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Getting ready for school

Construction continued this summer at the two Las Lomas Elementary School District schools, La Entrada in Menlo Park and Las Lomas in Atherton. Here Eric Holm, the district's bond projects director, shows the progress on a new two-story classroom at Las Lomas School. Elsewhere on campus, five new kindergarten classrooms and a reconfigured parking lot will open this month as a new two-story 21-classroom building opens at La Entrada.

Menlo Park wants Stanford to pay taxes, build tunnel and gondola

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Left with few other options to register opposition, Menlo Park has gone big with its demands of Stanford University in a letter addressed to Santa Clara County, the agency tasked with deciding whether to approve the university's proposed expansion through 2035.

The letter, reviewed by a City Council subcommittee of Peter Ohtaki and Kirsten Keith and signed by Ohtaki, asks the university to build major infrastructure to mitigate the traffic it causes. Stanford should build a tunnel from Campus Drive West to Interstate 280 between Page Mill Road and Alpine Road to ease congestion from Stanford-related traffic, the letter states.

It should also build satellite parking lots near Sand Hill, Alpine and Page Mill roads that could connect commuters to campus via the Marguerite shuttle system, or perhaps, the letter says, build a car-free alternative, such as an aerial tramway or gondola.

"We need more options to move people between I-280 and Stanford University," Keith said in a statement. "These proposals

could help reduce congestion in this area."

Ohtaki said that the tunnel and gondola were suggested by residents as ways to connect Sand Hill Road and Stanford traffic to I-280 more easily.

The letter says the university should also start to pay market-rate property taxes on any additional housing it builds or leases within city limits, participate in and help pay into the San Francisco Creek Joint Powers Authority, and promise to not add to the stormwater that must be drained and processed by local infrastructure.

The city has said that Stanford should also have to pay an in-lieu fee of \$68.50 per square foot of nonresidential space it builds as part of a fund dedicated to building more housing for the workers that nonresidential space would draw to the area. Menlo Park should be eligible to receive some of those funds, the city has argued.

Increasing friction

Menlo Park is a neighbor to Stanford, but the university falls under the jurisdiction of Santa Clara County. As such, the city can only submit formal comments about the environmental

impact analyses conducted on the university's proposed expansion of 2.275 million square feet of net new academic support space, 2,600 student beds, and 550 faculty/staff housing units.

The county recently underwent a 45-day public feedback period, during which it collected a second round of comment responding to its analysis of the environmental impacts of two alternatives to the original plans Stanford submitted: adding 2,549 housing units beyond the 3,150 initially proposed, or adding 1,275 units beyond the housing units proposed.

This analysis was done at the request of some residents who insisted that Stanford's growth would further worsen the skewed ratio of far more jobs than housing units in the region, thereby exacerbating the abundance of traffic and shortage of affordable housing. The analysis found that adding more residents to campus than initially proposed would further worsen local traffic.

Menlo Park's letter to Santa Clara County argues that these findings point to a fundamental flaw of the environmental review process and asserts that housing for Stanford's new students and workers would be

Eight qualify to run for Menlo Park's three open council seats

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park is expected to have a full roster of candidates running in its inaugural year of district-based elections.

Following the Aug. 10 deadline to submit the required paperwork to run for a City Council seat, of the nine potential candidates who pulled papers to run, all but one submitted candidate paperwork and qualified to run for office.

They are:

■ **District 1**, which includes Belle Haven and the rest of Menlo Park east of U.S. 101: Cecilia Taylor, Mike Dunn and George Yang.

Taylor ran unsuccessfully for City Council in 2016. Since

then, she has founded Belle Haven Action, a nonprofit that is focused on improving quality of life in the neighborhood.

Dunn is an apparent newcomer to Menlo Park's civic scene.

Yang is a current member of the city's Sister City Committee. In 2012, he ran as a Republican for the state Assembly District 24 seat, losing to incumbent Rich Gordon.

■ **District 2**, which includes the Willows, Flood Triangle and Suburban Park neighborhoods: Drew Combs and Kirsten Keith.

Combs is a member of the city's Planning Commission and works at Facebook.

Keith is a current member of the City Council. She was first

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needed, regardless of whether it were built on Stanford lands or elsewhere. Simply studying the impacts of adding more housing to the immediate area ignores the broader housing demand that would be prompted by Stanford's growth, and fails to evaluate the burdens other cities in the region — Menlo Park included — would take on to add housing and infrastructure to accommodate those new people, the letter says.

The city's letter further argues that Stanford's growth could continue to pressure the city and other Menlo Park entities, such as school districts, to provide services that the university wouldn't help pay for. Stanford is exempt from paying property taxes on land it uses for academic purposes, including housing for its students, faculty and staff. This particularly causes problems for some of the local schools that rely on property taxes and donations to operate.

Stanford's near-constant growth has become a point of tension and growing distrust of the university by Menlo Park. Last fall, the City Council approved the university's "Middle Plaza" development proposal, an 8-acre redevelopment of a huge swath of Menlo Park's downtown core, along El Camino Real between Big 5 Sporting Goods and Stanford Park Hotel.

Shortly thereafter, in November, the council reversed a decision to

annex about 16 acres of Stanford property along the south side of Sand Hill Road between Sharon Park Drive and Alpine Road, and reversed its approval of a proposed 40,000-square-foot office building at 2131 Sand Hill Road. The decision was made in part because some council members were surprised to hear about another Stanford development planned on Quarry Road.

That proposed building, which would have housed the "Center for Academic Medicine," was ultimately approved by Santa Clara County despite an appeal from Menlo Park to the Board of Supervisors.

The city made the appeal on the grounds that the environmental impacts to the city had not been sufficiently evaluated, and that the current and anticipated future traffic levels stated in the analysis were inaccurate. The city hadn't been told about the project, nor the fact that Stanford moved the proposed building closer to Sand Hill Road from the far side of campus than originally intended, until a county hearing on the project.

The deadline to submit comments on the recirculated parts of the draft environmental impact report was July 26. The county's final environmental impact report is expected to be released in September, according to Stanford. ■

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Eliminating the lobby planned to join Atherton's new police headquarters to other town offices is one of the suggestions made for reducing the cost of the new building.

Civic center cost-cutting on Atherton council agenda

By Barbara Wood

Almanac Staff Writer

Atherton's City Council will work on the difficult task of trying to figure out how to reduce the costs of its planned new civic center at a special meeting on Friday morning, Aug. 17.

Specifics on ways to modify the design of the library to cut costs will be discussed at the meeting as well more general information about ways to do the same thing for the new police headquarters and other town offices. The council is scheduled to meet in closed session at 8 a.m. to discuss City Manager George Rodericks' performance evaluation, with the open meeting expected to start at 8:30 a.m.

If the timetable can be met, and a bid affordable to the town comes in, the project will be at least six months behind schedule.

The council is also scheduled to vote on canceling its November City Council election because only three candidates have filed for the three open seats: incumbents Rick DeGolia, Bill Widmer and Mike Lempres.

The town has been scrambling since early June when the lowest of the only two bids the town received to construct the new civic center, at \$56.4 million, was 40 percent higher than the town consultant's \$40.5 million estimate. The town had prequalified five firms to bid, but three of them dropped out.

The City Council voted to reject both bids and to "value engineer" the project to reduce its cost. The town's goal is to have the design changes completed and approved by December so the project can be rebid, this time to any qualified firms that want to participate, in January.

If the timetable can be met, and a bid affordable to the town comes in, the project will be at least six months behind schedule.

Library savings options

Among the options that have been identified as possible ways to cut costs of the library are:

■ Defer renovating the historic town hall (the current council chambers), which was to become a library community room. Possible savings: \$1.8 million.

■ Remove 1,610 square feet of adult reading and meeting space. Possible savings: \$1.5 million.

■ Delete outdoor gathering spaces including decks, shade garden, fencing, furnishings and plantings. Possible savings: \$1 million.

■ Reduce environmentally efficient features. Possible savings: \$1.8 million, with increased annual operating costs.

■ Downgrade energy efficiency of windows and access to indoor/outdoor spaces. Possible savings: \$900,000, with higher energy costs.

■ Replace rammed earth wall. Possible savings: \$900,000, with higher energy costs, less interior design flexibility.

Police/town offices options

Among the options for savings on the police headquarters and other town offices that are being studied are:

■ Separate the town offices and police headquarters into two buildings so the town offices need not be built to the standards required of a public safety building, and allowing elimination of the lobby that joins the two. Possible savings: \$1 million.

■ Eliminate renovations and screening of the corporation yard. Possible savings: \$840,000.

■ Defer building new council chambers and emergency operations center and hold town meetings in Holbrook-Palmer Park buildings. Possible savings: \$1.7 million. ■

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Menlo Park ordinance in the works to make landlords assist displaced renters

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

Menlo Park is in the process of developing an ordinance that, if passed, could require landlords who evict tenants without cause or impose rent increases over a certain level to give cash to those displaced.

While the city's Housing Commission discussed the terms of such a potential ordinance on Aug. 8, it left some matters still unresolved. The plan is to conduct public outreach before the matter is brought to the City Council, according to Clay Curtin, interim housing and economic development manager.

An early draft the ordinance could be far-reaching in terms of the people it could impact. Tenants would be eligible to receive the cash equivalent of three, and in some cases, four months' market-rate rent from their landlords if they are evicted for a reason other than failing to pay rent, breaching a rental agreement or being a nuisance, or if they are vacating temporarily to allow for needed repairs. They would also be eligible for assistance if they are presented with any rent increase greater than the annual increase in the regional consumer price index (an indicator of natural increases in living costs) plus 5 percent, over the course of a year.

The landlord would then have to give a cash payment of three times whatever is considered the current Menlo Park market rate rent for the unit, or three times the tenant's rent, whichever is more, and a 60-day subscription to a rental agency service.

The commission also supports requiring the landlord to give an additional month's rent to displaced households that have at least one person who is over 62 years old, under 18, or disabled.

During the course of the Housing Commission's discussion, some commissioners said they favor broadening the terms of who would be eligible for assistance.

While the draft policy indicates that a tenant would have had to live in the same place for 36 months to be eligible for relocation assistance, several commissioners said they favor having no residency duration requirements.

The potential ordinance might apply more broadly than just to cash-strapped households. Housing Commissioner Karen

Grove said she wants the ordinance to apply to any household earning less than one and a half or two times the area median income.

According to a staff report, the housing commissioners support having the ordinance apply to all rental units throughout the city, while staff recommends limiting the ordinance to target only rental properties of four or more units. If the commission sticks with its recommendation, staff suggest excluding housing already considered "affordable" through an agreement, secondary dwelling units, or households that rent a room to a third party.

Public responses

Three people who introduced themselves as part of the Redwood Landing Tenants Union spoke in favor of the potential ordinance, in addition to further legislative protections for renters. Sandra Zamora and Lilian Flores, renters at newly acquired apartments on Pierce Road in Belle Haven, said their rents were recently increased by \$800 a month. Zamora said she is now paying the higher cost.

Flores said she considers herself lucky because she and her fiancé were able to negotiate ending a contract that would otherwise have carried a roughly \$5,000 penalty when they discovered, after agreeing to the new rent, that they couldn't afford it. The couple moved out of the apartment and are now sharing a bedroom in someone else's home, she said.

She added that they would not be able to save up for a wedding or pay their debts if they kept paying rent at that level.

Luis Carriel, a lifelong Menlo Park resident who said he lives in a nearby apartment purchased by the same owners, told The Almanac that under the new owners, rent at his two-bedroom apartment was doubled to \$2,600 from \$1,300, even while the new landlord stopped paying for utilities.

He said he negotiated for a \$100 deduction in the rent increase to \$2,500 a month, partly because he has been a tenant there for about 12 years.

Evan and Carol Collins, local landlords, expressed concerns about a provision that would require even landlords who rent to tenants at below market rate to provide tenants relocation assistance at market rate levels.

Rhovy Lyn Antonio, vice

president of public affairs at the California Apartment Association, told the commission that while the association does not oppose a relocation assistance program, she believes that the commission's approach had deviated from the direction the City Council initially gave at a study session it held in January 2017. She said that the program should apply only to housing being sold or renovated, and opposed the inclusion of rent increases of 5 percent plus increases in the consumer price index as a trigger for the ordinance.

"That, to us, is a form of rent control," she said, adding that she hoped there would be more community outreach with local rental property owners.

Another question is how the city would realistically implement such a policy. According to Clay Curtin, interim housing and economic development manager, he and a provisional employee, Mike Noce, represent the city's entire housing department. Other cities have more robust groups and staff to help enact and enforce housing policy, such as rent stabilization boards.

Also, the city isn't in the practice of researching and maintaining information on current market-rate rents in the city or calculating what percentage of income a tenant spends on rent.

Curtin said that the legal language in the draft ordinance is drawn from several local cities that have tenant relocation assistance ordinance policies, such as Redwood City, Mountain View and San Leandro.

Redwood City passed a tenant relocation assistance ordinance in March, which will take effect in January. That policy applies only to apartment buildings of five or more units in situations where housing is being permanently taken off the rental market. To qualify, a tenant must have lived in the apartment for a year or more and earn no more than 80 percent of the area median income.

For households that qualify, a landlord would have to provide the cash equivalent of three months' rent, or four for households with a senior, child or person who is disabled; a refund on the tenant's security deposit; a 60-day subscription to a rental agency service; and an administrative fee.

Mountain View updated its policy in May. Mountain View

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Menlo fire district drones capture wildfire damage

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Drone pilots from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and from sheriff's offices in the East Bay have been documenting the damage from wildfires in ways more efficient and effective than in 2017, after the fire that destroyed parts of Santa Rosa.

In and around the city of Redding and other parts of Shasta County, the Carr Fire has caused eight deaths and destroyed nearly 1,600 structures, according to news reports.

Residents, insurance companies and government agencies have been able to survey the damage from Redding's official website, where an interactive online map displays links to photos taken by drones flying over the fire-damaged areas.

By selecting a pushpin from the map, which currently has about 60 pushpins, people can access a high-resolution, panoramic view of a particular area from about 200 feet up, with the ability to look around in any direction and zoom down to treetop level.

This catalog of images is the result of sophisticated drone

software and skilled assistance from technical staff working in Redding City Hall, fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman of the Menlo Park fire district said. "Those people were very polished and tech savvy," he said of the Redding staff.

At sites of fire-damaged homes, the drone first took a panoramic photo, then flew a programmed grid pattern, capturing video while going back and forth above the area in the manner of a tractor plowing a field, Schapelhouman said. The result, he wrote in a statement, was "a zoom-in, zoom-out, 360-degree, stitched-together aerial mosaic." The Menlo fire district's drones were in use Aug. 3 through Aug. 5.

Menlo Park drone pilots also examined the aftermath of the Santa Rosa fire in 2017 in a similar manner, but having help from Redding City Hall this time around allowed pilots to concentrate on flying and leave data handling to the experts, Schapelhouman said. The result, he said, was a collaboration and partnership that led to more efficient and focused use of pilots' time.

The drone users encountered just one instance of a civilian

trying to use a drone to enter the airspace above the damaged areas. That drone was detected because fire district pilots use software that alerts them to such attempts, Schapelhouman said.

That drone never actually had a chance to enter the restricted airspace. Some drones sold to civilians, including this one, Schapelhouman said, are equipped with software that prevents them from flying in areas digitally cordoned off by temporary flight restrictions, one of which was in effect during the mapping operations.

Next steps

Since establishing a drone crew in 2014, the Menlo Park district has been a pioneer in the use of these aircraft by a fire-fighting agency. Over the years, Menlo Park pilots have flown over hazardous materials incidents, flooded areas and water rescues in addition to active fires and burned areas.

A next step, coming later this year for the Menlo Park district's 17-member drone operations team, is a specialized van for their aircraft and operators, Schapelhouman said.

The district is also talking with the state's Department of



Menlo Park Fire Protection District drone team

Drone pilot Captain Chris Dennebaum of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District prepares to fly a camera-equipped drone over areas damaged by the Carr Fire in and around Redding.

Transportation about constructing a drone "nest" on a pedestal inaccessible to the public, but in the vicinity of the Dumbarton Bridge that connects Menlo Park to Fremont.

The idea, Schapelhouman said, is to launch the drone when there's an accident on the bridge so as to give first responders a view of the situation. "It would let us gauge the depth of the response a lot better than a phone call through

a dispatcher (reporting) what somebody has said," Schapelhouman said.

The Dumbarton Bridge, he said, is a specific challenge in that there are "a lot of wrecks out there"; it's located over water; it's not regularly patrolled by law enforcement; and once committed, firefighting vehicles have to drive all the way across, turn around in Fremont and drive back, a trip that can last between 30 and 90 minutes. ■

Proposed firefighter contract boosts compensation \$17M over five years

By Barbara Wood
Almanac Staff Writer

A proposed five-year contract with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's firefighters' union representing 102 employees includes a wage and benefits package whose cost would increase by \$17 million in cumulative additional spending over the five years.

Under the proposed contract compensation costs would rise from the current annual \$20.17 million to \$26.16 million by June 2023.

That averages out to \$58,726 in increased annual spending for each of the union employees — from the current spending of \$197,745 per person to \$256,471 per person.

The contract would be retroactive to June 24, 2018, and go through June 23, 2023. The union's last contract ran from July 9, 2014, to June 23 of this year.

The firefighters' union does not include the district's non-firefighting employees or those above the level of captain, but does include fire inspectors and a deputy fire marshal. A staff report from Chief Harold Schapelhouman on the proposed agreement says that 67

percent of the district's revenues this fiscal year will be used to cover personnel costs for all its employees.

An independent analysis of the proposed contract — done for the district by Municipal Resource Group, LLC — determines that the contract would increase the district's spending on compensation for those in the firefighters' union by \$17.04 million by the end of the contract, but that a little over \$7 million of that increase would have occurred if the recently expired contract had been extended.

The compensation amounts in the analysis do not include overtime, but do include benefits.

The district's costs under the proposed contract would go up an average of 5.35 percent a year, a report on the proposed contract says, noting that the current Bay Area consumer price index in June was up by 3.9 percent over the previous year.

Highest average wages in state

While the state of California has not yet posted the fire district's pay data for 2017, in 2016 the Menlo Park Fire Protection District had the highest average wages of any state or local

agency in California, according to the state controller's website. The fire district's average wages, which in the state report includes overtime and other cash payouts but not benefits, were \$169,752 in 2016, more than \$20,000 over the average wages of the second-highest agency, the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

The contract shows base pay for firefighters would increase by 3 percent in 2018-19 (retroactive to June 24), 2019-20 and 2020-21, then by 1.5 percent in July 2021 and January 2022, and by another 2 percent in July 2022.

More pay for medical credentials

In addition to the increases in base pay, firefighters would also get increases in their pay for being an emergency medical technician or paramedic in July 2020 and July 2021. All of the district's current firefighters are EMTs or paramedics. The extra pay is based on the maximum possible salary for an engineer (the highest-paid firefighter below captain level), and is currently 3 percent of that salary for EMTs and 11 percent for paramedics. That extra pay would go up to 5 percent for

EMTs and 13 percent for paramedics by July 2021.

Currently, EMTs are paid an additional \$320.40 a month and paramedics are paid an additional \$1,174.79 a month. By July 2022, under the proposed contract, that would go up to an additional \$613.17 per month for EMTs and an additional \$1,594.25 per month for paramedics.

Comments on the agreement may be made through the 'contact' link on the district's website, menlofire.org, or by emailing mkneier@menlofire.org.

In 2022, the proposed contract also adds a higher step category for firefighter engineers and the fire marshal, giving any employees already at the top of those categories an additional 5 percent raise.

As long as they receive an annual evaluation of "satisfactory," the district's firefighters get an additional 5 percent "step increase" each year until

they have topped out in the pay scale, and would continue to do so under the proposed contract. District officials say that about 50 percent of the firefighters are at the top of the pay scale.

Benefit increases

The proposed contract also includes increases in benefits for the firefighters:

Maximum health plan coverage would go up \$100 a year from the current \$2,300 a month, to \$2,700 a month by 2022, with the rate for 2023 set at whatever Kaiser charges for a family plan.

Post Employment Health Plan contributions would go up from the current \$442 a month to \$675 a month by the end of the contract.

The stipend for living within 60 air miles of the district would go up from the current \$300 a month to \$500 a month by the end of the contract.

The contract also makes official an agreement the district's board approved in 2017 for a fire captain to work 40 hours (four 10-hour days) a week as a training captain, but continue to be paid at a rate of 56 hours a week. At that time, the district said

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The Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley will consider these courses of action during the regularly scheduled August 22, 2018 Town Council meeting and will either make the appointments or direct the election to be held. If appointed, the persons appointed shall qualify and take office and serve as if elected at a municipal election.

Sharon Hanlon
 Portola Valley Town Clerk

August 15, 2018

Six-hour fire board meeting yields fresh ideas for future

By Barbara Wood
 Almanac Staff Writer

While the six-hour Menlo Park Fire Protection District board meeting on Saturday, July 28, was billed as a “Board Strategic Planning Study Session,” the session ended with the district no closer to a strategic plan that it had been before the meeting.

A wide-ranging discussion by board members did, however, surface some new ideas for the board to further ponder, including whether the district might want to take “fire” out of its name and have an administrator, not a fire chief, as its top executive, or offer to help the communities it serves by spending money on projects that could help the district operate more effectively.

Board members started the meeting by discussing a strategic plan, which a recent critical report by the San Mateo County civil grand jury said the district sorely needs.

Board member Rob Silano cautioned that the board needs to be careful not to interfere with the multiyear accreditation process the district has begun, which mandates that a strategic plan be in place. “We don’t want to mess up our accreditation process,” he said.

Board member Peter Carpenter said the district already has a financial plan, a capital equipment and station plan, a fire response plan, a medical plan and a community disaster response plan in place. “Simply codifying the things that we have done would be a very helpful process, as opposed to creating something new,” he said.

Carpenter said that much of what the district faces is out of its hands. “We have no control over growth,” he said. “I think it’s important to recognize that a lot of what we do is driven by other people. If something is driven by other people, you can’t plan for it,” he said.

Water is lifeblood

Some board members recommended that the district use

some of its funds to help the communities it serves (Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Atherton and adjacent unincorporated areas) make improvements that would also help emergency responders.

One suggested area of improvement is the water delivery system. District officials said because the system in some of the communities it serves is substandard, the district has been unable to receive the highest ranking from the Insurance Service Office (ISO), which some insurance companies use to set fire insurance premiums.

‘What can we do to collaborate to help our firefighters, for one thing, in terms of getting through traffic?’

BOARD MEMBER
 VIRGINIA CHANG KIRALY

Silano suggested the district might help pay for water infrastructure improvements. “Not only do we get a class one rating out of it,” but the communities get better water service, he said.

“Water is the lifeblood of the firefighter,” Chief Harold Schapelhouman said.

Carpenter raised another possible solution. “Maybe the best way to solve the problem is we buy them. But do we want to go into the water business, I don’t know,” he said.

Board member Virginia Chang Kiraly said she agreed the district might spend some of its money helping the communities it serves, with water a high priority. “Water is going to be our biggest challenge,” she said. “Without adequate water, we can’t do our job.”

The district could also help fund projects to alleviate traffic backups, she said. “What can we do to collaborate to help our firefighters, for one thing, in terms of getting through traffic?” Chang Kiraly said.

But board member Robert Jones warned that the district

didn’t want to be seen as carpetbaggers “who try to solve problems with money.”

“We need to kind of caution ourselves, we’re not this ‘big daddy’ to come in with a lot of money to plunk down for whatever the issue is,” he said. “Better to help them create a solution.”

Carpenter said the district could offer to pay for a “state-of-the-art communications antenna” for Atherton’s new civic center.

Emergency Services District?

The board recently renewed Schapelhouman’s contract for an additional three years, but board members said they need to start planning for his eventual retirement.

Board president Chuck Bernstein suggested when the district replaces Schapelhouman, it may want to hire an administrator as the district’s top employee supervising a fire chief.

“We are larger than many, many small cities,” Bernstein said. “I want to talk about an alternative (organizational chart),” he said.

“We should be looking at ourselves as a little city,” he said.

Jones expressed some skepticism. “What company are we going to call this new organization?” he asked.

With fewer than 2 percent of the district’s calls being for fires, Bernstein said, a name change seems reasonable. “I could see us being called Midpeninsula’s Emergency Services District,” Bernstein said.

Chang Kiraly suggested the fire district could eliminate its deputy chief position, which was added after Schapelhouman was paralyzed in a fall from a ladder in 2013 and missed eight months of work.

“I would like to question whether we need a deputy chief,” Chang Kiraly said.

At the end of the meeting, Bernstein asked that a report summarizing the meeting be presented at the board’s next meeting for a discussion of next steps. ■

COUNCIL SEATS

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elected in 2010.

■ **District 4**, which includes the downtown and Allied Arts neighborhoods: Ron Shepherd, Betsy Nash, and Peter Ohtaki.

Shepherd is a member of the city’s Finance & Audit Committee, and served four terms on the West Bay Sanitary District board starting in 2000.

Nash is a member of the city’s Complete Streets Commission. Ohtaki is a current member of

the City Council, and is serving as mayor this year. He was first elected in 2010.

Rachel Horst, a current member of the city’s Housing Commission, pulled papers to run for District 4, but didn’t file them. ■

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Candace Berg, psychologist and biking enthusiast, dies

Longtime Portola Valley resident rose to challenges to live an accomplished life

Candace Linvill Berg of Portola Valley demonstrated early in life that she had what it took to rise to a challenge and thrive. Born in 1952 to John and Marjorie Linvill, she was struck in infancy with retinoblastoma, losing the gift of sight. But with the strong support of her parents, in addition to a strong will, she lived an accomplished life as a clinical psychologist, musician, and volunteer on behalf of other visually and hearing-impaired people, according to her husband, Christopher Berg.

Candace Berg, who with her husband built a home at Portola Valley Ranch in 1984, died on July 30 following a 15-year battle with leiomyosarcoma, her husband said. She was 66.

"Candy led an extraordinary life in the service of others, a life enriched by her intelligence, personal warmth, and fearlessness in facing challenges with great courage and a compassionate heart," Chris Berg wrote in a tribute to his wife.

The Linvill family moved

to Menlo Park in 1955 when John Linvill joined Stanford University's electrical engineering faculty, and to Portola Valley in 1957, Berg said. "Inspired by his daughter's courage and motivated by his desire to help Candy achieve her full potential, John Linvill conceptualized a reading machine that would give blind people direct access to print, rather than relying on Braille transcription," he wrote. His father-in-law, who died in 2011, worked with a team at Stanford and SRI to develop a portable reading machine, called an Optacon, that allows blind people to read print directly, Berg said.

But before young Candace was involved in the development and testing of the Optacon her father was working on, her mother taught her to read and write Braille. Marjorie Linvill, who died in 2016, took



Candace Berg

classes in Braille transcription to convert her daughter's classroom materials, "thus allowing Candy to be 'mainstreamed' in the local public school" rather than being sent to a special school, Berg said.

Candace Berg attended Portola Valley schools through middle school, then attended Woodside High School. It was there she met her future husband. She graduated from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, with honors, and humanities, her husband said. After graduation, the couple married, and Candace went on to earn a master's degree and a doctorate in clinical psychology. After a post-doctoral internship at the veterans hospital in Menlo Park, she pursued her career in the psychiatry department at Kaiser Redwood City, focusing on the treatment of addiction and depression, until her retirement.

Candace Berg served on the Board of Trustees of Sensory Access Foundation, an

organization founded by her mother to work with visually and hearing-impaired people to expand employment opportunities by utilizing access technology, her husband said. She also served on its advisory council for many years and was active in fundraising.

Other pursuits included reading and music — Chris Berg noted that his wife played several instruments, including flute, guitar, recorder and harp. She also was a "passionate cyclist from the age of 7,"

he said, and the couple rode tandem for almost 50 years, traveling internationally with their bicycle.

In addition to her husband, Candace Berg is survived by her brother, Greg Linvill (Betty) of Belmont, and two nieces.

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to Leiomyosarcoma Support and Direct Research Foundation (lmsdr.org), or Mission Hospice and Home Care (MissionHospice.org). A memorial service is planned for October.

DISPLACED

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now requires landlords to provide tenant relocation assistance to lease-compliant households that earn 120 percent or less than the area's median

income, in the form of a full refund of a tenant's security deposit, a 60-day subscription to a rental agency, the cash equivalent of three months' median market-rate rent for a similarly sized apartment, and an additional \$3,000 for

households with at least one person over 62 years of age, under 18, or disabled.

The city plans to begin public outreach on the potential ordinance after a revised draft is reviewed by a Housing Commission subcommittee. ■

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A catered meal, beer and wine will be served at outdoor tables.

The event supports nature hikes for kids at Huddart Park, Folger School History Program tours, the Hikes with Friends program, the Folger Stable Museum and speaker series.

Go to tinyurl.com/BarnDance26 to buy tickets. They cost \$75 and are available online until Aug. 25 at 4 p.m.

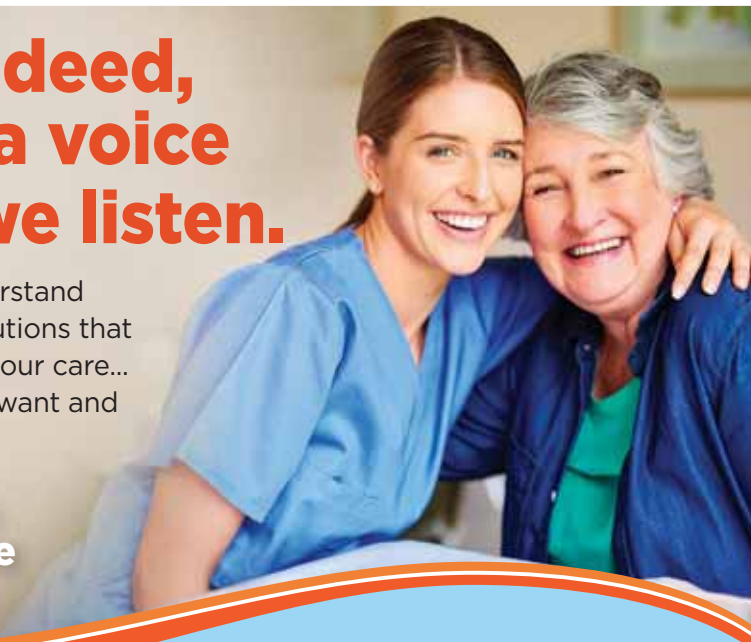
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— By Kate Daly

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“Stanford has saved my life, not once but twice. They’ve also given my daughter life.”

—Yolanda

Stanford Heart Transplant Patient Is Doubly Thankful for Second Chance at Life

Just 28 at the time of her transplant at Stanford Hospital in 1991, Yolanda went on to become the first heart transplant recipient to have a child at Stanford.

Today, her “miracle baby” is 27 years old, and Yolanda is a grandmother. She continues to thrive after receiving a second heart transplant and kidney transplant in 2015.

“Stanford has saved my life not once, but twice,” said Yolanda. “They’ve also given my daughter life. It was unheard of to have a baby back then after a heart transplant. I wouldn’t have my grandson Jonah or the second grandchild due this July. Without Dr. Shumway doing his miracle work, three generations would not be here.”

More than two decades after Norman Shumway, MD, PhD, a cardiothoracic surgeon at Stanford, performed the first successful adult human heart transplant in the United States on January 6, 1968, Yolanda’s story began. Fifty years later, heart transplantation often remains the only treatment available for end-stage heart disease.

Yolanda’s heart transplant cardiologist, Dr. Sharon Hunt, MD, PhD, a Stanford medical student when the first transplant was performed, said, “Heart transplantation opened up a potential life-saving treatment for people who were dying of heart disease.”

Life was “literally hell”

For Yolanda, a nagging cold that would not go away was the first sign that something was wrong. After multiple trips to the doctor, she was diagnosed with an enlarged heart. It could no longer pump blood effectively to her body. She went from working full time and enjoying life, to barely being able to walk from one room to another without getting out of breath.

“Life before my first heart transplant was literally hell,” she said. “I couldn’t function as a person on a day-to-day basis with the heart that I had.” When medical therapy failed to improve her condition,

Yolanda’s doctor referred her to Stanford. At her first appointment, she knew she was in the right place. “I believed they would make me better,” she said. “I love my entire transplant team. Without them I would not be here.”

When she became pregnant a year after her heart transplant, she asked Dr. Hunt, “Can I keep it?” At the time, the Stanford transplant team discouraged patients from conceiving a child because of the risk of complications such as rejection, infection, and graft dysfunction, a life-threatening complication that affects the heart’s ability to circulate blood effectively. But Yolanda was willing to do whatever it would take to have a baby, and Dr. Hunt was ready to help.

“That’s how I had my daughter Monique,” said Yolanda. “She is the first baby born to a heart transplant recipient at Stanford. The delivery room was packed with 28 people, all of whom wanted to witness the historic birth.”

Yolanda was fine for years with her new heart and Dr. Hunt continued to care for her. But she had a setback in mid 2015 when her heart and kidneys began to fail. Her blood pressure periodically plummeted, causing fainting spells. The first occurred in the middle of the night. Yolanda woke up on the floor, her dog persistently nudging and licking her. His bark alerted her daughter that something was wrong. “He is my furry savior,” said Yolanda. She received a second heart transplant on November 9, 2015. Because her body was also showing signs of kidney failure, her Stanford transplant team made the decision to simultaneously conduct a kidney transplant.

Stanford at “heart” of innovation

Today, approximately 50 patients undergo heart transplantation at Stanford each year, and

the program has performed more than 1,200 heart transplants over five decades. Stanford remains the oldest, continuously operating heart transplant center in the world, and its physicians are responsible for many of the innovations that continue to improve long-term survival. Research conducted by Dr. Shumway and his team led to the use of the anti-rejection drug cyclosporine and to an innovative biopsy technique that allows doctors to spot rejection in a transplanted organ earlier and administer anti-rejection measures to save the heart.

Stanford doctors also performed the first successful simultaneous transplant of the heart and lungs, and the first successful implantation of a left ventricular assist device. A Stanford pathologist created the classification system used to determine rejection, and Stanford researchers developed a noninvasive way to detect rejection earlier than previously possible.

“Stanford really is the birthplace of heart transplantation,” said Kiran Khush, MD, a transplant cardiologist who works as part of a team of physicians, nurses, physical therapists, social workers, dieticians, and pharmacists to care for patients before, during, and after heart transplantation.

For Yolanda’s daughter Monique, Stanford is simply home. “It’s where my son Jonah was born. It’s where I was born,” she said. “And it’s where my mom got both of her new lives. Stanford is definitely a special place for us.”



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Passing on a legacy

(and some basic kitchen knowhow)

By Kate Bradshaw

Photo by Natalia Nazarova

On the cover Menlo Park resident Rebecca Bloom displays the book she and former college roommate Shelley Onderdonk co-authored to teach their Millennial kids to cook. Bloom's daughter Olivia contributed illustrations. **Above:** Bloom adds a dash of pepper to a spread of homemade hummus, spinach and tomatoes on toast.

Once upon a time, back in 1985, Yale roommates Rebecca Bloom of New York and Shelley Onderdonk of San Mateo had approximately no money, one

pot, one pan and a couple of knives between them.

Fortunately, they didn't take the easy way out and subsist on Top Ramen. The duo navigated their early independence together, a big part of which was bonding over the task of learning to cook.

Thirty or so years later, they're still friends — Bloom now lives in Menlo Park's Willows neighborhood and Onderdonk in South Carolina — and both are in the later stages of raising their families. Working moms, Bloom is a writer, editor, tutor, activist and former attorney, while Onderdonk is a veterinarian, writer, rider and yoga instructor.

Both women say they were struck when their oldest kids, now through college and trying to make it in New York — a place where, for young people launching their careers, rent leaves little extra

'We really both went through periods of struggling to feed our families, work and balance it all. We wrote this book so the next generation doesn't have to struggle.'

CO-AUTHOR SHELLEY ONDERDONK

money for eating out — came to their mothers, asking very basic, "eggheaded" questions about how they should feed themselves.

Recalling their own processes of figuring out how to eat well, cheaply and in ways that aligned with their values, they decided to team up to write what they ended up calling "The Anti-Cookbook: Easy, Thrifty Recipes for Food-Smart Living."

They self-published the book using Createspace, and it is available for purchase at Cafe Zoe in Menlo Park,

Kepler's Books in Menlo Park, and through Amazon.

The end product is more than just an explainer for clueless Millennials, who are often lampooned for spending excessively on trendy foods like nitro coffee, kombucha and avocado toast.

In addition to basic cooking advice, the authors sprinkle — like their spice combination recommendations — their book with reminiscences of their own culinary memories, handy recipes, and screenshots of cooking-related text Q&As with their kids.



Photo by Joyo Wijaya

Onderdonk and Bloom hosted a book launch recently at Cafe Zoe, where they explained to the audience that they're not anti-cooking, but rather, fans of recipe improvisation and casually wholesome meal preparation.

Through it all emerges a shared manifesto tying food and cooking to health, wellness, feminism, ethics and independence.

The book draws its title from a coloring book one of the authors had bought for her kids, called the “Anti-Coloring Book,” which encouraged kids to color outside of the lines, literally. Adopting a similar improvisational approach, the Anti-Cookbook encourages its users to riff on and experiment with the recommendations in its pages, the authors say.

“We aren’t chefs, and that’s kind of the point,” Onderdonk told attendees at a crowded launch party for the book held recently at Cafe Zoe in the Willows neighborhood of Menlo Park.

“We really both went through periods of struggling to feed our families, work and balance it all,” she said. “We wrote this book so the next generation doesn’t have to struggle.”

Their kids, they say, are high-achievers who, like many their age, studied Shakespeare but perhaps not home economics in school. Public schools don’t offer it anymore, even though, they argue, a substantial part of one’s happiness, health and financial future depends on how one chooses to feed oneself. Their book seeks to fill in some part of that knowledge gap.

They insist that cooking needn’t be painfully time-consuming, elaborate or intimidating. In that respect, they stand against some of the showier elements of cooking.

Food can be a trigger for complicated emotions, which they admit can sometimes be wielded to invoke shame. Food imagery presented through Instagram or glossy cookbooks can prompt feelings similar to those experienced while seeing other people’s vacation photos, and can leave some people feeling discouraged by their own cooking because it may not be as beautiful or tasty as someone else’s.

“It’s not a measure of the quality of your soul every time you cook a meal. It does not decide if you’re a good or bad nurturer or if your heart is pure,” Bloom says.

There are recipes that are simple and open to new iterations, able to be modified with whatever’s in the fridge.

“So throw in those dried cranberries, add more spinach for color, or try a substitution that aligns with your values, resources, or whims,” they write.

Alternatively, Bloom says, it’s also OK to not add lemon zest to a recipe, simply because you don’t feel like zesting a lemon.

“We want to empower people to make healthy food that is not complicated, that’s not going to take six hours and an extra trip to the grocery store,” Onderdonk says.

Food-smart living

The authors position themselves as advocates of what they’ve termed “food-smart living” — tossing in their own recommendations on which types of produce it makes a difference to buy organic (foods that grow underground whose skins you eat, or are likely sprayed often) and when it’s really worth it to prepare something from scratch (slice your own veggies, shred your own cheese, and blend your own smoothies, but feel free to buy pie crusts, pasta and pizza dough to save some hassle).

Most of their recipes are vegetarian, and don’t rely on costly ingredients. Bloom says that her daughter now spends only \$30 most weeks on groceries in New York City, cooking with recipes in the book.

To teach her daughters to cook, Bloom writes, is to teach them an empowering life skill. “If you have the ability to gather ingredients and feed yourself you are well on your way to being strong and independent. I hope my daughters never feel that they have to rely on someone else to do things for them,” she writes.

And regardless of gender, Onderdonk writes, “If you can allow yourself to dive into your earthy, hygge (a hip Danish word for “creating a cozy home”) side without overextending yourself, you will create enjoyment for yourself and whomever you choose to cook for.”

To the authors, food can be a source of serious comfort, and preparing it a meditative act. “Food can be emotional and physical medicine — an elemental and pretty harmless way of finding your way back to equilibrium,” Bloom writes.

“The act of your hands peeling a carrot, slicing some bread, or whisking up a concoction connects you to those who did those things for you when you were too small to do them yourself. ... It allows you to contemplate your place in the cosmos and to define yourself simply by repeating the actions required to prepare a meal,” she adds.

Another mindfulness-through-food suggestion: “If gratitude journaling isn’t your thing, try toast,” Bloom writes. Add butter and a dash of salt, then relish the simple deliciousness of it all.

Go to is.gd/anticookbook462 to learn more about the book. ■

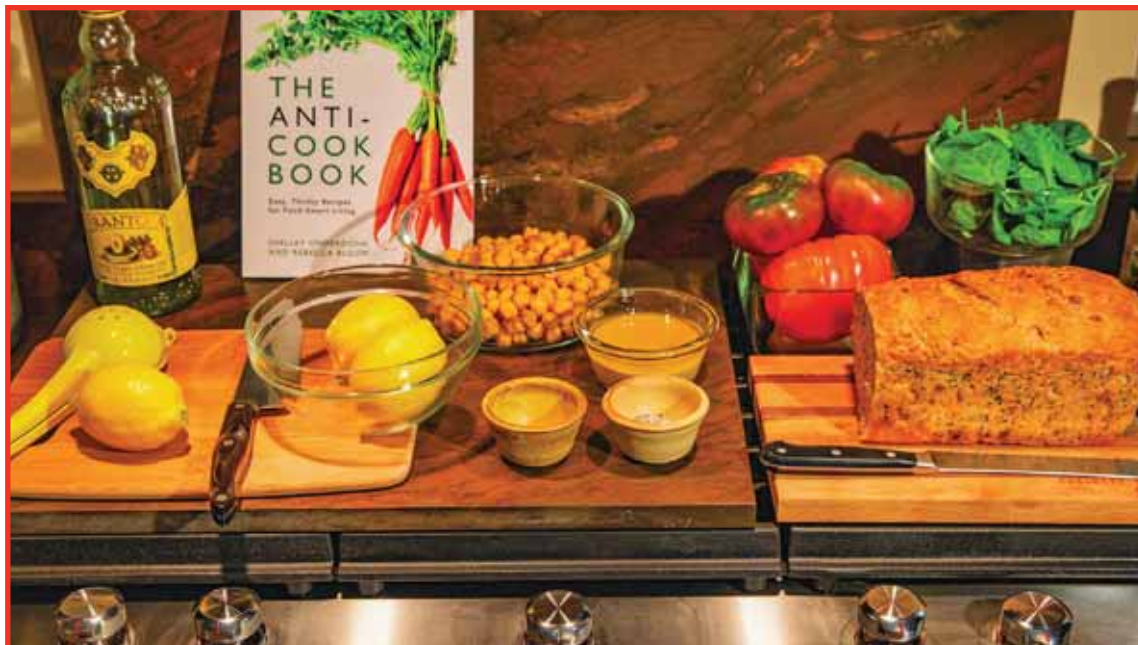


Photo by Natalia Nazarova

Rebecca Bloom prepares homemade hummus from lemons, garbanzo beans, tahini, olive oil, salt, pepper and paprika at her home in Menlo Park’s Willows neighborhood, using a recipe in the cookbook she co-authored.



Photo by Stephanie Lempres



All other photos by Robert Most



A night out in the community

Families, canines and public safety folks gathered together in various Menlo Park locations on Aug. 7 for National Night Out, an annual event held to bring neighborhoods together and help residents get to know local police and

fire personnel.

Roving photographer and Menlo Park resident Robert Most captured images from the events held in the Belle Haven neighborhood and in Willow Oaks Park. Other Menlo Park events were held

at Little House and on the 700 block of Nash Avenue.

For its fifth annual National Night Out, Atherton hosted an event in Holbrook-Palmer Park to build community, meet safety officers, and generally have fun. There was

music of all kinds and food galore including popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy. There were also bouncy houses and face painting.

Later in the evening, a California Highway Patrol helicopter landed, and attendees were

allowed to take pictures and sit in the aircraft.

Fiona Lempres, a fourth-grader at Sacred Heart Schools Lower School in Atherton, contributed to this report. Her mother, Stephanie Lempres, took photos at the Atherton event.

In the photos, clockwise from top left: **Children play** with giant foam blocks at the event in Holbrook-Palmer Park. **Dogs joined the action** during the event in Belle Haven, including Duke the K-9 and a curious fellow eager to get to know Duke, a member of the Menlo Park police force. Meanwhile, a brave little boy reached over for a little pet. **The event in Willow Oaks Park** included a live band and lively dancers. **A little boy decked out** in firefighter gear chatted with Menlo Park Fire Protection District firefighters at the Belle Haven event. **These kids** had a jolly good time in the Belle Haven event's bounce house.

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attracting an internal candidate for the 40-hours-a-week job could prove difficult since district firefighters are compensated for working 56-hour weeks (two 24-hour days on, followed by four 24-hour days off) and can receive substantial overtime pay. The proposed contract says

that the training captain would be paid 10 percent more than he or she had been paid before taking on the assignment, would have access to a district vehicle and would be allowed to work overtime during the three days a week off. The agreement would continue indefinitely, with the training captain position being appointed for a two-year term before the position would be

opened up to other potential candidates.

The fire board voted in closed session on July 24 to post the proposed contract for public comment. Fire board President Chuck Bernstein cast the sole no vote on posting the proposed contract.

"I voted not to present it because I did not feel this was the contract we wanted to take to the

public," Bernstein said.

Bernstein said the fire board had not seen the version of the proposed contract that is now posted online, but rather a report with highlights of the proposal. He added that he has not thoroughly looked at the contract.

"It's the board's policy that we listen to the public's views before we finalize our positions," he said.

How to comment

Schapelhouman said comments on the agreement may be made through the "contact" link on the district's website, menlofire.org, or by emailing mkneier@menlofire.org.

The contract will also be discussed by the fire board at a public meeting, probably in September. ■

Neighbors and equestrians contest use of roadside

By Dave Boyce
Almanac Staff Writer

Residents of Marva Oaks Drive, a cul-de-sac off Raymundo Drive in Woodside, are pushing back against demands by some equestrians to add a trail and a horse-trailer parking area to the equestrian accommodations in the area.

At issue is a proposed 500-foot trail that would connect two existing trails, a formal parking place for equestrians who board horses nearby to load and unload their trailers — as they have long been doing informally — and the placement of no parking signs along Marva Oaks, as has been done along Raymundo.

In September, Town Hall staff may bring a compromise proposition to the Town Council, one that could include the requested connector trail, the short-term horse-trailer parking area, and the no parking signs, Town Engineer Sean Rose told The Almanac.

In resisting the trail and parking area, Marva Oaks residents are confronting town policies that cater to equestrians. Woodside's general plan includes policies to enhance the town's equestrian trail network, to protect and expand that network, and to take



Photo by John Huhs

Paul Poletti, a Marva Oaks Drive neighbor, protested a plan for an off-road parking area by parking his backhoe and truck in the space and posting a protest sign.

steps to maintain and improve it.

A majority on the town's Trails Committee support the connector trail and parking area, committee member Don Pugh told The Almanac. The committee, made up of 12 residents appointed by the council, advises town staff and the Planning Commission on land-use decisions as they affect trails, and weighs in on trail-related rules and regulations and on trail maintenance.

Resistance

John Huhs, whose property sits opposite the proposed parking area, noted that a geological map

indicates the parking area is on top of an active landslide. Notable landslides did occur there in the 1980s, Huhs said, a point not disputed by the town.

In the interest of public safety, Huhs said, the town should commission a thorough geotechnical analysis to determine soil stability, and take remedial measures, including constructing a retaining wall anchored to bedrock — a recommendation from a geologist he hired.

Woodside's town geologist disputes the accuracy of the report prepared by Huhs' consulting geologist, Rose said. Huhs'

geologist was misinformed as to what the town planned to do and did not check with the town before reaching his conclusions, Rose said.

Paul Poletti, whose property is adjacent to the proposed parking area and trail, is among those opposed to trail and parking area. Poletti has periodically parked a backhoe and a truck in the proposed parking area, and has mounted a protest sign on his fence.

"It's on a corner of my property, and I'm not going to protest that?" Poletti said. "If the city does something that devalues my property, that's a taking," he added, referencing a clause in the Fifth Amendment that prohibits the taking of private property for public use without just compensation.

All of the land under consideration is within the public right of way, Rose said. As for soil stability, in making the trail, a town crew would not cut into the earth, but would lay down a few inches of compacted base rock along a ridge that runs on the west side of Marva Oaks, Rose said.

There would be some earth moved for the parking area, he said.

'A private road'

The proposed connector trail has been a priority for the Trails Committee for at least eight years, Rose said. It would connect a trail on Raymundo to a trail that leads to Huddart Park and the sculpture garden at Runnymede Farm. Without a trail, equestrians have been using Marva Oaks Drive itself.

Town Hall recently received a petition signed by 57 equestrians to get horses off Marva Oaks pavement and on a trail, Rose said.

It was the residents' request to the town for no parking signs on all of Marva Oaks that led to the petition and to the idea of a formal horse-trailer parking area off the road, Pugh said. Equestrians have parked trailers against a curb on Marva Oaks for years, he said.

Both Huhs and Poletti said that just two equestrians have been making use of the parking on Marva Oaks to load and unload horses, a number that Pugh does not dispute.

Speaking for himself, Pugh said the signs would, in essence, turn Marva Oaks into a private road. If the Marva Oaks residents would

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Town councils to decide on having elections

By Dave Boyce
Almanac staff writer

There will be at least one election for the four open seats on the Woodside Town Council. Whether there will be more, and whether there will be an election at all in Portola Valley, remains to be seen.

With three seats open on the Portola Valley council, the candidate filing period closed Aug. 10 with all three incumbents — Maryann Derwin, Craig Hughes and John Richards — having filed for re-election. With no challengers, the council will decide at its Aug. 22 meeting whether to hold an election, the

town clerk told The Almanac.

The filing period is still open for three open seats on the Woodside council. It closes on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Go to AlmanacNews.com for an update after the filing period closes.

The filing period for District 7 is closed.

Four people have qualified as candidates in the Woodside race, and one has taken out nomination papers but not yet completed the process.

The qualified candidates so far are:

■ Brian Dombkowski seeks a four-year term for District 2: neighborhoods along Woodside Road west of Albion Avenue

and along Kings Mountain and Tripp roads. The district is currently represented by Deborah Gordon.

■ Richard “Dick” Brown seeks a four-year term for District 6: neighborhoods south of Woodside Road and east of Mountain Home Road on both sides of Interstate 280, and the area south of Bardet Road along Canada Road. The district is currently represented by Anne Kasten.

■ Ned Fluet and Frank Rosenblum are running for a two-year term for District 7: neighborhoods along La Honda and Old La Honda roads and areas west of Portola Road. The winner will serve the two years remaining

in the term of Peter Mason, who resigned in March 2018.

Sean P. Scott filed papers but has not yet qualified as a candidate for a four-year term for District 4: neighborhoods along Canada Road and north of Arbor Court and Olive Hill Lane. The district is currently represented by Dave Tanner.

Woodside council candidates must live in the district they seek to represent, but are elected by all of the town’s voters. Go to is.gd/LookUp to determine which district you’re living in.

The Woodside council will decide whether to have elections in districts in which the races are uncontested. ■

Atherton may cancel election

As of the close of the filing period at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10, Atherton had only three candidates for three open City Council seats, so council members will decide at a special meeting on Aug. 21 whether they want to cancel the election and appoint the three incumbents who filed to run or hold the election anyway.

Only incumbents Rick DeGolia, Bill Widmer and Mike Lempres filed for the three seats. If the council votes not to hold the election, it will be the second election in a row in which only the incumbents filed. In 2016, incumbents Elizabeth Lewis and Cary Wiest were the only two candidates, and the council voted to appoint them to their seats.

The Aug. 21 meeting will be at 8 a.m. in the town’s council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

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agree to the connector trail and the off-road parking area, Pugh said, he would not object to the no parking signs.

“I will fight vigorously not to have the town spend my tax dollars for the benefit of the private owners to make Marva Oaks a private road,” he said. “It is wrong if they’re still going to object to the horse trailer parking. It’s all three or nothing.”

Lawsuits ahead?

Huhs seems prepared for a fight if his demand for a comprehensive soil analysis is not met. “All I know is (the parking area) is on an active landslide plane,” he said. “At the very least, as a public safety matter, they have to do a public safety investigation.”

“The day after the Town Council approves this, I’m going to court to stop this thing,” he said, “to stop the town from building this without proper

geotechnical investigation.”

Poletti noted that he had once sued the city of South San Francisco over a trench dug next to his building and won. “I’m really happy with the cards I’m holding,” he said. “I wouldn’t file suit unless I had you beat. ... You’re talking with someone who has sued a municipality and prevailed.”

“I don’t want to go down and punch the (town of Woodside) right between the eyes and have them retaliate. That would be

stupid. I want to be left alone,” he said. “I’m not looking for a fight.”

Town Hall has tried to come up with a plan that is based on “an objective analysis” of the situation and is agreeable to both equestrians and Marva Oaks residents, Rose said. “Unfortunately, those efforts were unsuccessful,” he said. “We’ve heard a lot from both sides. The input we’re getting is pretty far apart. We’re trying to put together a way forward.” ■



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Chair Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Hawaiian Luau (\$12.00) 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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Yogurt Stop owner plans retirement

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

After more than 30 years behind the counter, gracefully topping swirls and dollops of frozen yogurt with sprinkles, M&Ms and other goodies, Menlo Park's Yogurt Stop owner Soheila Khalili has made big retirement plans.

The Iran-born, longtime Menlo Park dweller and current resident of Emerald Hills said she's planning to retire at the end of August, before she embarks on trips to Thailand, Europe, New York and Las Vegas.

"I could never do this stuff when I was here," she said, donning an apron in her shop one recent morning before opening her business at 401 El Camino Real, next to College Avenue. "It takes all my time."

For those who fear the loss of another longtime local business, there may be good news. Khalili is developing a plan to pass the yogurt business on to a successor, but as of early August the details were still being worked out. She declined to provide the name of the person who might be taking over, but noted she'd tell The Almanac when plans

solidified further.

Contrary to what some customers assume when they learn that she plans to leave, it's not because of landlord problems, but because she's ready to retire. "It's time to step away and have a life," she said.

Khalili came to the United States from Iran at age 19, and decided to open up the shop in her early 30s, in 1987. While the yogurt business runs in her family — her relatives run the local Yumi Yogurt franchise — she said she picked up industry knowledge and business savvy on her own.

At the time she opened up shop, she said, there were no other frozen yogurt businesses in town, though there was one in the Stanford Shopping Center.

"There's nothing small about a small business," she said. "You learn how to deal with everything."

That meant picking up knowledge in areas of personnel, purchasing, planning and employee development, plus learning how to deal with the IRS, the health department, and other government agencies, she said.

"I learned a lot from this



Photo by Kate Bradshaw

Soheila Khalili plans to hang up her apron at Yogurt Stop on El Camino Real in Menlo Park at the end of August. If all goes according to plan, the business will be passed to a successor, she said.

business," she said. "Every day is a learning process."

Over the years, she's adapted somewhat to various industry trends, like offering sugar-free yogurt varieties, smoothies and Greek yogurt-based items. She's also hired many young people to work in the shop and watched longtime customers grow up.

Dedicated customer Arla LeCount said she's been a Yogurt Stop regular for more than 20 years. She makes the commute to Yogurt Stop from her home in La Honda as part

of a weekly ritual in which she picks up a quart of frozen yogurt to make into milkshakes with her mother-in-law, who is 99.

Yogurt Stop, she said, holds its place among the ranks of beloved local institutions that have closed in recent years — like Fosters Freeze and The Oasis — and those facing change and uncertainty, like the Alpine Inn.

What keeps her coming back, LeCount said, is Khalili.

"She doesn't sell yogurt. She sells time," LeCount said.

"She knows everyone who comes in here. ... (She asks), 'What's happened with such and such?' It's never just, 'I want yogurt.' Yogurt is the least of it. It really is magic," LeCount added.

The two friends plan to continue to see each other after Khalili's retirement via regularly scheduled breakfasts. Khalili said they might even make plans to catch up at the same location, to support the new owner.

"It takes a lot of guts to take over a business," she added. ▣

CALENDAR

Theater

'Equivocation' In this story set in 1606 England, King James' righthand man William Cecil commissions William Shagspeare to write the "true historie" of Guy Fawkes' infamous Gunpowder Plot. As Shag investigates the story, he discovers that the government's version might be less than truthful. "Equivocation" is a high-stakes drama with contemporary resonances. Through Aug. 19, times vary. \$15-\$35. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

TheatreWorks Presents 'They Promised Her The Moon' in New Works Festival As part of the New Works Festival, TheatreWorks presents a story of a world record-holding pilot ready to join the space race, if only America will let her: the true story of a woman, Jerrie Cobb, who dreamed of stars. Aug. 18, noon. Single event, \$20; Festival passes, \$49. Lucie Stern Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/new-works-festival-2018

Concerts

Portola Valley Summer Concert Series The final installation of the Portola Valley Summer Concert Series will present Extra Large, which specializes in funk, Latin spice and reggae. Aug. 16, 6 p.m. Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

Summer Concert Series: Monreal Latin Jazz (Latin Jazz/Funk) Monreal Latin Jazz, a quintet led by guitarist, composer and music teacher Sebastian Monreal, will perform at the Summer Concert Series. The group blends different rhythms and styles of Central and South America. Aug. 15, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Kelly Park, 100 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park. menlopark.org

Summer Jazz 32nd Anniversary Concert Series Stanford Shopping Center hosts weekly rhythm and blues concerts showcasing a variety of jazz musicians and local favorites in the courtyard between Nordstrom and Crate & Barrel. Thursdays through August 23, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center

Charged Particles: Benefit concert for Eastside College Prep Portola Vineyards' SummerJazz will stage a benefit concert for Eastside College Preparatory School, a no-tuition private high school in East Palo Alto. The concert will be held beside the vineyard in the Palo Alto foothills and will feature jazz group Charged Particles. Aug. 19, 6-7:30 p.m. \$12-\$50. Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Samantha Belding & Maya Segal Live Music Local singer Samantha Belding will perform her favorite musical theater songs at Cafe Zoe. She will be joined by Maya Segal, who will accompany her on electric guitar. They will be donating all performer proceeds from the show to March for Our Lives. Aug. 18, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Festivals & Fairs

SGS Summer Film Festival: 'The Summer of La Boyita' The Stanford Global Studies Summer Film Festival will screen "The Summer of La Boyita," an Argentinian film in which a young girl travels with her father to the countryside and meets her lifelong playmate. The film will be followed by a Q&A discussion with Hector Hoyos, an associate professor at Stanford University's Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages. Aug. 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Bldg. 320, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Talks & Lectures

Dr. Daniel Siegel Author Dr. Daniel Siegel will illustrate tools for people at any level of meditation to help cultivate more focus and presence in their day-to-day lives. Aug. 20, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15-\$50. Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Tomorrow's Computers: More Moore? Center for Software History Director David C. Brock will lead a conversation with Intel senior fellow and Director of Process Architecture and Integration Mark Bohr and William Chappell, director of the Microsystems Technology Office at the Defense Advance Research

Projects Agency (DARPA), about the status of Moore's Law, the limits of silicon and the emerging alternative technologies that will shape the future of computing. Aug. 15, 6 p.m. Free-\$8. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/upcoming

Family

Summer Nights: Kids Night Out The Filoli Gardens will host a Summer Nights event for youth. The event will include a bubble machine, old-fashioned lawn games, Pop-sicles for sale and will feature live music by children's performers Andy Z. and the Andyland Band and Irish Salvage and Craic. There will also be lip-balm making with beekeeper Kendal Sager, a sunset hike for an additional fee and an orchard tour for members only. Aug. 16, 5-8 p.m. Free-\$22. Filoli Gardens, 86 Old Canada Road, Woodside. filoli.org

'Victorian Days at the Old Courthouse' The San Mateo County History Museum will present "Victorian Days at the Old Courthouse," which will include craft activities for children, historical reenactments and Victorian tea. Aug. 19, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free-\$5. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City. historysmc.org/victorian-days

Museums & Exhibits

Susan Richardson: 'Enchanted Conversations and Broken Dreams' Art Ventures Gallery will feature a solo exhibit of the work of artist Susan Richardson. The exhibit, called "Enchanted Conversations and Broken Dreams," will be showing her current body of work inspired by "The Great Gatsby" and "Tender is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. There will be an opening reception on Aug. 15, 6:30-9 p.m., and a closing reception on Sept. 15, 3-5 p.m. Exhibit runs from Aug. 15-Sept. 18. Free. Art Ventures Gallery, 888 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. artventuresgallery.com

Business

Employment Development Department (EDD) Labor Market Information Educational nonprofit JobTrain will be hosting a workshop about the basics of how to effectively use Labor Market Information (LMI) as a

tool to make informed, accurate decisions and how to get a job. Aug. 16, 2-4 p.m. Free. Job-Train, 1200 O'Brien Drive, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Community

Tour de Menlo The 16th Annual Tour de Menlo, a bike tour starting from Menlo-Atherton High School, will be a fully supported ride

with water, rest stops and lunch provided by Luticken's Deli in Menlo Park. All proceeds will go to Rotary need-based college scholarships and nonprofits including the Boys and Girls Club, Second Harvest Food Bank, Life Moves and many others. Aug. 18, 7 a.m. \$60-\$75. Starts at Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. business.menlo-parkchamber.com/events

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Key election issue: Addressing Bayfront's general plan

Whether or not Menlo Park residents supported the general plan changes approved in late 2016 governing growth in the city's eastern region, it's likely that few could have predicted that the 25-year plan's cap on office space would be on the verge of max-out less than two years later. An argument can be made, however, that the city's paid staff, consultants and elected leaders, as they worked through the details of the plan, were less than attentive to the tendency of developers to push for projects that will maximize profit even when it's at the expense of the well-being of communities their projects will impact.

The City Council heard a report last week by staff revealing that developers have been submitting proposals for office space in the city's Bayfront area, east of U.S. 101, that already cumulatively surpass the limits the city set in November 2016 when the council approved general plan amendments for that area. If all proposals are approved, including the massive Facebook "Willow Village" project, the level of office development will exceed the general plan's limit by 768,614 square feet. (This doesn't factor in the square footage of existing buildings that would be razed — a figure that would be subtracted as part of a "net new square footage" calculation.)

What's at stake with the staggering amount of pressure

developers are now putting on the city to build far more offices in the area bounded roughly by U.S. 101, Marsh Road, the Bay and East Palo Alto is of great consequence to Menlo Park and surrounding communities, which are reeling under the weight of far too much traffic and far too little housing. While the demand for office-development permits is excessive in relation to the general plan, developers haven't been nearly as eager to submit proposals for housing, hotel rooms and space to accommodate life sciences firms.

The city's staff has presented four options for the council to consider in dealing with the situation: keep the current office cap as is; amend the general plan to allow more office development; require developers to apply for amendments to the general plan if they want to exceed the office space limit; or transfer some of the allowable space for life sciences into the office development category, which would open the door for more office space than the general plan changes, approved after much community outreach and costly city effort, allow.

We hope no one would seriously consider amending the plan to allow more office space or transferring life sciences space to enable more office development — suggestions that border on the ludicrous. The burden on infrastructure — mainly traffic and housing — is far less when jobs are created in the life sciences field than when

new jobs are linked to office space. And where will the housing to accommodate those people holding the new jobs be located with so much available space for new construction gobbled up by office development? It's not news to anyone in the area that our roadways are clogged — often at gridlock — because of the number of people coming to work here from faraway areas where they can find housing.

Neither the council nor staff has suggested a time frame for taking up this complex issue, which will require some tough decisions. Unless there is an urgent deadline involving approval of development proposals in the pipeline, the city should wait until a new City Council is seated in December. There will be at least one, and possibly three, new council members then. And it's certain that one new member will be from the area of town most dramatically affected by development in the Bayfront area regulated by the general plan elements in question: District 1, which includes Belle Haven and other areas east of U.S. 101.

Meanwhile, as the eight City Council candidates go about the business of asking voters for their support during this campaign season, residents should zero in on the candidates' positions on office development in the Bayfront area, and solutions for holding the reins on it while encouraging more housing, retail and other uses that meet the needs of residents, not just of developers. ▣

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LETTERS

Our readers write

Hiring locals can ease affordable housing problem

Editor:

I read the article: "Affordable housing measure collecting local support," by Kate Bradshaw (Almanac, July 25). It tells of the support for Proposition 1 — the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act.

Is it possible that some of our problems with the lack of affordable housing for the homeless, veterans and those who were raised in the Bay Area stem from the fact that large businesses and corporations have either started in the Bay Area, or moved in, and hired too many people from out of the local area, or from another state or country?

These companies do provide valuable services to the

community and money to the cities they are located in, but why not hire the people who live in these cities? Help them to live here and live productive, giving lives?

Jackie Leonard-Dimmick
Walnut Avenue, Atherton

A case against planned El Camino/Cambridge project

Editor:

With respect to the proposed development at Cambridge Avenue and 201 El Camino Real: As a historic building 100 years old and made of old-growth redwood siding, the former Oasis is a cultural asset. To allow the excavation proposed, along with an outcome of closure of Alto Lane, will cause significant harm to future uses of the Oasis.

The loss of the safety to pass behind this old building will be noticed by many in the neighborhood: bicyclists and pedestrians.

Our government can hold the

line by enforcing the Heritage Tree Ordinance. It (protects) any oak tree native to California with a trunk circumference of 31.4 inches, at a 54-inch height, (and) any tree designated by the City Council for protection because of its historical significance.

The Oasis property is about to be split up and gentrified. Owners, the Beltramo brothers, have sold the land on the corner of El Camino and Cambridge Street. (Plans have been put forward) for a massive three-story with underground parking. This will swallow up the parking lots and alley named Alto Lane. And Menlo Park only gave notice for public comment to the property owners within 300 feet.

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Partridge Avenue, Menlo Park

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JOHN EGAN
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