurt to sweeten your presentation with a box of treats from a Menlo Park bakery.

That's what happened at a presentation by Starship Technologies during the council's Oct. 25 meeting. The company pitched council members on a pilot program to operate a fleet of delivery robots in town.

Starship Technologies spokesperson Henry Harris-Burland showed video footage of a robot resembling a wheeled cooler rolling through the sidewalks of downtown Menlo Park, changing direction quickly to avoid obstacles.

After the video presentation, the robot, roughly the size of a medium dog, wheeled into the council chambers at a leisurely maximum speed of 4 miles per hour, before it was unlocked to reveal goodies from Mademoiselle Colette.

Mr. Harris-Burland told the council Menlo Park could be the

Menlo Park could be the second U.S. city to be part of Starship Technologies' pilot program for delivery robots.

company's second U.S. city to be part of a nine- to 12-month pilot program for its mobile delivery robots. The first U.S. city signed on is Washington, D.C.

The robot is also being demonstrated at city meetings in San Carlos, Redwood City and Sunnyvale, said Allan Martinson, the company's chief operating officer.

Menlo Park is a "natural place to start," he said, due to the city's location in Silicon Valley. Also, the robot works better in areas where the population is less dense and where it faces fewer complex traffic and pedestrian situations, he said.

According to Mr. Harris-Burland, the company has tested the robot over more than 11,000 miles of sidewalks across the world.

The robot is mostly auto-



Photo courtesy Starship Technologies

A delivery robot from Starship Technologies wheels down a sidewalk in Palo Alto.

nomous, but is operated by people in situations that are more complex, such as while crossing the street.

During the pilot program in Menlo Park, a person would accompany the robot wherever it goes. The robot would show up on the doorstep at a specified time, and then the customer would unlock it using an app, and retrieve the delivered parcel.

Such machines aren't subject to much regulation yet, Mr. Martinson said, but because they travel on sidewalks, and cities

own sidewalks, the company is seeking approval from city councils of areas it can operate in. Because Menlo Park doesn't have sidewalks in all areas, the pilot wouldn't be implemented everywhere in the city.

The idea would be for Menlo Park to be assigned a fleet of 20 to 25 such robots, operated by Starship Technologies, to act as a "taxi service for things," in the words of Mr. Martinson. The robots wouldn't be for sale, but local businesses could use them

to provide "on-demand" delivery services to their customers.

Library deliveries and Meals on Wheels were also mentioned during the meeting as potential uses for the robots.

Mr. Harris-Burland said the robot is equipped with an alarm system and a GPS system that could allow the police to track it, allaying concerns that the robot or its cargo could get stolen.

Debora Ferrand, owner of Mademoiselle Colette, spoke to the council in favor of the robots. She said they would allow her to make deliveries to her customers, perhaps for free if they spend a certain amount.

Cost per delivery by robot would be about \$1 to \$3, Mr. Martinson said.

"This kind of thing can be super helpful," she said. "I hope it goes through."

After hearing the presentation, the council seemed receptive to the delivery robots and recommended the company work with staff to iron out more details about how a pilot program might be implemented, following another discussion with the council about specific policies. ■

Woodside preserves right to regulate marijuana

By **Dave Boyce**
Almanac Staff Writer

There are at least 19 properties in Woodside that are considered farms, according to an agricultural

production directory published by Dun & Bradstreet Inc. Several of these farms are vineyards and several more are involved with horses. Will marijuana cultivation find a place alongside them?

For now, the answer is no. In a unanimous decision Oct. 25, in anticipation of voters approving state Proposition 64 to allow the recreational use of marijuana as well as its cultivation and sale in California, the Town Council passed an ordinance temporarily forbidding outdoor cultivation and all marijuana-related commercial or industrial activities.

The ban is temporary for two reasons:

■ It was an urgency ordinance. Such ordinances have a natural life of 45 days before they expire, a period that can be extended to up to two years by council action.

■ If Proposition 64 passes, the clock will begin to tick on the window of time the council has to come up with a permanent ordinance, drafted by Town Hall staff and commented upon by the public.

If the council does not act, its urgency regulations would be preempted by state laws. To prevent that from happening and to maintain local control, the council must pass a permanent ordinance before the state begins to issue licenses for commercial growth, sale and distribution of marijuana.

The state has until the end of 2018 to begin licensing, Town

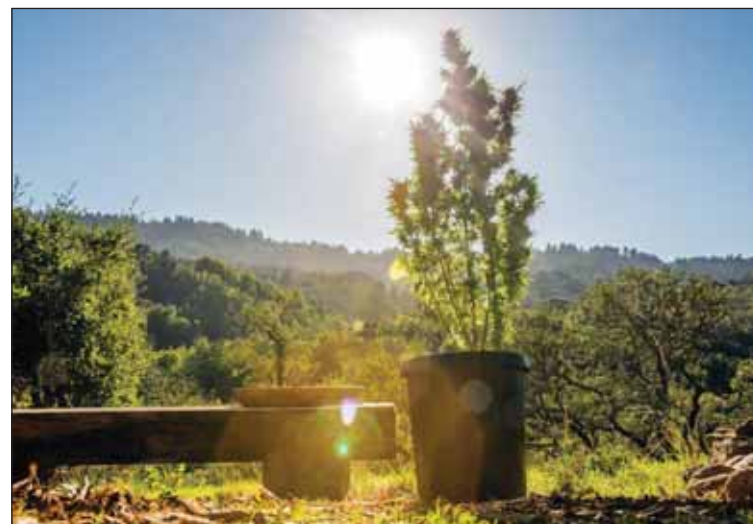


Photo by Natalia Nazarova/The Almanac

This local marijuana plant resembles a rosemary bush now, but that's because it was recently denuded of its signature palmate leaves as part of the harvesting, the owner said.

Attorney Jean Savaree told the council. (In Colorado, the state needed about a year to begin licensing, according to Paul Armentano, a spokesman for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.)

The urgency ordinance dies if voters do not approve Prop. 64.

A resident, who did not identify herself, said she worried about a nearby vacant lot being planted with marijuana, then "a little stand" going up, with people "coming and going at all hours."

"I think that can (cause)

some irreparable harm to our community if we don't think carefully about how it will be managed," she said.

An exchange between Councilman Chris Shaw and the town attorney summed up the council's action.

Mr. Shaw: "If we enact this ordinance, the public will have a chance to stand in here in a study session and say, 'This is what we want for the town?'"

Ms. Savaree: "That's correct."

Mr. Shaw: "If we do not take this action, they don't have that option?"

Ms. Savaree: "That's right." ■

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Displaced renters: Council discussion postponed again

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

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Menlo Park City Council members spent more than an hour Oct. 25 talking about when and how they should discuss what to do about the renters' displacement problem.

The council had been scheduled to discuss the issue this past April, but a meeting on the topic was canceled, and never rescheduled. Now, city staff said, every scheduled meeting until the end of the year is accounted for with such complex topics as the review of the general plan update and Facebook's expansion.

City staff is working on many projects and it takes time to do the in-depth research requested by the council on how other cities are attempting to address the displacement problem, said City Manager Alex McIntyre and City Attorney Bill McClure.

During the Oct. 25 meeting, each council member had a different notion of what should be pursued. Mayor Rich Cline wanted a review of the city's current housing policies, such as its below-market-rate housing program.

For months, Councilwoman Kirsten Keith has requested a discussion of three ideas for dealing with displacement: mandatory non-binding arbitration, 12-month leases, and tenant-relocation assistance.

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton has suggested that tenants should get more than a 30-days notice when they are evicted.

An idea from Councilman Ray Mueller is the creation of a displacement fund, or a new kind of impact fee developers would

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How big is displacement problem in Menlo Park?

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

How many residents in Menlo Park have been displaced due to rising housing costs and evictions? Considering the number of development projects in the works, how many will be displaced?

The short answer: No one knows. Landlords don't have to report to anyone when they raise rents or evict tenants.

It's "functionally impossible" to get accurate data, said Daniel Saver of Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, which has called on the city of Menlo Park to take action on the housing crisis.

Agencies that have tried to measure the problem use different metrics. Some databases track rent amounts for multi-family housing complexes, but that doesn't give the full picture for communities like Menlo Park, where many residences are single-family homes. Other databases track asking rates for rent but not actual rates.

U.C. Berkeley's Urban Displacement Project has an online interactive map showing indicators of displacement, broken down by census tracts across the Bay Area. The data, though,

measures changes between 2010 and 2013 only. The data shows several census tracts in western Menlo Park had undergone or were undergoing displacement, but less displacement was reported in eastern Menlo Park.

Go to urbandisplacement.org to see the map.

Since 2013, however, anecdotal information from residents, school administrators, police officers and others indicates residents of eastern Menlo Park face increasing threat of displacement.

A more recent and local study by MidPen Housing, a nonprofit housing developer, conducted in consultation with real estate analysts from the Concord Group, says that from 2010 to 2016, Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood lost 133 households that had annual incomes of less than \$100,000, and East Palo Alto lost 699 households with incomes of less than \$100,000.

Many of those households were replaced by residents with annual incomes greater than \$100,000, the study said. One limitation of the study is that it does not account for combined households or households that had income increases that put them over the \$100,000 annual income threshold. ■



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Menlo not ready to join Atherton in fiscal scrutiny of fire district

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park seems to have sidestepped flared tensions between the town of Atherton and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, at least for now.

Its City Council members agreed Oct. 25 to send subcommittee members Catherine Carl-

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ton and Peter Ohtaki to meet with the fire district, rather than immediately joining the controversial fiscal review of the district's services that Atherton is planning.

Atherton study

Atherton made plans to retain an independent consultant to conduct a fiscal review of the fire district's services after the district told the town on Oct. 18 that it has "neither legal obligation nor any present intention to participate in the Town's (fire services fiscal review)," according to a letter from the fire board to Atherton included in the Menlo Park staff report.

Atherton's study is expected to cost about \$50,000, and Menlo Park and East Palo Alto have been invited to join the study and split the costs.

The purpose of Atherton's study is to evaluate exactly how much money the fire district collects from property owners in

Atherton and spends within the town's boundaries, Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said.

From the fire district's point of view, he said, it doesn't want to participate in the study because breaking the numbers down by city isn't likely to yield information the district deems "useful." Its boundaries cover Atherton, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and unincorporated county areas, and the district treats its revenue and expenditures as one budget, rather than as pockets of funding and services to be parceled out by jurisdiction, he explained.

According to the staff report, the fire district receives \$37.3 million in annual property tax revenue. Of that total, 47.1 percent comes from Menlo Park, 31.7 percent from Atherton, 15.6 percent from unincorporated San Mateo County areas and 5.6 percent from East Palo Alto. Menlo Park property owners paid \$17.5 million in property

taxes to the fire district during the 2015-16 fiscal year, the staff report said.

Council responses

As Menlo Park City Manager Alex McIntyre put it to the Menlo Park City Council at its Oct. 25 meeting: "Atherton's doing this. The question is: Do we want to join them?"

The council decided to see if the city can get the information it needs from the fire district without spending taxpayer money to hire a consultant.

The city would still have the option to join Atherton's study before the new year. That decision will depend on the outcome of the meeting between the two council members and fire district officials.

Council members generally agreed the information the city would find useful is different

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pay to cover the costs of helping displaced families relocate.

Before the city could adopt a new development-impact fee, an analysis called a "nexus study" would have to be conducted to determine what those

impacts could be, and such a study would likely take six to 12 months, said Jim Cogan, the city's housing and economic development manager.

The main point of a council discussion would be to talk through "best practices" in displacement policy, councilmembers asserted, preferably with

housing experts in the room.

Whether the discussion happens during the general plan update process could have a bearing on what gets codified in the general plan. Councilman Peter Ohtaki said he thought the displacement talks should be an urgent, but separate, process to the general plan update.

Councilman Mueller said he wants to have the discussion now, before the end of the general plan process, because it would create urgency to act, and recommendations could be a part of the revised general plan document. "This conversation is happening all around us and we're just sitting on the sidelines," he said.

Two motions he proposed to the council to require the displacement talk to occur before the approval of the general plan update were not seconded.

Councilwoman Keith agreed that having the discussion before the general plan update process ends would be nice, but, given the constraints on staff, she suggested another approach: Pick a couple of measures that are less controversial, and try to get them passed as soon as possible.

She recommended policies that would require tenants and landlords to engage in non-binding arbitration and that would require landlords to offer tenants the option of a 12-month lease. Other cities have those policies and ordinances already written and they could easily be drafted for Menlo Park's use, she said.

Ultimately, the council voted unanimously on a motion indicating the displacement discussion could "possibly" occur before the close of the general plan update process, but would most likely occur in January, after the general plan is approved. ▣

Mary E. O'Malley

January 15, 1933 – October 24, 2016

Mary E. O'Malley, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away at the age of 83 on October 24, 2016 after a 12 year battle with heart and lung conditions.

Mary grew up in New Jersey and moved to Northern California in 1973 where she resided with her family for the remainder of her life. She was extremely devoted to her family and her faith. During her life Mary worked as an executive assistant as well as a homemaker. She was an active volunteer at Little House and delivered meals to the elderly in Menlo Park and was also involved with Athertons of Atherton, CA. Mary was a skilled bridge player and loved playing the slot machines while often winning.

Mary will be extremely missed! She is survived by her husband John (Jack) of 62 years, brothers Raymond, Robert, and Joe, sisters Dorothy, Patricia, and Catherine, sons John, Robert and David, daughter Teresa, grandsons Matthew and John Anthony, granddaughters Kristen, Shannon, Sara, Tara, and Devin; and great grandson Brooklyn.

A Catholic memorial service will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 11:00 am at St. Raymond's in Menlo Park. Burial to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Little House of Menlo Park/Peninsula Volunteers or St. Francis Center of Redwood City.



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The expected increases in student population at local schools were also lower, because there would be no children living in the units.

The final fiscal analysis shows the city's expected annual revenue following the full potential buildout citywide would be \$8.3 million, down from a previously estimated \$9 million.

The Bayfront?

The possibility of calling the proposed rezoned area east of U.S. 101 "the Bayfront" resurfaced; planners months ago had reverted to calling the area "the M-2."

According to consultant Charlie Knox, "Bayfront" was initially proposed as a substitute for M-2, which describes the area's zoning designation as "light-industrial."

However, the Bayfront name was dropped after opposition was raised by Belle Haven residents, who in public meetings expressed concern that the new title would create undue distinctions between their neighborhood and the M-2 area's neighborhood-to-be, once housing is allowed to be built there.

The Planning Commission agreed to pass the naming question along to the City Council to iron out.

The general plan update will go before the City Council for possible approval at its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15. ■

Menlo shoppers urged to bike

"Bike Menlo Park," a new campaign to encourage people to bike and shop in Menlo Park, launched Oct. 29.

Shoppers can get frequent rider cards punched at 18 participating merchants. After seven punches, the cyclist receives a reward.

Cards can be picked up at participating shops: Trader Joe's, Amici's, Five Star Pizza, Flea St. Cafe, Mademoiselle Colette, The Woodside Bakery, Menlo Velo, Brogue, Velofix, Menlo Hard Woods, Occasions, Etc., Red Lantern Cycles, Yves Delorme, Menlo Park Barber Shop, The Pet Place, Cheeky Monkey Toys, Home and Angela.

The program, which runs through Dec. 31, was organized by Menlo Spark, the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, the city's bicycle and transportation commissions, Friends of Caltrain and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition.

Go to bikemenlopark.weebly.com for more information.

Eva "Eve" Victoria Bielecki

November 17, 1923 – October 23, 2016

Eva "Eve" Victoria Bielecki, 92, passed away peacefully at her home on October 23, 2016.

Eve was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on November 17, 1923, the daughter of Polish immigrants Victoria Kupinsky Bielecki and Alex Bielecki. She was preceded in death by her five siblings — Helen Kazy, Jessie Havas, Irene Garcia, Wanda Bernard, and Walter Bielecki — and by her nephew, Ron Bernard. Eve is survived by many nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and great-nephews.

Eve was a resident of Menlo Park, CA, for more than forty years. She was a devout Catholic and devoted member of her beloved parish, The Church of the Nativity, and wanted it known that, "I love every nail in that church and everyone who is part of it."

Eve was "forever young" and vivacious in spirit, and often quipped, "Age is just a number and mine is unlisted!" She worked for many years with Shell Oil and AT&T. She enjoyed gardening and antique collecting, but her greatest 'treasures' were her many friends, both near and far away, whose stories and history she avidly collected and who became her "Menlo Park family." She wished to express her deep gratitude to her dedicated caregivers — Lineti Fetuu and family, including her son, Simon — who provided constant loving care in her home. She also wanted to thank the staff of Pathways Hospice, her longtime personal doctor Khorshed Madan, M.D., and the many neighbors and special friends who helped and cared for her over the years.

A memorial mass will be held on Wednesday, November 9, at 9:00 A.M. at The Church of the Nativity, followed by graveside service in the St. Denis section of Holy Cross Cemetery and a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Church of the Nativity, 210 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025, or to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements under the direction of John O'Connor's Menlo Park Funerals.

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Richard Douglas Wales

July 26, 1954 – October 6, 2016

Resident of Atherton, CA

Rick passed away peacefully, surrounded by his beloved wife, Betsy Halaby Wales, his adult step-children, Catherine, Ned and Caroline Halaby, sister Kitty Wales, and oldest friend, Ned Walker. He was the son of Sonia Wales (deceased) and Thomas C. Wales of Cambridge, MA, and brother of Tom Wales (deceased). Rick was a man of virtue who pursued a life of precision, vigor and joy. A true Renaissance man, Rick could spout Coleridge, build a cabinet, climb Denali, and binge watch Jane The Virgin. In his forties Rick became a family man, embracing the roles of loving husband and stepfather. A talented photographer, he chronicled family events both big and small with many featuring his fun loving wife.

Rick loved to challenge himself, physically and mentally. An avid mountaineer, he summited several Cascadian peaks, often alongside his brother or nephew. He taught himself to draw with some skill, dabbled in carpentry, and experimented constantly with new technology; near the end of his life he dabbled in astrophysics.

Rick worked at Fair Isaac for 17 years, most recently as Vice-President of Engineering for the Software Tools division. He was an excellent leader with an exceptional level of commitment to FICO customers and employees.

Memorial service will be private. The family requests donations be made to The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at <https://www.themmrf.org/donate-to-mmrf/>



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Lois Jane Stickler

June 6, 1932 – October 15, 2016

Our beloved mother, grandma, and friend, has passed away at the age of 84.

Born in Los Angeles, CA, she attended Stephens College and the University of Missouri. She met and married the love of her life, Dr. James Stickler, and moved to Menlo Park, CA where she lived for over 30 years.

Her passion in life was raising her four children, and spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed volunteering at Stanford Hospital and playing bridge with her bridge group. She also loved cheering on her Cal Bears and the USC Trojans! Hawaii and Europe were her favorite travel destinations and she was very proud of her British heritage!

She retired to Carmel Valley, CA where she lived over 10 years at Quail Lodge. Upon the passing of her loving husband Jim, whom she was married to for 51 years, she then relocated to Fremont, CA where she resided the last 12 years.

She is survived by her children; Mike Stickler, Kathy Schommer, Debbie Johnstone, and Diane Namet; and 8 grandchildren.

She will be missed by all!



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Mary Elizabeth Rapp

February 6, 1924 – October 15, 2016

On October 15, 2016, Mary Elizabeth (McDonald) Rapp passed away peacefully at the age of 92 at home surrounded by family. Mary, with her husband of 52 years Thomas Hilton Rapp (deceased), raised her family and lived most of her life in Menlo Park, California. In 2015, when her health began to decline, she moved to her daughter and son-in-law's home in Monmouth, Oregon.

Mary was a strong and uncompromising woman with an indomitable spirit. When her children were young, she was active in PTA and a children's theatre group. She, and husband Tom, took up tennis in their 40's establishing a tennis club at the Sacred Heart Menlo School. A homemaker most of her life, at age 60 she received her real estate license and sold homes into her early 80's.

Born in Illinois, Mary lived briefly in Pennsylvania, then moved to California with her family — her father, William Breen McDonald and mother, Lucille (Bourgeois) McDonald, sister Virginia (McDonald) Robb and brother Bill McDonald (all deceased). Mary earned an undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of California at Berkeley where she was also a Sigma Kappa Sorority member.

Mary's signature passions were tennis, bridge, Ferragamo shoes, orchids and fine jewelry. She was a mean domino player, an avid reader and a welcoming hostess. Mary will be remembered as a devoted friend, and dedicated wife and mother. She will be forever missed.

Mary and Tom had four children, James Hilton Rapp of Portland, Oregon, Bruce McDonald Rapp (deceased), Donna Elizabeth Rapp of Calgary, Canada, and Kathy Rapp Myers of Monmouth, Oregon. Her three grandchildren are Thomas Maxim Rapp, Hawkeye Cody Hoffman and Renata Fox Rapp.

Sunday, December 11, 2016 — a Mass of Intention will be said in Mary's honor at the 11:30 a.m. service at St. Denis Catholic Church, 2250 Avy Ave., Menlo Park. Following the mass, family and friends are invited to gather for a memorial reception from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Siena/Carrara Room at the Weston Palo Alto, 675 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Menlo Park Library Foundation (www.foundationmpl.org) or St. Denis Church, 2250 Avy Ave., Menlo Park, California 94025.



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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

1.01 Notice Inviting Bids: Owner will receive sealed Bids at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Woodside, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 PM on Thursday, December 1st, 2016** for the following public work:

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1.02 Project Description: Work includes all labor, materials, tool and equipment necessary for furnishing and installing approximately 28 LF of 6" PVC SDR26, 66 LF of 8" PVC SDR26, 24 LF of 12" PVC SDR26 gravity sanitary sewer, and 80 LF of 4" DIP sanitary sewer force main; a 26-foot deep, 72" (6') diameter precast wastewater wet well with two (2) - Flygt submersible pumps; a new System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment; a new electrical control cabinet and a new 40 kW diesel generator with sound enclosure subbase fuel tank; a 11-foot deep, 48" diameter inside sanitary sewer drop manhole with pour-in-place base, and CIM1000 lined; a timber lagging retaining wall; a new 1" copper water service line; a new asphalt concrete pavement; rehabilitating existing wetwell; and abandoning sanitary sewer mains and manholes, complete in place, including but not limited to excavation of trenches, laying pipe materials and installation of structures, backfill trenches, pavement removal and new surfacing and other pertinent work as necessary to construct the project as shown on the approved plans and specified in the project specifications.

1.03 Project Schedule: All work shall be completed within 100 working days from Notice to Proceed. The Town will issue Notice to Proceed for this project in April 2017.

1.04 Procurement of Bidding Documents: Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may examine a complete hard-copy set of the Bidding Documents at the Town's Public Works Department, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062. Bidding Documents are available on the Town's website at woodsidetown.org.

Bidder is responsible for printing any and all of Bidding Documents.

1.05 Instructions: Bidders shall refer to Document 00 2113 (Instructions to Bidders) for required documents and items to be submitted in a sealed envelope for deposit into the Bid Box in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 no later than the time and date set forth in Paragraph 1.01 above.

1.06 Non Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Visit: Owner will conduct a Non Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit at 10:00 am on Thursday November 17, 2016 at Town Center Sewer Pump Station Improvements, 2995 Woodside Road, Woodside CA 94062. The Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will last approximately two hours.

1.07 Bid Preparation Cost: Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.

1.08 Reservation of Rights: Owner specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, to re-bid, or to waive inconsequential defects in bidding not involving time, price or quality of the work. Owner may reject any and all Bids and waive any minor irregularities in the Bids.

1.09 Portion of Work to be Performed by Contractor: The successful bidder shall self-perform no less than 51% of the Work described in the Contract Documents utilizing its own work force, excluding Specialty Items. Specialty Items will be identified in the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

2.01 Required Contractor's License(s): A California "A" contractor's license is required to bid this contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract.

2.02 Required Contractor and Subcontractor Registration

A. Owner shall accept Bids only from Bidders that (along with all Subcontractors listed in Document 00 4330, Subcontractor List) are currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

B. Subject to Labor Code Sections 1771.1(c) and (d), any Bid not complying with paragraph 2.02A above shall be returned and not considered; provided that if Bidder is a joint venture (Business & Professions Code Section 7029.1) or if federal funds are involved in the Contract (Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)), Owner may accept a non-complying Bid provided that Bidder and all listed Subcontractors are registered at the time of Contract award.

2.03 Bid Alternates:

A. N/A:

B. The determination of lowest bid shall be based upon base contract bid only.

2.04 Non-Substitutable Materials, Products, Things, or Services

A. N/A

B. Owner has made a finding that the material(s), product(s), thing(s), or service(s) identified above by specific brand or trade name are required for use in the Project and may not be substituted for "or equal" items, for the following purpose:

1. In order to match other products in use on a particular Owner project either completed or in the course of completion.

2.05 Substitution of Securities: Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, as set forth in Document 00 6290 Escrow Agreement For Security Deposits In Lieu Of Retention in accordance with Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code. If successful bidder wishes to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract, the successful bidder shall request from Owner and complete said Document 00 6290 prior to executing the Agreement

2.06 Prevailing Wage Laws: The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, are on file at the Town's Public Works Department, may be obtained from the California Department of Industrial Relations website [<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm>] and are deemed included in the Bidding Documents. Upon request, Owner will make available copies to any interested party. Also, the successful Bidder shall post the applicable prevailing wage rates at the Site.

2.07 Prevailing Wage Monitoring: This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

Woodside shifts to even-numbered-year elections

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

The Woodside Town Council, in a unanimous vote Oct. 25, added a year to the four-year terms of each of its seven members.

The council basically had to. Term extension is a way to comply with a 2015 state law that requires most public agencies governed by boards or councils to schedule elections in even-numbered years, when voter turnout is usually much higher.

The terms of Mayor Deborah Gordon, Councilman Dave Tanner and Councilwoman Anne Kasten would have expired in 2017, but will now expire in 2018. Terms for councilmen Peter Mason, Tom Livermore, Chris Shaw and Daniel Yost will expire in 2020 instead of 2019.

As usual with a new ordinance, the council votes on it once more, usually two weeks later. The ordinance normally becomes effective 30 days after that, but this ordinance will go to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for review. If the board approves it, it becomes law in 30 days.

The voter rights act, signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in September 2015, requires an agency to shift to even-numbered year elections if turnout in odd-numbered year elections was at least 25 percent lower than in even-numbered years.

Woodside easily met that standard. Turnout was 55.4 percent in 2014, 84.2 percent in 2012 and 76.4 percent in 2010, compared to 23.8 percent in 2013, 31.1 percent in 2011 and 24.8 percent in 2009.

The council faced the prospect of a financial penalty if it didn't act. Elections costs are shared among the jurisdictions that hold them. In Woodside, a typical odd-year election runs about \$7,500, according to town staff.

As jurisdictions in the county move to even-numbered year elections, the number of jurisdictions still holding elections in odd-numbered years shrinks, and the cost rises for those that are left.

For Woodside, the cost could have jumped to \$50,000 or beyond, Town Manager Kevin Bryant told the council. "I've seen estimates that go a lot higher," he said. ▣



150 ALAMOS ROAD, PORTOLA VALLEY 150Alamos.com \$14,980,000
Premier Westridge area | ~2.5 ac | Sweeping views across Felt Lake, Silicon Valley, and out to the East Bay Hills | Estate property built in 2008 and recently remodeled | 4 bd / 3.5 ba Nursery/office, playroom, recreation room, private office | ~8,333 sf of living space Photovoltaic solar energy and geothermal heating and cooling | Solar heated pool & spa Cabana with fireplace, full bath, and outdoor kitchen | Gated, landscaped grounds, bocce ball court, lavender/citrus garden, vegetable gardens, and greenhouse | Portola Valley schools



MENLO CIRCUS CLUB AREA ATHERTON gullixson.com
English-style manor home | Architecture by Gerald Taylor inspired by Sir Edwin Lutyens Featured in Architectural Digest | ~1.16 ac | 4 bed, 2 offices - one could be 5th bedroom 5.5 baths | Media/billiards room w/bar | Wine cellar | Fitness center & steam room | Pool & pool house w/bath & kitchen | Well for irrigation | Championship tennis court | Minutes to Stanford, Silicon Valley Tech & Venture Capital centers, & 2 Airports | Menlo Park schools



295 ATHERTON AVENUE, ATHERTON 295Atherton.com
Classic Mediterranean styling with resort-like amenities | 7 bed, 6.5 baths | ~8,700 sq. ft. Theatre | Library | 2 Sunrooms | Magnificent rose gardens, fruit trees, vast lawn Level flag lot of ~2 acres | Pool, Spa and Tennis Court | 4-car garage Las Lomas Schools | \$13,800,000



460 WALSH ROAD, ATHERTON 460Walsh.com
Tuscan inspired estate built by Pacific Peninsula Group in 2007 and updated | 3-level main home | 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths | 1 bed, 1 bath guest house | Loggia with fireplace Pool with spa | Outdoor firepit | Theatre and wine cellar on lower level | Billiards or playroom Library | Las Lomas Schools | Co-list Scott & Shary Symon | \$10,695,000



84 EDGE ROAD, ATHERTON 84Edge.com
Sought after Lindenwood Neighborhood | 4 bed/3.5 baths | Library Pool by noted landscape architect Thomas Church 1+ acre lot with level lawn and over 30 oak trees Convenient to Stanford University | Menlo Park schools | \$5,395,000

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375 Walsh Road, Atherton

Woodland Retreat in Exclusive Atherton

Tucked within leafy grounds of over an acre (per county) that establish natural privacy, this treehouse-like 4 bedroom residence of 3,120 sq. ft. (per county) with an additional lower level provides 3 full and 2 half baths, and an adjacent parcel of almost an acre (per county) is also available for development. The breezy floorplan ideal for entertaining accesses an elevator and a garage with a studio. Alluring outdoor areas include a pool and multiple decks. Unusual for elite Atherton, the property offers hillside living, yet retains excellent proximity to prestigious clubs and private schools.

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

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Offered at \$4,988,000

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

ARTICLE 1 INVITATION TO BID

1.1 Notice Inviting Bids: Owner will receive sealed Bids at the **Town Hall**, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 until **2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 16th, 2016** for the following public work:

TOWN OF WOODSIDE

**2016 Storm Drain Improvement Project
Various Locations in the Town of Woodside, CA**

1.2 Project Description: The work will include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary or required to rehabilitate storm drains with cured in place pipe (CIPP), grout headwalls, install new inlets, remove and install new storm drain, install new headwalls, and place rock rip rap.

1.3 Procurement of Bidding Documents: Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. Bidders may examine a complete hard-copy set of the Bidding Documents at the Town's Public Works Department, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062. Bidders may download a complete set of Bidding Documents at <http://www.woodsidetown.org/rfps> at no cost. Bidder is responsible for printing any and all of Bidding Documents.

1.4 Instructions: Bidders shall refer to Document 00 2113 (Instructions to Bidders) for required documents and items to be submitted in a sealed envelope for deposit into the Bid Box in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062 no later than the time and date set forth in Paragraph 1.01 above.

1.5 Project Schedule: All work shall be completed within **75 working days** from Notice to Proceed. **The Town will issue Notice to Proceed for this project in April 2017.**

1.6 Bid Preparation Cost: Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.

1.7 Reservation of Rights: Owner specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, to re-bid, or to waive inconsequential defects in bidding not involving time, price or quality of the work. Owner may reject any and all Bids and waive any minor irregularities in the Bids.

ARTICLE 2 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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2.3 N/A

2.4 N/A

2.5 Substitution of Securities: Owner will permit the successful bidder to substitute securities for any retention monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract. Should the contractor opt for this option please contact the owner to obtain the form.

2.6 Prevailing Wage Laws: The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, are on file at the Town's Public Works Department, may be obtained from the California Department of Industrial Relations website <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm> and are deemed included in the Bidding Documents. Upon request, Owner will make available copies to any interested party. Also, the successful Bidder shall post the applicable prevailing wage rates at the Site.

2.7 Prevailing Wage Monitoring: This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

Who's funding candidates for Menlo Park council?

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Three candidates for two seats on the Menlo Park City Council have filed reports on campaign fundraising and spending for the Sept. 29 to Oct. 26 period.

Total monetary contributions during that period were \$4,323 for Catherine Carlton's campaign, \$2,785 for Cecilia Taylor's campaign and \$2,474 for Ray Mueller's campaign, according to their reports.

Catherine Carlton

Ms. Carlton reported these donations to her campaign since Sept. 29: \$100 from state Sen. Jerry Hill, \$250 from the Stanford Park Hotel, \$125 from developer Jeffrey Pollock (vice president, Pollock Financial Group), and \$100 from San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley, according to the report.

The campaign received a \$1,000 loan from Ms. Carlton's husband, Robert Ridenour.

Her campaign reported spending \$11,623 on campaign consulting, literature and mailings.

Total raised: \$17,077 in dona-

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tions, \$8,950 in loans. Total spent: \$11,623.

Cecilia Taylor

In addition to the \$2,785 Cecilia Taylor reported raising in cash contributions, she received \$671 in nonmonetary contributions such as printing cartridges and fliers.

Several contributors are affiliated with the grassroots group VERG (Voters for Equitable and Responsible Growth), made up of Menlo Park and Palo Alto residents who favor slow-growth policies. Those contributions include \$777 from Neilson Buchanan, a Palo Alto resident; \$200 from Jim Wiley, a Willows resident; and \$50 from Martin Lamarque, a Belle Haven resident.

Ms. Taylor's campaign also received \$50 from Meg McGraw Scherer, a member of the Menlo Park Housing Commission.

See **FUNDING**, page 22



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ATHERTON

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the Town of Atherton will introduce amendments to the following ordinance at their regular meeting held on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the **Council Chambers, 94 Ashfield Road, Atherton.**

An Ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Atherton amending Municipal Code Chapters 15.02, 15.04, 15.08, 15.12, 15.16, 15.18, 15.19, 15.20, and 15.44 in order to adopt by reference the 2016 California Building Standards code including the building, residential, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, energy, historical building, green and existing building codes and Chapter 1 Division II of the 2016 edition of the California Building Code as the Atherton Administrative Code, and Amend Chapter 15.52.040 of the Atherton Municipal Code to comply with 2016 California Green Building Code and conform to Cal-Recycle's statewide goal of 75% for the year 2020 as stated in the CA AB 341 (Chapter 476, Statutes of 2011).

Anyone who desires to be heard on the matter should appear at the designated time and place. Written public comments may be submitted in advance of the meeting to Theresa DellaSanta at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us

For a complete copy of the ordinance amendments, please contact Theresa DellaSanta at tdellasanta@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0529.

Speaking in pictures

Photographers' online 'conversation' of hundreds of images turns into an art exhibition

By **Kate Daly**
Special to the Almanac

When nine Bay Area professional photographers launched a blog three years ago, they didn't think it would last. They were wrong. Not only has their collaborative content gained followers, it has spawned a new art form now on display at Foothill College.

Since March 2013, the photographers have taken turns posting a digital image on their website, f8dontwait.com. A new photograph is posted each day, and

each photo responds to or connects with the previous photo in a process the photographers see as a "conversation."

The photographers include Rachel Phillips and David Hibbard of Menlo Park and Patricia McClung of Portola Valley.

"It works a lot like the game of telephone that kids play, whispering a message around a circle," Ms. McClung says. "Inevitably the message (in this case in the form of a photographic image) evolves."

Given the online format, the images were not intended to be displayed in print, but over time the group realized it was doing something "different" and wanted to share the blog beyond its email subscribers and the approximately 6,000 page views each month.

This summer the group organized a show at a gallery in Castro Valley, where photographer Susan Honda Eady

works. When Ms. McClung's former professor saw the exhibition, she thought it would be ideal to use as a teaching tool at Foothill College's Krause Center for Innovation.

The exhibit, "The Conversation: F8 Don't Wait," is on display at the Los Altos Hills campus through Dec. 6.

Photographer Robert Kato is also a master printer and he

devised a way to print out the group's images in rows on square sheets that are 44 inches by 44 inches. Each sheet carries 49 or 50 images, which Ms. McClung says make an impact as a new

composite art form. "People get drawn in to figure out what the conversation is," she says.

Mr. Kato also created an 18-foot-long scroll that shows the total of more than 1,240 images.

Photographer Dorothy Gantebein designed QR codes for the exhibit so people can use smart phones to scan and find each image's place in the blog and associated photographer name and title.

Most of the photographers have been sharing their experiences since they met taking a photography class with Brigitte Carnochan in Portola Valley about 10 years ago.

The group gets together periodically to talk about their work and admits the blog has become an influential factor.

"Being a member of this talented group, it's important to me to maintain the quality and integrity of my posts. Each one is a unique challenge," says

'It works a lot like the game of telephone that kids play. Inevitably the message evolves.'

PHOTOGRAPHER
PATRICIA MCCLUNG



William Bishop of La Honda.

Katie Parquet says: "Something will catch my eye in my daily travels and I will think, hmmm ... I might be able to use that in the future. Or someone will post on our blog and I will think where can I take that image next? Or how did they do that? Or where were they when they took the image? Or what were they thinking?"

Maude Pervere, a retired Stanford professor who exhibits her photography regularly, says: "I feel challenged by the quality of the photographs that others post, and therefore both stretched in my imagination of what a photograph can express, and safe enough with this group to truly experiment."

"Besides, if someone else is going to post the very next day, how long will anyone be focused on a flop?"



These photographs are among nearly 1,000 images on the f8dontwait.com website, where each day, one of nine photographers posts a picture that responds to or connects with the previous day's image. These three photographs were posted in sequence, from top to bottom: David Hibbard's "6-17-15 NW of Story City," Rachel Phillips' "Sea Change," and Patricia McClung's "Sea Nymph."

The exhibit

The public is invited to attend an artists' reception on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the gallery, located on the lower level of the Krause Center for Innovation on the Foothill College campus, 12345 El Monte Road in Los Altos Hills. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday. The gallery opens at 9 a.m. each day and closes at 7:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, at 6 p.m. on Fridays, and at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The exhibit runs through Dec. 6.

Go to f8dontwait.com to see the photographers' "conversation" online.

Menlo Park City Council reviews Facebook project

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

After many study sessions and discussions and approvals through various commissions, the Menlo Park City Council planned to review Facebook's large proposed expansion on Nov. 1.

(Go to AlmanacNews.com for updates. The Almanac went to press before the meeting was held.)

The expansion would add to the Facebook complex a 200-room hotel and two 75-foot-high office buildings with 962,400 square feet of floor area. An estimated 6,550 people would work in the offices and the hotel.

On Sept. 26, Menlo Park's Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the council approve the expansion. Commission members praised the project for its sustainability features, such as an onsite water recycling system and solar panels. Also, Facebook promises to reduce car trips during peak

hours by encouraging workers to use buses and other means of transportation other than single-occupancy vehicles.

Some concerns were voiced about where the new workers would live and whether the influx would increase housing costs for renters in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood.

As part of its development agreement with the city, Facebook would plan and design 1,500 housing units on its Prologis site, though it couldn't build anything until Menlo Park's general plan update is approved by the council.

Under proposed changes to the general plan, the company would be able to build 2,000 housing units on that site, according to Deanna Chow, principal planner at the city of Menlo Park. Facebook also will have to pay the costs for or build 20 housing units, and has agreed to subsidize rental costs for 22 apartments for local teachers, public safety officers or non-profit workers. ▀

Menlo Park restaurant regains Michelin star

By Elena Kadvany

The much sought-after Michelin Guide stars have been announced for the San Francisco Bay Area, with familiar MidPeninsula restaurants making the cut, plus one establishment that returned to the annual list.

Madera, at the Rosewood Sand Hill hotel in Menlo Park, regained one star after dropping from the list in 2015. Madera's kitchen is overseen by executive chef Peter Rudolph.

The Michelin guide tweeted its congratulations to Madera and Rudolph on Tuesday: "#Congratulations to @MaderaSandHill and @MaderaPeter on earning back #OneStar in the #revisit #reevaluate #recognize."

Experimental French fine-dining restaurant Baume in Palo Alto, led by chef Bruno Chemel, continues to be the only restaurant south of San Francisco that has two stars. Only seven restaurants total gained two stars this year, the majority of them in San Francisco.

Mountain View French restaurant Chez TJ, where chef Jarad Gallagher has remained for the last four years, held onto its single-star status.



Vince Terry
Madera Chef Peter Rudolph

The Village Pub in Woodside, with executive chef Mark Sullivan in the kitchen, also again kept its years-long one star. This is the ninth consecutive year the restaurant has received a Michelin star.

The local restaurants are among 54 Bay Area and Wine Country restaurants that Michelin recognized in its new San Francisco Bay Area & Wine Country 2017 guide, which was released Oct. 25. The guide's release came a week after Michelin announced its 2017 Bib Gourmand restaurants, which are recognized for serving high-quality food at a more affordable price. ▀

Visit AlmanacNews.com to see Elena Kadvany's Peninsula Foodist blog.



Photo by Kate Bradshaw

Menlo Park Mayor Rich Cline, left, and developer Jeff Pollock of Pollock Financial Group toast at an Oct. 26 groundbreaking for a new boutique hotel at 1400 El Camino Real in Menlo Park.

Ground broken for boutique hotel

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

"To prosperity, new beginnings, and managed growth," Menlo Park Mayor Rich Cline toasted to a small crowd gathered around shiny shovels at 1400 El Camino Real, the site where ground was broken Oct. 26 for a 61-room, four-story boutique hotel.

Fran Dehn, president and CEO of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, told the group the hotel fits the city's needs as

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laid out in the El Camino Real/downtown specific plan and the regional Grand Boulevard Initiative.

"We're a unique city and you're bringing us exactly what we need," she said.

In addition to guest rooms, the hotel will have an event room, restaurant and bar, and 75 underground parking spots.

It is expected to generate about \$604,000 a year in rev-

enue for the city via its transient occupancy tax. Portola Valley-based developer Pollock Financial Group, which is building the hotel, said hotel employees and guests will get free Caltrain passes and employees will get additional transit subsidies. The hotel could host live entertainment.

A Shell gasoline station used to be on the half-acre site.

City Councilwoman Catherine Carlton said the hotel would be "something beautiful, instead of blight and fencing." ▀

Surcharge might help pay for civic center

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

Adding a surcharge to building-permit fees as a way to raise money to build part of the new civic center is one of three topics the Atherton City Council will examine at a study session Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Also on the agenda: joining a lawsuit over how the California High Speed Rail Authority spends its money and reviewing a two-year-old report on ways the town can raise revenue. The study session starts at 3 p.m. in the council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

Surcharge

A 2012 measure approved by voters limits the public funds that can be used to build a new town center for Atherton. One source that can be used is paying for new building and planning offices with building and planning permit fees. The town has set aside \$2.1 million in such fees to pay for new building and planning offices in the center. Now, a staff report from City Manager George Rodericks says

it appears the cost to build those offices will exceed that amount.

The council will consider adding a surcharge of a half cent per dollar of permit valuation (what a project is expected to cost) to building-permit fees over the next several years to raise additional funds. The report says it would take less than three years to raise an estimated \$1.2 million, or the town could adopt a lower surcharge and take longer to raise the funds by borrowing money to pay construction costs from its own reserves.

Lawsuit

The council will consider a lawsuit challenging a state law signed by Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 28. Assembly Bill 1889 modifies how the California High Speed Rail Authority can spend money from a 2008 bond measure approved by voters.

The staff report from City Attorney Bill Connors says the 2008 measure allowed funds to be spent only on "usable segments" of rail that could accommodate high-speed trains when completed.

The new law redefines "usable segments," the staff report says. The town's Rail Committee says the law is unconstitutional because it substantially changes the bond measure without a public vote.

Mr. Connors said the council could limit its contribution, if it joins the lawsuit, to between \$20,000 to \$50,000.

State law allows lawsuit discussions to be closed to the public, but City Manager George Rodericks said the council wants public input to help it decide whether to join the lawsuit.

Raising revenues

In 2014, the council asked town staff to explore how to raise revenues for the town. Now the council has asked town take another look at the report as part of its consideration of a new business license tax.

Other revenue-raising sources in the report include a utility users' tax, rents or fees for use of town-owned property, benefit assessment districts and a road-impact tax. ▀



Photo by John Gerbetz

Menlowe Ballet will celebrate its fifth anniversary with its program featuring a revival of a signature company work.

Menlowe Ballet celebrates with Atherton performance

This season Menlowe Ballet is marking its fifth anniversary with "Tribute," a program including two new works, a classical ballet, and a comeback of the company's showpiece by the same name.

Fifteen company dancers plus two professional ballroom dancers and a dozen students from the Menlo Park Academy of Dance will perform at the Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center at 555 Middlefield

Road in Atherton.

Performance dates are Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.

Artistic Director Michael Lowe will be premiering "After Hours," a piece set in a Shanghai nightclub on New Years Eve.

Associate Artistic Director Sarah-Jane Measor is making her choreographic debut with another new work, "Portraits,"

a portrayal of women's contributions through history.

San Jose Ballet founder Dennis Nahat is staging "Le Corsaire Pas de Deux," and Mr. Lowe is reprising his role in "Tribute," a ballet he choreographed a few years back to the music of Ravel's "Bolero."

Go to menloweballet.org or call (800) 595-4849 for tickets, which range from \$30 to \$60.

—Kate Daly

CALENDAR

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Theater

'The Mystery of Edwin Drood' Menlo Drama presents the five-time Tony Award winning interactive musical whodunit "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," based upon the unfinished Charles Dickens novel of the same name. In 1895 England, a charming young Edwin Drood has been murdered in a story that goes unfinished as Dickens passed away before revealing the ending. Ruper Holmes' musical solves this dilemma by allowing the audience to choose by popular vote which character is the killer. Nov. 11 and 13, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 12 and 13, 2 p.m. Students, \$5; adults, \$10. Menlo School, 54 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. menloschool.org/arta/drama

Concerts

4 Hands 2 Hearts 1 Piano: Eckart Sellheim and Dian Baker Eckart Sellheim and Dian Baker perform an all-American program of duets for piano featuring works by Corigliani, Barber, Copland, Bryan Adams, and Morton Feldman. Sellheim and Baker have combined their many years of artistic experiences into the perfect medium: the piano duo. Since 1998, they have concertized in the U.S. and Europe. Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Stanford Philharmonia Anna Wittstruck conducts the Philharmonia's program with

guests from Ensemble SF (Rebecca Jackson, violin; Jonah Kim, cello; and Christine McLeavey, piano) and Kindra Scharich, mezzo-soprano. Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$20. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Music

Riekes Center Open House and Recital Every third Thursday the Riekes Center will kick-off the evening with an open house and will feature the Creative Arts Students in a public recital. Students of all ages will sing, show movies, show artwork and celebrate milestones. Nov. 10, 6-9 p.m. Free. Riekes Center, 3455 Edison Way, Menlo Park. riekes.org/workshops-special-events

Talks & Authors

Anne Raeff and Lori Ostlund in conversation with Jan Ellison Jan Ellison, author of "A Small Indiscretion," will lead a discussion between Anne Raeff, author of the upcoming collection "The Jungle Around Us," and Lori Ostlund, author of "After the Parade," Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Gordon Jack: 'The Boomerang Effect', a comically subversive young adult debut that explores the meaning of friendship and loyalty, and why you should avoid being trapped in a small space with an angry chicken. Nov. 9, 7 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com/event/gordon-jack

Roble Rewind: A Look Back at Dance & Theater at Stanford Branislav Jakovljevic, Janice Ross and Bill Eddelman will trace the

evolution of the performing arts in the heart of Silicon Valley. The evening will conclude with a Chocolate Heads Movement Band performance choreographed by Aleta Hayes. Nov. 9, 5:30-8 p.m. Free. Roble Gym Studio Theater, 285 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. historicalsociety.stanford.edu

Galleries

'Water, Nature's Gift' — A Joint Exhibition The Portola Art Gallery presents "Water, Nature's Gift," a joint exhibition by Jan Prisco and Barbara von Haunalter. The pastel, oil and watercolor paintings celebrate the beauty and diversity of Northern California's waters — oceans, rivers, streams and bay — and the wildlife that inhabit them. Nov. 1-30, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Reception, Nov. 5, 1-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

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Health & Wellness

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Eshoo supports Atherton's fiscal study of fire district

■ ATHERTON

Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, backs Atherton's plans to evaluate the costs and benefits of services provided to the town's property owners by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, according to a letter Ms. Eshoo sent Oct. 27 to Atherton Mayor Elizabeth Lewis.

In the letter, Rep. Eshoo said she supports the town's efforts "to examine what services the Town receives, and what the Town pays for those services, including the Fire District."

While Rep. Eshoo wrote that she is "a longtime supporter and

advocate of our first responders locally and nationally," she called the town's proposed study "a prudent undertaking."

"Our mutual constituents, through their elected officials should be able to have any and all information as to how their tax dollars are spent and what they receive for them," she wrote.

The letter says that she finds it "fully appropriate" for not only Atherton, but also Menlo Park,

East Palo Alto and San Mateo County "to either jointly or separately" study the fire district's revenues, services provided and costs.

The letter also urges civility. "I'm exceedingly proud of the high level of civility that is the hallmark of our congressional district, and I trust that as you and others work with the Fire district to obtain the information requested of them, that all parties will uphold this great tradition."

— Barbara Wood

■ POLICE CALLS

This information is based on reports from the Menlo Park Police Department. Under the law, people charged with offenses are considered innocent unless convicted. Police received the reports on the dates shown.

MENLO PARK

Residential burglary: After breaking a front window on a house on Pierce Road, a burglar stole jewelry and two pads of checks. Estimated loss: \$7,500. Oct. 26.

Commercial burglary: Police arrested and booked into jail a Redwood City woman on charges that included burglary after she allegedly stole several pieces of merchandise (recovered) from the CVS pharmacy at 700 El Camino Real. Police also found heroin in her possession. Oct. 23.

Auto burglaries:

■ Two vehicles parked at Bedwell Bayfront Park on Marsh Road were found with windows smashed and items stolen. In one case, a purse containing a credit/debit card,

a medical card, gift cards and cosmetics, and in the other a wallet containing an ID and credit and debit cards. Estimated losses: \$875 and \$162. Oct. 27.

Thefts:

■ A resident of Hollyburne Avenue found that someone had stolen approximately 100 avocados from a tree in the backyard. No estimate on losses. Oct. 24.

■ Someone stole a backpack from an unlocked truck parked on Bay Laurel Road. Inside the backpack was a laptop computer. Estimated loss: \$1,000. Oct. 24.

■ A thief entered an unlocked vehicle parked on Merrill Street and stole paperwork and prescription eyeglasses from the glove box and console. Estimated loss: \$1,000. Oct. 24.

■ Someone stole two unlocked bikes parked next to a park bench at Willow Road and Coleman Avenue. Estimated loss: \$1,000. Oct. 27.

■ A thief stole a bike from the front porch of a home on University Drive. Estimated loss: \$350. Oct. 24.

■ A locked bike was stolen from an apartment complex on Mills Street. Estimated

loss: \$300. Oct. 23.

■ Someone stole a scooter left unlocked in front of an apartment on Alma Street. Estimated loss: \$40. Oct. 22.

■ Police are investigating a case in which a former contract employee for Facebook may be selling company cellphones. Oct. 26.

■ Three African American women allegedly stole baby formula from the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real and fled the scene in a brown hatchback. Oct. 27.

■ A video surveillance camera showed a man leaving Menlo Park Ace Hardware with something square-shaped under his clothing. Oct. 23.

■ A white man described as of average build and 6 feet 3 inches tall tried to leave the Safeway supermarket at 525 El Camino Real with merchandise he hadn't paid for, including shampoo and baby formula. He abandoned the merchandise when confronted by a store employee and fled the scene in a green Volkswagen convertible. Oct. 21.

■ Campaign signs are being stolen from front yards all around the city. Police do not yet have leads. Oct. 21.

FIRE DISTRICT

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from what Atherton wants. However, they were split on whether the city should get involved in scrutinizing the spending of another local agency. Councilwoman Catherine Carlton told the council she spoke with Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Menlo Park, who encouraged Menlo Park to pursue the study. Councilman Ray Mueller said

joining Atherton for the study would be "inherently political." "I don't think we should be getting into the business of auditing other agencies," he said.

Mayor Rich Cline said: "If this feels like an investigation ... it could end up creating another political maelstrom here that's going to be just kind of laughable at the end."

Councilman Peter Ohtaki, who served on the fire board for three years before being elected

to the City Council, said the city should stay focused on the question of impact fees.

The city and the fire district have different narratives of where things stand on development-impact fees: payments by property owners to cover the added costs to the fire district of providing emergency services for new development. Now, the fire district is considering a new option: a community facilities tax. ■

FUNDING

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She reported spending \$2,632 on items categorized as "campaign paraphernalia."

Total raised: \$3,709. Total spent: \$3,438.

Ray Mueller

Ray Mueller reported raising \$2,474 in cash contributions between Sept. 29 and Oct. 26.

Contributions include \$50 from Richard Draeger, owner of Draeger's Market; \$1,500 from James Wagstaffe, a Burlingame resident and Mr. Mueller's former law professor; and \$1,000 from the California

Association of Realtors' Real Estate Political Action Committee. He also received a \$750 contribution from San Mateo County Supervisor Warren Slocum on Oct. 28, as reported to the Almanac.

Mr. Mueller reported returning \$500 to the real estate committee. He said he is capping campaign contributions at \$500, with the exception of donations from Mr. Wagstaffe and Supervisor Slocum.

His campaign spent \$12,458 on items such as mailers and door hangers, and about \$6 on Facebook ads.

Total raised: \$14,497. Total spent: \$16,297. ■

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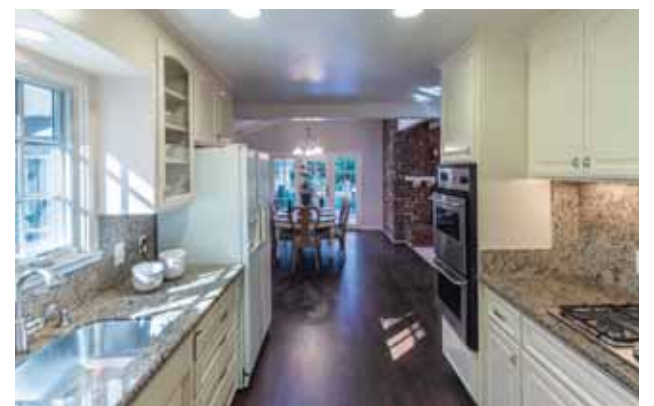
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IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

Election 2016 on the Peninsula: The Almanac's recommendations

Over the last month, the Almanac has taken positions on several local races in the Nov. 8 election after interviewing candidates and, in the case of the county's tax-extension measure, advocates on both sides of the issue. Here are our recommendations.

Menlo Park City Council

With two open seats and three candidates, we endorse Ray Mueller and Cecilia Taylor. (See editorial, Oct. 11)

Menlo Park City School District

With two open seats and five candidates on the ballot, we endorse David Ackerman and Caroline Lucas. (See editorial, Oct. 5)

Measure K

We recommend voting no on San Mateo County's sales tax-extension measure. Measure

K would extend the county's half-cent sales tax for 20 years, even though the current tax doesn't expire for seven years and the county's spending plan for using tax revenue to address the housing crisis is vague. (See editorial, Oct. 19)

State Assembly, District 24

With two Democrats in a run-off contest for the seat being vacated by Rich Gordon, we endorse Vicki Veenker.

State Senate, District 13

We endorse Democratic incumbent Jerry Hill in this race.

U.S. House of Representatives, 18th District

We endorse Democratic incumbent Anna Eshoo in this race.

Facebook: A neighbor and partner in addressing housing crisis

By Don Horsley

It seems that everyone in the world uses Facebook for as many reasons as there are people clicking "Like" on everything from babies to political screeds. The company has mastered the art of creating a digital community and offers more than a billion people the opportunity to have their voices heard and their ideas promoted.

While the idea of Facebook is everywhere, Facebook itself, and its founder Mark Zuckerberg, are right here on the Peninsula, in the heart of Silicon Valley.

The immense wealth that Facebook has created for a broad spectrum of people has also advanced the high cost of living here. Of course it's not the sole responsibility of Facebook; there are many other successful companies that have fueled the Silicon Valley boom, helping to create the housing affordability crisis we are experiencing.

The natural and historic desirability of the San Francisco Bay Area, especially the Peninsula, has contributed to the situation as well. After all, who doesn't want to live in this fantastic place?

Facebook is a company based in Menlo Park, right here in San Mateo County. Its business office complexes continue to burst at the seams with employees. Anyone who knows anything about this area is well aware of the challenges facing people hoping to live here. There just is not an easy answer.

To its credit, the Facebook corporation is eager to participate in helping to solve the problem it has partly created. Addressing the critical issue of affordable housing is a savvy business move on the part of Facebook since it will continue to want to hire the best and brightest people, many of whom simply can't afford to live here, even on a Facebook salary.

Facebook is working on some specific ideas to assist the city of Menlo Park in a collaborative effort.

These range from public benefit payments, below-market-rate fees, financing transportation studies, committing to environmental projects, and directly funding specific projects such as a Local Community Fund and the maintenance of the Belle Haven community swimming pool.

Facebook officials are proposing to be deeply involved in the various avenues necessary for a booming community to address the needs of the less-fortunate. From something basic such as funding a housing inventory study to the hands-on commitment to plan and design 1,500 new housing units, including 225 affordable units, Facebook officials are showing that they know they have to participate in helping all aspects of the community benefit from their successful business model.

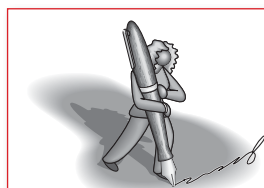
They're even willing to spend \$1.5 million to work on solutions developed from the inventory study.

Other proposals from Facebook include a Workforce Housing Program that would develop 22 units at 777 Hamilton over five years. There's various transportation promises, ranging from a Dumbarton Corridor study to funding a regional transportation forum.

Facebook wants to be involved in developing a two-acre public open space park and a pedestrian/bike bridge over Bayfront Expressway. The Facebook list will surely grow if the company is given the encouragement.

To be sure, no one company or a finite amount of money can completely solve a problem that has been years in the making. It's a community effort that is needed, with many different champions addressing a wide variety of real challenges.

It's an admirable effort that Facebook officials are putting forward, and it's clear that they are eager to continue investing in the community in the future. Now that's really something to "Like."



Supervisor Don Horsley represents District 3 on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

GUEST OPINION

LETTERS

Our readers write

An alternative to rent control measures

Editor:

Last Monday, the Redwood City council rejected the option of a rent freeze, seeing it as a form of rent control. But increasingly, Peninsula residents are asking for just that, in at least some form. It's not just the over-spenders with the \$40,000 SUVs who are caught short. Rents have gone up 50 percent in five years, while few tenants have seen even half that rise in income — at some point, the numbers just don't work for our working neighbors.

When an advocacy group puts forward a rent control initiative — like the nearly identical ones in San Mateo, Burlingame and Mountain View — the only option on the table is the extreme one. We can't keep the good landlords if we treat all of them like criminals. In

San Francisco, larger residential buildings were bought up by large companies that know how to "work" rent control units. I rented several times there — we don't want that. The same is happening now in rent-controlled East Palo Alto. In fact, rent control has degraded the housing supply in every city I've seen it.

High rents are a temporary problem — every economic cycle swings back. But emotions run high when people lose their homes. Emotions make good rallies and get petition signatures, but don't make good laws.

With luck, the extreme initiatives will fail and we can adopt a rational solution. That will surely include some limits on rent raises and evictions — I know two City Council members who are working in that direction, and that's good. We've seen what can happen if the rational thinkers don't step in, and that's not so good.

Henry Riggs
Callie Lane, Menlo Park

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Woodside History Committee

Looking back

Woodside Fire District Chief John Volpiano, left, and Mounted Patrol horseman Dale Ryman are shown in this late-1950s photo putting up a sign at the Woodside Training Stables. The photo is published in the Woodside history book by Thalia Lubin and Bob Dougherty of the Woodside History Committee. The building in the photo has been restored as a private stable, according to the book. Mr. Volpiano was part of Woodside's firefighting team for 45 years, and Mr. Ryman served at various times as president of the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association, captain of the Mounted Patrol, and president of the Woodside Trail Club, the authors write.

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Mueller is 'committed to transparency'

Editor:

I am writing in support of Ray Mueller's re-election to Menlo Park City Council.

I am retired now, but I was a Menlo Park staff member and worked with Ray when he was on the Transportation Commission, and after he was elected to City Council. I witnessed firsthand that he was absolutely committed to transparency in government.

Ray is dedicated to the best interests of Menlo Park. He is truly a public servant and gave all the time necessary to serve Menlo Park. In my experience, his integrity served the citizens well. Ray's leadership was apparent from his time on the Transportation Commission and continued when he was elected to the council. Ray always listened to every side of an issue and made his decisions based on all available information. He has never been afraid to think outside of the box for solutions and ideas. He was focused on improving the quality of life of all Menlo Park residents and strove to make citizens' voices heard on every issue.

I am confident that Ray Mueller will continue to make Menlo Park a better community for the residents and small business owners.

Margaret Roberts
Former Menlo Park city clerk
Concord

A vote for Cecilia Taylor

Editor:

I'm writing in support of the Almanac's endorsement of newcomer Cecilia Taylor for one of the two open positions on the Menlo Park City Council. It's amazing to me that of the five current council members, only one lives east of El Camino Real and none lives east of the 101. Nearly 20 percent of our city's residents live east of 101.

To be present in the neighborhood, and to see and hear firsthand what is affecting residents is an immeasurable value for those of us fortunate to have neighborhood representation on the council. I'm lucky that my neighborhood, the Willows, has had representation since I bought my house here in 2002. I have used informal talks with current and former council members to keep up to date on local issues and share my opinion.

Cecilia Taylor is informed, intelligent and asks good questions. She's educated and articulate, and she has an intimate understanding of the current issues facing the whole city. Most importantly, she represents a perspective that isn't

available to the current council.

Let's be bold and elect an energetic black woman who's a third-generation resident of Menlo Park. She has firsthand experience of daily life in Belle Haven and the credibility with her neighbors to continue to lead honest discussions.

We are a diverse city in a diverse region. In any other year I might buy the "experience matters" argument in the council race. But in this climate of change as we plan for the growth and modernization of our city that will affect us for the next 50 years or more, I agree with the Almanac that we need Cecilia Taylor on the Menlo Park City Council.

Julie Shanson
Oak Court, Menlo Park

Two votes for Marc Berman

Editor:

We are writing to endorse Marc Berman for state Assembly.

We have gotten to know Marc as council members from neighboring cities and as competitors in the primary campaign, and we have great respect for his accomplishments at the local level and his comprehensive policy proposals on the difficult issues facing our state.

Marc is the only candidate in this race with a breadth of experience in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and we know Marc will work across the aisle to benefit our communities. Marc has been a leader on the Palo Alto City Council on issues such as infrastructure improvements, housing affordability, public safety, and financial transparency, and he will take that leadership to Sacramento.

Marc has immersed himself in the issues facing our communities, and his experience in local government prepares him well to be an effective advocate for us in the Legislature. He has a proven track record of bringing people together to address difficult challenges — a skill set that is sorely lacking in the state Capitol.

We strongly encourage you to vote for Marc Berman for state Assembly.

Mike Kasperzak
Member, Mountain View City Council

Peter Ohtaki
Member, Menlo Park City Council

A vote for Vicki Venkeer

Editor:

I support Vicki Venkeer for state Assembly. She is the only candidate for that race supported by the Sierra Club and clearly has a keen social conscience. She served as president and member of the Silicon Valley Law Foundation, which helps the disadvantaged in areas such as housing, mental health and

advocacy for children and youth.

Those who share her concern for the wellbeing of our communities admire her, and she is endorsed by Anna Eshoo, Joe Simitian and Zoe Lofgren, people I deeply respect. Although I am myself a small landlord, I really like it that she is not getting massive donations from developers and apartment owner associations. Join me in voting for Vicki for state Assembly.

Gail Sredanovic
Ashton Avenue, Menlo Park

Trump is not a 'real man'

Editor:

I wish to say something that Hillary Clinton cannot say because she is a woman. As a man, I can say this: Donald Trump is *not* a real man. Real men are strong *and* gentle. They do not commit, or brag about committing, sexual assault on women (or anyone else for that matter). Real men don't use their power or fame to impose themselves on women.

Nor are real men bullies. They don't pick out those who are weak or different for ridicule, attack and vilification, whether these targets are the disabled or members of racial, religious or national minorities. Real men are willing to stand up for the weaker or more vulnerable among us; they see this as an obligation.

Real men do feel fear, but the best among us manage to do the right, or necessary, thing, notwithstanding this. In contrast, most bullies are in fact cowards who will run from a fair fight.

The traits of strength, compassion and simple decency are not exclusively the province of men, of course. They are the qualities we hope to find in all men and women, but men have a special obligation in this area. Like it or not, men are still dominant in our society. Most assaults, sexual or otherwise, are committed by men. Men have a special obligation not only to exercise their power responsibly, but to model decency and kindness for boys.

It is distressing enough to see anyone in the public eye set the type of example that Trump has, but it is beyond horrifying to see it in the presidential nominee of a major party — a party, I should add, that I was a member of for most of my adult life, but no longer.

Jon Silver
Portola Road, Portola Valley

New development

Editor:

Am I the only Menlo Park resident who is glad to see your reporting on the two new developments on El Camino Real? The process has been deliberative yet appears to produce two projects we can be pleased about.

Bill Russ
Cotton Street, Menlo Park

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BT Properties-Management &
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File No.: 270893
The following person(s) is (are) doing
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1.) BT Properties, 2.) BT Properties-
Management & Investment Services,
located at 800 W. El Camino Real, Ste. 180,
Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa
Clara County.
Registered owner(s):
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800 W. El Camino Real, Ste. 180
Mountain View, CA 94040
A California Corporation
This business is conducted by: A
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The registrant commenced to transact
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name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
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County on September 22, 2016.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271107
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as:
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Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061, San
Mateo County; Mailing address: PO Box
620928, Woodside, CA 94062.
Registered owner(s):
NANCY M. SHANAHAN
1570 Union Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061
This business is conducted by: An
Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271064
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94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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8 Newell Ct. # T-7
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: Married
Couple.
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business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
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County on October 7, 2016.
(ALM Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2016)

FIRST CLEANING SERVICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 271172
The following person (persons) is (are)
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Newell Ct. Apt. 5208, E. Palo Alto, CA
94303, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
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E. Palo Alto, CA 94303
This business is conducted by: An
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business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo
County on October 18, 2016.
(ALM Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2016)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF
STEFAN ANDREW
CASE NO. 16PRO00375
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, con-
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filed by San Mateo County Public
Administrator in the Superior Court of
California, County of San Mateo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests
that San Mateo County Public
Administrator be appointed as personal
representative to administer the estate
of the decedent.
A HEARING on the petition will be held
on November 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in
Dept. 28 located at 400 County Center,
Redwood City, CA 94063
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the
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ing and state your objections or file
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Attorney for Petitioner:
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NOTICE OF HEARING: November 18,
2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, of
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of San Mateo, located at 400 County
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week for four successive weeks prior to
the date set for hearing on the petition
in the following newspaper of general
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THE ALMANAC
Date: October 4, 2016
/s/ Susan Irene Etezadi
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(ALM Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 2016)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE
OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY
OF SAN MATEO
Case No.: 16CIV01713
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: SUE ANN BASSETT filed a
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changing names as follows:
SUE ANN BASSETT to SUANNE BASSETT.
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this court at the hearing indicated
below to show cause, if any, why the
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be granted. Any person objecting to the
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reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
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NOTICE OF HEARING: November 30,
2016, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ, Room: 2D, of
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