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## Menlo Park council accepts Arrillaga offer of millions to help rebuild main library

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Plans to rebuild the main Menlo Park library may become reality more quickly than anyone thought.

The Menlo Park City Council voted 4-0 on July 18, with Councilman Ray Mueller absent, to accept a surprise offer from local real estate billionaire and philanthropist John Arrillaga to help construct and pay a major part of the costs to rebuild the city's main library at 800 Alma St. in the Civic Center.

While a city staff report had said the offer was for \$25 million, City Manager Alex McIntyre explained that Mr. Arrillaga actually stipulated that the city pay \$20 million for the project and he would pay the rest. Estimates for the rebuild have ranged from \$40 million to \$60 million.

How much Mr. Arrillaga would participate in the planning, design and construction of the project was not immediately evident.

Mr. Arrillaga does expect the project to move quickly, Mr. McIntyre told the council.

The current Menlo Park main library doesn't meet the accessibility or space needs of visitors, according to Library Director Susan Holmer.

Nick Szegda, assistant library services director, said that the city has spent the last several years developing a strategic plan for the main library and Belle Haven branch library and conducting a space needs assessment for the main library.

"Throughout these studies, we've heard demands by users for new and improved spaces," he told the council. "We figure we're three years into a 10- to 12-year process when we received the philanthropic offer."

People increasingly want libraries to function as a community gathering space, library staff said. Currently, library programs are hosted in the public spaces of the library, and people with strollers or walkers have a hard time getting around, they said.

The Menlo Park Library turned 100 last year and has been at its current location since 1957. Many libraries across the

Peninsula have been rebuilt or renovated in recent years.

According to a space needs study conducted for the main library, which the council discussed in March, the city should expand the main library by about a third to 44,000 square feet. A preliminary estimate of the cost for a new two-story library building was \$40.3 million.

Mr. McIntyre said that expanding the library may require more parking, in which case, parking might be added below ground. That could substantially increase the cost of the project, up to an estimated \$60 million.

### Mr. Arrillaga

According to Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Arrillaga likes to negotiate a certain way.

"He's very direct and clear on what he would like to do and what he expects to do," Mr. McIntyre said. "He's also happy to walk away."

The offer would not be transferable to Belle Haven, Mr. McIntyre said.

He told the council how the offer came about:

"I got a phone call completely unsolicited and completely unexpected from (Mr. Arrillaga) basically saying, 'What's going on with the library? How can I help?' And actually, my very first comment to him was, 'Well, actually, the need is greater in Belle Haven. That's where we would like to see some investment.' He said he was not at all interested in that.

"He wanted to invest in the main library for the city. So I left it alone and did not pick it up from there, because when somebody's offering you some amount of money, you can't look a gift horse too quickly in the mouth."

Mr. Arrillaga in the past worked out a comparable gift to the city of Menlo Park to help rebuild its gym and gymnastics center. The way that was done, City Attorney Bill McClure said, was that the city agreed in a contract to put in a set amount of money and Mr. Arrillaga paid all development costs beyond that initial amount. The process took about three years, according to Chip Taylor, assistant city manager.



File photo by Michelle Le/The Almanac

**A woman picks up a book** from the holding section at Menlo Park's main library in the Civic Center. Estimates to rebuild this library have ranged from \$40 million to \$60 million.

### While speakers expressed enthusiasm about the gift, some worried the new attention could derail efforts to prioritize improving the Belle Haven library.

Questions about what the library would be named were raised by people commenting publicly on the idea. Marjorie Stone asked if the building would be named after Mr. Arrillaga. "Are we losing Menlo Park?" she asked. The question wasn't immediately addressed by staff.

Lauren John, who spoke during a public comment period, remarked: "If someone gives me \$25 million, I say, 'Thank you and you can call it anything you want.'"

### Belle Haven branch

While a number of speakers expressed enthusiasm about the gift, some worried the new attention could derail efforts to prioritize improving facilities and services at the Belle Haven

library branch.

The branch is on the campus of Belle Haven Elementary School at 415 Ivy Drive. Its collection is limited and mostly for children.

Residents of the neighborhood have been asking for improved library facilities for years, several speakers said.

The council and Housing Commission considered but ruled out putting a Belle Haven branch library in a proposed affordable housing development by MidPen Housing on the 1300 block of Willow Road. The idea was opposed by a number of neighborhood residents because they worried about the safety of children who might have to cross the busy road. The potential square footage for the library was also smaller than

some residents desired.

With the population east of U.S. 101 in Menlo Park expanding rapidly and projected to expand further, having adequate library facilities that residents can access should be a priority for the city.

A service-needs assessment for the Belle Haven library is planned for the current fiscal year, according to Ms. Holmer.

"There's not a whole lot there (at the Belle Haven library) to take advantage of," said Belle Haven resident Terri Epidendio.

Councilman Rich Cline said the \$40-million-plus plan is the "Cadillac" version of the project, and he'd like to trim costs to better raise funds for a Belle Haven library, a point Councilman Peter Ohtaki also emphasized. Both also agreed that library inequity is the city's problem, rather than the donor's.

"I think it's our challenge, not his, to figure out a way that

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### Rollover accident

A collision involving two vehicles, one of which rolled over, drew medics from the Woodside Fire Protection District to the intersection of Sand Hill and Whiskey Hill roads in Woodside on Friday morning, July 21. Portola Valley resident Carolyn Rogers came upon the scene at 9:40 a.m. after the accident occurred and took this photo. She said she saw a woman sitting by the side of the road “looking really really upset (but) ambulatory.” Ms. Rogers said she saw another vehicle, with a driver inside, sitting in the triangular dirt island at that intersection with damage to its front end.

## Mobile ‘farmers’ market’ truck delivers produce to Belle Haven

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

A new program sponsored by Facebook brings locally grown produce by truck to three locations in East Palo Alto and Belle Haven each Sunday between 10 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.

The produce, sold at subsidized prices to eligible local residents, is distributed via a “mobile farmers’ market” truck that make stops at St. Francis of Assisi Church in East Palo Alto (1425 Bay Road) from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the East Palo Alto Senior Center (560 Bell St.) from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Onetta Harris Community Center (100 Terminal Ave.) in Menlo Park from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

The truck, which made its first rounds July 23, picks up food from local farmers and pay them for everything it takes, whether that food is sold or not. Whatever is not sold is donated to local food pantries, according to Alex Gahagan, Facebook’s global events, amenities & community engagement manager.

Produce is seasonal, Ms. Gahagan said, and there are recipe cards available for people to get ideas about what to cook with the ingredients.

Facebook had been running a farmers’ market at its Menlo Park headquarters with a goal

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Facebook and Fresh Approach, a Bay Area food nonprofit, have started a program to sell subsidized produce at three locations in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park each Sunday.

to make fresh produce available to residents in Facebook’s adjacent neighborhoods of Belle Haven and East Palo Alto, Ms. Gahagan said. The market was discontinued earlier this year.

According to a produce truck flyer, people who are eligible for federal or state food assistance will receive discounts. A Facebook spokesperson said that people who receive CalFresh, Women Infants & Children (WIC) or Social Security benefits will get a 50 percent discount on their purchases, up to a \$20 subsidy.

Facebook has contracted with the Concord-based nonprofit Fresh Approach to run the program through the first quarter of 2018, Ms. Gahagan said. Fresh Approach, which works to improve access to healthful food, runs the “mobile farmers’ market” program called Freshest Cargo.

The area near Belle Haven and East Palo Alto is considered a food desert, she said, a term used to refer to places where residents lack access to affordable, nutritious food.

Facebook has proposed to build a grocery store as part of its planned 3.4 million square-foot mixed-use development on Willow Road; the plan was submitted to the city July 7. The initiatives are not connected, she said, but noted, “I think this will be telling and helpful for us to get information on what people want.”

Facebook is also hosting five festivals on its campus that are open to the public this year. The next one is scheduled for Aug. 26 from noon to 7 p.m. and the event will have the theme of a county fair. The festivals are held at Facebook headquarters at 1 Hacker Way (parking lot 15) in Menlo Park. ■

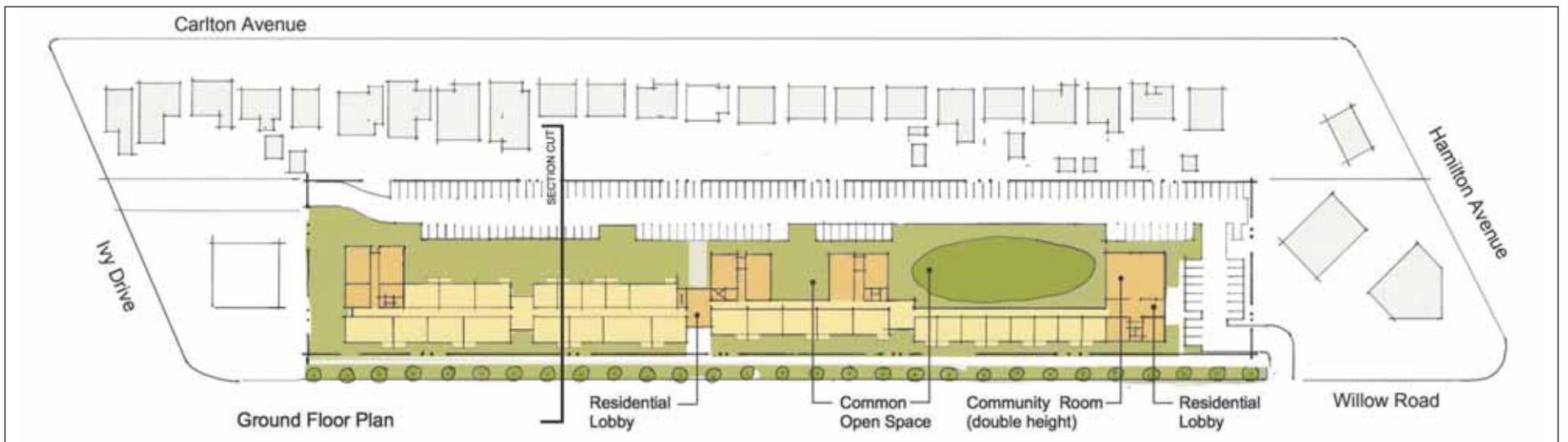
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**MidPen Housing** is proposing this 141-unit affordable housing redevelopment for the 1300 block of Willow Road.

## Up to \$6.7 million authorized for affordable housing complex

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

A proposal by the non-profit housing developer MidPen Housing to redevelop the 1300 block of Willow Road into a 141-unit affordable housing complex got a funding jumpstart July 18.

The Menlo Park City Council voted 4-0, with Councilman Mueller absent, to give the project up to \$6.7 million in affordable housing funds.

The project, when completed, would offer new apartments to the people now living in the existing 82 apartments there and would add 59 apartments designated to be “affordable” for lower-income households.

The council agreed that new tenants would be given priority based on the following ranking system: first, households that have been displaced from Belle Haven; second, households that have been displaced from the rest of Menlo Park; and third, households that are homeless and have kids who attend the Ravenswood City School District.

City Attorney Bill McClure said he plans to check into the legality of establishing such a priority system.

Initial plans for the project had

up to 8,000 square feet dedicated for retail or possibly a library, which the council rejected, since the city would have to cover the full cost of non-residential space and a number of nearby residents opposed the site for a library. The council directed MidPen to look into a daycare center in that location.

Jan Lindenthal, MidPen’s vice president of real estate development, reported that after looking into it further, that the daycare option “isn’t financially

**The complex would offer new housing to current residents and add 59 apartments.**

feasible” for MidPen, especially if the goal were to provide affordable daycare. The site will enable MidPen to expand its after-school program from six to 20 students.

Part of the reason for the expedited process on this project is that MidPen Housing intends to seek affordable housing funds from San Mateo County, too. MidPen is waiting for the county to release a notice of funding availability and intends to apply for the maximum amount allowed, Ms. Lindenthal said.

Rhoda Alexander and Nina Wouk, who spoke at the council meeting, said that affordable housing should be distributed across the city more equitably. Suggestions offered included doing a property swap between the east and western sides, or requiring that more housing units not be added east of U.S. 101 until a certain number of secondary dwelling units are added to the west side.

The issue with building affordable housing in western Menlo Park, City Attorney Bill McClure said, is the cost of land. The city has a housing overlay zone to encourage affordable housing, but to build affordable housing as a city, “it’s an incredible amounts of dollars,” he said.

### The project

In response to concerns from neighbors, changes were made in the proposal to decrease the height of the building from four stories to three on the side of the building nearest Carlton Avenue.

The changes resulted in the reduction of the number of units from a maximum of 150 to 141.

MidPen Housing also owns a four-plex on Pierce Road and a property at 1283 Willow Road. According to Ms. Lindenthal, MidPen Housing might consider ownership housing. ■

educational outcomes, it can prioritize providing library access.

Mayor Kirsten Keith said: “You can see what (Mr. Arrillaga has) done for this city in the past right here on the campus. We do need a Belle Haven library. I think this is a yes and a yes. It doesn’t have to be an either/or. ... If we said, ‘No thank you, Mr. Arrillaga,’ we’re

obviously going to be borrowing a lot more.”

The council directed staff to develop a plan for the project, present some ideas on what projects to pull from the city-wide work plan to create staff availability for the project, and direct the Finance and Audit Committee to give feedback on ideas to finance the city’s \$20 million share. ■

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we can address the inequity of library facilities in this city as expeditiously as we can,” Mr. Ohtaki said.

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton noted that while the City Council cannot make changes in the school district to address inequitable

## REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

### Should I Go or Should I Stay?



**Dear Monica:** I have been a local resident for most of my life and have loved living here, The value of my home has grown so much that I feel that it may be time to cash out and retire to a less expensive home. The problem is that I don't know where to go. What would you advise? Elizabeth D.

**Dear Elizabeth:** This is a dilemma for many people who have been fortunate enough to have lived here and have seen their property values increase substantially, but who want to

retire and use their equity to fund their retirement. Many also worry that they should sell now because this strong market may not be as strong in the future.

I would recommend that you not rush into a decision like this unless you have a good idea of where you want to move. The market isn't likely to crash, although normal fluctuations will occur. Once you are excited about your next home, it will be much easier to make the move. Your needs rather than market conditions should direct you.

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# Fire board director lashes out over 'exclusion' from meeting

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park Fire Protection District board member Virginia Chang-Kiraly says she believes she was intentionally excluded from a recent district meeting she had requested with Atherton and San Mateo County officials, even though she is the district's appointed liaison to both entities.

At the end of the July 18 fire board meeting, Ms. Chang-Kiraly, who is serving her second term on the fire board, read a statement about her exclusion from the meeting and reminded the district's chief and board members "that every director's vote is equal. No single director is more important than another."

The statement also took exception to board President Peter Carpenter's recent public-records requests to the town of Atherton.

"The fire board has not directed anyone from the fire district or fire board to submit a PRA (Public Records Act) request to



Photo by Barbara Wood

**Virginia Chang-Kiraly**, a board member of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, said she has worked hard as the liaison with Atherton to try to repair the district's contentious relationship with the town but has been stymied by the actions of fire board president Peter Carpenter.

the town of Atherton, nor was the fire board put on notice that a PRA request was going to be filed by the fire district," she said.

"I understand the town and the town council will be viewing

the board president as one-in-the-same as the fire board and fire district, which is unfortunate. Our fire board's collective goal should be that we will regain the trust of (Atherton) and the fire district constituents

we serve," she said.

Mr. Carpenter filed the public-records requests as a fire board director, but later asked to have the requests "re-labeled" to be from him as a private citizen.

After the meeting Ms. Chang-Kiraly said she has worked hard as the liaison with Atherton to try to repair the district's contentious relationship with the town but has been stymied by Mr. Carpenter's actions.

The July 17 meeting with county and Atherton officials had been set up after an earlier meeting between Atherton and fire district officials which Ms. Chang-Kiraly had presided over. "To my surprise, I, as liaison for both jurisdictions, was not notified nor invited to" the meeting, she said. "I'm not convinced this was a mere oversight or mistake," she said.

Instead, Mr. Carpenter and board member Rob Silano attended the meeting. (If more

than two board members attend a meeting, the public must be notified in advance of the meeting and its agenda, which did not happen in this case.)

When asked by the Almanac why Ms. Chang-Kiraly was left out of the meeting, Mr. Carpenter did not answer but instead forwarded an email he had sent to Ms. Chang-Kiraly that says: "Virginia, I screwed up - I thought Rob was the County Liaison and that is why I joined in this meeting."

The July 17 meeting, which took place behind closed doors at the fire district, came just days after Mr. Carpenter sent an email to a number of local reporters that complained about a similar meeting held in Atherton with Redwood City and Menlo Park officials.

"Why was the media excluded from this meeting?" Mr. Carpenter's email asks about the Atherton meeting. ▣

**She also took exception to board president Peter Carpenter's public-records requests to the town of Atherton.**

## Peter Carpenter asks Atherton for years of public records

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

When the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's governing board met on July 18, the agenda included an item requested by board President Peter Carpenter and Director Rob Silano: "Discuss Public Records Act Requests Received and Provide Direction to Staff."

"There have been a couple of repeated requests from a particular individual for public records that in my sense have really required a lot of time and effort on the part of the staff," Mr. Carpenter told the board. "My concern is, is there some legal way for us to say, hey wait a minute, we will comply but there are limits to what we will do? Or are we just up against the wall as far as what the law requires?" he asked.

(The individual who made the requests was not identified, but fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said the requests are not related to Atherton's fiscal review of the fire district.)

Atherton City Council member Cary Wiest, who is Atherton's liaison to the fire district, said Mr. Carpenter's comments surprised him because the fire board president has made several wide-ranging public-records requests to the town recently.

The requests started after the town began reviewing how much in tax revenues the fire district gets from the town, how much the district spends on serving Atherton, and what it might cost the town to get its fire services elsewhere. Mr. Carpenter's public-records requests, including three made in July, ask for years of emails, property tax information, meeting agendas and other information.

"I found it ironic that Mr. Carpenter was complaining about the time and costs incurred by the fire district in responding to PRA (Public Records Act) requests that are vague, ambiguous, and over broad" when he has made just such requests to Atherton, Councilmember Wiest said.

Mr. Carpenter, an Atherton resident, says he made all the requests as a private citizen. When the Almanac asked why he wants the fire district to try to limit its response to public-records requests while he is making similar requests to another agency, Mr. Carpenter said: "As a private citizen I am not available to respond to your questions."

The California Public Records Act requires public agencies to make nonconfidential records available if requested. The law, adopted by the state Legislature

in 1968 and added to the state constitution in 2004, allows government agencies to charge only the costs of copying the records.

### Carpenter's requests

In October, Mr. Carpenter requested "the total amount of property taxes and parcel taxes that the town collects from residences" in part of the Lindenwood neighborhood in Atherton where he lives, and "the description and cost of each specific service provided by the Town to the residences" in that neighborhood.

**Meanwhile, he asks if the fire district can limit its response to such public-records requests.**

On July 8, Mr. Carpenter asked for: "All communications of any Town Council Member, the Town Manager and the Town Counsel regarding 1) the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, 2) the Fire Services Fiscal Review and 3) any communications with Matrix Consulting Group." At the urging of City Manager George Rodericks, Mr. Carpenter later limited that open-ended request to emails sent between Jan. 1,

2014, and July, 8, 2017.

Mr. Rodericks said he spent at least seven hours on that request, with additional time spent by the city attorney and city clerk.

At the July 18 fire board meeting, Mr. Carpenter made it clear he knew just how much work he had asked the town to do, saying he had spent many hours going through 44,000 personal emails after a public records request to the fire district.

Mr. Carpenter's October and July 8 requests to Atherton were made using his personal email and home address. However, the July 13 request from his fire district email account began: "As a Director of the Fire District I am concerned that the residents of the Fire District are being unfairly burdened by the demands of the Town and its Fiscal Review consultant..."

That email asked for information on the town's interactions with 11 public agencies, ranging from the Mosquito and Vector Control District to the federal government.

Later that same day he asked for "the dates and agendas for any and all of the joint meetings that the Town Council has had with other governing bodies since Dec. 31, 2013."

When Mr. Carpenter was told that the answers to both questions are on the town's website,

he made formal public records requests using his fire district email.

The next day Mr. Carpenter asked the town clerk to "relabel" both requests as from him as a private citizen.

### Private citizen?

Mr. Carpenter's habit of making statements about fire district business as a "private citizen" concerns Mr. Rodericks.

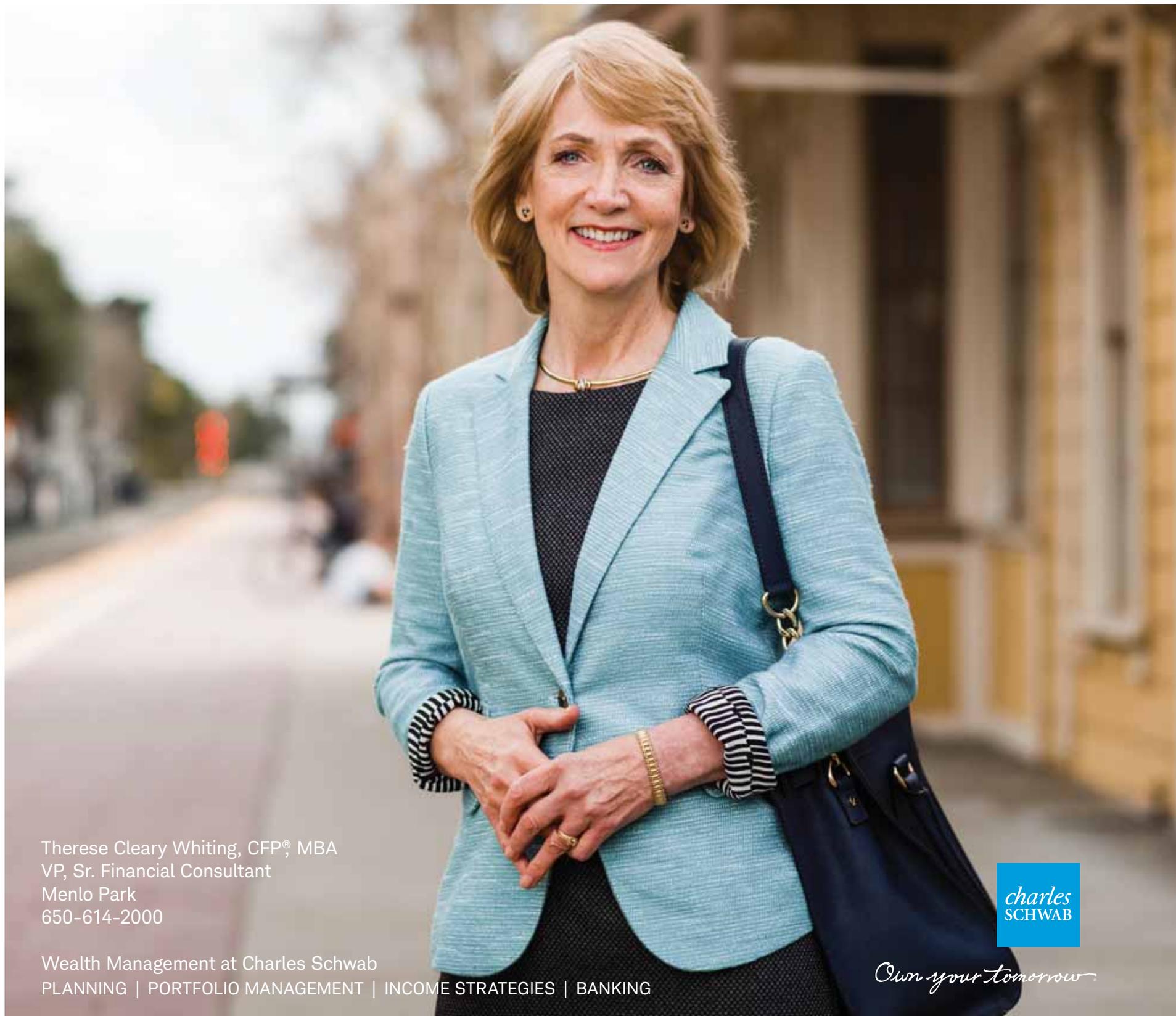
Mr. Rodericks said government officials do have rights to free speech. "But, you have a higher duty to carefully consider whether in speaking, you will be perceived as speaking personally and not from your office or whether someone will perceive you as speaking from your formal governmental official position."

"Sometimes," Mr. Rodericks said, "the line is blurred and it's hard to distinguish the difference. Merely changing the origin of the request from a governmental email address to a private email address does not solve the issue. Nor does declaring that you are speaking as a private citizen and not in your official capacity. Just the mere mention of your official capacity can color the conversation. While the legal bar may be different, it's a perception issue that rests with the receiver." ▣

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# Council OKs big house despite neighbors' objections

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

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**B**rian Nguyen and his fiancée want to demolish a one-story single family home and build a 4,900-square-foot, two-story, Spanish-style house at 445 Oak Court in the Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park.

The property would have a basement, a 445-square-foot detached garage and a 699-square-foot secondary dwelling unit at the back.

Despite strong opposition from neighbors who think the project is too big, that plan won the approval of the Menlo Park City Council on July 18 on a 3-0 vote, with Mayor Kirsten Keith recused and Councilman Ray Mueller absent. The city's Planning Commission had also approved the project.

Ms. Keith had to recuse herself because she lives nearby.

Twenty-three households on

Oak Court and Woodland Avenue signed a letter opposing an earlier iteration of the proposal, citing, in addition to the scale of the project, the architecture, which they said had too little "attenuation," and the impact on heritage trees.

The council saw dueling videos prepared by architects and arborists showing how much shade the new house would cast on its neighbors, which, they argued, might lower property values.

Mr. Nguyen argued that he had made a number of modifications to the proposal based on neighbors' requests, while a neighbor, David Jones, insisted in his presentation that more changes were needed.

Mr. Jones and others argued the project would be "injurious



Courtesy city of Menlo Park.

**A rendering** of the proposed home at 445 Oak Court in Menlo Park's Willows neighborhood.

or detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood" and "detrimental to the health ... comfort and general welfare."

Four households near the proposed site have retained the legal firm Shute Mihaly & Weinberger. Mr. Jones declined to comment

on whether a lawsuit would be filed and what his reactions were to the council's decision.

The height of the building, originally set at 26 feet, has been lowered in response to neighbor concerns and complies with city codes.

In response to suspicions raised

by neighbors that the secondary unit could be used for short-term rentals, Mr. Nguyen responded that he plans to take care of his parents there.

Mr. Nguyen agreed to the council's condition that a third-party arborist be hired to ensure the safety of heritage trees. ■

## Marion Hideko Dumont

January 9, 1930 – June 27, 2017

Marion Hideko Dumont, died peacefully at home on June 27. At age 87, she had led a full life after her initial diagnosis of laryngeal cancer in 1993. Marion was born in Palo Alto to Hideo and Misao Kaneko on January 9, 1930. Along with her family, she was interned during World War II in Topaz, Utah. After returning home, Marion graduated from Sequoia High School in Redwood City in 1947. She received a scholarship to train in physical therapy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and worked at the Palo Alto Clinic upon her return in 1951. She was briefly married to Kozo Nakabayashi and had one daughter, Kemi in 1961. She spent the rest of her career working at Palo Alto Veterans Administration Medical Center and its Menlo Park division until her retirement in 1992. In 1978, Marion married long-time family friend Andre Dumont. Marion and Andre travelled extensively including to New Zealand and Australia, Asia and many trips to Europe. They also enjoyed entertaining dinner guests in their home in Menlo Park. Marion was an active volunteer as a member of the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple and the local American Cancer Society laryngectomy "Lost Chord" club.



Marion was preceded in death by her husband Andre Dumont and sister Terry Kaneko. She is survived by her daughter Kemi Nakabayashi and son-in-law Jim Norton, brothers Herb Kaneko (Alice) and Rich Kaneko (Ruth), and sister Miyo Nakanishi (Don) and many nieces and nephews from the Kaneko and Dumont families. Marion's family thanks Dr. Anthony Powell (Menlo Medical Clinic), Dr. A. Dimitros Colevas (Stanford Health Care Oncology) and Dr. Gary Pasternak and the Mission Hospice care team with appreciation for excellent care. Memorial donations may be made to the Buddhist Churches of America Endowment Foundation (Hideo and Misao Kaneko Scholarship Fund) 1710 Octavia Street, San Francisco, CA 94109; Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple (Hideo and Misao Kaneko Music Fund) 1427 South Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144; American Cancer Society, or Mission Hospice of San Mateo.

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## Permit approved for Menlo Park taqueria

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**T**he Menlo Park Planning Commission has unanimously approved a use permit for a new Salvadoran and Mexican taqueria in downtown Menlo Park.

The restaurant, to be located at the former site of Applewood 2-Go pizza at 989 El Camino Real, would be owned by Araceli Ciprez, who has worked in a taqueria before.

Several commissioners and a local resident voiced support for the restaurant at the July 17 commission meeting.

The restaurant is expected to seat 12 to 18 people and have a maximum of five workers, including Ms. Ciprez. They would work in shifts of two or three people, depending on demand, according to a staff report.

Hours of operation would likely be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Ms. Ciprez plans to build a new bathroom, food prep area and seating area.

"I am quite excited about this taqueria," Belle Haven resident Pam Jones told the commission. "I'm looking forward to having more diversity of food in downtown Menlo Park."

She suggested the city study

and pursue installing a parking structure downtown.

Commissioner Henry Riggs said he thought it was a great idea to add "an alternative place to eat in Menlo Park that's not a \$20 lunch entree."

Commissioners raised concerns about parking at the site. Commissioner Susan Goodhue said the Barre studio that shares the parking spaces draws a lot of visitors to its classes, and the parking lot there is "horrible" for getting in and out of.

Employees will be encouraged to seek parking in other areas, Ms. Ciprez told the commissioners. ■

## Should city help pay for Uber, Lyft rides?

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**T**he city of Menlo Park is looking at the idea of subsidizing Uber and Lyft rides for local residents as a way to reduce parking congestion downtown.

After a brief discussion July 18, the Menlo Park City Council referred the idea to the city's Complete Streets Commission for vetting and possible

consideration when the council draws up its 2018 work plan.

Menlo Park's Little House activity center has a partnership with Lyft that subsidizes seniors' rides to the center. The program is sponsored by the Sequoia Healthcare District.

Similar programs have run with variations in Boulder and Denver, Colorado, on a temporary basis.

In Mountain View, the City Council approved such a

program in March, but it has not been launched yet.

The city of Mountain View planned to spend \$50,000 to cover half the fare, or a maximum of \$5 per trip, for people traveling downtown from within Mountain View. The goal there, too, was to ease parking congestion.

A Mountain View staff report estimated it costs \$55,000 to \$64,000 to build one above-ground parking spot in that city. ■

## Music for Minors names executive

Music for Minors, a non-profit that has worked to provide elementary school music education in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties since 1976, has taken on a new director of

development, Karen Kwan.

Ms. Kwan, who brings with her 14 years of fundraising experience, will be in charge of fundraising and communications. She formerly worked for

the Community School of Music and the Arts in Mountain View and the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.



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# Caltrain electrification will remove 18 Atherton trees

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Caltrain will take out 18 trees in Atherton as it prepares to add wires for electric trains, Caltrain officials told the Atherton City Council on June 19.

Sixteen of the trees are in the Caltrain right-of-way and two are on public property.

Caltrain's Stacey Cook said that by 2021, when Caltrain has electrified the corridor between San Francisco and San Jose, it will be able to increase the number of daily train trips in each direction to 114 from 92.

"We have committed to restore weekday service to (the) Atherton and Broadway stations," she said.

The trains will reach speeds up to 79 miles per hour and Caltrain will be able to increase the number of trains it runs by five to six an hour in each direction, she said. There will be more

stops, but reduced travel time, she added. Other trains, including freight trains, will continue to run on the tracks.

The number of trees Caltrain will need to remove throughout the corridor has been reduced dramatically from the original estimates, Caltrain consultant Rich Walter said. The draft environmental report said 2,220 trees would be removed with another 3,616 to be pruned. Current plans are for 516 trees to be cut and 2,547 to be pruned.

Caltrain plans to prune 214 trees in Atherton, with 63 of them having more than 25 percent of their growth removed. Caltrain will replace any tree that is removed or pruned more than 25 percent, totaling 26 trees in the Caltrain right-of-way, 11 on public property and 45 on private property.

After overhead poles are installed, the trees will be replaced with 15-gallon trees. Caltrain will maintain them for



Courtesy Caltrain

Caltrain says it plans to begin running electric trains, similar to the rendering, early in 2021.

at least five years, replacing any that die, Mr. Walter said.

Property owners will be able to decide if they want replacement trees and what type they

want, but natives will be planted in the Caltrain right-of-way, Mr. Walter said.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Lewis asked if residents could

ask to have a tree that was to be severely pruned replaced instead. "That wouldn't be considered unreasonable," Ms. Cook said. ■

## Parcel tax measure goes to voters

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton voters will decide in November whether to renew the town's parcel tax, which costs the average homeowner \$750 a year, for another three years.

Atherton's City Council voted unanimously July 19 to put the measure on the Nov. 7 ballot. Passage requires approval by at least two-thirds of the voters.

The terms of the tax, which the town has had since 1978, will remain the same except the renewal will be for only three years, instead of the maximum four.

Council members said the shorter term will put future renewals on the ballot in presidential election years, when voter turnout is historically higher and the town's proportional share of the election cost is lower.

In addition, said Councilmember Rick DeGolia, it is possible that in three years — when the new civic center ought to be completed — the town may be in the financial position to forgo renewing the parcel tax.

"I think at that point we'd have a very good perspective on where we're at" with paying for the civic center and the town's

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finances, he said.

The existing and proposed parcel taxes vary by parcel size and use. For homes on the majority of Atherton's lots of between a half and two acres, the tax is \$750 per year. The tax is as low as \$225 for unimproved parcels between a quarter and half acre, and as high as \$10,000 for a private club.

The tax brings the town annual revenues of \$1.86 million. Its proceeds can only be spent on the town's police services and on its roads and drainage system. The current parcel tax expires in mid-2018, and the proposed tax will expire June 30, 2021.

"Every penny of it goes directly to police services and road and drainage repairs," Councilmember Elizabeth Lewis said. The tax proceeds can't go into the town's general fund "for salaries or construction of the civic center," she said.

Council members also emphasized that while the town gets only about nine cents of every property tax dollar paid by Atherton residents, it gets the entire proceeds of the parcel tax. Four years is the maximum

term of a municipal parcel tax under state law. The parcel tax, which can pass only if at least two-thirds of voters approve it, had 78 percent voter approval in 2009 and 73 percent approval in 2013.

No one from the public spoke at a public hearing on the measure.

The vote to put the tax on the ballot was 4-0, with Councilman Bill Widmer absent.

The ballot wording will read: "To continue providing funding to maintain neighborhood police patrols and the Town's ability to respond to emergencies, repairing and maintaining streets, and repairing and constructing storm drains, shall an ordinance be adopted to continue a Special Parcel Tax for three years and allowing for the expenditure of funds derived from such tax?"

Mayor Mike Lempres and Councilwoman Lewis will craft a ballot argument in favor of the measure. A special meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Friday, July 28, for the council to approve the wording of that argument.

The deadline to submit the measure to the county for inclusion on the Nov. 7 ballot is Aug. 18. ■

## Public workshop on San Carlos Airport noise study

A second public information workshop, designed to provide an update on the progress of a Federal Aviation Administration study of noise at the San Carlos Airport, will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. The study is separate from the county's airport study.

The 90-minute open-house format meeting will be held at the Hiller Aviation Museum, 601 Skyway Road in San Carlos, near the airport.

At [sancarlosnoise.airport-study.com](http://sancarlosnoise.airport-study.com) all the materials available at the meeting will

be posted online after the meeting, according to airport officials. The website includes more information about the study and a form to leave comments.

The website says the study, which is funded with airport funds and an FAA grant, "is designed to evaluate the existing and future compatibility of the Airport with neighboring areas, as well as examine new or different noise abatement techniques and land use measures which may prove to be beneficial."

## Atherton issues annual report

Among the significant events in Atherton during the last year are the addition of the carriage house and water tower in Holbrook-Palmer Park to the National Register of Historic Places and the approval of a measure allowing the town to spend more public money building a new civic center, according to the town's just released annual report.

The report, which City Manager George Rodericks says is

a first, highlights the town's accomplishments and projects for the 2016-17 fiscal year, which ended June 30.

The 21-page report also includes statistics, projects, and other data from the police, planning, public works and building and safety departments.

Go to [is.gd/AAReport](http://is.gd/AAReport) to see the report. Copies are also available at Town Hall, 91 Ashfield Road, or by calling (650) 752-0500.

## City expands Housing Commission

The Menlo Park Housing Commission, which advises the City Council on housing-related issues, has been expanded to seven members

with the appointment of two new commissioners.

The council appointed Camille Kennedy and Karen Grove to the commission by

acclamation on July 18.

Ms. Kennedy is the executive director of Random Acts of Flowers, which delivers recycled flowers to people in healthcare facilities.

Ms. Grove is board chair

of the Grove Foundation, her family's philanthropic organization; a board member of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte; and a former mechanical engineer.

The move to expand the

commission, approved in June by the City Council, may make it easier to have a majority of members present if someone must be absent and could spread the amount of work among more people.

# County: Oil, gas industry at fault for contributing to climate change

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

San Mateo County has filed a lawsuit against 37 oil, gas and coal companies that do business in California. The suit claims the companies are responsible for more than 20 percent of the greenhouse gases contributing to climate change, which is causing damage, including the sea level rise threatening the county.

Likening the litigation to suits against the tobacco industry and the lead paint industry, Supervisor Dave Pine said: "Fossil fuel companies have known for decades that they are producing a product that is causing global warming and is threatening all of us on the planet."

With the ocean on one side and the Bay on the other, and 57.7 miles of coastline, San Mateo County is uniquely vulnerable to sea level rise. Studies have found that no county in California has more land and people at risk. It is projected the

county could see \$39.1 billion in property at risk by the year 2100.

The county filed the lawsuit July 17 in San Mateo County Superior Court, at the same time similar lawsuits were filed by Marin County and the city of Imperial Beach.

The lawsuits claim the companies "have known for nearly a half century that unrestricted production and use of their fossil fuel products create greenhouse gas pollution that warms the planet and changes our climate."

Instead of acting on that knowledge, the companies "engaged in a coordinated, multi-front effort to conceal and deny their own knowledge of those threats, discredit the growing body of publicly available scientific evidence, and persistently create doubt in the minds of customers, consumers, regulators, the media, journalists, teachers, and the public about the reality and consequences of the impacts of their fossil fuel pollution," the filing states.

The defendants, which include Chevron, Exxon Mobil, Citgo, BP, Shell, Rio Tinto and ConocoPhillips, are responsible for more than 20 percent of the greenhouse gases — carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide — emitted between 1965 and 2015, the lawsuit claims.

**With the ocean on one side and the Bay on the other, San Mateo County is uniquely vulnerable to sea level rise.**

The 106-page lawsuit includes a timeline that shows "what the industry knew, when they knew it, and what they didn't do to prevent the impacts that are now imposing real costs on people and communities around the country."

The timeline starts in 1965, when President Lyndon Johnson's Science Advisory Committee

warned that by the year 2000, there could be "measurable and perhaps marked changes in climate (that) will almost certainly cause significant changes in the temperature and other properties of the stratosphere."

Many of the studies cited were done by the industry itself, starting with a 1968 study commissioned by the American Petroleum Institute that said: "Significant temperature changes are almost certain to occur by the year 2000, and these could bring about climatic changes."

Supervisor Pine said that efforts by the fossil fuel industry to spread disinformation about the side effects of using their products "seriously affected our ability as policy makers to rally public support for changes we needed to implement."

"I wonder how many years those efforts set us back?" he said.

Board of Supervisors President Don Horsley said: "The environmental harm these companies knowingly caused to our precious shorelines and the entire world and their deliberate efforts to conceal those frightening truths jeopardizes the public's health and places the financial burden of those

consequences on the taxpayers."

"The County of San Mateo and our partners in Marin County and Imperial Beach are standing up for our residents and businesses to hold these companies accountable for their emissions and lay blame where it truly belongs. The damage they've caused and continue to cause is unacceptable. But the fact that they'd prioritize their bottom line over the health and security of the public — including children — in the face of hard science is unconscionable," he said.

The lawsuit was filed in partnership with the well-known environmental law firm of Sher Edling in San Francisco. Supervisor Pine said Sher Edling is working on a contingency basis, and will not be paid unless the county receives monetary damages. The county is also using its in-house legal staff.

"I suspect the litigation could go on for many, many years," he said.

However, he said, the lawsuit could have lasting impact. "Climate change is the most important issue of our time and it's my hope that this lawsuit will accelerate our transition to a cleaner economy," he said. ▀

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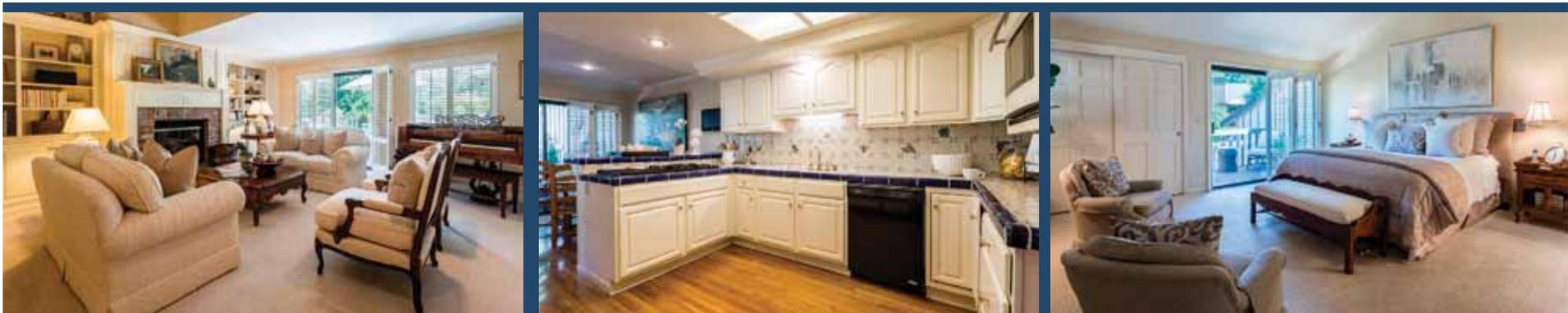
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**Virtual reality technology** allows artists to create entire new worlds, including “Winter Landscape with Unicorn.” **About the cover:** Drue Kataoka in her studio.

## Local artist, global impact

Drue Kataoka on helping humanity, hacking the senses and the VR revolution

By Karla Kane

It's hard to imagine a better ambassador for the local art scene than Drue Kataoka. An alumna of Sacred Heart Preparatory in Atherton and Stanford University, she utilizes cutting-edge media, speaks passionately about the integral relationship between arts and sciences, and has a strong social-justice conscience, with the high-profile track record to back it all up.

Ever eager to experiment and push boundaries, she's currently exploring the potential of virtual reality (VR) technology.

“There are so many opportunities that we have to leverage the media for social good and for humanity. It's incumbent upon us to jump in and try to push the medium to its limits,” the Portola Valley resident said.

Last year, her piece, “Now Is The Time,” which celebrates

historic firsts for American women (leading up, she'd hoped, to the first female president), was unveiled at the Democratic National Convention and became an iconic image in Hillary Clinton's campaign.

This year, she transformed that political-poster, which features an image of an hourglass with notable women's names and the dates of their achievements snaking around it, into a 3-D work (retitled “Yes! Now is The Time”) using VR, and organized a first-of-its-kind gathering for women in social VR, at which attendees piloting avatars were able to connect and meet and engage with the work (30-foot high in its virtual form).

“I like to push myself, to see, what are the new things that can be done or tried,” she said, explaining that she envisions VR as having a useful role in

future gatherings, protests and rallies, at which people can physically stand up and be present for a cause from afar. “Virtual reality is a new frontier for activism and social justice, for organizing people and for connecting people.”

Ms. Kataoka has combined her roles as artist and activist in various ways over the years, especially when advocating for the rights of women and girls. She's been a Young Global Leader & Cultural Leader of the World Economic Forum; her work, “400,000 Is Not a Number,” called attention to the Test400k campaign, which brings awareness to the backlog of 400,000 untested rape kits in the U.S.; and the “Touch our Future” digital installation dealt with infant mortality and involved collaboration with a number of Nobel laureates and

luminaries.

After the murder of British member of parliament and humanitarian Jo Cox last year, Ms. Kataoka, who was acquainted with Ms. Cox and her husband, was deeply saddened by her shocking death and wanted to help both memorialize and pay tribute to Ms. Cox's pro-diversity, anti-hate message. Her iPad sketch of Cox ended up going viral, used on signs and banners in the United Kingdom and around the world, along with the hashtag #LoveLikeJo.

Ms. Kataoka said she was overwhelmed with emotion upon seeing her artwork spread so widely: a testament to the powerful intersection of art and social media. She believes it won't be long before VR, too, becomes integrated into everyday life the way smartphones and social media have.

“I feel that we're really at the gates of a revolution with virtual reality, as that technology is going to disrupt every single aspect of our lives,” she said. Her goal is to help steer that revolution in a positive direction.

She recently spoke at a summit held at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., which also featured Yo-Yo Ma, Condoleezza Rice and a number of other prominent artists, scientists and cultural leaders. There, she said, she discussed cultural “moonshots”: Her dream would be to use VR to capture and catalog the world's artistic and cultural treasures in a way that's easily accessible for everyone.

She's also a strong advocate for arts education. Recently, she co-authored an article for Time magazine with Sen. Tim Kaine

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### DRUE KATAOKA

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about the importance of supporting the arts, citing studies that suggest the most successful scientists and engineers are often also involved with artistic pursuits. With a presidential administration that seems to devalue science and art, she said, it's more important than ever to champion them both.

"Anything that was really at the apex of human achievement inevitably brought together art, science, math and whatever the technology was at the time," she said, giving the construction of the Parthenon and the awe-inspiring Gothic cathedrals of the Middle Ages as examples. Looking to the future, she sees VR as the next step in a long line of art and tech connections.

"It's exciting for me because I feel that virtual reality is an art form. It's as much art as it is technology. We need to bring in a hybrid interdisciplinary mindset into this space," she said. "The idea of being able to really create an immersive world that someone can enter into is actually the dream that artists have had for millennia."

As a current artist-in-residence with Google's VR department, she is working with engineers in its Tilt Brush division. With Tilt Brush, users are able to "paint" life-size strokes in three dimensions, opening up the imagination to a world of possibilities.

Painting in VR, she explained, challenges the brain and body in new ways: physically, cognitively and artistically. One of her creations is a vivid, surreal fantasy land full of enormous trees, some growing upside down; a frozen lake; and a unicorn of fire.

At her home studio, she's experimenting with the ways in which the brain can be fooled by the VR setting, designing, for example, a spiky virtual environment that, when walked through, can trick the brain into perceiving a prickling feeling where the spikes seem to touch the body, a sensation akin to phantom-limb syndrome.

"That's a really interesting thing to me because with virtual reality you can really hack the senses," she said. "There are so many interesting boundaries to blur and play with."

Ms. Kataoka, who spent her early childhood in Japan before moving to the Peninsula, said her first love was traditional Japanese ink painting. Working in monochrome, she sought nuance in the grays and blacks of her brushstrokes (a number of her pieces are still part of Stanford's collections).

She's made art from EEG



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**Drue Kataoka** stands with her artwork "Turning the Page."

brainwaves and even created the first art installation for the International Space Station. As a sculptor (and former Djerassi artist-in-residence), she's worked over the past decade with mirror fragments and mirror-polished stainless steel, creating outdoor pieces that reflect the environment around them (incorporating, for instance, an immense fallen tree), allowing for a unique viewing experience from day to day. She has an ongoing interest, she said, in the concept of "the artwork as a living organism, not something that's just a fixed, static thing."

As part of her commitment to encouraging arts education, each year, in partnership with the the Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation, she offers a scholarship to local high schoolers who are interested in arts careers. And though many of her mentors over the years have suggested she move to the East Coast or Europe, she's remained Peninsula-based.

"There are incredible pockets

of creativity and talent, and also some of the world's biggest art collectors here. But it's not always so apparent. Things are sometimes more subterranean and more spread out. Whereas, I feel like in New York, there is a lot of infrastructure, and things are often more visible," she said of the local art community. "Sometimes it makes things difficult for people who travel here to get a sense of where the arts are. You have to know where you're going."

For someone dedicated to the intersection of art and tech and inspired by both the natural world and the virtual one, it makes sense that she makes her home where the wonders of nature meet the forefront of scientific development.

"I've always thought that Silicon Valley is the creative capital of the world. It's not just the technological center but the creative center," she said. "Being very close to where many new things are constantly being built and disrupted is important." ▀



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**Artist Drue Kataoka** of Portola Valley is interested in mixed-reality works, which blur the line between the virtual and real worlds. In this work, "Oceanic Geodes," she walks in a spiky virtual environment.

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# Community

STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

## Valley Pres finds pastor after year-long search

By Christian Wagner

Special to the Almanac

The Rev. Jenny Warner has been selected to assume the role of lead pastor of the Valley Presbyterian Church after a search process of more than a year.

Following conversations with the church's selection committee over the course of three months, beginning in March, she was given the opportunity to preach in front of the congregation as a sort of audition. The congregation then elected her as pastor. She will begin preaching at the church on Sept. 1.

"We think she'll fit right in," said Chris Preimsberger, an ordained elder and communications committee member at the church.

Her journey to the ministry was a novel one.

She grew up attending an Evangelical church in Southern California, but preaching

wasn't on her mind. "I grew up in a church where there were no women pastors, so that wasn't something I was thinking about," she said.

After graduating college with a degree in intercultural studies, she headed to post-communism Southeastern Europe in the 1990s to assist immigrating Americans adjust to life in a new setting.

By the time she decided that preaching was her calling, she had moved back to the Bay Area and started a family with her husband. They have two daughters.

Due to her parenting responsibilities, it took her seven years to graduate from the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

After spending six years into her first seminary gig in Bend, Oregon, "it was time to move on," she said. The opening at Valley Presbyterian gave her the opportunity to personally lead a congregation, rather than remaining an associate pastor in

Bend, Mrs. Warner said.

With the search over, the church will have a permanent pastor for the first time since Easter of 2016, the day that Mark and Cheryl Goodman-Morris, a husband and wife preaching team, retired after 29 years of service.

Although the Goodman-Morris had notified the church well in advance of their retirement, the search committee was unable to even start searching for a replacement before they left. "The rules of the church are such that we cannot search for a new minister before the retirement of the old minister," Mr. Preimsberger said.

According to the US Presbyterian Church's 2015 manual outlining the rules on calling a pastor, "the transition between pastors is a valuable time for congregations. It is an opportunity to reflect on your congregation, its community context, and its ministry in the present and future."

Before starting the search, "we had to reevaluate ourselves," Mr. Preimsberger said.

During the transition time, the role of the pastor was filled in a rather creative way. "We had a three-member team of outside speakers called Spiritual Catalysts," Mr. Preimsberger said, which brought with it an unexpected blessing.

Among the team of catalysts was the former national moderator of the U.S. Presbyterian Church, Bruce Reyes-Chow, who brought a great deal of publicity to the church, resulting in more than 100 applicants for the pastor position.

A surprising 10 to 15 percent of the entire congregation was needed to assist in the process of evaluating the applicants, yielding Ms. Warner as the top choice for the sixth permanent pastor of Valley Presbyterian, Mr. Preimsberger said. Mrs. Warner is now a Portola Valley resident and is currently living in a manse



Photo courtesy of the Rev. Jenny Warner

The Rev. Jenny Warner says the opening at Valley Presbyterian was exactly the kind of position she had hoped to find.

provided by the Valley Presbyterian Church, she said. ▣



### TOWN OF ATHERTON NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Municipal Election will be held in the Town of Atherton, California, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following measure, per Town of Atherton Ordinance No. 628:

"To continue providing funding to maintain neighborhood police patrols and the Town's ability to respond to emergencies, repairing and maintaining streets, and repairing and constructing storm drains, shall an ordinance be adopted to continue a Special Parcel Tax for three years and allowing for the expenditure of funds derived from such tax?"

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

THIS NOTICE ALSO SERVES AS A REMINDER that the dates for which arguments for and against the above measure may be submitted are as follows in accordance with the California Elections Code. Deadline for primary arguments to be filed with the City Clerk, 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA 94027: August 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Rebuttals by authors of said arguments may be filed with the City Clerk on or before August 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Questions may be directed to the City Clerk's Office at (650) 752-0529.

/s/ Judi Herren

Judi Herren  
Acting City Clerk

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### CALENDAR

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#### Theater

**'The Four Immigrants: An American Musical Manga'** Set to a ragtime and vaudeville score, the comic musical follows four Japanese immigrants in turn-of-the-20th-century San Francisco. TheatreWorks. July 12-Aug. 5. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org)

**'Lord of the Flies'** The play follows a group of boys, marooned on an idyllic island, as they descend into savagery. July 28-Aug. 5. Students, seniors, \$20; adults, \$25. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. [atheatreareau.org/home/](http://atheatreareau.org/home/)

#### Concerts

**Music@Menlo: Carte Blanche Concert IV: Romantic Voices** Violinist Danbi Um. July 30, 6 p.m. \$80; \$35, under age 30. Stent Family Hall, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. For all Music@Menlo events, go to: [musicatmenlo.org](http://musicatmenlo.org)

**Rhythms of Cuba Jazz Music Concert** features sax/flute, trumpet, keyboard, bass, timbales and congas. Paul Vornhagen with Tumbao Bravo perform, with discussion of life on the island and the origin of the rhythms. July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Atherton Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton.

**Menlo Park concert in the park** Singer/songwriter Jessica Johnson performs. July 26, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue at University Drive, Menlo Park. [menlopark.org/events](http://menlopark.org/events)

**Around the Americas Concert** Kids and families travel with the musician named "123 Andres" around the Americas. Guests learn or practice their Spanish and sing, jump and dance in this high-energy show. July 31, 11:15 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**Taylor Eigsti Quartet** Pianist and composer Taylor Eigsti performs at Stanford Jazz Festival with close friends and regular band mates. July 30, 8-10 p.m. \$15-\$55. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. [stanfordjazz.org](http://stanfordjazz.org)

#### Talks & Authors

**In Deep Radio live** Radio talk show host Angie Coro talks with Tabitha Soren, who began photographing minor league baseball draft picks for the Oakland As. Soren will discuss her experiences as a woman in the intensely male baseball milieu and her career transition from MTV News reporter to camera artist. July 19, noon-1 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) for more info.

**Mesoamerican Eclipse Science Talk & Craft** Menlo Park Library hosts eclipse-related talk and craft for adults and teens. Free event funded by Friends of Menlo Park Library. Aug. 1, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlo-park.org](http://menlo-park.org)

**Author Michelle Richmond** discusses her novel, "The Marriage Pact," a psychological thriller. Aug. 1, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10-\$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) for more info.

**SLAC public tour** last approximately 90 minutes and generally includes a visit to the 2-mile-long linear accelerator building and the Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS) (subject to site availability). July 28, 2:30-4 p.m. Free. SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, 2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Search [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for more info.

**USGS free, nontechnical lecture** "Warm Ice: The Dynamics of Rapidly Changing Glaciers," by Bruce F. Molnia, USGS physical scientist. July 27, 7-8 p.m. Free. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. [online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/](http://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/)

**Women in Computing** Computer History Museum docents Sue Mickel & Wynne Dobyms share accomplishments of pioneer female programmers of the 1940s through industry leaders of the 1980s. Aug. 2, 7-8 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

#### Lessons & Classes

**Cooking with Jeni** Parents and caregivers invited to make healthy seasonal dishes with their little one at this cooking storytime. For ages 6 and younger with parent/caregiver. July 28, 2-3 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

**Preserving Family History** John Fiedor, archivist and librarian, gives tips on how to handle both paper-based and digital items or a combination of both. July 29, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**Rock Steady Juggling Workshop** Participants learn how to juggle in this hour-long workshop. For ages 7 and up. July 29, 2:30 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**Slow Cooking for Kids** Kids learn easy recipes. Chef demonstrates how to prepare three entrees. For ages 5 and up. July 26, 2 p.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

**Teeny Tiny Yoga** Children and caregivers will embark on a playful adventure to explore ways of connecting compassionately. For ages 2 to 12. July 27, 11:15 a.m. Free. Woodside Library, 3140 Woodside Road, Woodside.

#### Et Alia

**Portola Art Gallery: 'Along the Nakasendo'**, an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Yvonne Newhouse, highlighting scenes from hiking and sketching trip to Japan. Reception: Aug. 12, 1-4 p.m. Exhibit: Aug. 1-31, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. [portolaartgallery.com](http://portolaartgallery.com)

**Design Thinking Burst** Anyone interested is invited to join the d.school for an introduction to the design thinking process. Two-hour crash course open to anyone who is curious about the design thinking process and wants to work on a quick design challenge. July 27, 5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Business Issues & Transportation Committee Meeting** works to keep members informed about issues that could impact Menlo Park. Fourth Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m. Free. Menlo Park Chamber Conference Room, 1100 Merrill St., Menlo Park. [business.menloparkchamber.com](http://business.menloparkchamber.com)

#### To submit calendar events

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## POLICE CALLS

*This information is 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

**Commercial burglary:** Police responded to an alarm at the offices of Communication Arts Magazine on Constitution Drive and found open doors at the rear of the building and broken glass around one door. After a walk-through with the building's owner, police suspect that burglars forced their way in and stole six computers. Estimated loss: \$15,000. July 15.

**Auto burglary:** Someone broke into a vehicle parked on Coleman Avenue and stole the vehicle's registration and a window scraper from the glove box. Estimated loss: \$40. July 18.

**Thefts:**

Thieves stole three locked and three unlocked bicycles over three days. The

locked bikes were stolen from a carport on Roble Avenue (estimated loss: \$2,739), from a pole at University Drive and Santa Cruz Avenue (estimated loss: \$2,000) and from in front of Starbucks on Santa Cruz Avenue (no estimate on loss.). Three unlocked bikes were reported stolen from Hillview Middle School on Elder Avenue (estimated losses: \$1,800). July 16, 17 and 18.

An employee at Beverages & More at 700 El Camino Real reported that video surveillance showed two people handling liquor bottles, with one possibly "concealing a bottle in his pants." One suspect fled upon the arrival of police. The other was detained at the scene and then released. No estimate on losses. July 16.

Someone stole a bag and a wallet from an unattended bicycle parked in the 700 block of Willow Road. Estimated loss: \$70. July 17.

A package was stolen from the front porch of a home on Princeton Road. No estimated on losses. July 19.

# Kyosho Sushi opens in Menlo Park

By Elena Kadwany

Menlo Park has a new Japanese food option: Kyosho Sushi, which has opened at 605 Santa Cruz Ave.

Owner Thomas Wu, who has run Bay Area food truck We Sushi since 2011, took over the space after longtime Japanese restaurant, Tokyo Subway, closed in 2014. Mr. Wu had hoped to open in the fall of 2015.

Kyosho Sushi, which serves lunch and dinner, describes itself on its website as a "contemporary" Japanese

restaurant. The menu includes traditional sushi dishes as well as special rolls and entrees such as duck breast and Wagyu beef tataki. Diners can opt for omakase (chef's choice) — six courses for \$60 or eight for \$80.

Kyosho is one of several Japanese restaurants that have opened or are set to open in Menlo Park. Newcomer Octopus Sushi opened last month in the former Akasaka space on El Camino Real, and a

restaurant called 32 Fahrenheit Japanese Bistro has put up signs at 604 Santa Cruz Ave.

The restaurant is closed on Mondays. All other days Kyosho is open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30-9 p.m. For reservations, call (650) 656-8181. ■

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## Faulty electric bike charger caused fire in local garage

By Dave Boyce

Almanac Staff Writer

A malfunctioning battery charger for electric bicycles was the cause of a fire on Saturday afternoon, July 22, in a garage at 395 Golden Hills Drive in Portola Valley, according to firefighters from the Woodside Fire Protection District.

No one was injured, but the fire "destroyed" four bicycles, including one the homeowner valued at \$7,500, firefighters said.

When firefighters arrived on the scene, two deputies from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office were already there and using a garden hose on the fire.

Firefighters established their

own water supply and the fire was out at about 1:23 p.m., about 20 minutes after it was called in, firefighters said.

An investigation revealed the charger as the fire's cause, Deputy Fire Marshal Don Bullard said in an email. The fire did not damage the garage, Battalion Chief Steve Slaughter said.

In total, eight firefighters were on the scene; eight others had been dispatched but stood down after the fire was brought under control. ■

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August 1, 2017**

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The Planning Commission will consider the design review recommendation from the ASRA (ASRA2017-0007), and the proposed Variance (VARI2017-0002) to increase the footprint, plate height, and overall height (above 17 feet) of a nonconforming structure. **This item was continued from the July 19, 2017, meeting.**

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

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#### **What happened? What is being done?**

O'Connor Water has been above the secondary standard for manganese for many years, and this has been described to members in the annual Report on Water Quality Measurements. Recent state regulations have imposed stricter requirements for complying with the secondary standard for manganese. The state has issued the company a citation for noncompliance. The state ordered the company to start quarterly monitoring in February 2012, and this monitoring was completed in September 2012. The state also required that manganese monitoring be continued quarterly and that the results of these tests be reported to all water consumers.

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This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
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File No.: 274168

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
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Registered owner(s):  
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business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
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File No.: 274230

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APN: 063-151-150-8 TS No: CA08005568-14-15 TO No: 160173886-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED June 17, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On August 22, 2017 at 01:00 PM, Marshall St. Entrance, San Mateo County Courthouse, Southern Branch Hall of Justice & Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on July 8, 2004 as Instrument No. 2004-141685, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Mateo County, California, executed by PAMELA GENE HELVIE, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2165 POPLAR AVENUE, PALO ALTO, CA 94303 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of

the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$223,380.09 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08005568-14-15. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: July 11, 2017 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08005568-14-15 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614

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Number 32838, Pub Dates: 07/19/2017,  
07/26/2017, 08/02/2017, THE ALMANAC

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
RICHARD ALAN STEPHENS AKA  
RICHARD A. STEPHENS  
CASE NO. 17PRO00724  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,  
contingent creditors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interested in the WILL  
or estate, or both of RICHARD ALAN  
STEPHENS AKA RICHARD A. STEPHENS.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been  
filed by SUSANNE STEPHENS in the  
Superior Court of California, County of  
SAN MATEO.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests  
that SUSANNE STEPHENS be appointed  
as personal representative to administer  
the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's  
WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to  
probate. THE WILL and any codicils are  
available for examination in the file kept  
by the court.  
THE PETITION requests author-  
ity to administer the estate under  
the Independent Administration of  
Estates Act. (This authority will allow  
the personal representative to take  
many actions without obtaining court  
approval. Before taking certain very  
important actions, however, the per-  
sonal representative will be required to  
give notice to interested persons unless  
they have waived notice or consented  
to the proposed action.) The independen-

dent administration authority will be  
granted unless an interested person files  
an objection to the petition and shows  
good cause why the court should not  
grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be  
held in this court as follows: 08/16/17  
at 9:00AM in Dept. 28 located at 400  
COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA  
94063

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the  
petition, you should appear at the hear-  
ing and state your objections or file  
written objections with the court before  
the hearing. Your appearance may be in  
person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent  
creditor of the decedent, you must file  
your claim with the court and mail a  
copy to the personal representative  
appointed by the court within the later  
of either (1) four months from the date  
of first issuance of letters to a general  
personal representative, as defined in  
section 58(b) of the California Probate  
Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of  
mailing or personal delivery to you  
of a notice under section 9052 of the  
California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal  
authority may affect your rights as a  
creditor. You may want to consult with  
an attorney knowledgeable in California  
law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the  
court. If you are a person interested in  
the estate, you may file with the court  
a Request for Special Notice (form  
DE-154) of the filing of an inventory  
and appraisal of estate assets or of  
any petition or account as provided in  
Probate Code section 1250. A Request  
for Special Notice form is available from  
the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
LYA R. KINGSLAND, ESQ.  
ASTOR & KINGSLAND LLP  
1851 E. FIRST ST., #1220

SANTA ANA, CA 92705  
7/19, 7/26, 8/2/17  
CNS-3031764#  
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE  
OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY  
OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 17CV03191  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Rosa Maria Lozano filed a  
petition with this court for a decree  
changing names as follows:  
ANTHONY RICARDO GONZALEZ JR. to  
ANTHONY RICARDO LOZANO.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons  
interested in this matter appear before  
this court at the hearing indicated  
below to show cause, if any, why the  
petition for change of name should not  
be granted. Any person objecting to the  
name changes described above must  
file a written objection that includes the  
reasons for the objection at least two  
court days before the matter is sched-  
uled to be heard and must appear at the  
hearing to show cause why the petition  
should not be granted. If no written  
objection is timely filed, the court may  
grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING: August 24, 2017,  
9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court  
of California, County of San Mateo,  
located at 400 County Center, Redwood  
City, CA 94063.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
shall be published at least once each  
week for four successive weeks prior to  
the date set for hearing on the petition  
in the following newspaper of general  
circulation, printed in this county:  
THE ALMANAC  
Date: July 14, 2017  
/s/ Jonathan E. Kresh  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (ALM  
July 26; Aug 2, 9, 16, 2017)

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