

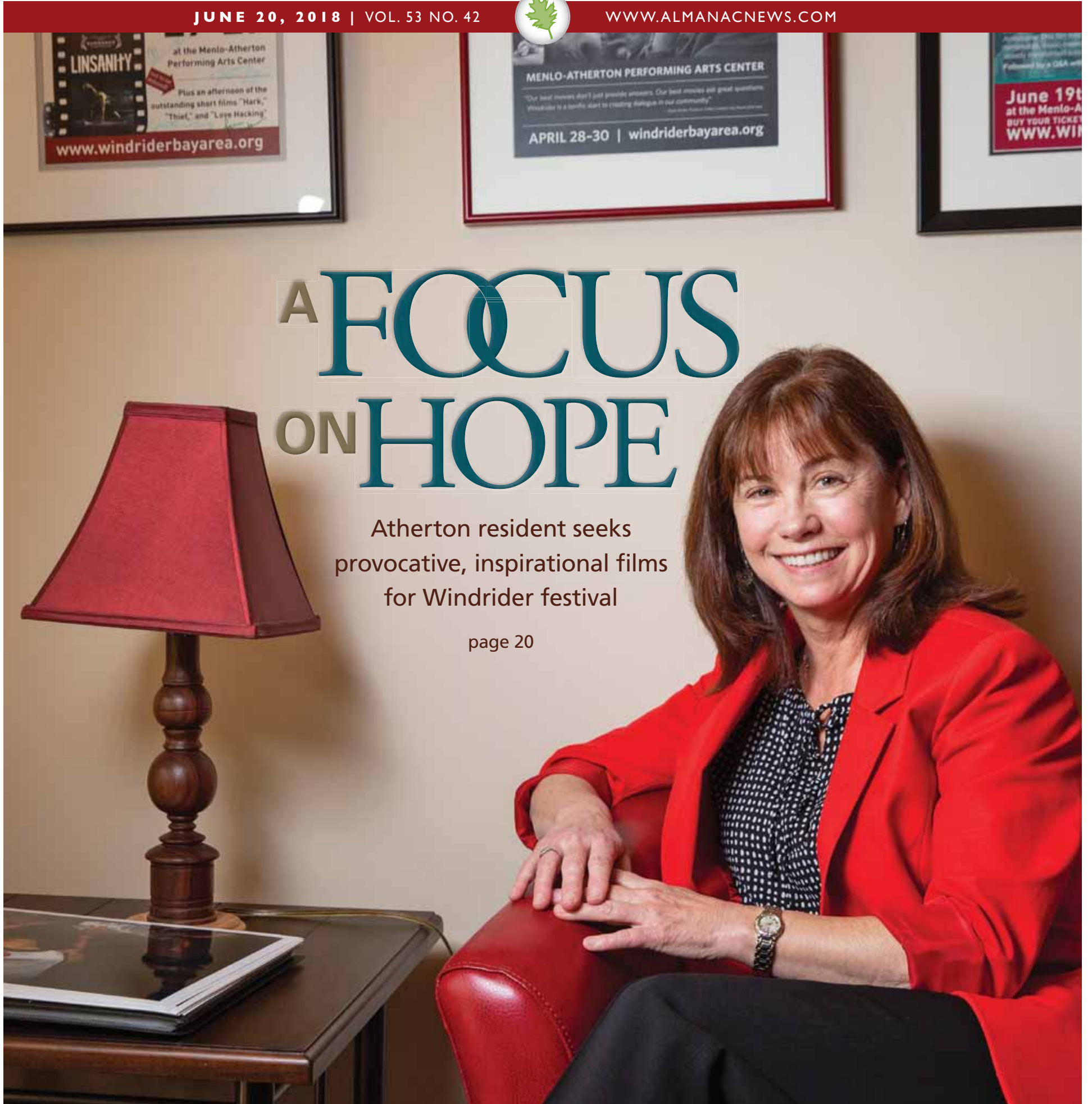
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Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the Town Council meeting or presented at the meeting. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Town Council at the time and place herein above mentioned.

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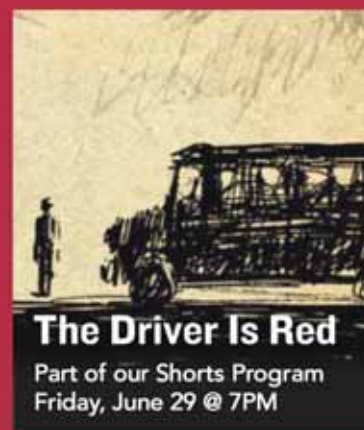
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Courtesy Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

## Protecting a local icon

The board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on June 12 heard the pleas of area residents and stepped back from plans to add a parking lot, driveway, restrooms, trailheads and a wheelchair-accessible trail near this iconic red barn along Highway 84 between La Honda and Skyline Boulevard. Read the story on Page 12.

## Commuters, weekend traffic making roads less safe, parents tell council

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

For about 30 minutes on June 12, the Woodside Town Council heard stories from parents and other concerned citizens about the unsafe aspect of local roads that children use — and could use in greater numbers if they were safer — for walking or biking to and from school on Woodside Road.

Residents blamed the safety problems on commuters, directed by cloud-based congestion rerouting software and trying to avoid crowded arterials during the week, and out-of-towners passing through Woodside on their way to somewhere else on weekends.

The council, town staff and the town's Circulation Committee have been working on the Safe Routes to School problem for years, and Mayor Chris Shaw pledged to collaborate with the residents in the months ahead.

"It would be unfair of us not recognize the work that the Circulation Committee has done

over the last five years because it was a lot of heavy lifting to get the (Woodside Road) bike lanes done and the narrowing (of traffic lanes)," Shaw said. "What you all have done by showing up tonight is to re-energize that process."

Residents weighed in with anecdotal accounts.

Fiona Ryan of Woodside Road, who said she has two small children whom she and her husband are trying to "bring up wild," reported seeing about one close call a month as she walks them to school, often because the driver was talking on a phone. Her husband was almost struck while walking in a bike lane to the grocery store on Woodside Road, she said.

Drivers need to slow down, Ryan said. "It's a very important issue. I really appreciate you guys taking the time ... to get whatever needs to be put down on the roads to make people move slower, to make this town feel like a slow, rural community. That's why we came here."

Resident Joel Hornstein reported that his son's bike

had been damaged in front of Woodside Elementary when a driver turned on to Woodside Road from Albion Avenue and hit the bike while he was walking it through the crosswalk on Sunday, June 3. Because she was turning on to Woodside Road, the driver may not have seen the flashing lights that frame the crosswalk, he said, but added that the family was "tremendously shaken" by the experience.

It's not just a weekday problem, and Waze, the traffic rerouting app, is partly to blame, Hornstein said. "On weekdays, it's the Wazers who zoom through Albion," he said. "They're on Albion because I-280's jammed shut, Canada's jammed shut and now they've really got to make up for lost time. ... On the weekend, it's joy riders who, like this woman, just aren't paying attention."

The crosswalk at Canada and Romero roads needs enhancements, a Romero resident said. The line of sight for northbound

## Report touts tips for tackling Peninsula's biggest headaches

By Kate Bradshaw  
Almanac Staff Writer

Consider the following statistics, released June 14 in a report jointly authored by two Bay Area nonprofits: Oakland-based Transform, which supports "systemic changes in transportation and land use that simultaneously address climate change and inequality," and the San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council, which focuses on supporting housing development and affordability for residents and workers in the county.

Since 2010, congestion-related traffic delays in the region have gotten 80 percent longer, says the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Locally, more than 20 percent of the 338 people who participated in a survey and who work near El Camino Real and around Caltrain stations from Palo Alto to San Bruno said they had quit or lost a job because it was hard to get to work.

Forty percent of the people who commute to San Mateo County from another county make less than \$50,000 annually. And between now and 2024, it's expected that almost half of the new jobs created in the county will pay less than \$65,000 a year, with the bulk of those paying under \$30,000.

At the same time, it's estimated that people need to earn an annual income of \$118,800 to afford to rent the average two-bedroom apartment in San Mateo County. As of April 2018, the median single-family home in San Mateo County cost \$1.6 million. To buy that home, a household would need to earn \$383,000 a year. To buy a median condo, the report says, a household would need to earn \$225,000 a year.

The report, called "Moving San Mateo County Forward: Housing and Transit at a Crossroads," culls data from

a wide range of sources and tells the not new, but increasingly nuanced, tale of how the Peninsula's twin problems — a stunted, costly housing supply and jam-packed roads triggered by major job growth in the area — are inextricably linked. The report also includes recommendations for what regional authorities and local jurisdictions should do to address those problems simultaneously.

Evelyn Stivers, executive director of the Housing Leadership Council, says that because the problems of traffic and housing are so linked, policymakers should also take this into account.

"We could spend billions on transportation and actually have traffic get worse if we don't build enough affordable homes," she said in an interview.

"The goal overall is to think about transportation and housing holistically."

### Recommendations

The report's release comes at a time when the county is considering placing a half-cent transportation sales tax on the November ballot, and includes some ideas for how that money might be spent. One policy recommendation is

**'We could spend billions on transportation and actually have traffic get worse if we don't build enough affordable homes.'**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
EVELYN STIVERS, HOUSING  
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to distribute that new county transportation money, if approved, to cities based on their past track records in approving affordable housing.

The county could also take steps to support affordable housing development in areas where

infrastructure enables car-free mobility — places where there's public transportation, pedestrian and bike-friendly areas, and proximity to jobs and shopping.

The report's authors also recommend that the county put at least 10 percent of the funding that would be generated by the measure toward improving infrastructure for bicyclists and

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## Commissioner Drew Combs considering council run

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**M**enlo Park planning commissioner, 2014 City Council candidate and current Facebook employee Drew Combs has informed The Almanac he is "seriously considering" a November run for City Council as a representative of District 2.

This will be the first year for district elections in Menlo Park. Instead of all residents voting from a set of candidates who would represent the city at-large, residents of a particular area of the city will vote on a candidate from that area under the new voting system.

District 2 covers the Willows, Flood Triangle and Suburban Park.

If Combs decides to run, he will be facing incumbent Kirsten Keith, who is seeking a third council term. Combs ran for a council seat in the 2014 at-large election and was 347 votes from unseating third-term incumbent Councilman Rich Cline.

(Parks & Recreation commissioner and Suburban Park resident Sarah Staley Shenk announced in March she was considering a District 2 council run, but has since decided against it.)



Photo by Michelle Le/  
The Almanac.  
**Drew Combs**

Combs said he has a "great deal of respect" for Keith, but added, "I do think there is value in new blood. ... I think things will come up in an election where there will be differences of approach," he said.

"My primary aim is to make sure I am representing the community," he said. "It will be a hyperlocal focus."

As an employee of Facebook, Combs has recused himself from all Planning Commission matters that deal directly with the company. He's also recused himself from matters relating to projects on properties that about Facebook property. He said he's not "fully recused from everything that happens in the Bayfront area."

His perspective, he said, comes from being a resident of the community for six years, serving on the city's bicycle and planning commissions, and being part of a younger family raising kids.

Combs said his time on the Planning Commission has given the public a chance to see how he votes and to get to know him better. "I am more of a known commodity," he said. "You can only be a fresh face once. That's not me anymore."

He said he thinks his track record displays pragmatism and balance, and that he has encouraged change, including in some cases embracing more development, particularly for mixed-use projects. ▀

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pedestrians, and to continue or increase its support for affordable housing.

The report also states that the county could set as its transportation priorities the following: increasing funding for SamTrans services; supporting new signals or lanes that let buses move faster than regular traffic; making fare more affordable for low-income service workers; and improving the speed, frequency and reliability of existing transit services.

People use public transit when it exists and is convenient, the report's authors assert. They say that, according to a report by the American Public Transport Association, ridership increased 25 percent in two years after Caltrain launched its baby bullet express service in 2004. Ridership is now 150 percent greater than it was in 2004.

But solutions don't lie only with the county, the report asserts.

Transit agencies like Caltrain can prioritize affordable housing for their properties, which could change how those sites are developed over time. They recommend that 25 percent of any housing developments permitted on Caltrain property be designated for rent at below the market rate.

Cities can adopt land-use policies that support housing affordability near transit, Stivers said, noting that cities generally tend to have more power over land use than traffic and transportation.

The report recommends that cities adopt impact fees and inclusionary housing, both of which Menlo Park has; streamline the approval process for backyard housing units; and create policies that protect people from getting displaced from their communities.

"Housing policy is transportation policy," Stivers said. "Separating them doesn't get the results we need."

Go to [is.gd/smcreport347](http://is.gd/smcreport347) to access the report. ▀

# John Johns, Atherton's former finance director, dies at 58

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac staff writer

Former town of Atherton finance director John Paul Johns died on June 2 at his home in Davis. He was 58 years old.

Johns worked as Atherton's finance director from 2001 to 2007. In 2006 he was directed by the City Council to perform an audit of the building department.

The results led to political

turmoil in the town, an outside investigation of the building department, and the abrupt retirement of the top building official.

Johns was suspended in August 2007 after hostile workplace complaints were made against him by the police chief, and he was fired in October following an outside investigation.

But in 2010, the town settled a \$500,000 wrongful termination lawsuit in which Johns claimed his firing was the result of his

work auditing the town's finances and blowing the whistle on fiscal improprieties. He was paid \$225,000, rehired as the finance director and given a letter of commendation.

Johns agreed to resign the same day he was reinstated, and to give up the right to sue the town, council members, current and former employees, and contractors — but not the right to comment on the matter.

Neither party admitted to liability in the settlement.

Johns, who would have been 59 on July 21, was born in Redwood City to David Melville Johns and Helen Josephine Johns. He served in the Marines from 1978 to 1982 on the USS Thomaston and was awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal for his role in the rescue of 77 Vietnamese refugees in the South China Sea in April 1981.

He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, received a master of business administration degree from the

University of Santa Clara, and was a certified public accountant.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Ann; son Stephen and daughter CeCe; sister Cyndi Crechriou; and brothers Joseph (his twin), Richard, T. Christopher, and James. He was preceded in death by his mother and father; brothers D. Michael, Terrance, and Ronald; and a sister, Mary Jo Johns.

Services were held on June 16 in Menlo Park, with a gathering at Carpaccio restaurant after the services. ▀

## Conlon a contender in race for state treasurer

Atherton's Greg Conlon appears to be one of the winners in the June 5 primary election, coming in second in the race for state treasurer and winning a place on the November ballot against San Francisco Democrat Fiona Ma.



Courtesy Greg Conlon  
**Greg Conlon**  
of Atherton

Conlon, a Republican who was one of five candidates on the primary ballot, received 14.4 percent of the vote in San Mateo County, while Ma received 59.4 percent. Statewide, he did even better, with 21.3 percent of the vote, as of the June 14 count, to Ma's 44.1 percent.

Third-place candidate Jack Guerrero, another Republican had 19.4 percent of the vote.

It was the third time that

Conlon, who has been a member of Atherton's Rail Committee since 2004 and is a former member of its Audit and Finance Committee, has run for the state treasurer position. He has also run for Atherton City Council at least twice, in 2012 and 2013, and ran against Rich Gordon for a state Assembly seat in 2010.

A retired senior partner in a major accounting firm, Conlon served six years on the California Public Utilities Commission, including two years as president, and two years on the state's Transportation Commission. He has a law degree from the University of San Francisco.

— Barbara Wood

## Obama to visit Atherton for June 29 fundraiser

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Atherton Police Department has confirmed reports that former President Barack Obama will be in Atherton on Friday, June 29, for a fundraiser at the home of Liz Simons and Mark Heising.

Police Chief Steve McCulley said the homeowners applied for one of the town's special event permits for the function but did not ask for any assistance. The Secret Service has also not asked for town help, but police officers will be available if needed, McCulley said.

The permit application says the event will last only two and a half hours. The website Politico, citing a copy of the invitation to the event, says tickets for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee fundraiser range from \$10,000 to \$237,300. Politico says House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Anna Eshoo will also attend.

A 2013 visit by Obama to the Simons-Heising home and another Atherton location led to modifications in Atherton's requirement for special event permits. During that visit, President Obama arrived in a helicopter that landed at the Circus Club.

After the 2013 visit the town sent a bill for \$7,600 to the White House, the Secret Service, the Democratic National Committee, Simons and Heising and two other residents who also hosted an event for Obama that same day, Marcia and John Goldman. The billing was for services supplied during the visit, the town said.

No one paid the bill, and the town dropped the matter because it did not have a law on the books specifically requiring the reimbursement.

In 2015, the City Council approved changes in the special event ordinance to require those sponsoring special events to pay for any police, public works or other needed services, as well as the costs for issuing the permit. ▀

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# District warns of 'catastrophic consequences' from mobility problems

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District has sent letters to Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto and San Mateo County asking for joint meetings of their governing boards to address "mobility" problems in the district that the letters warn "will have catastrophic consequences for those needing emergency services."

The letters, dated May 10, did not say what information the dire warnings were based on. The letters say the district is "now at a tipping point where delays in our response times during more than half the waking hours" of local residents and workers could bring catastrophe.

"Unfortunately, our ability to meet the required response times in certain parts of the District has deteriorated for a variety of reasons (roadway design, roadway widths, traffic control devices, traffic congestion), but with the most challenging being gridlock during commute hours," the letters signed by fire board President Chuck Bernstein say.

Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman responded to requests from The Almanac to provide the information the letters were based on only after The Almanac's original story was online, but did not provide any additional information on response times.

"It isn't all about the numbers, but they do matter, it's about a reality every person who lives or works around here understands and lives daily!" he wrote in an email.

Bernstein said in an email that although he didn't have the reports on hand, the information could be found on the district's website.

The Almanac was able to find a report, produced for the fire board's Aug. 15, 2017, meeting

by district staff, that includes a statistical analysis of emergency response times from 2014, 2015 and 2016. Bernstein confirmed it was the report he had referred to.

The report has not been updated with 2017 response times.

"The staff has placed more than 80 hours of time in research and documentation in preparation of this report," it says.

The report shows that response times in all but the unincorporated county areas covered by the fire district actually improved between 2014 and 2016. The times in the report are the times by which 90 percent of the vehicles being measured had responded.

In Atherton, response times dropped from 4 minutes, 56 seconds in 2014, to 4 minutes, 30 seconds in 2016.

In East Palo Alto, response times were 5 minutes, 51 seconds in 2014, and 5 minutes, 39 seconds in 2016.

In Menlo Park, response times were 6 minutes, 4 seconds in 2014, and 5 minutes, 55 seconds in 2016.

In the unincorporated areas response times increased from 6 minutes, 21 seconds in 2014, to 6 minutes, 40 seconds in 2016.

In 2015, the fire district adopted the goal of responding to at least 90 percent of calls in less than seven minutes from the time stations are contacted by the dispatcher.

The report also shows that overall, during commute time (6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.) response times dropped slightly between 2014 and 2016, from 6 minutes, 53 seconds to 6 minutes, 51 seconds.

When broken down into responses from each station during commute hours, half the response times dropped while the others increased over that period.

Bernstein said he looked at the report differently, considering

| Response                        | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Town of Atherton                | 4:56 | 5:44 | 4:30 |
| City of East Palo Alto          | 5:51 | 5:46 | 5:39 |
| City of Menlo Park              | 6:04 | 5:07 | 5:55 |
| Unincorporated San Mateo County | 6:21 | 5:49 | 6:40 |

Courtesy Menlo Park Fire Protection District

**Only unincorporated** San Mateo County areas saw an increase in response times by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District between 2014 and 2016, according to this 2017 fire district report.

| Commute time response                    | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|
| 90% Response Time – 1 <sup>st</sup> Unit | 6:53 | 6:33 | 6:51 |
| Engine 1                                 | 7:34 | 7:25 | 6:28 |
| Engine 2                                 | 6:41 | 6:14 | 7:05 |
| Engine 3                                 | 6:57 | 6:15 | 6:14 |
| Engine 4                                 | 6:33 | 6:47 | 6:51 |
| Engine 5                                 | 6:26 | 6:20 | 7:18 |
| Engine 6                                 | 6:16 | 5:29 | 5:21 |
| Engine 77                                | 7:12 | 6:58 | 7:31 |
| Truck 1                                  | 9:01 | 7:02 | 5:57 |

Courtesy Menlo Park Fire Protection District

**At commute times**, which this fire district report defines as 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., by 2016 three of the district's eight response vehicles had fallen below response times of seven minutes elapsing between a call from dispatchers and arrival at a medical or fire call. The district's goal was to respond to at least 90 percent of calls in under seven minutes.

only the changes between 2015 and 2016, and was concerned by what he saw. Breaking down response times to the engines and truck at each station from 2015 to 2016, the report shows times improving for three engines and the truck and deteriorating for four engines and the district overall (from 6 minutes, 33 seconds in 2015, to 6 minutes, 51 seconds in 2016).

The report, Bernstein pointed out, also showed that the district was not meeting its target of responding in under seven minutes during commute times with vehicles from three stations: the engines from stations in East Palo Alto, Fair Oaks Avenue in unincorporated Menlo Park, and Chilco Street in Menlo Park.

"On average for all stations, we were under the 7:00 minute target, but only by nine seconds. In my opinion, that was cause for alarm," Bernstein wrote in an email.

Bernstein said "the worsening problem has caused our

firefighters to respond in riskier ways, cutting through streets that were not made for fire engines and going the wrong way on major arteries. Even if we are finding faster ways to get places, the fix will be only temporary because it is generally agreed that new construction is bring(ing) more cars onto the roads."

The letters he sent name specific roadways in each jurisdiction that are especially compromised. That information came from anecdotal information from firefighters, the board was told.

Bernstein said the 2017 report has some known flaws, including times when firefighters forgot to push a button noting they had arrived on the scene, and cases in which two sources gave two different times for arrival.

He said that in writing the letter he also relied on "the anecdotal experience of the firefighters who know, day to day, how long it is taking them and who frequently are forced to search

for alternative routes."

Fire board director Peter Carpenter has long been asking that jurisdictions within the fire district be put on notice about problems with their roadways. "We need paper trails on this issue," he said in a Feb. 21, 2017, meeting.

"We've been telling Menlo Park for years (about problems on Willow Road)," he said. "We need to make sure that we put the ball in their court."

The letters also ask for consideration of "the installation of a district-wide alerting system to address disasters."

Mr. Bernstein said on June 17 that the fire district had heard from all the recipients of the letter except for San Mateo County.

He said Atherton plans to hold its usual annual meeting with the district in December, that East Palo Alto will hold a joint meeting with the fire board in September, and that Menlo Park has responded it is too busy to meet with the district. ■

## Residents voice concern about possible new fire station

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

Residents in the vicinity of Haciendas Drive in Woodside turned out in some force on June 12 to complain to the Town Council about tentative plans by the local firefighting agency to build a fire station on the three-acre property at the northeast corner of Haciendas and Woodside Road.

The residents said they had only recently learned of a potential land swap between the

owner of 10 Haciendas Drive and the Woodside Fire Protection District for its 1.1-acre property about a half-mile to the west, at 3111 Woodside Road, which is the location of the main fire station.

This initiative has been under discussion since 2015, the residents said, adding that the council had an obligation to inform the residents of the situation.

Mayor Chris Shaw, in response, noted that the fire district is an agency independent of the town, and that the council

had not formally discussed the matter.

The fire district is considering moving its main station to the Haciendas Drive site.

Resident Janice Wilkins, a 20-year resident of Haciendas Drive, told the council that she and her family and her eight neighbors are "a closely knit but small community of families." She spoke of plans for the fire station that show a parking lot for 50 vehicles.

"The fire station would dramatically change the character

of our small residential street, negatively change our lives and decrease the property value that many of us have relied on," Wilkins said.

"We value the great service that people of the fire department provide to our community, but frankly we heretofore never thought the destruction of our beautiful small cul-de-sac community would be an objective of our fire department and city council," Wilkins said.

The neighbors will collaborate with officials to build a

station "on property that does not devalue residents' land and homes," Wilkins said.

At a meeting with residents, fire district Chief Dan Ghorso "unveiled a plan" for a "large" fire station that would include a training tower and entrances to Woodside Road and Haciendas, according to a resident of 30 Haciendas Drive. Haciendas is narrow, has no sidewalks and children use it to walk to school, and thus is "totally

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## Menlo Park ironing out how to get EV charging stations across city

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Driving around Menlo Park, it seems as though Teslas and other electric vehicles are a dime a dozen. And the numbers bear this out: The International Council of Clean Transportation reports that 15 percent of all new vehicles registered in Menlo Park in 2016 were electric, placing Menlo Park fourth among California cities that year.

But as the share of individuals and households with green vehicles rises, the city has to figure out how to make sure there are enough charging stations to go around, on both public and private lots.

One way to do this is to make installing infrastructure for electric vehicle (EV) charging a condition for new developments throughout the city. But just how many parking spots, and what infrastructure needs to be installed to be ready for a future with more electric cars,

are questions the city's Planning Commission grappled with at a June 4 meeting.

Ultimately, the commission voted to move forward with a complex framework for when to require developers to install EV charging systems and infrastructure in new or renovated buildings throughout the city.

The system would have two tiers of requirements, one for new buildings and one for renovated structures. Developers proposing to alter buildings would only have to add EV infrastructure for the amount of square footage they are working on, not necessarily the entire building.

The policy would also be implemented in phases over three years, slowly increasing the percentage of parking spots that would need to be charging spots for electric vehicles.

Building additions or alterations between 10,000 and 25,000 square feet would eventually need to have 5 percent of the overall parking dedicated to EV charging spots, while

larger additions or alterations would have a requirement of 10 percent.

The policy also states that the chargers have to be universal for electric vehicles and can't be proprietary — for instance, a developer can't install Tesla-only chargers.

The plan is to bring the proposed policy to the City Council at coming meetings in time to adopt a final policy in August.

Commissioner Henry Riggs pushed for flexibility in the kind of charging systems mandated. "There may be a shift to a system that hasn't even been envisioned," he said. "I don't want to put something in 2018 terms that would look like a goof in 2022."

The discussion also yielded a tip for the parking-bereft: According to city staff, it's a violation of city policy to park traditional gas-powered vehicles in EV charging spots on city lots, but there are no such restrictions for private parking lots. ■

## Magee leads in county superintendent race

By **Barbara Wood**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Nancy Magee has pulled ahead of Gary Waddell for the first time since the initial Election Day results were posted, according to election results released on June 15.

With 120,275 votes counted in the contest for the San Mateo County Office of Education superintendent post, Magee leads Waddell by 428 votes, or 50.23 percent to 49.77 percent. Magee has 46,242 votes and Waddell has 45,814.

Jim Irizarry of the Elections Office said more totals are to be released on Wednesday, June 20. At that point, Irizarry said, "we anticipate that most, if not all, of the ballots cast" will have been counted. If not, one more round of election results will be posted.

Voter turnout in the primary election appears to have been about 42 percent, Irizarry said.

Waddell had led from the time the first vote totals were released at the close of Election Day, but each time more votes were counted the gap between the two candidates narrowed.

Irizarry said the county does not have automatic recounts, no matter how close an election. He said the elections code states that within five days following the certification of the election (July 5 for this election), any registered voter may file a written request for recount in any race.

A recount request must specify which candidate it is filed on behalf of and, in the case of a countywide office such as superintendent of schools, should be filed with the county elections office. The recount starts after notifying candidates and the public, but no later than seven days following receipt of the request, and must continue on weekdays for not less than six hours each day until done, Irizarry said.

Any recount will be conducted in public by a special recount board of four county voters appointed by Mark Church, the county's chief elections officer.

The requester has to pay the expenses of a recount. But, if the candidate the recount was done on behalf of is elected, all the money is repaid, Irizarry said.

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# Open space district steps back from proposal for red barn site

Board votes to look at other ways for public to access preserve

By Barbara Wood  
Almanac Staff Writer

It looks like they won't be — to quote Joni Mitchell — paving paradise to put up a parking lot, at least not next to the iconic red barn off Highway 84 between Skyline Boulevard and La Honda.

After receiving public comment from 37 of the 125 people at a public hearing in La Honda on June 12, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District governing board voted to step back from plans to install a driveway and parking lot next to the iconic red barn off Highway 84 between Skyline Boulevard and La Honda.

More than 900 people also signed a petition protesting the plans. Petition organizers said 532 of the signers were from nearby La Honda, San Gregorio, Pescadero and Loma Mar, a considerable percentage of the 1,898 residents of the area. Another 100 signers came from the Woodside or Skyline area, they said.

The red barn, which the district says was built in 1892, is

a prominent landmark from Highway 84 on the drive to the coast between Skyline Boulevard and La Honda. It has been a favorite subject of artists and photographers for decades.

After hearing their concerns about traffic and safety, but mostly about marring the iconic view, the open space board voted unanimously to consider other ways to improve access to its 6,100-acre La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve.

## A treasured view

It was obvious that speakers treasure the view of the red barn.

Dana Pitchon, a 30-year local resident, said she is originally from Prague, where they "have lots of monuments. Here we have one," she said. "Basically, the red barn is our monument," she said.

Lilia Lopez, who lives near the site, compared the barn to one of the world's most famous artworks. "You wouldn't put a hat on the Mona Lisa; why would you put a driveway in front of the red barn?" she asked.

Linda Huntimer, who said

she remembers the 1972 election that formed the open space district, said the district had promised voters to preserve open space for perpetuity. "This is supposed to be a preserve. Can we please preserve it?" she asked.

"I love it because it's beautiful," she said of the barn. "I want it to stay that way."

Jeff Croke said that as the Bay Area has changed, "I can't tell you how many people come over here because it hasn't."

"Don't change the red barn site," he said.

When a consultant showed a digital simulation of what the barn would look like with a new driveway and parking lot, and said the impact could be lessened with tinted asphalt, new white three-board fencing and plantings, there were groans. One audience member yelled out, "You guys must be kidding!"

## 'Your opinions matter'

"Your opinions do matter," said director Larry Hassett, an 18-year district board member and Skyline area resident who represents the La Honda area as well as Atherton, Menlo Park, Woodside and Portola Valley, and much of the rest of

the Midpeninsula.

After spending a lot of time during recent weeks at the preserve, and a weekend hour counting cars and scores of vehicle transgressions from the pull-off in front of the red barn, "I'm in pretty much complete agreement with every person I've heard speak tonight," Hassett said.

Yoriko Kishimoto, the director who represents Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, Stanford and Sunnyvale, said the comments at the meeting are "the reason why we hold public hearings."

However, she added, "I have to weigh the passionate comments of the neighbors with the needs of the 700,000 residents of the district."

Director Curt Riffle, who represents Los Altos and Mountain View, said while he is a "flatlander," not a mountain resident, "I love the red barn, too."

While he represents "the other 650,000 people who love this place" but don't live nearby, Riffle said he also appreciated that many of the speakers had lived in the area for decades. "I think there's about 750 years of experience that spoke tonight," he said. He supported going "back to the drawing board (to) take a look at some other options."

The directors voted unanimously to step back from the plans for changing the red barn area and look for a new public access plan. Adding a parking lot to the Driscoll Ranch event center and enlarging the existing parking lot off Sears Ranch Road were named as possibilities.

The directors also voted unanimously to form a committee of local residents and board members that would work on the new access plan.

Director Cecily Harris, who represents El Granada, Half Moon Bay, Montara, Moss

Beach, Redwood City, San Carlos and Woodside, was not present.

## Goal was access

District representatives said their major goal was to provide access to more of the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve, which was opened to the public in December. The preserve now has parking at Sears Ranch Road in La Honda and parking accessible with a permit from the district on Allen Road, off upper Bear Gulch Road in Woodside. Equestrians with a permit can park at the Driscoll Ranch event center, off Highway 84 just west of La Honda.

The district's acting general manager, Ana Montano Ruiz, said in a report to the board that she had two recommendations for the board to choose from: Either approve a conceptual design that had been refined after several previous public meetings that could go on to environmental review; or evaluate other parking options that would allow the public to access the central part of the preserve and connect its upper and lower areas.

The conceptual design recommended by district staff called for a new driveway, a total of 50 parking spaces, a picnic area, restrooms, bus parking, a one-mile wheelchair-accessible trail and trailheads leading to other parts of the preserve. A second phase of the plan showed 25 more parking spots if the original spots filled up.

Many of the speakers spoke of the danger they thought would be posed by a new driveway in the location planners said was the only place with sufficient line of sight to meet state regulations.

"There's almost no shoulder there," said Robert White. "I have been passed by cars while being passed by motorcyclists (in that area)," he said. "I just don't think an entrance there could be managed safely."

Barbara Hooper, one of the main backers of the petition presented to the board, asked for more cooperation with the local community. "Work with the community to deliver on the master plan" the district has for the preserve, she said, including safe public access, protecting scenic views and protecting the rural character.

Patty Mayall, another nearby neighbor of the red barn, said she hadn't been to earlier meetings on the plans because "I trusted you to take care of this treasure."

"I trusted you to take care of this, not to put a parking lot here," she said. ▣



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# Council favors ethics code that addresses complaints informally

Woodside's proposed code would replace one considered inflexible and punitive in tone

By Dave Boyce  
Almanac Staff Writer

It's been 16 months since the Woodside Town Council launched an initiative to revise its ethics code in the wake of a lengthy and costly investigation — as required by the current code — into alleged ethical lapses of an appointed volunteer on the town's architectural review board.

On June 12, after hearing from representatives of a committee of residents formed to consider alternatives to inflexible language and a punitive tone in the current code, the council leaned toward an "aspirational" code.

Based on an ethics code from the city of Santa Ana, the proposed code for Woodside would replace legalistic language and not require investigations. The new code would be intended to inspire town government volunteers to behave ethically, and it would include an informal and flexible process for dealing with complaints. It would not apply to town employees.

Town Hall staff will be returning with a resolution to formalize the consensus, along with an analysis of unintended consequences of a code that leaves specific enforcement procedures to the mechanisms of state ethics laws.

## Higher purpose

Resident Marilyn Voelke was one of 14 members of the ad hoc committee formed in spring 2017. The group convened for three workshops in early 2018 under the direction of a facilitator from the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University. Members convened a fourth time on their own.

Their work product: two code options, one aspirational with an informal process for dealing with complaints, and a hybrid code that is aspirational in nature but includes a step-by-step complaint process.

"I have to tell you that I was extraordinarily impressed with every member of the committee," said Voelke, who was representing advocates for the aspirational version of the code. "They all showed up with an open heart and open mind and wanting to do something good for the town," she said. "They worked together. There was no argument and it really made me feel good."

Of the 14 committee members, eight advocated for the four-page aspirational code and believe that it should "provide guidance and inspire public officials faced with ethical dilemmas," Voelke

said. "They want the new code to provide a positive approach, appealing to public officials' sense of higher purpose (to) remind them that they are acting for the greater good."

Mandatory enforcement provisions might prove to be vague, expensive to implement, and may allow political rivals to "weaponize the code, leading to ill will among the citizenry," Voelke said. "We had some of that happen with our old legalistic code because it was difficult to apply."

Of the 14 committee members, 10 supported some kind of process for dealing with complaints, their report said. The aspirational code under consideration, including language credited to former mayor Dave Burow,

assigns the town manager the role of mediator in handling complaints.

For complaints that cannot be resolved informally, the town manager can engage the town attorney, the mayor, the Town Council or an "appropriate enforcement authority."

Voelke, who is a retired attorney, noted the responsibilities that come with a formal enforcement process, including acting as a quasi-judicial body. Most town government volunteers don't have the education, talent or interest for that kind of work, she said, adding: "I don't really think that's something we should impose on you."

"Actual courts have actual professionals who do that," she said. "They have staff, they have clerks, they have attorneys, they have judges, they have a body of law and precedent they can

**'They all showed up with an open heart and open mind and wanting to do something good for the town.'**

RESIDENT MARILYN VOELKE, SPEAKING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WORKED ON THE ETHICS CODE OPTIONS

follow. That'll never happen here."

## Rules-based code

The alternative to the aspirational option is eight pages long and based on Woodside's current code, former mayor and retired attorney Ron Romines said. "I came down on the side of a hybrid code," he said. "Essentially it marries the aspirations of the Santa Ana code with what, in

effect, are the duties stated in the existing Woodside code."

He added that while he liked statements in the aspirational code, he found it lacking in guidance for the day-to-day conduct of public officials when they get appointed or elected.

The hybrid version includes "a very detailed step-by-step procedure," but it is informal, it does not expose the matter to the public, and it is a nonpunitive process, Romines said. While there is investigation and inquiry by local officials, "there are no hearings, no adjudication," he said.

If a preliminary inquiry yields a finding, the town manager, town attorney or a council subcommittee would handle a further inquiry. When a council member is the accused, the mayor and town

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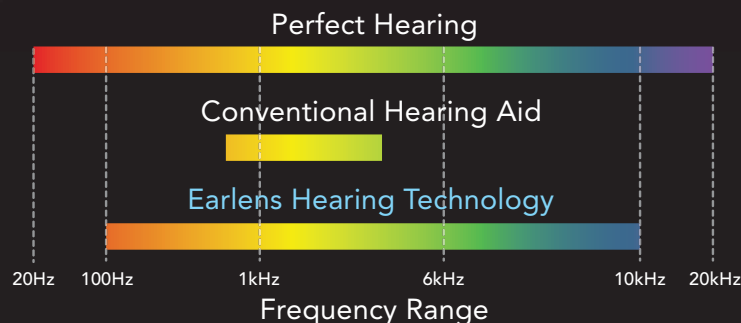
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drivers on Canada is blocked by a rise in the elevation of the road, he said, adding that they need to be warned that a crosswalk is ahead and that it may be occupied.

Melissa Zdrodowski told the council that she listens for sirens if her children are more than two minutes late in arriving home from school. She reported seeing close calls between pedestrians and vehicles when she walks to school with them. And on weekends, "people are zipping through" the crosswalk at Albion and Woodside, she said. "People roll through there all, all, all the time."

"The town has been trying

to solve this problem for a long time," said Sten Mawson of Romero Road. "I think if horses had to go to school, we would have solved it." Every child living within a mile of school should be able to walk there, he said.

Steve Lubin of Palm Circle spoke of a fundamental problem. "I don't think the town has taken kids walking to school very seriously," he said. "I don't think the designs we have for Woodside Road or Canada Road make it look like we're serious about kids being there. It makes it look like (the children) are allowed the leftover spaces after the cars are through, (that the roadways) predominantly accommodate cars."

Councilwoman Deborah

Gordon called for "a multi-pronged approach" in dealing the the problem. What can be done "that will cause people to behave differently?" she asked. There are values embedded in traffic rerouting software, such

does not route traffic on streets where there are schoolchildren. "Somebody has to want to make that a value," she added.

"We can't be so arrogant as to say that none of us have done this bad behavior," Gordon said,

**'On weekdays, it's the Wazers who zoom through Albion. They're on Albion because I-280's jammed shut, Cañada's jammed shut and now they've really got to make up for lost time.**

RESIDENT JOEL HORNSTEIN

as speed, that are not aligned with values the community would embrace, she said.

As for Waze, she said that the company may need a setting that

noting that she herself has seen parents driving in bike lanes. "Be mindful of what we're doing and keep our kids and our grandkids safe," she said. She added that

people should be contacting the state Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over Woodside Road. "Make your voice heard," she said.

Councilman Dave Tanner noted that Canada Road could accommodate more stop signs. "If you inconvenience them, they won't come," he said, adding that it also might inconvenience those who live there.

In a discussion later in the meeting on the budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1, the council requested an amendment allocating about \$300,000 per year for the next several years to hire a second full-time motorcycle officer for Woodside's exclusive use in traffic patrol. ▀

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unsuitable for a development of this nature," the resident said.

Shaw said the town is responsible only for permitting and zoning, and that in his understanding, this fire station is currently just a concept. The fire district "was primarily interested in the opinion of the neighborhood" before going further, he said.

Chief Ghiorso told The

Almanac in an earlier interview that neighborhood opinion was one of four unanswered questions about the project, the others being whether the property has easements; whether the property's geological and topographical conditions would accommodate a fire station; and the results of traffic and noise studies.

Bill Ross, a Palo Alto attorney speaking on behalf of the residents, noted that three years had passed without the neighbors being informed. He told the

council that he's submitted a public records request to Town Hall and to the fire district for all records associated with this initiative.

"We're looking forward to (seeing) what documents actually exist, what conversations took place, what phone records are applicable," Ross said. A three-year-old tentative plan for a fire station like this one, with its large parking lot, "shouldn't suddenly surface three years later," he said. ▀

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manager, or the town attorney at the discretion of the mayor would handle it, he said. "The thrust is to try to find an informal resolution without going any further," Romines said.

## Conflicts?

The committee made several general statements as to ethical conduct for elected or appointed officials who do business with the

town, including the following:

■ That they should not be precluded from serving the town in an elected or appointed public capacity.

■ That recusal for council members who do business with the town was unnecessary when considering appointments of officials who may rule on their businesses.

■ That they should disclose potential impacts on their current or pending clients of a policy under discussion. ▀

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# What's next for Atherton's civic center?

By **Barbara Wood**

Almanac Staff Writer

The Atherton City Council was supposed to be awarding the bid for its new civic center at its Wednesday, June 20, meeting and had tentatively scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony for a week later.

Instead, council members will be trying to figure out what to do next after finding out on June 5 that the low bid to build new quarters for the town's library, administration, planning and

building and police departments was 40 percent — nearly \$16 million — over the \$40.5 million estimate.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

The thriving local economy and the superheated construction business probably have something to do with it, but the town had tried to make sure it was keeping up with the latest construction costs by looking at detailed monthly projections from Mack5,

the consultants who were hired to manage the project and provide cost estimates.

The town's low bid, from C. Overaa & Co., was \$56.4 million. The second bid, from Hensel Phelps, was \$68.2 million, or nearly 70 percent more than the estimates.

The town had originally pre-qualified five contractors to bid on the project, but three dropped out without bidding because they are so busy.

Marty Hanneman, the

consultant managing Atherton's civic center project, has given the council five options for how to proceed, but recommended only one of them.

Hanneman recommends the town reject both bids and redesign the civic center project to cut its cost.

The recommendation is to look closely at the two bids that were received, and at any suggestions made by the contractors about money-saving options, and revise the existing plans to make the project small enough so the town could afford it in the current construction market.

The town could also decide to structure the bids so that it could choose to build only one part of the project, either the library or the administration/police building. In such a case, it is almost certain the library would be built first since the town has most of the funding in hand to pay for it.

The report says the goal would be to send the revised plans out for bid in December. By then, the council could have a different makeup, as the terms of three members — Bill Widmer, Rick DeGolia and Mike Lempres — end in November. ▀

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# A FOCUS ON HOPE

Atherton resident seeks provocative, inspirational films for Windrider festival

By **Kate Daly** Special to the Almanac

Photos by **Natalia Nazarova**

**M**ovies that move. That's basically what Terri Bullock is seeking when she travels all over the country to sit down in darkened theaters and spend hours upon hours watching — appealing films that will entertain and provoke positive thoughts in a growing audience back home.

For nine years, the Atherton resident has directed Windrider Film Forum Bay Area, three days of show and tell that's billed as: "Independent films. Compelling conversations. Unexpected journeys."

Once again the event is taking place at the Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, with different films showing each night at 7 p.m. on June 28, 29 and 30.

The former licensed financial planner and investment adviser now finds herself working the film festival circuit with colleagues to curate a collection of award-winning selections with a slant.

"We're looking for something, big important issues ... through what I call the lens of hope," she said in a recent interview with *The Almanac*.

Last January the search took her to the Sundance Film Festival in Utah, where she screened 17 films in a week, observed the audiences' reactions, and then interactions during the question-and-answer periods with filmmakers and stars after the showings.

That festival is where she scouted out the film that will close Windrider Film Forum Bay Area on Saturday, June 30. "Inventing Tomorrow" is a documentary about high school students from 75 countries competing in a science fair.

The film profiles two Mexican boys who invented a paint that absorbs air pollution, and a soon-to-be Stanford student who studied a contaminated water source in India. Windrider Bay Area is paying for them and director Laura Nix to travel here and speak at the end of the showing. The nonprofit also covers food expenses, but usually places the guests in private homes for the long weekend.

Windrider Bay Area will open Thursday, June 28, with "Skid Row Marathon," this year's winner of the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

"It's about the homeless, drug addiction, unwed mothers, ex-incarcerated, and living on Skid Row," Bullock explained.

In the film, a criminal court judge starts a running club with a group of down-and-out people living in Los Angeles. He agrees to train them to run marathons internationally if they promise to stay clean, sober, and crime-free.

"The transformation is amazing" once dignity is restored and runners start rebuilding their lives, Bullock said.

The inspirational storyline is one reason she chose the film. She wants to build on that message when filmmakers, the judge and a runner take



**Terri Bullock** manages the Windrider Film Forum Bay Area program from her home office in Atherton.

the stage after the showing, and then again when the audience spills out into the lobby.

At the end of the evening representatives from various nonprofits such as Habitat for Humanity and Children and Family Services will be on hand to educate people on what local help is available to those struggling with similar issues.

Bullock said that when she is shopping for films her "filter is more humanitarian."

She described the demographics of her audience as "pretty mixed — a population that is really intelligent, very educated, cares about things, and is willing to have a conversation, discourse about things."

"It's so wonderful to be part of this when so much of the country is so polarized," she added.

Bullock went to the University of the Pacific before earning an MBA from UCLA's Anderson School of Management, where she still volunteers. She is also involved in the Parents of Alumni Committee at Menlo School, sponsors Music@Menlo, and has served on the board of the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation.

Before Windrider, she worked for

Wells Fargo and Chase Manhattan banks, and The Savant Investment Group. She currently serves on the advisory board for Savant and the Brehm Center for the Arts at Fuller Theological Seminary.

The Bay Area film forum she directs is part of Windrider Institute, a nonprofit based in Idaho that was co-founded by brothers Ed and John Priddy, both entrepreneurs and film producers.

In 2004 they aligned with Will Stoller-Lee, director of Fuller Theological Seminary's Colorado campus, and launched the Windrider Forum at Sundance. That forum provides workshops for about 150 film and seminary students from a dozen different places so they can mingle with filmmakers attending the larger festival.

Bullock first got involved with the annual film project when a friend invited her to attend the Windrider

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— TERRI BULLOCK —

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This poster highlights the films in this year's Windrider film festival at Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center.

Forum at Sundance. Afterwards, her friend wanted to start up a program in the Bay Area, but got sick, and Bullock ended up co-chairing the event. She jokingly refers to Windrider as her "accidental career."

Now as sole director, Bullock manages the program out of her home office, maintaining a stash of Windrider posters, T-shirts, water bottles and tote bags down in her basement. She relies on a team of mostly volunteers that includes her daughter Christina in marketing. Her daughter-in-law was involved as well up until a few weeks ago, when she gave birth to the first grandchild in the family.

Bullock's work overlaps with her personal life in other ways as well. She found herself particularly affected by one film, "Alive Inside: A story of Music and Memory," at Sundance. She brought the movie to Windrider Bay Area in 2014, and also discovered her own

takeaway when she visited her sister in the hospital one day.

Delia had early onset Alzheimer's, and had been nonverbal for years. Taking a cue from the movie, Bullock used her smart phone to play the Supremes' hit, "I Hear a Symphony," and her sister began singing and gesticulating. Bullock then made her sister a playlist of songs from their past, and said sharing music together "changed her life."

Life-changing is a common theme in many Windrider films. Take for example "Refugee," one of three short films being shown on the middle night of the forum, on Friday, June 29. The story revolves around a mother of five who left West Africa to come to the U.S. in hopes of securing a better future.

Joyce Chen co-directed and co-produced the award-winning film before taking a job at Facebook. Chen will be part of the panel of filmmakers appearing at Windrider after the three screenings that evening.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Ticket sales cover less than 20 percent of costs. Corporate sponsors, individual donors and partners make up the rest.

This year for the first time, a

major distributor, Focus Features, agreed to prerelease a movie at a public theater so Windrider fans could attend for free. Last month's Redwood City showing of "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" was so popular it had a wait list.

Another partner, Stanford Park Hotel, is offering free desserts on opening night to attendees who participate in organized group parties Windrider has dubbed "soirees." Hosts are asked to pre-register their parties online, and have the option of donating \$50 to obtain reserved seating at the Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center at 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton.

Go to [windriderbayarea.org](http://windriderbayarea.org) for more information about the forum and to buy tickets. Depending on demand, some tickets may be available at the door. The venue seats 492. Last year, the opening night audience filled almost 85 percent of the seats, and closing night sold out. ▣

**On the cover:** Terri Bullock's Atherton home does double-duty as the Windrider Film Forum Bay Area office.

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## UN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

'Finks' sheds light on dark Hollywood history

By John Orr

### REVIEW

Joe Gilford's script for "Finks," his slightly fictionalized story of what his parents (comics and activists Jack Gilford and Madeline Lee Gilford) experienced during the Hollywood blacklistings of the 1950s, does a clever thing. Rather than just subject his audience to the grim history of how the communist-and-deviant-hunting House Un-American Activities Committee ruined hundreds of entertainment careers, Gilford shows us the entertainment.

So, TheatreWorks Silicon Valley audiences get to hear some jokes from Mickey Dobbs (Jim Stanek), who is loosely based on Jack Gilford, and see him do a hilarious pantomime of a theater-goer bothered by a buzzing insect, based on a bit that Gilford actually did. And they get to see some lovely dancing (choreographed by Dottie Lester-White) from Leo Ash Evens. Evens plays Bobby Gerard, who is based on Jerome Robbins.

"Finks" opens on Andrea Bechert's handsome, huge set with the dais of HUAC in the center, a modest recreation of the club Café Society in New York at audience left and another space at audience right that is used later.

We hear the HUAC sergeant at arms call a hearing to order, and Robert Sicular, as Rep. Walter, begins his political babble, just as comic Mickey is starting his routine at Café Society.

Mickey does a very good Jimmy Durante imitation, and Walter starts interrogating such "finks" as Elia Kazan, Budd Schulberg and Martin Berkeley.

The show's only woman, Donna

Vivino, is a force of nature as performer/organizer Natalie Meltzer, who sets out to win Mickey's love. "I'm laying out lines like railroad tracks!" she says. "Connect the dots!"

Mickey and all their entertainer friends are worried about being caught up in the Red Scare, and they have reason to be. If their names appear in the magazine Red Channels or in a bad way in Walter Winchell's column, club owners may cut their contracts and advertisers might start boycotting their TV shows.

Bobby has two issues: He did attend some meetings of leftist performers and he's gay, which in the 1950s was very dangerous.

Natalie, who has been Bobby's "beard" and sometimes his lover, tries to buck him up. Evens has a grim role to play, because while Bobby staves off HUAC for a while, when he's blackmailed for his homosexuality, he's forced to start naming names, including Mickey and Natalie's.

Mickey is kind of a fraidy cat in this show, who has to be coerced by Natalie not only into loving her, but performing at meetings of left-leaning actors and otherwise speaking up and fighting the good fight.

In real life, Gilford explained, both his parents were firmly committed to causes such as civil rights.

"Mickey's conflict about what he would actually do in the end is about the furthest I went to fictionalize for dramatic purposes," Joe Gilford said in a program feature by Syche Phillips. "In real life, there was never any doubt as to my father's intentions."



Kevin Berne

Donna Vivino and Leo Ash Evens are part of the cast of TheatreWorks' "Finks."

But Mickey's fears and doubts work beautifully in this play, such as when he is heartbroken when a blacklisted friend dies, and for what he does when he is finally dragged before HUAC.

Most of the eight actors in this production are very well known from San Francisco Bay Area stages. Richard Frederick, who does a great Lee J. Cobb impression, has been in a number of TheatreWorks shows, including "Emma." Gabriel Marin, who is very moving as actor and artist Fred Lang, was in "Superior Donuts" at TheatreWorks. Robert Sicular, who moves from celebrity sycophant to attack dog as Rep. Walter, has stood out on every major local stage.

Despite the script calling for a black character, there appear to

be no African-American people in this show. Café Society was the first really integrated club in New York. Jack Gilford actually shared a dressing room there with Billie Holiday. He dated Lena Horne. To not have a black actor seems a shocking omission.

Cathleen Edwards nicely evokes the 1950s with her costume design. Steven B. Mannshardt does his usual excellent work with lighting design, no small

achievement, with three main areas of the stage to light for different purposes. Sound designer Jake Rodriguez handily provides the sounds of unseen court reporters, TV soundtracks and ringing phone.

The one odd thing was a loud crackling sound and strange flashing lights. I had to hear and see that four times before I understood it was supposed to be photojournalists with old-fashioned flash bulbs. At first I thought a spotlight was shorting out.

Giovanna Sardelli, who directed the New York premiere of this play in 2013, also directed this production, the California premiere. In her notes for the program, she wrote, "In 2013, I felt pretty confident that America had recovered its sense of decency — that history wouldn't repeat itself. In 2018, I'm frightened that I no longer feel that way. 'Finks' reminds us of what is at stake and how ordinary people must stand for decency. It provides us guidance for these uncertain times, when performers like Jack Gilford fought to do what they did best: keep us laughing." ■

## John Paul Johns

July 21, 1959 – June 2, 2018

John Paul Johns former CFO of the City of Atherton passed away at his home in Davis, California on Saturday June 2, 2018. John Paul ("Johnny") Johns was born on the 21st of July 1959 to David Melville Johns and Helen Josephine Johns in Redwood City, California. He is survived by his wife Sally Ann, his son Stephen and his daughter, CeCe, his big sister Cyndi Crechriou his twin brother, The Reverend Joseph F. Johns, his younger brother Richard M. Johns and his older brothers, T. Christopher Johns, Esq., and James S. Johns. John was preceded in death by his mother and father, Helen J. Johns and David M. Johns, his oldest brother D. Michael Johns, his sister Mary Jo Johns, his brothers Terrance G. Johns and Ronald R. Johns, Sr.

John was a proud former U.S. Marine (1978-82) who served onboard the USS Thomaston and was awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal for his role in the rescue of 77 Vietnamese refugees in the South China Sea in April 1981. He was a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and received his MBA from the University of Santa Clara and was a Certified Public Accountant. John was honoured by the City of Atherton with admission into the Order of Merit in 2004. In 2010 the City of Atherton honoured him again with a special commendation to acknowledge his extraordinary contribution to the City as its Chief Financial Officer.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated for "Johnny" on the 16th of June at The Church of the Nativity, 210 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA. Internment took place immediately following the Memorial Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, 1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park, CA.

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### INFORMATION

**What:** "Finks."

**Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

**When:** Through July 1 (see online for complete performance schedule).

**Cost:** \$40-\$100 (discounts available).

**Info:** [theatreworks.org/201718-season/201718-season/finks/](http://theatreworks.org/201718-season/201718-season/finks/).

## Local girls choir wins international prize

The local girls choir iSing Silicon Valley has won the grand prize at the eighth International Robert Schumann Choral Competition.

The contest, which takes place in Germany, is held every four years, and this year involved 17 choirs from 11 nations.

iSing won first prize in both the Chamber Choirs of Equal Voices and Sacred Choral A Cappella categories, and ultimately claimed the competition's grand prize. "Now we know that Silicon

Valley isn't just about Facebook," competition founder Ralf Eisenbeiss said, after iSing's victory.

Now in its fifth season, iSing Silicon Valley trains 250 local young female singers in musicianship as well as community involvement and leadership. The group is based in Palo Alto's First Baptist Church.

iSing also recently won Chorus America's 2018 Dale Warland Singers Commission Award for a work to be written by Grammy-nominated composer Adam

Schoenberg, setting excerpts from Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel's memoir, "Night." As part of its current European tour, iSing visited the Terezin Concentration Camp, to deepen members' understanding of the new work, which will be premiered in spring 2019, according to a press release.

iSing will also offer a joint concert with Prazska Kantilena in Prague, and will perform at the Kaasgrabenkirche in Vienna.

—Karla Kane, Palo Alto Weekly

# A GUIDE TO SUMMER JAZZ

## Local concert season heats up

By Yoshi Kato

Summertime is golden for live jazz on the Peninsula.

The 28-year-old Sunday jazz series at Filoli Historic House & Garden in Woodside kicked off with a concert by pianist Justin Kauflin on June 17, but more music is on the way, with five more dates through September 16.

Next on the roster is Jazz Mafia with a July 7 program, "Miles & Mingus Re-envisioned."

Pianist Josh Nelson and his quintet make music at Filoli on July 22.

On Aug. 5, the Henry Solomon Quartet, featuring Roy McCurdy, perform; on Aug. 19 Tuck & Patti provide the music; and on Sept. 16, the Pacific Mambo Orchestra closes the series.

### Portola Vineyards

Portola Vineyards in Portola Valley also has a Sunday summer series that presents five shows between June 24 and Aug. 19. These feature the likes of the San Diego-based pianist Danny Green and his trio with strings, and local favorite Charged Particles, who close out the run in late August with an Eastside College Preparatory School benefit performance.

In between, there's Pamela Rose on July 15; Lunar Octet on July 29; and pianist Larry Vuckovich and his Jazz/Latin Quartet on Aug. 5.

Concerts begin at 6 p.m.

### Stanford Jazz Festival

The dean of summer jazz is the Stanford Jazz Festival, which is in its 37th year and offers 31 concerts between June 22 and Aug. 4.

As has been the case in recent years, the Stanford Jazz Festival and Workshop features concerts at the front and back end of its season at Bing Concert Hall.

On June 23, Berkeley resident Joshua Redman leads a rare date with his veteran quartet that features pianist Aaron Goldberg, double bassist Reuben Rogers and drummer Gregory Hutchinson.

The festival closes on Aug. 4 with Spanish trumpeter and vocalist Andrea Motis' quintet, playing first with trombonist Wycliffe Gordon as a special guest and then with the SJW 50/50 Orchestra, directed by Joan Chamorro.

Motis made her regional debut at last year's festival, and the fledgling SJW 50/50 Orchestra is a group made up of women and men in equal numbers.

### Stanford Shopping Center Summer Jazz Series

Presented by SFJAZZ in the courtyard between Crate & Barrel and Nordstrom, the free Stanford Shopping Jazz Series is in its 32nd year. It starts on June 21 and is held on consecutive Thursdays at 6 p.m. through Aug. 23.

Faculty from Stanford Jazz Workshop will make the short trek from campus on June 28. Saxophonists Kristen Strom and Andrew Speight, trumpeter Erik Jekabson, pianist Ben Stolorow, bassist John Wiitala and drummer Hamir Atwal make up the top-notch Faculty All-Stars sextet.

The outdoor setting and nearby food and drink shops at Stanford Shopping Center make for a casual yet musically substantial evening. And as with the other series, parking is free. ■



Photo by Carlos Pericas

Andrea Motis will perform in this year's Stanford Jazz Festival.

## Summer Jazz Events

**What:** Filoli's 2018 Summer Jazz Series.

**Where:** Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside.

**When:** June 17, July 8, July 22, Aug. 5, Aug. 19, Sept. 16; 1:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$75/\$65 for Filoli members or series pass for \$425/\$365 for Filoli members.

**Info:** Go to [filoli.org/jazz](http://filoli.org/jazz).

**What:** Stanford Shopping Center 32nd Annual Summer Jazz Series.

**Where:** Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto.

**When:** Thursdays, June 21-August 23; 6 p.m.

**Cost:** Free.

**Info:** Go to [sfjazz.org/stanford/](http://sfjazz.org/stanford/).

**What:** Stanford Jazz Festival 2018.

**Where:** Various venues on the Stanford University campus.

**When:** June 22 through Aug. 4.

**Cost:** \$8-\$98

**Info:** Go to [stanfordjazz.org/stanford-jazz-festival-2018](http://stanfordjazz.org/stanford-jazz-festival-2018).

**What:** 2018 Portola Vineyards Summer Jazz.

**Where:** Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley.

**When:** various Sundays, June 24-August 19; 6 p.m.

**Cost:** \$12-\$50.

**Info:** Go to [portolavineyards.com/phone/summer-jazz.html](http://portolavineyards.com/phone/summer-jazz.html).

## Latin American art gallery opens its doors in downtown Menlo Park

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Veteran art collector and curator Marcela del Alcazar has put a halt to her retirement to launch a new art gallery, Marcela's Village, in downtown Menlo Park.

The shop, which opened earlier this month at 883 Santa Cruz Ave., is Menlo Park's fifth art gallery on Santa Cruz Avenue. But del Alcazar says her gallery will be different from other offerings in town because of its emphasis on Latin American art.

Del Alcazar, a Woodside resident, says she's no stranger to the world of art. She is originally from Arequipa, Peru, and lived in Spain for about five years

before moving to the U.S. In her hometown in Arequipa, she says, she had many friends who were artists, poets and musicians.

"Growing up in that environment gives you a lot of appreciation for art," she says.

She has also taken art classes in media including oil and acrylic painting and ceramics, which she credits for teaching her how to appreciate art more fully. "Over the years, I've learned how to select and appreciate it," she says. "I have an eye for it."

In the early 2000s, Del Alcazar ran International Village Gallery on Larkin Street in San Francisco, until rent increases made the operation untenable. In five years, she says, rent increased about 40 percent.

She has also curated exhibits,

including at the Peruvian consulate in San Francisco.

She initially opened the gallery in April of this year in Redwood City, with plans to find a more permanent location.

Her gallery features work by Latin American artists from different countries, including Mexico and Peru. Part of her motivation in showcasing Latin American art is to combat negative stereotypes that some might hold about immigrants or Latin Americans, she says.

She's got a lineup of artists she's known for 15 or 20 years, she says, many of whom she worked with at her old gallery. But she's also open to working with new artists. For instance, she is currently exhibiting work by Fernando Escartiz Ortiz, a



Photo by Robert Most

Marcela del Alcazar poses at her new art gallery at 883 Santa Cruz Ave. in downtown Menlo Park. The gallery, Marcela's Village, showcases the work of Latin American artists.

Redwood City-based sculptor.

Del Alcazar plans to change the gallery's exhibitions about once a month.

"It's a lot of work, but I'm happy," she said.

Go to [marcelasvillage.com](http://marcelasvillage.com) or email [risamard@gmail.com](mailto:risamard@gmail.com) for more information.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., or by appointment. ■

# Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

## Submitting items for the Calendar

Go to [AlmanacNews.com](http://AlmanacNews.com) and see the Community Calendar module at the top right side of the page. Click on "Add your event." If the event is of interest to a large number of people, also e-mail a press release to [Editor@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:Editor@AlmanacNews.com).

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

### Theater

**Musical: 'Pippin'** With music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Roger O. Hirson, 'Pippin' is a musical about a young prince in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. June 20, 8 p.m. \$20-38. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. [losaltosstage.org/pippin](http://losaltosstage.org/pippin)

**Palo Alto Players Presents: 'The Man Who Came to Dinner'** Palo Alto Players Presents: "The Man Who Came to Dinner," a comedy about hospitality and hijinks. Through July 1, times vary. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [paplayers.org/on-stage-now](http://paplayers.org/on-stage-now)

**TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'FINKS'** TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the California Premiere of "FINKS," a comic drama based on the true story of comedian/actor Jack Gilford. Through July 1, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [theatretworks.org/201718-season](http://theatretworks.org/201718-season)

### Concerts

**Jazz inside Out with Jim Nadel & Friends** Stanford Jazz Workshop founder and artistic director Jim Nadel and other jazz musicians will perform at the Campbell Recital Hall. Nadel will demonstrate and explain when the band is improvising and when they are not. June 22, 8 p.m. \$8-\$24. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. Search events. [stanford.edu](http://stanford.edu) for more info.

**Portola Valley Summer Concert Series** The Portola Valley Summer Concert Series will feature a variety of musicians. The first installation of the series will present "Wobbly World Music" with Freddy Clarke, a 10-piece jazz,

afro-cuban, funk, world music band. June 21, 6 p.m. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

**Summer Jazz 32nd Anniversary Concert Series** Stanford Shopping Center invites the community to enjoy 10 weeks of rhythm and blues as Summer Jazz celebrates its 32nd anniversary. The series showcases a variety of jazz musicians and local favorites every week in the courtyard between Nordstrom and Crate & Barrel at Stanford Shopping Center. Thursdays between June 21 and August 23, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto.

**Danny Green Trio Plus Strings** Summer-Jazz will welcome composer and pianist Danny Green, who will be joined by his longtime trio members as well as Bay Area based string musicians Alisa Rose, Keith Lawrence and Shain Carrasco. Portola Vineyards will pour tastes of their wines, and invites those who come to bring a picnic. June 24, 6-7:30 p.m. \$12-\$24. Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Joshua Redman Quartet** Saxophonist Joshua Redman performs with the jazz quartet featured on his seminal 2000 recording, Beyond (Nonesuch). June 23, 8 p.m. \$25-\$98. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events. [stanford.edu](http://stanford.edu) for more info.

### Music

**Wren Goodkind Live Music** Wren Goodkind, a Bay Area-born singer/songwriter who currently lives in Nashville, will perform at Cafe Zoe. June 22, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park.

### Talks & Lectures

**Andrew Revkin at Books Inc. Palo Alto** Andrew Revkin, senior climate reporter at

ProPublica and prize-winning former journalist for The New York Times, will share his work, "Weather: An Illustrated History: From Cloud Atlases to Climate Change." June 20, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. [booksinc.net](http://booksinc.net)

**A Quiet Epidemic: Preventing Lyme Disease** Jo Ellis from the Bay Area Lyme Foundation will share the latest research on Lyme disease and information on how people can prevent infection and educate friends and family. June 24, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Wunderlich County Park, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside. [folgerlyme.eventbrite.com](http://folgerlyme.eventbrite.com)

**Cetaceans of the Coast** The Menlo Park Library will host a presentation by Izzy Szczepaniak, a research biologist from Golden Gate Cetacean Research. Szczepaniak will teach participants about porpoises, dolphins and whales off the coast and in the Bay. June 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Menlo Park Main Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**SRI Organon Toastmasters** SRI Organon Toastmasters helps community members become better public speakers and leaders by providing a supportive, positive environment for practicing communication and leadership skills. Guests are welcome to visit and join. Tuesdays 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., year-round. Free. First Baptist Church, 1100 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [sriorganon.com](http://sriorganon.com)

**'Story is the Thing'** Kepler's Literary Foundation will be hosting their quarterly reading series, "Story is the Thing," which highlights established authors and writers on the rise. They will showcase seven writers who will read on the theme of "kindness," including Dinika Amaral, Idris Anderson, Tristen Chang, Betsy Franco, Carrie La Seur, Elaine Castillo and Peg Alford Pursell. June 21, 7:30 p.m. \$10. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino



## At Kepler's

Ars Technica journalist Cyrus Farivar, author of "Habeas Data: Privacy vs. the Rise of Surveillance Tech," and ACLU attorney Linda Lye join Angie Coiro for a "This is Now" program from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, at Kepler's bookstore. The focus will be on new tech and the efforts to protect consumers from its intrusions on privacy. Kepler's is at 1010 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. For more information, go to [keplers.org](http://keplers.org) or call 650-324-4321.

Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

### Fundraisers

**Summer Scamper to Benefit Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford** Stanford's eighth annual Summer Scamper 5K, 10K and kids' fun run will benefit patients and families at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. June 24, 6:30-11 a.m. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [summerscamper.org](http://summerscamper.org)

### Museums & Exhibits

**Ink Worlds: Contemporary Chinese Painting from the Collection of Akiko Yamazaki and Jerry Yang** "Ink Worlds" considers ink painting from the 1960s through the present, examining salient visual features and international connections, as well as the ongoing impact of historical techniques, materials and themes. Ongoing exhibit. Free. Cantor Arts

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## Menlo Park Library summer book sale next weekend

The Friends of the Menlo Park Library will hold a two-day book sale featuring thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs on Saturday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, June 24, from noon until 2 p.m. at the Menlo Park Library.

According to the event website, prices start at 50 cents for mass market paperbacks and \$1 for trade and hard-cover titles.

On Sunday, shoppers will be able to fill a bag of books for \$5.

The sale will feature a wide selection of "gently used" books at low prices, puzzles and games, in addition to the CDs and DVDs.

The book sale will be set up in two locations: in front of the library, and

downstairs in the library's program room.

If you are unable to attend the sale, the Friends of the Library encourages you to drop by the organization's bookstore in the main library. It is open during library hours, and features a wide range of books for all ages and interests.

The main library is at 800 Alma St., in the Menlo Park Civic Center. For more information, visit [menlopark.org/library](http://menlopark.org/library), or call 650-330-2501.

The Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization of local residents dedicated to enhancing the Menlo Park Library, according to its website. All funds raised support programs and events at the main library and the Belle Haven Branch Library.

## World music concert launches summer series

With the arrival of summer, the annual free outdoor concert series in Portola Valley begins Thursday, June 21.

The 10-piece jazz band Wobbly World Music will open the 2018 series on the Town Center lawn at 765 Portola Road from 6 to 8 p.m.

The concerts follow the weekly farmers' market, which typically has warm food for sale.

For the concerts, the town also invites food trucks. For this concert, the town has scheduled "Waffle Amore" of San Jose, and "Curry Up Now," also from San Jose and with a location in Palo Alto.

Picnics, including with alcoholic beverages, are OK, as are chairs, children, well-behaved dogs and dancing, say organizers. Blankets and warm clothing are recommended.

The Town Center includes a playground, restrooms and ample parking. Park at the Town Center, near the tennis courts, or in overflow parking at the adjacent Christ Episcopal Church.

The town's Cultural Arts Committee has scheduled two more concerts: the Fog City Swampers, a Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band, on Thursday, July 19; and Extra Large, a band specializing in funk, Latin spice and reggae, on Thursday, Aug. 16.

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Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu/events for more info.

**Alphabete: The World Through the Eyes of Frederic Bruly Bouabre** An original pictographic alphabet as well as brightly colored postcard-size illustrations from contemporary African artist and poet Frederic Bruly Bouabre will be shown. June 20, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions](http://museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions)

**The Dancing Sowe: Performing Beauty in Sierra Leone** This exhibition focuses on one spectacular work in the Cantor's collection — a sowe mask, used by the women-only Sande Society that is unique to Sierra Leone. Ongoing until December; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions](http://museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions)

**Do Ho Suh: The Spaces in Between** In this exhibition, artist Do Ho Suh uses a chandelier, wallpaper and a decorative screen to focus attention on issues of migration and transnational identity. Through February 25, 2019, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions](http://museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions)

### Film

**Film Screening: 'Waiting for Kiarostami'** "Waiting for Kiarostami," a film inspired by a true story about a medical student who has to choose between her father's wish for her to become a doctor and her own passion to become a singer and actress, will be shown at Stanford's Geology Corner. Hossein Khandan, Iranian-American director of the film, will lead a discussion after the film screening and will be joined by Ana Bayat, one of the film's lead actresses. June 28, 6:30 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

**Movies on the Square: 'Jurassic Park'** "Jurassic Park" will be showing in Courthouse Square. June 21, 8:45 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. [redwoodcity.org](http://redwoodcity.org)

**SGS Summer Film Festival: 'In Between'** As part of the annual Stanford Global Studies Summer Film Festival, Israeli-French film "In Between" will be shown at the Geology Corner Auditorium. The film follows the lives of three Israeli-Palestinian women who share an apartment in Tel Aviv. June 20, 6:30 p.m. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

### Galleries

**Portola Art Gallery Presents Jared Sines' 'Home and Away'** The Portola Art Gallery presents "Home and Away," colorful oil paintings by Jared Sines. The show presents subjects which carry special meaning to the artist: reflections in the canals of Venice, scenes of rural and urban California, and intimate still lifes. Through June 30; Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

### Food & Drink

**Monday Night Pub Quiz** The event will feature an ultimate Trivia contest along with food, drinks and prizes. May 14, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Free. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. [freewheelbrewing.com](http://freewheelbrewing.com)

### Outdoor Recreation

**The Tick Trailblaze 5K, 10K, Half** The Tick Trailblaze will take place at the redwood lined trails of Huddart Park in Woodside. All 5K/10K runners will receive a medal, a T-shirt and two beers, and all kids dash runners will get a race wooddallion that doubles as a coaster. There will also be a trail treasure hunt in which runners can receive prizes. June 24, 9 a.m. \$15-\$60. The Tick Trailblaze 5K/10K/Half, 1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside. [trailrunner.com/event/the-tick-trailblaze-5k-10k-half](http://trailrunner.com/event/the-tick-trailblaze-5k-10k-half)

# Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

## If information is power, Menlo Park's main library is about to short-circuit

By Monica Corman

In an age where "information is power," 21st century public libraries can provide arsenals of invaluable resources for personal and community discovery. For everyone from toddlers to teens, from resourceful entrepreneurs to retirees, the Menlo Park Library has been a place to listen, learn, collaborate, study, and create for 61 years.

During those decades, Silicon Valley and Menlo Park have changed the world and grown exponentially in the process. And while the number of people using the library has increased along with our population, the library's facilities haven't.

Some points to consider:

■ *Where do you put 18,500 preschoolers at story time?* — In the basement. Last year 18,500-plus preschoolers came to listen at story time, starting down the path to becoming readers. With 40 to 45 children at each story time, the main library's only meeting room, which is in the basement, is full.

■ *How do you power up information without enough outlets?* — In the heart of Silicon Valley, it's hard to imagine school-aged kids trying to learn coding and animation when there aren't enough power outlets for computer workstations. It's uncomfortable for computer users to have other patrons waiting in line to use their electrical outlet. And it's inconvenient for adult library patrons who come to browse the internet, conduct research, and use library computers to learn.

■ *We need more room(s)* — Last year, almost 6,800 primary and middle-schoolers attended

one of 114 programs designed for them, including dance performances, science nights, concerts, computer classes, and other activities. More than 2,300 teens and adults actively participate in 118 lifelong learning programs. Community groups that need places to meet have few choices — there are no rooms available for meetings, quiet study, conference calls, or webinars. Last year, the library hosted a lecture on the solar eclipse. Unfortunately, we had to close the lecture to waiting attendees when the building reached capacity.

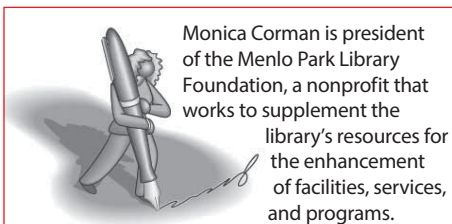
■ *The branch library* — The Menlo Park branch library is currently housed in the Belle Haven Elementary School. It received a

minor remodel in 2017, but not only does it suffer from the same space limitations, it's not available to the public during school hours.

■ *We're pretty popular* — Last year more than 340,000 people visited our libraries. They borrowed more than 560,000 books, magazines and DVDs. We're so glad they visited, and equally glad they took materials home to enjoy. Where would we put thousands of patrons?

■ *It doesn't have to stay this way* — The main library and branch library simply can no longer support the community's needs. After an extensive space needs analysis, it was clear that remodeling the existing spaces (designed before digital life) would cost as much as new structures.

Please support development of a 21st century Menlo Park library system. As a community committed to lifelong learning, in the heart of world-leading innovation and brilliant minds, we need to ensure that we can build on the legacy of the existing library for ourselves, our children, and grandchildren.



Monica Corman is president of the Menlo Park Library Foundation, a nonprofit that works to supplement the library's resources for the enhancement of facilities, services, and programs.

GUEST OPINION

the Wednesday concerts in the park. And, although it was less than a quarter of a glass I was sipping, it evidently affected my equilibrium when I stood up.

A young gentleman who fortunately was sitting or standing nearby not only helped to steady me, but continued to support me while helping my partner escort me all the way back to our car, while the concert was still going on.

I think that such an extraordinary measure of caring for a lady needs to be made public, to counter all the distasteful reports of male behavior we have been made aware of lately.

My partner and I certainly do wish we knew how to personally thank this gentleman. Maybe he will read this and know how much his action was appreciated.

Betty Seckler

Oakley Avenue, Menlo Park

### What's on your mind?

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Questions? Email Renee Batti at [rbatti@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:rbatti@AlmanacNews.com), or call 650-223-6528.

### LETTERS

Our readers write

#### Helpful stranger a credit to his gender

Editor:

In this age of reporting men's dishonorable actions, I would like to make known a situation with a complete stranger who gives back to his gender credit that we may be unaware was still there.

My partner and I went to the first summer concert on Wednesday, June 13, at Fremont Park. I am a senior lady over 90 who keeps active bowling and hiking, so I would not be considered at all infirm.

I am not much of a drinker, and even at family events I usually pass up the table offerings. However, I always share some of the wine that we bring with sandwiches to

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**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that on Wednesday evening, July 11, 2018 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the meeting room located at the District's offices, located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA the District Board will conduct a Public Hearing to hear and consider all protests and objections, if any, to the report.

Anyone wishing to address the District Board concerning these matters may do so in writing at or before the date of the Public Hearing or may be heard at the time of the Board's meeting.

Dated: June 13, 2018

By: /s/ Phil Scott

Phil Scott  
District Manager

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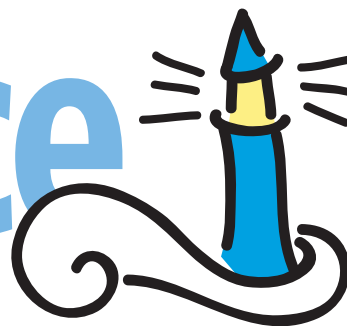
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File No.: 277747  
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Registered owner(s):  
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311 Sycamore St.  
San Carlos, CA 94070  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact 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 May 17, 2018.  
(ALM June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277852  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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Registered owner(s):  
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1218 W. Selby Lane  
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
File No. 275796  
The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.  
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MARIA R. RODRIGUEZ AND VICTORIA OSORNIO  
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FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON:  
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REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):  
MARIA R. RODRIGUEZ  
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San Jose, CA 95122  
VICTORIA OSORNIO  
1570 Dina Ct.  
San Jose, CA 95121  
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:

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File No.: 277719  
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764 Live Oak Ave.  
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SORIA'S AUTO MOBILE DETAIL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 277981  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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1837 Clarke Ave., Apt. 21  
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Feb. 16, 2017.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on June 11, 2018.  
(ALM June 20, 27; July 4, 11, 2018)

## 997 All Other Legals

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Adoption of Zoey Brooklynn Collupy, A Minor Child.  
Case No. 18 AD 37

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF KANSAS TO CHARLES COLLUPY:

You are notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed for the adoption of ZOEY BROOKLYNN COLLUPY, born in JUNE 2009. You are hereby required to plead by JUNE 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., to the District Court of Johnson County, in Olathe, Kansas, when said cause will be heard. Your failure to appear or file a response may lead to the termination of your parental rights and entry of judgment on the Petition for Adoption.  
(ALM June 6, 13, 20, 2018)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 18CIV02787  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: LOTTI MARIE LAWLIS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LOTTI MARIE to LOTTI MARIE LAWLIS. 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 scheduled 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: July 19, 2018, 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.  
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