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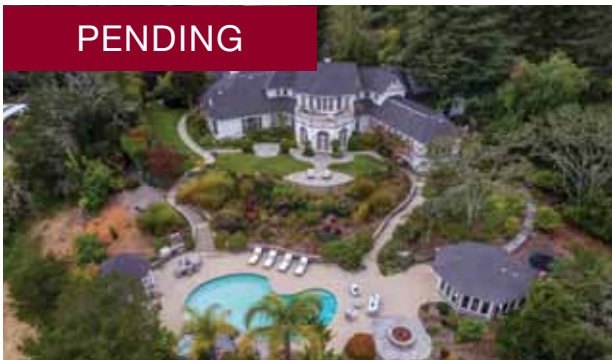


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## Understanding the unsheltered among us

New report says the Bay Area has third-worst homelessness problem in the U.S. What's being done to help?

By **Kate Bradshaw**

Almanac Staff Writer

It's the day before an atmospheric river is supposed to dump over Menlo Park and Steven Hough is on the go.

Hough is a member of the Homeless Outreach Team at LifeMoves, a Menlo Park-based provider of homeless services, where he manages a caseload of people lacking homes over a territory running from Belmont to East Palo Alto.

On this cloudy February day, he went through the marshes of Menlo Park, just inland from Bayfront Expressway, letting the people who live there know that because of the expected inclement weather, local homeless shelters will be, for a short time, opening their doors to all comers, no questions asked.

On days when it's less urgent to speak to all of his clients, Hough takes his time in the marshes, lingering with residents, getting to know them, developing trust, and if and when they're ready, aiding them in the process of accessing available homelessness services. But today, he's moving fast, picking his way along a narrow foot trail that connects the encampments.

Most encampments have only one trail leading in and out, which helps residents feel more secure, Hough explains. Others require bushwhacking to access. One wrong turn takes him through a patch of shoulder-high weeds that's clearly been used as a toilet.

"Anybody home?" Hough asks at one encampment, but receives no response. He leaves his business card wedged in a



Photo by Magali Gauthier

**Steven Hough**, an outreach case manager with LifeMoves, walks away from a tent located in the marshes near Bayfront Expressway, Willow Road and Facebook in Menlo Park on Feb. 12. He is letting unsheltered people there know that a storm is expected and shelters will be open.

makeshift chicken-wire fence.

He moves on to the next. The marshland homesteads come in various states of repair, but many are surrounded by sodden debris — old shirts, waterlogged stuffed animals, remains of fires.

"People get pretty inventive," he says. "There are lots of good engineers out here."

In one location, a large hole the size of a small swimming pool had been excavated; someone appeared to have been living there, though a fair amount of water had collected in the bottom. At another encampment, the resident or residents had built a small wooden hut. Most involved some configuration of a tarp or tent as shelter, providing minimal

protection from the elements.

On his route, Hough enlists passersby to help: He gives extra business cards to a man on a bike who says he is not homeless but would pass them to his friends who are, and recruits our photographer to explain the message in Spanish to one

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## Menlo Park's red light camera program to end

By **Kate Bradshaw**

Almanac Staff Writer

The Menlo Park City Council opted on April 9 not to renew a contract with Redflex, a red light camera company, thereby ending the city's red light camera enforcement program. The city joins a growing number of jurisdictions that have decided to stop red light camera programs.

The city currently has red light cameras installed at five intersections: westbound Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road; northbound El Camino Real and Ravenswood Avenue; southbound El Camino Real and Ravenswood Avenue; northbound El Camino Real and Glenwood Avenue; and westbound Bayfront Expressway and Chilco Street, according to the report.

The city's contract with Redflex began in 2013; it has been renewed twice, with its most current extension scheduled to end April 30.

In October, the council agreed to extend the contract for another six months to collect data and evaluate the effectiveness of the camera program. The extra time was also provided so the city could put out a request for proposals to see if other camera operators were interested in working with the city.

According to a staff report, an initial two-week period was provided, but other companies said that wasn't enough time to complete a request for proposals. The deadline was extended by another two weeks, but still, only Redflex submitted a proposal. Its proposal included a 25 percent decrease in the monthly

cost, down to \$19,500 from the current \$26,000.

### Vendor concerns

Redflex was involved in a major bribery scandal in Chicago, according to the Chicago Tribune. The company installed cameras in that city in 2003 and earned \$120 million through contracts to install 384 cameras, which resulted in more than \$400 million in traffic fines, the Tribune reported.

In 2016, a former Chicago City Hall manager who oversaw contracts with the company was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after receiving vacations, up to \$2,000 for each camera installed, and other lavish gifts from Redflex. In 2017, Redflex agreed to a \$20 million settlement with the city of Chicago, the Tribune reported.

Redflex representative Ed Tiedje, director of U.S. Client Services for the company, told the council that the bribery scandal in Chicago took place six years ago, and since then, the company has replaced the people who had been involved and had met rigorous compliance requirements.

### Collisions continue

According to traffic collision data cited in the report, the total number of traffic collisions has actually gone up at the intersections where the cameras are installed, with 23 collisions in 2013, when the cameras were installed, and 29 in 2018.

Menlo Park Police Chief Dave Bertini noted that these statistics don't necessarily provide the full picture of what type of collisions are increasing and which

are decreasing.

The red light cameras do seem to have caused a decrease in T-bone collisions, while causing a "slight" increase in rear-end collisions, he said. T-bone collisions are far more dangerous and "have been the worst accidents I've ever seen," he added. But the breakdown in the type of collisions was not included in the report.

Motorists are more likely to be overly cautious about triggering the cameras at these intersections knowing that they risk a nearly \$500 ticket, and may slam on their brakes rather than proceed through an intersection at a yellow light, more than one council member noted.

Most tickets — about 87 percent — are issued to people whose vehicles are registered outside of

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## Murder suspect's plea postponed due to delay of coroner's report

Francis Wolke, the man who allegedly killed Menlo Park resident and former town arborist Kathy Hughes Anderson in her home on Dec. 12, was scheduled to enter his plea in court on Friday, April 12, following several postponements.

However, the case was postponed again to May 9.

The court granted the defense another continuance of the case Friday, against the objections of the prosecution, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

Wolke's attorney had requested to review the autopsy report before entering a plea, but the county Coroner's Office has not

yet completed the report, according to Wagstaffe.

It usually takes no longer than six weeks after a death for the District Attorney's Office to receive an autopsy report from the Coroner's Office, Wagstaffe said. He said he didn't know why the report was delayed.

According to the District Attorney's Office, Wolke had arrived in the Bay Area from Cincinnati just a few days before the murder, and there is no known relationship or contact between Wolke and Hughes Anderson, nor a motive for the crime.

Wolke is in custody on \$10 million bail.

— Kate Bradshaw

## Man arrested after allegedly firing gun in home with two toddlers inside

A 33-year-old man was arrested April 8 after allegedly firing his gun in a home in unincorporated Menlo Park in which two toddlers were in the next room over, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies responded at 10:41 p.m. to the 100 block of Amherst Avenue off El Camino Real on a report of shots fired and learned that the man had retrieved a gun from a back bedroom after

an argument and fired a single round into a closet, sheriff's officials said.

Deputies located the firearm and found the bullet lodged in the door frame of the closet, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The man was arrested on suspicion of discharging a firearm with gross negligence and child cruelty.

— Bay City News Service

## REDFLEX

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Menlo Park, the report stated, and the vast majority (about 95 percent) are one-time offenders. At the same time, net revenue from the red light camera program has declined in the last couple of years, earning the city only \$24,000 in the 2017-18 fiscal year, compared with about \$127,000 in the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton said that she had hoped to see a decline in tickets and collisions to indicate drivers' changing behaviors, though neither has happened — citations have consistently been given to about 0.02 percent of drivers.

"I'm sad these do not seem to have an impact on people's behavior. It makes me not in love with traffic cameras being there at all," she said.

The data also did not indicate whether the red light cameras were causing the increase in the rear-end collisions, or if another factor such as increased traffic was at play, Mayor Ray Mueller

pointed out.

Councilman Drew Combs also raised doubts about whether the cameras improved safety.

"There isn't any real causal correlation in those studies between increased safety and the presence of cameras," he said, adding that a nearly \$500 ticket is "incredibly regressive" in some situations "where people are not quite clear what's happening. ... They're trying to be efficient to get across the intersection."

When Carlton asked about whether the fees were flexible, Police Commander William Dixon explained that the \$480 red light ticket fee is set at the state and federal levels. The base fee is \$100, but comes with an additional \$380 in fees and taxes; the city gets about \$155 from every ticket, or about one-third of whatever a reduced fee may be.

Local state senator Jerry Hill has brought forward legislation multiple times to reduce the fees for right-turn-on-red traffic violations, but nothing has been passed yet, Dixon added. ■



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# Grand jury adds money-laundering charge for four local parents

Defendants in college-scam case could face lengthier sentences for alleged bribery

By Sue Dremann

For the second time in two weeks, federal authorities on April 9 let the other shoe drop on parents involved in the college admissions scandal, adding fraud and money laundering charges against 16 parents, including four from the Midpeninsula.

The defendants are among 50 people charged last month in connection with the nationwide bribery scheme in which they allegedly conspired with William "Rick" Singer, 58, of Newport Beach, California. The scheme involved alleged bribes with SAT and ACT exam administrators to allow a test taker to fill out college entrance exams in place of students or to correct the students' answers after they had taken the exam. University athletic coaches and administrators were also bribed to portray the students as athletic recruits in order to facilitate their children's acceptance into top universities and colleges.

The grand jury indictment released April 9 accuses the parents of conspiring to launder bribes and other payments by funneling them through Singer's purported charity, The Key Worldwide Foundation, and his for-profit corporation, The Key Worldwide. They also allegedly transferred the money into the U.S. from outside of the country to promote the fraud scheme.

The indictment charges the 16 parents with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering in addition to an original charge of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and honest services mail and wire fraud. The local parents who face these charges are Elizabeth Henriquez, 56, and Manuel Henriquez, 56, of Atherton; William McGlashan Jr., 55, a former Palo Alto resident who now lives in Mill Valley; and Marci Palatella, 63, of Hillsborough.

Palo Alto residents Dr. Gregory Colburn, 61, and Amy Colburn, 59, were indicted by a federal grand jury on the same charges on March 26.

Each parent faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is greater, for the conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and honest services mail and wire fraud. They each face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$500,000 or twice the value of the property involved if convicted on the

money laundering charge.

The Henriqueses allegedly paid Singer \$25,000 in 2015 to have Mark Riddell, another co-conspirator, fly out from Florida to proctor the SAT exam for their older daughter at her private college preparatory school in Belmont. Riddell allegedly provided the daughter with answers to the exam. Singer then paid Riddell \$10,000 in three separate installments through his nonprofit.

The Henriqueses also allegedly paid Singer \$400,000 to help get their daughter into Georgetown University as a purported tennis recruit. Singer allegedly directed Elizabeth Henriquez and her daughter to send a letter to tennis coach Gordon Ernst misrepresenting her tennis experience. The daughter also emailed her fraudulent SAT scores to Ernst, according to the complaint.

Singer paid Ernst \$950,000 through The Key Worldwide Foundation for the coach to designate the Henriqueses' older daughter and several other students as purported tennis recruits.

The couple also allegedly hired Singer in 2016 to have Riddell proctor and provide answers for the ACT exam to their younger daughter and other students at a testing facility in Houston, Texas. They allegedly lied to her school guidance counselor, claiming they needed to move the test site because they would be in Houston at that time.

Singer paid his cohorts \$70,000 for their roles in facilitating the falsified exam for the Henriqueses' younger daughter and another student. Manuel Henriquez agreed to help Singer secure the admission of an applicant to Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, in lieu of paying for the cheating. The couple also allegedly paid Singer \$25,000 in cash for facilitating cheating for their younger daughter in the SAT exam in 2017.

McGlashan allegedly paid Singer \$50,000 through the foundation to arrange for Riddle to purport proctoring his son's ACT exam at the West Hollywood Test Center and to secretly correct the answers without the boy's knowledge, according to the grand jury indictment. Singer and Riddell used the center frequently in their scheme after getting students transferred there through a fraud in which the parents claimed their children had learning disabilities. They said the children needed more time to take the exams because of purported disabilities rather than being tested along with other students at

their regular schools. Singer funneled payments to Riddell and other conspirators through his foundation.

McGlashan also allegedly paid a total of \$250,000 to Singer to facilitate his son's admission as a football recruit to the University of Southern California. Singer had a fake football player profile created for the boy and used Photoshop to place the son's head onto the body of a kicker, according to the indictment.

Palatella wired \$75,000 to Singer's foundation for Riddell to proctor her son's SAT exam and to correct his answers in 2017. Singer paid his co-conspirators from that account for aiding in the SAT test fraud. Palatella ultimately paid \$500,000 to have her son represented as a purported football recruit to USC. She paid \$100,000 to Donna Heinel, USC's senior associate athletic director. Heinel allegedly presented the boy's application to the university's subcommittee for athletic admissions based on falsified credentials and obtained approval to admit him as a recruit.

Palatella allegedly wired \$400,000 to Singer's foundation after her son was accepted into USC and agreed during a 2018 phone call with Singer to mislead the IRS if anyone inquired about her payments to the foundation, according to the indictment.

Attorneys for the defendants could not be reached for comment. An arraignment date for the parents has not yet been scheduled.

Actress Lori Loughlin, 54, of Los Angeles, and her husband, clothing designer Mossimo Giannulli, 55, were also among the 16 indicted on April 9 on the same charges for allegedly paying Singer \$500,000 for facilitating admission for their two daughters into USC as purported crew team recruits.

The grand jury indictment came a day after U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts Andrew Lelling announced that 14 defendants — including four Midpeninsula residents — have agreed to plead guilty in the scandal. The group includes Menlo Park residents Marjorie Klapper, 50, and Peter Jan Sartorio, 53; Hillsborough residents Bruce Isackson, 61, and Davina Isackson, 55; and actress Felicity Huffman, 56. They each intend to plead guilty to one count of mail fraud and honest services mail fraud. In addition, Bruce Isackson plans to plead guilty to one count each of money laundering conspiracy and conspiracy to defraud the IRS. ■

*Sue Dremann is a staff writer for the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac's sister paper.*

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by Monica Corman



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# Menlo's parks could undergo massive revamp

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**W**ant to weigh in on what should be changed at city parks in the coming years? Menlo Park's draft park and recreation facilities master plan recommends changes such as a new Belle Haven community center, more dog parks, restrooms, field lighting and more.

Staff and consultants are currently circulating an online survey through April 19 to collect comments on a draft set of guidelines and recommendations for the master plan.

Access the survey at [tinyurl.com/y5tbbvdd](http://tinyurl.com/y5tbbvdd) and the draft recommendations at [is.gd/parks487](http://is.gd/parks487).

One of the recommendations in the draft report is to renew the Onetta Harris Community

Center and the campus that surrounds it. The Onetta Harris center and the Belle Haven Youth Center buildings were recently evaluated to be "at the end of their productive life" and need to be substantially renovated or rebuilt, according to the draft report.

The report recommends a community outreach process to decide whether to renovate those buildings and the Menlo Park Senior Center; rebuild only two of the buildings while leaving the 25-year-old senior center intact; or re-envision the entire campus, with the idea of creating a multi-generational community campus and park.

Other options being considered are to redevelop the pool, build more parking and possibly a parking structure, add a picnic area, and improve access to Kelly Park and Beechwood School.

Recommendations for the city's Burgess Park campus are to add a fitness center to the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, expand the Menlo Children's Center to create space for older kids to play, install lighting at the Burgess Park sports fields, add outdoor fitness equipment, re-line the duck pond, and possibly expand the snack shack located near the park's baseball field.

At Willow Oaks Park, the recommendations are to improve the off-leash dog area and build a bathroom as planned, improve the playground, reconfigure the tennis courts, and possibly add a group gathering space or community garden.

Recommendations for Nealon Park are to create a separate dog park that's not on the baseball field, with separate

areas for large dogs and small ones; create a demonstration garden; upgrade the pathways; and add art or gathering spaces at the southern corner of the park.

At Sharon Park, the recommendations are to build a permanent bathroom, repair the pond lining, replace the cracked walking path and add lighting, install bike racks, and possibly create an off-leash dog area at the undeveloped western end of the park.

Other recommendations are to consider a fenced off-leash dog area with obstacles to train dogs at Stanford Hills Park, to consider permanent restrooms or a stage/amphitheater at Fremont Park, to add a play area for small children at Hamilton Park, to create a group picnic area or dog area at Jack Lyle Park, and to add educational

features and community garden plots at Karl E. Clark Park.

The draft report also recommends that the city provide restrooms where feasible; upgrade furnishings like seating, drinking fountains, and trash and recycling receptacles; install educational storyboards to teach users about the historic, natural or cultural significance of the park; provide dog waste dispensers and drinking water wherever dogs are allowed; add more bike racks; and create more shaded seating areas.

The City Council was scheduled to have a study session about the master plan recommendations at the Menlo Park Senior Center on Tuesday, April 16, after The Almanac went to press. The council tentatively plans to review and possibly accept the plan at its June 18 meeting.

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# Menlo Park fire district asks for more time to review JPA agreement

By Rick Radin  
Almanac Staff Writer

Faced with the complexity of the issue, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District has asked for more time to evaluate a proposal for the first new countywide joint powers authority operating agreement in 10 years.

The Emergency Medical Services JPA includes every fire agency in the county.

The agreement includes three parts: An emergency medical services agreement, a dispatch agreement and an agreement on automatic aid, which requires fire departments and districts to go into neighboring jurisdictions when help is needed, according to Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman.

The extra time, if granted, could require the 10 San Mateo County fire agencies to extend the deadline by which the Menlo Park fire district could sign or not sign the new contract. The current contract expires June 30.

The EMS JPA agreement is on the agenda for discussion at the board's next meeting

on Tuesday, April 16, after The Almanac's press time. Go to [almanacnews.com](http://almanacnews.com) for an update.

The Menlo Park fire district is one of the wealthier districts in the county that offers a full array of services, so fire board members are concerned that the district's tax money could be used to subsidize other fire districts that may be consolidating or cutting back, according to Schapelhouman.

The most vocal of the five fire board members on the issue is Chuck Bernstein, who would like the district to get out of the JPA entirely. He argues that Menlo Park responds to twice as many calls in neighboring communities than it receives in aid.

"There are greater risks for the residents of the District, even as they shoulder the costs of providing services to agencies that have not maintained their level of effort," Bernstein wrote in a memo to the board. "This is totally unacceptable. A new cooperative agreement must eliminate this outcome."

Bernstein would like the district to create automatic aid agreements with other agencies

of its choice both inside and outside the county, and create reimbursement arrangements when the level of mutual aid is unbalanced, he said in the memo.

At the board's April 4 meeting, Schapelhouman said the agreement is working well overall. He said after the meeting that he also agrees officials should be looking at changes that can be made to realign things so they reflect current realities.

**'We don't want to be an agency that says 'You don't subscribe to our service, so we'll let your house burn down.'**

FIRE CHIEF HAROLD SCHAPELHOUMAN

On the other hand, the fire chief thinks the district also has a moral obligation to the public to give service wherever it's needed.

He gave the example of Stanford Weekend Acres off Alpine Road, which is in the

unincorporated area. Menlo Park's fire station is 1 mile away and it's 9 miles to the nearest San Mateo County station, he said.

"We wouldn't (refuse service there), and we're not going to," Schapelhouman said. "We don't want to be an agency that says 'You don't subscribe to our service, so we'll let your house burn down.'"

Bernstein said that the Weekend Acres situation should be remedied by moving the property taxes earmarked for firefighting services there from the county coffers to the Menlo Park fire district or setting up an agreement where the district is reimbursed.

"We tried unsuccessfully to annex the area, but the county won't give up the taxes they pay for fire protection even though they don't provide fire protection," he said on April 8.

The district's grievances also include the JPA's makeup, according to fire board President Virginia Chang Kiraly. There are 22 voting members on the JPA board and 10 fire chiefs, a vestigial element that harkens back to when there were more agencies.

"Belmont, San Mateo and

Foster City get three votes even though they only have one fire chief, while we also cover three cities and only have one vote," Schapelhouman said.

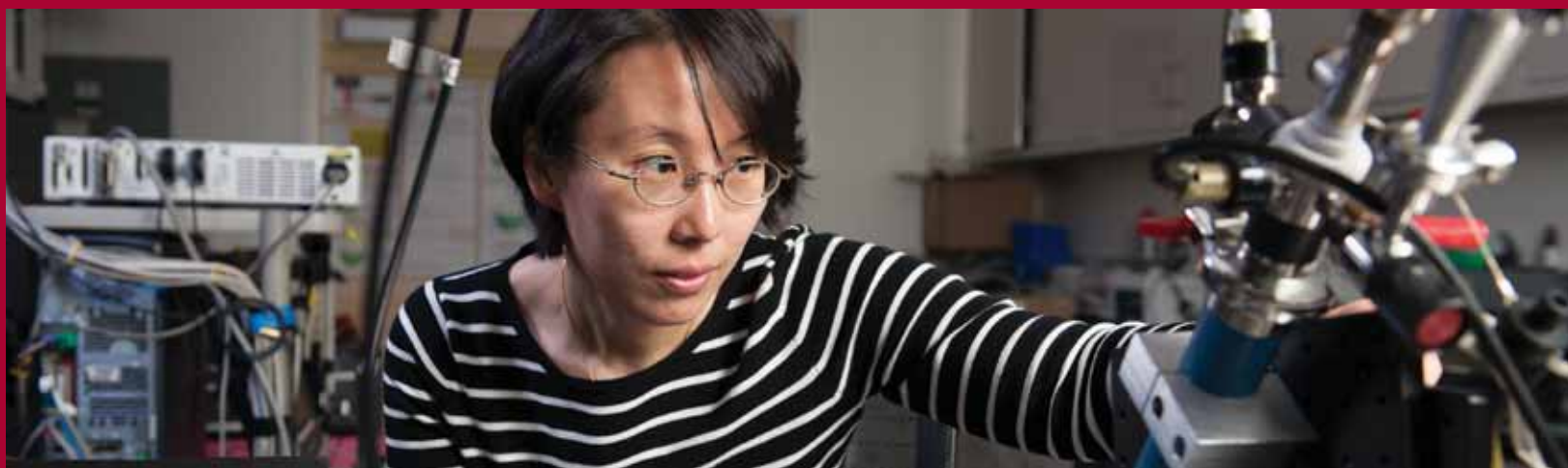
As for dispatch services, the fire chief thinks they are working well, adding that having the county dispatching first responders from one central location improves response times and reduces redundancy and confusion.

Bernstein, on the other hand, thinks the central dispatch system enables the current system of automatic aid.

There was a six-alarm fire in Redwood City in 2013 and all of Menlo Park's units were dispatched to fight it, leaving the service area unprotected, he said.

"We're not allowed to get help from Palo Alto because it's not in the JPA," he said. "We should be able to negotiate an agreement with them."

The fire board on Tuesday was also scheduled to discuss a separate countywide ambulance contract that received only one bidder — American Emergency Response (AMR). The county Board of Supervisors approved the ambulance contract at its meeting April 9. ■

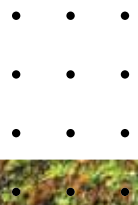


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# New PV school trustee hopes to foster community involvement

By **Angela Swartz**  
Almanac Staff Writer

**K**imberley Morris Rosen joined the Portola Valley School District's school board as its latest member at a March 27 meeting.

Morris Rosen, 38, an attorney at KMR Law, moved to Portola Valley over a year ago with her husband and three daughters, largely for the town's schools and tight-knit community feel, she said. Her oldest child is a kindergartner at Ormondale School; her youngest, a boy, was born in February.

"I feel really proud to be able to contribute proactively to the schools my own children will go to," said Morris Rosen, who is from Atherton. She attended elementary school at Phillips Brooks School in Menlo Park and went to middle and high school at Castilleja School in Palo Alto. She received a bachelor's degree in history from Princeton University and a law degree from Stanford University.

She lived outside of the Bay Area for many years, but came back to be near family and friends, she said.



Adriana Klas  
**Kimberley Morris Rosen**

"My parents, grandparents, and many of my siblings live in the Bay Area, and we feel lucky to be raising our kids amongst their extended family," she said.

Morris Rosen has always been interested in government and education policy, and planned to run for the school board sometime in the future, she said. When she heard about the board vacancy, she thought "Why wait for the future?" She says she wanted to bring her legal expertise to the

board during a critical moment for the district as it chooses a new superintendent and implements Measure Z, a \$49.5 million facilities bond measure that passed in November.

At KMR Law, Morris Rosen's clients include The Primary School, an East Palo Alto-based tuition-free private school. She was previously associate general counsel for AltSchool, a San Francisco-based education and technology company. Before that Morris Rosen spent three years as special counsel at the Emerson Collective in Palo Alto, where she directed legal policy and its advocacy initiatives, primarily concerning intellectual property, employment and privacy law. She also initiated and ran a program to advise undocumented students on immigration law.

A school board will make more informed decisions if it has trustees with diverse backgrounds since school boards are tasked with many different functions, she said. These functions include selecting staff, overseeing construction, and handling oversight and policy, she said. The board was lacking someone with a legal

background, which she said is important for a governing body overseeing a school district. (Aside from Morris Rosen, the board has trustees with backgrounds in human resources, business and teaching.)

"A lot of what a school board can and can't do is based on law and policy," she said.

**'Measure Z is going to allow us to have great public schools going into the future.'**

KIMBERLEY MORRIS ROSEN

In regard to Measure Z, Morris Rosen would like to ensure the public is informed on how the measure is implemented and money is spent. The district should improve email communication about the measure or create a special portal on the district website with Measure Z updates, she said.

Community members, whether they have students in the district's schools or not, should want excellent schools since they increase property

values, she said. Good schools should also be a sense of pride for everyone in the community, she said.

"Measure Z is going to allow us to have great public schools going into the future," she said.

Morris Rosen added that she would like to address community concerns that the transition from Ormondale to Corte Madera School is "a bit rocky." Although the board isn't directly in charge of curriculum, she said she plans to work with the new superintendent to gather parent feedback.

Morris Rosen would also like to see more community members participate in board meetings. She understands it can be intimidating to express a thought or concern, she said, but it's a good opportunity to speak in an open forum that's documented in official school board minutes. She also plans to host office hours and attend the Portola Valley farmers' market to meet community members.

"I will find some way for community members to feel in touch with me," she said.

She can be reached at pvsd-board@pvsd.net. **A**



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## Street parking could be removed on stretch of Middle Avenue

By **Kate Bradshaw**  
Almanac Staff Writer

Members of Menlo Park's Complete Streets Commission voted 6-0 on April 10 to recommend that the City Council permit the removal of more than 100 street parking spaces on both sides of Middle Avenue, between Olive Street and San Mateo Drive.

Among the reasons commissioners gave for the decision are that the current conditions are unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians, especially those who are children, and that "density is coming," in the words of Commissioner Michael Meyer. Stanford University is constructing a large multi-use development on Middle Avenue at El Camino Real.

In public comments, several residents of Middle Avenue said they agreed that the current conditions are unsafe, but asked that some street parking be allowed to remain. Ultimately, however, the commission went for the safest option for cyclists and pedestrians.

"Our built environment is really lopsided in favor of cars. We don't treat people walking or people biking as if they are as important as someone driving a car, and that needs to change," said Commissioner Bianca Walser.

The commission also recommended that staff look into traffic calming measures at the intersection of Middle Avenue and San Mateo Drive and explore the possibility of lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour. As part of a separate project, the city has received grant funding to build a "rectangular rapid flashing beacon" crosswalk at that intersection, according to a staff report.

The city of Menlo Park has a grant to resurface this segment of Middle Avenue and wants to design and plan the striping to include bike lanes.

The commission was tasked with deciding whether to eliminate parking on one side of the road and install narrower bike lanes, or to remove parking on both sides of the roadway and install wider, 8-foot-wide bike lanes with 3-foot-wide buffer areas. Commissioners opted for the latter, which would eliminate 67 parking spots on the north side of Middle Avenue and 51 spots on the south side.

The city could install bike lanes along the remainder of Middle Avenue, with potential construction of other segments running from San Mateo Drive to El Camino Real in 2022, according to the staff report. ▣

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### MENLO PARK

**Grand theft** A woman was arrested in the 1200 block of Willow Road and booked into County Jail for allegedly stealing \$10,000 from her employer by making electronic transfers from the company's account to her personal account. April 4.

**Warrant arrest** A Union City man was arrested, cited and released on a \$25,000 warrant and a \$10,000 warrant for driving without a license. April 4.

**Hit and run with property damage** The driver of a red Lexus and the driver of a blue Honda were traveling westbound at Willow Road and Newbridge Street when they slowed and stopped for heavy traffic. An

unidentified driver of a black Dodge vehicle was allegedly traveling too fast for the conditions, rear-ending the Honda and causing the Honda to hit the Lexus. The driver of the Dodge left the scene without leaving any of the required information. April 3.

**Assault** A San Jose woman was booked into County Jail for allegedly stealing a utility chain from the maintenance shed at the Gateway Apartments on Willow Road and hitting an apartment maintenance worker with an umbrella. She was located nearby by officers and was arrested and booked in San Mateo County Jail. The victim did not require medical attention and had a complaint of pain only to his hand from where the umbrella hit him. April 3.

**Vehicle collision** A Menlo Park woman was arrested after she drove her Toyota over a curb in the 800 block of Santa Cruz Avenue and then ran over a parked bicycle. No one else was involved or injured in the collision. April 2.

**Possession of controlled substance** Officers were checking a report of a naked person going through trash cans at Safeway when

they found two people living in a van and arrested them for possession of drugs and paraphernalia. April 2.

**Petty theft** A transient man allegedly entered Safeway in the 500 block of El Camino Real and placed packages of Claritin into his shopping basket and attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. He was stopped by the Safeway staff and was found to have no way to pay for the items he took off the shelf. He was cited and released. April 1.

**Drunk in public** A Mountain View man was reported to be intoxicated, bothering customers and throwing bottles around at Peet's Coffee in the 500 block of El Camino Real. He displayed symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol and was in a condition that he was not able to care for his own safety or the safety of others and was arrested for being drunk in public; he was later transferred to the San Mateo County hospital. April 1.

### ATHERTON

**Workplace fight** Two construction workers engaged in a fight in the 200 block of Polhemus Avenue. One worker punched the other on the left side of the face, resulting in a laceration. The injured worker was transported to the hospital. April 5.

### Vehicle code violations

■ An East Palo Alto man was stopped for a seatbelt violation on Alameda Avenue, and when the officer checked it was determined that he was driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released. April 4.

■ A Redwood City man was cited and released at the corner of El Camino Real and Lloyd Drive for driving with a suspended license. April 3.

### WOODSIDE

**Driving with a suspended license** A Redwood City man was stopped at the corner of Canada Lane and Woodside Road on April 3 and was found to be driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released.

**Possession of a controlled substance** After approaching a man and a woman in a parked vehicle, a sheriff's deputy located a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. The woman was on probation and the man admitted that the drugs and paraphernalia belonged to him. The man, a Campbell resident, was arrested and booked into County Jail. April 1.

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[stratfordschools.com/summer](http://stratfordschools.com/summer) (650) 493-1141

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[www.castilleja.org/summercamp](http://www.castilleja.org/summercamp) (650) 470-7833

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### City of Palo Alto Summer Camps **Palo Alto**

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[www.cityofpaloalto.org/summercamps](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/summercamps) (650) 463-4949

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[www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org) (650) 917-6800 ext. 0

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[www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com/dance-connection-event-calendar/summer-dance-camps](http://www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com/dance-connection-event-calendar/summer-dance-camps) (650) 852-0418 or (650) 322-7032

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[www.ussportscamps.com](http://www.ussportscamps.com) (800) NIKE-CAMP  
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[www.runforfuncamps.com/summer-camps-and-school-holiday-camps/camp-overview](http://www.runforfuncamps.com/summer-camps-and-school-holiday-camps/camp-overview) (650) 823-5167

### Stanford Athletics & Youth **Stanford**

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[www.stanfordwaterpolocamps.com](http://www.stanfordwaterpolocamps.com) (650) 725-9016

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of the residents.

As he walks along the marshes — with a tall wall blocking a large storage facility on one side and Facebook’s gleaming headquarters visible on the other, he talks about what he knows of the clients he works with, and what he has seen of homelessness in Menlo Park.

In this city, he explains, unhoused people tend to go to two places: the marshes along Bayfront Expressway, and downtown. During the summer months, some people also set up camp near the San Francisquito Creek bed, he adds.

People have different reasons for why they don’t want to leave the marsh, even in bad weather — some don’t want to leave their belongings unattended; others have had bad experiences at shelters.

There are three main factors that most often lead people into chronic homelessness: problems with mental health, substance abuse, or long-term disabilities, he says. Among Menlo Park’s homeless population, he says, street or illicit drug use is less common than in other areas where he works.

Many of his clients grew up in the area, Hough says. About three in four homeless people in San Mateo County say they became homeless while living in the county, he adds.

His job as a member of LifeMoves’ Homeless Outreach Team, he says, is to be aware of all of the homeless people in Menlo Park, connect with the people assigned to his particular caseload, and do what he can to help people who are ready to access support services.

“Our main goal is to make sure nobody’s falling through the cracks,” he says.

The outreach team he works on is just one of several programs in San Mateo County working to help the county reach its ambitious goal to end homelessness countywide by 2020.

**How bad is it?**

According to a new report released by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, the Bay Area has the third-largest homeless population in the country, after the New York City and Los Angeles metropolitan areas. Homeless people number about 28,200, based on point-in-time counts conducted in each county in January 2017, the most recent numbers available. (A 2019 biennial point-in-time homelessness count in San Mateo County was conducted in January, and the results are likely to come out in June.)

The 2017 count found that there were 637 unsheltered homeless people and 616 people in emergency shelters and transitional housing in San Mateo County. While that figure is down somewhat from previous counts, it indicates that there are 51% of the county’s homeless people who are considered unsheltered — defined as living in a car, an RV, a tent or encampment, or on the streets. Of the unsheltered population, a majority lived in RVs (34%) and cars (31%), while 20% were on the streets and 15% were in tents or encampments.

At the last point-in-time count, Menlo Park had 47 unsheltered homeless people — an increase of 74% from the previous count, while Portola Valley had one, and both Atherton



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**A makeshift kitchen** found at an encampment in the marshes near Bayfront Expressway in Menlo Park. “There are a lot of good engineers out here,” says outreach case manager Steven Hough.

and Woodside had none.

In an interview in November, now-Mayor Ray Mueller described his concerns with chronic homelessness in Menlo Park. “You can’t go into downtown Menlo Park without seeing shopping carts and people who are suffering,” he said. “When you see that, your gut tells you: This is a crisis that needs to be addressed.”

According to Hough, any observed increase in homelessness downtown that city residents are reporting is most likely attributable to the fact that more homeless people are aging. In general, younger people, in their 20s to 40s, tend to seek the independence of the marshes, while older people want to be downtown, where they can access needed amenities more

easily, and can more easily find shelter, should the weather turn sour, he says.

“We’ve found that as people get older, they seek more dense areas,” he adds, explaining that people congregating to downtown have likely been homeless for some time, but are not hiding in, for example, a park instead.

In an interview, LifeMoves CEO Bruce Ives also said that he believes the number of people living in vehicles in the county is “pretty extensive” and that shelters are seeing more homeless seniors.

“A lot of families are living one paycheck away from disaster,” he said.

In addition to running the homeless outreach team, LifeMoves operates several homeless shelters, and recently opened a safe parking site in San Jose where families with children can stay overnight in a secure, well-lit parking lot and access case management services.

“For a lot of people, it’s their last resort before actually living on the street,” Ives said. Living in an RV often comes without heat, bathrooms or working showers, which can also cause health problems, such as compromises to one’s immune system, he added.

**A coordinated approach**

“We are suffering, as everyone knows, from an intense housing crisis. That crisis is affecting almost all levels of our society,” said Bart Charlow, CEO of Samaritan House, an anti-poverty nonprofit based in San Mateo.

Who is suffering most? The housing crisis is hitting seniors on fixed incomes especially hard, he said. They are often people who have lived here

their entire lives, sometimes for generations, who helped to build the communities they live in, who can’t afford to live here anymore, he added.

People whose jobs or incomes fluctuate, as well as youth newly emancipated from foster care are also especially vulnerable to homelessness, he said.

Laura Bent, chief operating officer at Samaritan House, explained that preventing homelessness requires that vulnerable households be able to access a spectrum of services, and that it is easier to prevent homelessness than to help people who are already unsheltered.

The bulk of the work of Samaritan House, Charlow explained, is to divert people from becoming homeless by helping them find other ways to decrease their living costs. It works with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute nutritious food for free, and runs a free children’s clothing shop. It also provides direct financial assistance to households across the county, runs medical and dental clinics, operates a worker resource center and can provide help with utility bills.

About two years ago, Samaritan House also began to operate what’s called the “coordinated entry system” for the county. A federal mandate required that county agencies coordinate how they deal with homelessness, so the county launched this new system, which operates at eight locations across the Peninsula, Bent explained. These locations, spread out geographically, are called “core service agencies,” and are intended to operate as a one-stop shop for social support and access to anti-poverty tools



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**Behind the wheel**, Hough helps his clients by offering them rides to the doctor or to agencies where they can access needed services.

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and resources.

The core services agency serving Menlo Park is Samaritan House South at 1852 Bay Road in East Palo Alto, and the one serving Redwood City, North Fair Oaks, Portola Valley, Woodside and Atherton is the Fair Oaks Community Center at 2600 Middlefield Road in Redwood City.

Today, every person or household in the county seeking housing support or shelter has to go through one of these core agencies, and undergo an assessment to help providers understand that individual's or family's needs and vulnerability to homelessness.

This system allows the county to more methodically give priority for shelter beds to the most vulnerable individuals, and to help people with other resources and means access other tools, like vouchers or subsidies that provide partial help with housing. The county then is better able to reserve the most intensive services — such as permanent supportive housing — for people most likely to become and remain homeless on their own.

This more organized approach helps people to match needs to services better, and simplifies the process for applicants, keeping them from having to fill out numerous applications, explained Samaritan House coordinated entry system program manager Christiana Weidanz.

In addition, by coordinating this service across the county, Samaritan House can track the need for shelter without duplications from people who might seek out services in multiple locations, Charlow noted.

The coordinated entry system helped to identify and provide housing solutions for 1,707

people during the 2017-18 fiscal year, Samaritan House reported.

The trend towards coordination doesn't stop at the intake level.

In addition to the coordinated entry system, agencies collaborate closely to develop plans for homeless individuals. LifeMoves' Homeless Outreach Team members, like Hough, do case management work and coordinate with health care providers, social service providers, law enforcement authorities and first responders, like the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.

However, even with collaborative efforts, it can be difficult to find permanent solutions.

## Local efforts

Last month, following a steady trickle of emails from residents complaining of homeless people downtown in recent months, the Menlo Park City Council held a study session on how to address chronic homelessness in the city. Menlo Park Police Commander William Dixon, who has been leading the police department's homelessness efforts, told the council that several years ago, the police department made a concerted effort to tackle homelessness when an encampment developed at the Menlo Center building — the complex at 1010 El Camino Real where Kepler's Books and Cafe Borrone are located.

Over time, he said, the department developed relationships with the 10 or so people who had begun to camp there and worked with service organizations to find housing for them.

And while the initial outcome was heralded as a success, Dixon said, over time, their successes unraveled.

"They are all now back to where they were before," he said. The people the police department worked with may have different resources and might be staying in

different locations, he added. "We didn't do anything to solve homelessness in Menlo Park."

During that meeting, the council agreed to direct staff to look into creating a task force to concentrate on housing specific individuals in the city, bringing the Downtown Streets Team into Menlo Park, and figuring out how to set up Project WeHOPE's "Dignity on Wheels" program in the marshes near the Bay. Downtown Streets Team is a nonprofit that helps people lacking housing access work opportunities in exchange for basic resources and a stipend, and currently operates in Palo Alto. Project WeHOPE's "Dignity on Wheels" program provides mobile showers and laundry facilities to Burgess Park every Wednesday morning, starting at 7 a.m., but doesn't yet operate near the marshes.

Limitations on what can be done and what funding exists to support unhoused people in the long-run, however, continue to leave people vulnerable.

The Bay Area Council's report identifies permanent supportive housing — long-term affordable housing with social and medical services — as the real long-term solution for addressing chronic homelessness, but it is very expensive. The report's authors say that it would take \$12.7 billion to create permanent housing for all 28,200 homeless people in the Bay Area, and another \$3.5 billion to provide services to half those people for 10 years.

## Facing limits

On a recent visit, Hough heads for downtown Menlo Park, where he finds Jane — that's Jane Doe, as Hough calls her, because she hasn't revealed her real name — pushing shopping carts on Santa Cruz Avenue. When he meets with her, he always gives her his business card and a coupon for a free meal at McDonalds.

## Facts about homelessness in the Bay Area

■ California has 3.5 million fewer homes than needed, according to a 2016 McKinsey Global Institute study. The average California home costs 2.5 times the national average while average California rent is 50 percent higher than the national average.

■ In San Mateo County, 72 percent of extremely low-income households are severely rent-burdened and spend more than 50% of their income on rent.

■ About 56% of the people experiencing homelessness in the Bay Area have lived in their county for 10 or more years, while 89% have lived in their current county for more than a year.

■ The Bay Area's homeless population disproportionately consists of single, male minorities over the age of 25, a relatively high percentage of whom identify as LGBTQ.

■ Between 2011 and 2017, permanent supportive housing — defined as affordable housing help and support services provided without time limits — increased in supply by 5% per year, but over the same period of time, the number of beds in emergency shelters declined 3% per year.

■ The greatest need for housing is for very low-income housing, according to the report. From 1999 to 2014, the Bay Area permitted 61,000 fewer very low-income units than the "Regional Housing Needs Assessment" prescribed.

■ Oakland's "cabin community" model, in which homeless people are provided temporary shelter in "Tuff Sheds," costs about \$5,000 per bed as a startup cost, followed by operating costs of about \$21,250 per bed annually. Since the program began about 15 months ago, about 55% of participants have been placed in permanent supportive housing, and many have found jobs.

■ Lack of shelter impacts other public sector costs. San Francisco spent four times as much on street cleaning as Chicago in 2018, even though Chicago is four and a half times bigger by area and three and a half times bigger by population.

Source: "Bay Area Homelessness: A Regional View of a Regional Problem," April 2019, Bay Area Council Economic Institute.

— By Kate Bradshaw

On a recent visit, she speaks rapidly to him, her remarks weaving in and out of reality. She tells him she's "Mrs. Steven Tyler," that "Bon Jovi" is her last name, that her walker is broken. Her bare arms and cheeks are flushed from the cold as she tells him she just wants to be able to sleep on the ground near Pharmaca, one of the few storefronts that provides shelter from the kind of rain "that comes sideways," she explains. "I don't know if I'm safe. I just need to sleep and not be rained on. It's not too much to ask."

Hough explains that he can help her if she's ready, but without her consent, there's not much he can do.

It takes a lot for someone on the street to be placed in an involuntary hold by police or others, he said. Such interventions typically require a person to be deemed harmful to oneself or others. In those cases, a person might be put in an involuntary "5150" hold for up to 72 hours, but is released afterwards.

According to the news publication CalMatters, state conservatorship laws — those that dictate when the state may step in to manage an incapacitated person's

financial or personal affairs — were changed in 1967 to end "the inappropriate and often indefinite institutionalization of people with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities." But the Bay Area Council's report argues that this change didn't come with needed funding to develop better alternatives. As a result, many people have ended up on the streets or as part of the criminal justice system.

Some people also argue that for individuals with serious mental illness or substance abuse disorders, these 72-hour holds aren't long enough to help them get the support they need, and argue for a more humane form of conservatorship.

A law passed last year, SB 1045, authored by Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), allows three counties — Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego — to pilot a five-year opt-in program to make it easier to provide individuals with serious mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders who refuse treatment and have been detained frequently by police with housing and comprehensive social and medical services. The law mandates that people be provided



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**Steven Hough**, an outreach case manager with LifeMoves, peers into a tent located in the marshes inland of Bayfront Expressway. **On the cover:** Hough leaves his business card at the gate of an encampment in the marshes.



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**Hough** checks in with a client on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park. She talks about the discomfort of sleeping in rain “that comes sideways.”

the “least restrictive and most clinically appropriate alternative needed for the protection of the person.”

Currently, though, people have to say they’re ready to make a change to a more stable housing option, Hough said. And until they’re ready for that, he added, it’s best to try to help people find ways to feel at home wherever they are.

“When you don’t have a home, a car, a job, ... having your own space and taking care of it, no matter how simple, (is important),” he said.

“Even if it’s just a cart and a bench — that’s their world they control.”

#### Health and safety challenges

For people experiencing homelessness who do decide they are ready to access services, there is still typically a 30-day wait to get shelter and a 45-day wait to access Medi-Cal, he said.

To fill the health care gap for people who don’t have Medi-Cal, San Mateo County runs a Health Care for the Homeless mobile clinic, which offers urgent and primary care, screenings, vaccinations, physicals, family planning, mental health service referrals and needle exchanges.

The van moves throughout the county, but is in Redwood City on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Community Center parking lot at 2600 Middlefield Road, and Wednesdays from noon to 6:30 p.m. at 5th Avenue and Spring Street. It also runs a foot clinic for homeless clients at the Maple Street Shelter at 1580 Maple St. in Redwood City on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hough said he’s very aware of

medical issues among the homeless: He was a former medical school student before his circumstances changed and he began working with the street medicine team before transitioning into case management work. He says he finds it satisfying: “It’s similar to prescribing medications, but instead, I’m helping people access Social Security cards,” he said. “Health care is a very important groundwork to build on top of (to make sure) everyone’s healthy, happy and housed.”

Unsheltered homelessness can also create health and safety risks for the broader community, according to the Bay Area Council’s report. Diseases like Hepatitis A and typhus have spread rapidly in recent years among encampments in southern California.

There’s also the risk that encampments may catch fire, as occurred at Oakland encampments four times between September and November 2018, the report states.

Fires in the marshes are a serious concern for the Menlo Park Fire Protection District as well. Hough explained that when it gets cold out on the marshes, people can build fires close to their shelters without using proper fire safety procedures, increasing the risk of fire.

The fire district has responded to a number of fires and medical emergencies in recent years, including shootings, stabbings, and intentional fires set to other people’s encampments, said Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman in an interview.

Sometimes, people also set up booby traps around their encampments, presenting hazards to firefighters and police officers.

“These are folks that are hard

to deal with that end up there,” he said.

According to Fire Inspector Kim Giuliani, the marshes present unique emergency response obstacles. The area is riddled with trenches and deep holes, some of which are used for housing or human waste. There’s also no lighting, and the vegetation is tall and dense.

Giuliani said that she’s been working on how to improve safety in the marshes. One challenge is that, due to the presence of sensitive species, the fire district has been prohibited by environmental agencies from clearing the vegetation. It’s also very challenging to get people to move out if they are not interested in available services, she added.

Schapelhouman noted that the fire district has worked with Caltrans and Caltrain to relocate some residents. However, there are probably still about 40 people living in the marshes, Giuliani said, noting that the number fluctuates frequently.

“I never thought we would be as involved as we are,” Schapelhouman said. “What’s going on is not safe. It’s not healthy. It shouldn’t be allowed. Is it really compassionate to look the other way?”

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### Professor James E. Howell

March 6, 1928 – March 29, 2019

Professor James “Jim” E. Howell, 91, passed away on March 29, 2019, at Palo Alto Commons after a short illness.

Jim was born in 1928 in Sterling, Colorado, to James and Lois (Brown) Howell. He graduated from high school in San Francisco and spent several years in the Armed Forces. He graduated in 1950 from Fresno State College, received a master’s degree from University of Illinois in 1951, and his doctorate in economics from Yale University in 1955. He joined the faculty at Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business in 1958, where he served for 60 years, teaching in the MBA program as well as directing the Stanford Executive Program. He was Director-General and Senior Research Fellow at the International Institute of Management Science in Berlin; National Science Foundation senior postdoctoral fellow at the London Business School; postdoctoral fellow at the London School of Economics; visiting professor at Harvard University, University of Hawaii, Stanford-in-Austria and -Berlin, and INSEAD (France); and staff at the Ford Foundation’s Program in Economic Development and Administration. He was the first recipient of the Robert T. Davis Faculty Award for lifetime achievement at the Stanford Business School. He maintained an active consultancy business and spoke at the World Economic Forum.

Jim married Penny (Leinbach) in 1965, and they had one child, Caitlyn; he had three children from a previous marriage, Kenneth, William, and Jan. Jim and Penny enjoyed visits to all seven continents; their house in Santa Fe; salmon-fishing in British Columbia; opera performances; and the SF Giants. In his later years, Jim volunteered as a docent at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and took classes in quantum physics, archaeology, and genealogy.

Jim is survived by his wife Penny; his children Kenneth (Luchia), William (Jennifer), Jan (Gavin), and Caitlyn (Chance); grandchildren Elizabeth, Sara, Nicholas, Angus, Evan, Collyn, and Calliope; brother-in-law Michael (Jennifer); former sister-in-law Susan; and niece Shannon (James). A celebration of life will be held later. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to an educational foundation or organization of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY

## Dana Turkington Horner

August 18, 1928 – March 15, 2019

Dana Turkington Horner, of Atherton peacefully joined the angels in her home on Friday, March 15, at the age of 90. Dana was born, August 18th, 1928, in San Francisco to Ed and Elaine Turkington. Dana grew up in San Francisco, attended Miss Burke's School for Girls and graduated from Stanford University earning a BA in Education and a minor in Botany.



While at Stanford, Dana lived at Roble Hall and Story House and became a huge football fan. She was one of the original Stanford Dollies, cheering her team on to victory, and was a season ticket holder for years.

Dana became a full time homemaker raising 3 children, Blair, Ward and Kendall. She also modeled for Saks 5th Ave. and I Magnins, volunteered with the Junior League, the SF Symphony, Stanford Children's Hospital and most recently, as a board member of the Merola Opera in San Francisco.

Dana was an avid opera lover. She sponsored numerous singers, hosted events at the Menlo Circus Club, and attended rehearsals, galas and many opera events. Along with German Shepherds (all renamed with musical names) and her 3 children, Dana loved the opera.

Dana lived life to the fullest. She traveled the world, played dominoes weekly with all her best friends and hosted numerous college students and boarders in her Atherton home.

Dana is survived by her daughters, Blair Horner Conrad of San Carlos, Kendall Horner Hansen of Carmichael, and their spouses Mike Elderkin and Dave Hansen, 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son Warren Douglas Horner II.

An Open House Celebration of Dana's life will be held at the Atherton House May 11 from 1pm to 4pm. In Dana's memory, donations may be made to Merola Opera of San Francisco.

PAID OBITUARY

## How would SB 50 impact Menlo Park?

By Kate Bradshaw

Almanac Staff Writer

Across California, Senate Bill 50, a proposed law that would require cities to relax height, density and parking restrictions in areas that have a lot of jobs and reliable public transit, is sparking controversy, especially in affluent suburban areas that prize low-density, single-family residential neighborhoods.

The bill moved forward on April 2 following a 9-1-1 vote by the state's Senate Housing Committee, which is led by the bill's author, state Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco). The legislation is now headed for a hearing in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee "in the coming weeks," according to a press release on Wiener's website.

That committee also voted to advance Senate Bill 4, which would relax parking requirements within a half-mile of rail or ferry service based on a city's population, and increase height limits in cities with 50,000 or more residents. The bill also has an "inclusionary housing" provision to require

below-market-rate housing.

But how might such legislation actually shape housing growth in Menlo Park?

Researchers with the University of California at Berkeley's Urban Displacement Project and the Turner Center for Housing Innovation answered that very question in a new report titled, "Upzoning under SB 50: The Influence of Local Conditions on the Potential for New Supply."

The report evaluates the impact of the proposed legislation on four different kinds of neighborhoods: high density and low income, low density and high income, low density and low income and low density and diverse residents.

The area within a half-mile of Menlo Park's Caltrain station was picked by the researchers to represent neighborhoods across the state that are in areas that have low building density and high incomes among residents. It's also considered a "high opportunity" area, where there is a low poverty and unemployment rate and good access to jobs, according to the report.

Through their queries, the researchers point out that the

neighborhood surrounding the Menlo Park Caltrain station and neighborhoods like it have a number of factors at play that would make SB 50 particularly impactful in town, if it is enacted.

Researchers raised and responded to several questions, comparing Menlo Park to the other communities selected: Oakland's Fruitvale neighborhood and the Boyle Heights and Silver Lake neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

**Q: How much land could actually be rezoned for more housing growth under SB 50?**

**A:** This depends, but about 60 percent of the area covering a half-mile radius around the Menlo Park Caltrain station permits residential development, while 19 percent of the area does not permit residential use and 21 percent is considered part of the street network.

**Q: How big are the land parcels, and are they available?**

**A:** Of the neighborhoods analyzed, the area around the Menlo Park Caltrain station had the greatest number of large parcels, with more than half of

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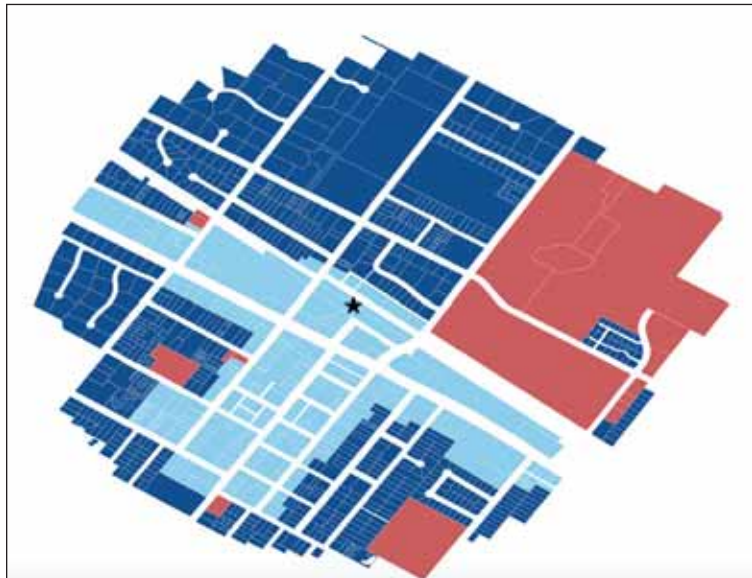
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Map courtesy Urban Displacement Project and Turner Center for for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley.

**This circle** shows the zoning in the half-mile radius surrounding the Menlo Park Caltrain station, which could be subject to major shifts in how much housing can be developed if Senate Bill 50 passes in California. Dark blue represents parcels zoned as residential-only; light blue represents parcels zoned as “mixed-use,” which allow commercial and “transit-oriented” development; and red represents parcels that are not available for residential development. The star represents the Menlo Park Caltrain station.

the land in the neighborhood taken up by parcels that are bigger than 20,000 square feet, meaning it has more potential than areas with small parcel sizes for taller, denser residential buildings to be constructed. According to the researchers, a five-story apartment building should be built on a lot between 7,500 and 18,000 square feet as a minimum, while parcels up to 5,000 square feet could accommodate up to 12 units.

The neighborhood around the Menlo Park Caltrain station has about 8 million square feet of “unbuilt” space on underutilized parcels, far more than any of the other neighborhoods studied, but the report notes that some parcels are unlikely to be developed, such as the areas of the city that are home to a monastery and a religious retreat center.

In addition, the potential to build housing on underutilized land is hampered by additional zoning regulations, the researchers said. For instance, zoning states that housing units have to be set back 20 feet from the front and rear of a property, and 5 to 12 feet on the sides. Proposed buildings are also regulated based on how much shade they cast on other properties, which further limits their height or the square footage in the upper stories. These restrictions add up.

Without those extra zoning requirements, the researchers explained, a 5,000-square-foot parcel could yield a 12,500 square-foot building with 13 700-square-foot units instead of a 4,700-square-foot building with five units of the same size — more than twice as much housing.

**Q: What about the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan?**

**A:** According to the researchers, it’s not clear yet how SB 50 would fit in with cities’ “specific plans,” such as Menlo Park’s El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan. The specific plan, which covers much of the same area that’s evaluated in the SB 50 report, created zoning allowances and underwent an extensive environmental review process before approval. Now, as long as developers build within the limits of that plan, they can skip the most extensive and uncertain parts of that environmental review.

“Where a specific plan is in place, developers may choose to use the specific plan’s guidelines instead of SB 50, even if the upzoning would allow more units on the property,” the report states. So far, about 72 percent of the total new 680 housing units the plan permits have already received entitlements, according to Menlo Park city staff.

**Q: What profits are possible?**

**A:** The report concluded that, under SB 50, developers would be far more likely to profit from building apartments near the Caltrain station in Menlo Park than in Oakland’s Fruitvale neighborhood.

Researchers presented a side-by-side comparison evaluating what could be built on a 5,000-square-foot lot in the area around Menlo Park’s Caltrain station and Oakland’s Fruitvale neighborhood under SB 50.

Assuming developers planned to build a four-story building with 12, roughly 800-square-foot apartments at both locations, researchers calculated that the Menlo Park apartment building would be nearly four times more

profitable, even factoring in the much higher land costs.

Construction costs are fairly similar between the two areas, while the rent that can be generated in Menlo Park is substantially more — \$3,546 a month compared with \$2,775 in Oakland, the report claims.

The researchers also factored in how the projects would “pencil out” — to borrow a term developers use to determine if a project is profitable enough to satisfy investors and be feasible — if a requirement for inclusionary housing were included. In this instance, that “inclusionary housing” policy would require a developer to rent 20 percent of the units at below market rate for low-income tenants.

They found that the profit margin would narrow somewhat for the Menlo Park developer, falling from 41 percent if full-market-rate rent was charged at all units to 28 percent. In the case of the Fruitvale project, though, researchers found that the inclusionary housing requirement would render the project infeasible, pushing the project from about a 12 percent profit to a 6 percent loss.

The report concludes that SB 50 shows “significant promise” to help convert vacant or underutilized parcels into housing, but added that concerns that such legislation would lead to the “Manhattan-ization” of neighborhoods are “also likely overstated.”

Cities that resist new housing “could still limit new developments by imposing other restrictions by what is built on a lot, or ensuring that land in transit-eligible areas is zoned for non-residential uses only,” the report continued. The researchers also suggest that lawmakers avoid a one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to establishing inclusionary housing requirements.

**Criticism**

After reviewing the report, Menlo Park Mayor Ray Mueller told The Almanac he saw some limitations in the study.

“My biggest criticism is that it glosses over the needs of special districts,” he said. “Local control is important to address the intricacies of local needs when it comes to funding services specific to each municipality and preserving the unique character of one city versus another.”

He argues that differences in how school districts are funded from one jurisdiction to another were not taken into account in the study, as well as the ability cities have to negotiate with developers for provisions that preserve “quality of life” factors, like funding for schools, fire and emergency response services and

park facilities.

He said he’s not coming from an “anti-housing” perspective: Menlo Park added the second-highest number of housing units per capita in the state just a couple of years ago. (This was after the city had decades of severely stunted housing growth and had to settle a lawsuit because it hadn’t updated its “housing element” or citywide plan to decide where to build more housing for many years.)

“I think the study is a great example of some of the problems with SB 50 in that it tries to treat very different cities all with the

same type of zoning,” he said. “A one-size-fits-all proposition puts us in a precarious situation where we will be unable to negotiate for specific needs.”

The Menlo Park City Council is scheduled to join the Palo Alto City Council at its chambers on Monday, May 6, for a joint study session on SB 50 and other housing legislation, according to Mueller.

Access the report online at [is.gd/ucbsb50](http://is.gd/ucbsb50).

What do you think about SB 50? Email Almanac reporter Kate Bradshaw at [kbradshaw@almanacnews.com](mailto:kbradshaw@almanacnews.com). ■



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## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

LARA STRONG  
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File No.: 280561  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Lara Strong, located at 512 Warrington Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
ADRIAN A. LARA  
512 Warrington Ave.  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
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 February 28, 2019.  
(ALM Mar. 27; Apr. 3, 10, 17, 2019)

BioCollection  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280778  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
BioCollection, located at 3475 Edison Way Ste. Q, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
BioCollection Inc.  
3475 Edison Way Ste. Q  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
DE Corporation  
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on May 05, 2015.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 22, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019)

SEQUOIA APPLIANCE REPAIR  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280805  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Sequoia Appliance Repair, located at 2793 Spring St., Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
JOSE RAMIRO ROSALES  
887 15th Ave.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03-26-2019.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 26, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019)

MEDICAL AESTHETICS OF MENLO PARK  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280732  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Medical Aesthetics of Menlo Park, located at 885 Oak Grove Ave., Ste. 101, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
NIKKI MARTIN MD INC.  
1405 Addison St.  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
CA  
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/14.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 19, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019)

ECO-HOT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280689  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
ECO-HOT, located at 367 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Redwood City, CA 94062, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
HAROLD WILLIAM WESTRICH  
367 Alameda De Las Pulgas  
Redwood City, CA 94062  
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 March 15, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019)

THE MAIDS RWC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280722  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
The Maids RWC, located at 593 Woodside Rd.,

Suite D, Redwood City, CA 94061, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
EMPRESAS MINERVA LLC  
3137 Castro Valley Blvd., Suite 203  
Castro Valley, CA 94546  
California  
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.  
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 March 19, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
File No. 267655  
The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.  
Registered Owner(s) abandoning the use of the fictitious business name(s):  
JUAN PALOMINOS TORRES  
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):  
JUAN PALOMINOS TORRES  
450 N. Fair Oaks Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):  
THE MAIDS RWC  
1270 Marshall St.  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
FILED IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ON: 12/31/15  
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:  
Individual  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of San Mateo County on March 19, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019)

BTMI PUBLISHING(Bound To Make It)  
BTMI MUSIC (Bound To Make It)  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280785  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) BTMI Publishing (Bound o Make It), 2.) BTMI Music (Bound o Make It), located at 1335 Camellia Dr., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
SEDRIC SALINAS M: LEVELL  
1335 Camellia Dr.  
E. Palo Alto, CA 94303  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/25/19.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 25, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 10, 17, 24; May 1, 2019)

CHILDREN'S ADVANCEMENT & RESULTS THROUGH EVALUATION (C.A.R.E) CLINIC, CARRIE S. WAI, PSY. D.  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280779  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Children's Advancement Results through Evaluation (C.A.R.E) Clinic, Carrie S. Wai, Psy. D., located at 1220 Howard Ave., Suite 250, Burlingame, CA 94010, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
CARRIE S. WAI, PSY. D.  
3565 Fillmore Street, Apt. 302  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
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 March 25, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 10, 17, 24; May 1, 2019)

HELM PHYSICAL THERAPY & INJURY PREVENTION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280638  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Helm Physical Therapy & Injury Prevention, located at 1900 El Camino Real, Suite A, Menlo Park, CA 94027, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
ANN MARIE MULL  
3516 Farm Hill Blvd., Apt. 20  
Redwood City, CA 94061  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on March 11, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 10, 17, 24; May 1, 2019)

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OUTDOOR ACADEMY SFOA  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280920  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Sustainable Future Outdoor Academy, 2.) SFOA, located at 330 Willowbrook Drive,

Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
TERRA VILLICUS LLC  
330 Willowbrook Drive  
Portola Valley, CA 94028  
California  
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 6, 2019.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 5, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 17, 24; May 1, 8, 2019)

LOWEN LEFRANC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 280887  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Lowen Lefranc, located at 98 Sutherland Drive, Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County.  
Registered owner(s):  
SUZANNE CRANDALL  
98 Sutherland Drive  
Atherton, CA 94027  
This business is conducted by: An Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/17.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 3, 2019.  
(ALM Apr. 17, 24; May 1, 8, 2019)

## 997 All Other Legals

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 19CV101386  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: ALISANDRA VASQUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: A.) SANDRA JULIZABETH CASTILLO VASQUEZ to SANDRA JULIZABETH VASQUEZ; B.) ALISANDRA ELISEMA VASQUEZ to ALISANDRA ELISEMA AMBROCIO VASQUEZ. 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: May, 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063.  
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
THE ALMANAC  
Date: April 4, 2019  
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Mar. 27; Apr. 3, 10, 17, 2019)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Case No.: 19CV101489  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner: VIKTORIIA TAGIROVNA KAMALOVA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: VIKTORIIA TAGIROVNA KAMALOVA to VICTORIA KAMALOVA FIFIELD.  
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: May 1, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Dept.: PJ of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, located at 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
THE ALMANAC  
Date: March 19, 2019  
/s/ Jonathan E. Karesh  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(ALM Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019)



Photo courtesy town of Atherton

**Kathleen "Kathy" Hughes Anderson** was town arborist in Atherton for more than 22 years. This photo of her was taken at Holbrook-Palmer Park around 2002 or 2003.

# Atherton to hold memorial, tree planting in honor of former town arborist

By Angela Swartz  
Almanac Staff Writer

**K**athy Hughes Anderson, Atherton's former town arborist who was stabbed to death in her Menlo Park home in December, will be honored by the town in conjunction with its Arbor Day celebration on Thursday, April 18.

Town officials and Atherton's Tree Committee will plant three trees in Holbrook-Palmer Park in Hughes Anderson's honor after an hourlong memorial service for Hughes Anderson. The town will plant a valley oak tree, because Hughes Anderson loved oaks, and two native toyons, Sally Bentz, town arborist and park manager, said in an email.

The service, which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the park, will include speakers including Valerie Gardner, a longtime friend of Hughes Anderson and a member of Atherton's Environmental Programs Committee, Bentz said.

Theresa DellaSanta, Atherton's deputy city manager and city clerk, said the tree planting is a fitting way to honor Hughes Anderson, who was active in helping designate Arbor Day in Atherton and in convincing the City Council to support efforts to protect trees for future generations.

"Kathy worked diligently in meeting the standards required to get the Town certified as a Tree City each year," DellaSanta said in an email.

Atherton Mayor Bill Widmer noted that planting trees goes "right to the heart" of Hughes Anderson's desire to make Atherton a "Tree City."

The Arbor Day Foundation

awards "Tree City USA" status to towns that maintain a tree board or department, have a community tree ordinance, spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrate Arbor Day.

"The tree will grow and be a permanent part of our park and will be a fitting memorial to Kathy," Widmer said in an email. "If she were to be asked what sort of memorial would be right for her this would be at the top of the list. ... Her work on the Heritage Tree Ordinance, which protects our trees, is also a living memorial to her work here."

Menlo Park police found Hughes Anderson's body in her Valparaiso Avenue home on Dec. 12. Francis Wolke, a 36-year-old from Cincinnati, Ohio, was arrested at the scene and has been charged with first-degree murder. His arraignment is scheduled for May 9.

Atherton also held a memorial service in January for Hughes Anderson, who worked as the town arborist for 22 years before retiring in 2011.

After the memorial service, town officials and volunteers will plant trees around the park to celebrate Arbor Day from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The memorial and tree plantings are open to the public. Attendees can meet at the North Meadow parking lot at 150 Watkins Ave. Refreshments will be provided.

In lieu of gifts, people are encouraged to plant a tree in Hughes Anderson's honor by donating to a special memorial fund at [is.gd/trees735](https://is.gd/trees735).

For more information, go to the town's website at [ci.atherton.ca.us](https://ci.atherton.ca.us). 📍

## Atherton looks at ways to reduce traffic congestion

While its lack of commercial and multifamily zoning have kept the population of Atherton relatively stable in recent years, town officials have become increasingly concerned about the problems caused by traffic passing through Atherton as the cities surrounding it and the region continue to grow.

On Wednesday, April 17, the City Council will look at the results of two recently completed traffic studies and the fixes they recommend. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the town's council chambers at 94 Ashfield Road.

One study looks at the Alameda de las Pulgas corridor specifically, while the second looks at the town as a whole and measures two types of traffic — pass through

(vehicles starting and ending their journey through Atherton on one street) and cut through (vehicles that use more than one street to pass through Atherton).

The studies found that on Alameda de las Pulgas, 89 percent of southbound traffic is pass through and 6 percent is cut through. Northbound, 70 percent of traffic is pass through and 20 percent cut through. In both directions on Middlefield Road, 75 percent of traffic is pass through and 20 percent cut through.

The consultants also suggested how to reduce the impacts of traffic in their reports.

Among the recommendations is the installation of traffic lights on Alameda de las Pulgas at

Atherton Avenue, Stockbridge Avenue and Camino al Lago; on Middlefield Road at Fair Oaks Lane and Watkins Avenue; and on Valparaiso Avenue at Elena and Emilie avenues. The studies say the traffic lights would significantly reduce the amount of time it takes to pass through those intersections during commute hours.

Also on the agenda is a discussion about seeking an alternative to the town's current garbage and recycling service, Recology. A report says that the contract with Recology is due to expire at the end of 2020 and the cost of service from Recology is likely to increase significantly over the 15-year term of a new contract.

—Barbara Wood

## Atherton groundbreaking marks start of civic center work

On Tuesday, April 23, Atherton officials and community members will gather for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new town civic center with police, administration, and building and planning offices plus a library.

In June, town officials were knocked for a loop when the lowest of the only two bids submitted to build the new town complex was 40 percent more than estimated — nearly \$15 million above budget.

But revising plans and

opening bids to more contractors paid off this spring with four new bids, three of which were between \$3.1 and \$3.8 million below the new \$48 million estimate.

Work to prepare the site for construction will start days after the ceremony, which will be held at 3 p.m. in front of the town offices at 91 Ashfield Road.

Arborists plan to start removing trees and shrubs that won't be part of the new civic center the week of April 29.

Town employees will also be

packing to move to temporary quarters in Holbrook-Palmer Park. The last City Council meeting in the historic council chambers, which will be renovated as part of the new library, is May 15. During construction, town meetings will be in the park's Jennings Pavilion, carriage house or main house.

Town employees will start moving into the park in May. The contractor is scheduled to start fencing off the site of the new civic center by early June.

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# Calendar

MEETINGS, MUSIC, THEATER, FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

## Submitting items for the Calendar

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### Theater

**'The Grapes of Wrath'** Bus Barn Theater presents "The Grapes of Wrath," adapted from John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a family that finds itself reduced to poverty during the Great Depression, abandoning their Oklahoma farm for the promise of a better life in California. Through May 5; times vary. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

**'Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story'** "Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story" chronicles the personal journey of virtuoso Hershey Felder while also exploring the life and music of impressionist composer Claude Debussy. Through May 5; times vary. \$40-\$120; discounts for seniors, adults under 35. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org)

### Music

**'Anderson x CCRMA: Sound Happenings'** "Anderson x CCRMA: Sound Happenings" is a show bridging the auditory and visual worlds of the arts through installations and performances by members of the Stanford music community. April 23, 5:30 p.m. Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Little House Choir Group** Little House is partnering with the Active Learning in the Arts organization to offer a new choir program that will sing songs in various genres such as folk, patriotic, musical theater and classical. Through May 29, 1-2 p.m. Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. [business.menloparkchamber.com](http://business.menloparkchamber.com)

### Talks & Lectures

**2019 Winter/Spring Evening Literary Seminar Series** Author and former adjunct professor at University of California, Berkeley Kimberly Ford will discuss "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls" by David Sedaris. April 22, 7-8:30 p.m. \$48; price includes book. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for more info.

**CCSRE Poetry Reading: Robin Coste Lewis** Poet and author Robin Coste Lewis will read her original works. April 17, 6 p.m. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Lori Gottlieb** Author and therapist Lori Gottlieb discusses her new book "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone." April 18, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$23 or \$45 with book; discount for students. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for more info.

**Medicine & the Muse Annual Symposium** This year's symposium keynote speaker, Al Letson, is the host and producer of "Reveal," the podcast from the Center for Investigative Reporting; creator of State of the Re:Union (SOTRU); and a journalist, poet, playwright, storyteller and performer. April 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [arts.stanford.edu](http://arts.stanford.edu)

**Jeff Gere: Supernatural Hawai'i** Storyteller Jeff Gere shares contemporary supernatural tales, where modern island life is entwined with the ancient spirits in stones, bones and the volcano goddess Pele. April 23, 7-8 p.m. Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**'This is Now' with Angie Coiro: The Future of Cannabis** Kepler's Literary Foundation's news and culture series "This is Now" invites experts David Downs and Dr. Danielle Ramo to discuss the regulatory

issues with cannabis and how they might be affecting the underground market, as well as the health implications for all. April 17, 7:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for more info.

**Tom Rosenstiel** American Press Institute director Tom Rosenstiel shares his international political thriller, "The Good Lie." April 18, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. [booksinc.net](http://booksinc.net)

**USGS Evening Public Lecture Series** Scientist Kristin Byrd will discuss how images from space can be used to help understand changes to California's coasts, rangelands, forests and wildlife habitats, as well as how they can help predict future changes and what more can be learned from advances in earth-observing technologies. April 18, 7 p.m. U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. [online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/](http://online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar/)

### Fundraisers

**Menlo Atherton High School Senior Fashion Show** The Menlo Atherton High School senior class fashion show is a decades-old tradition and fundraiser, providing funding for many student and school services. April 20, 1-3 p.m., 4-6 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Search [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) for more info.

### Museums & Exhibits

**Public Tour: Anderson Collection** The Anderson Collection features modern and contemporary American paintings and sculptures assembled by a Bay Area family who built the collection over the last 50 years. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 18, 12:30 p.m. Anderson

Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**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 May 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

**'The Happy Homemaker: History of Household Appliances'** The "Happy Homemaker: History of Household Appliances" exhibit showcases washing machines, stoves, refrigerators, heaters, vacuum cleaners, coffee makers and more. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. [moah.org/](http://moah.org/)

**Josiah McElheny: 'Island Universe'** Josiah McElheny's "Island Universe" examines both cutting-edge art and physics. The monumental installation of five hanging chandeliers is a visual response to recent theories of the multiverse, an elaboration of the Big Bang theory. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

**Kahlil Joseph: 'BLKNWS'** Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, is presenting his work "BLKNWS," a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through June 16, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

**'The Medium Is the Message: Art since 1950'** Using works created since 1950, this exhibition explores the relationship between

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**'Painting Nature in the American Gilded Age'** The Cantor Arts Center's newest exhibition considers how nature was depicted by American artists in landscapes, portraits and still lifes from the 1880s to 1910, an era of unprecedented industrialization and urban development. Through Aug. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

**Portola Art Gallery Presents Alan McGee's 'Woodlands'** "Woodlands" by photographer Alan McGee of Portola Valley features photographs from the last half century of his explorations in the landscape adjacent to his home. Through April 30, 10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. [portolaartgallery.com](http://portolaartgallery.com)

**Public Tour: Auguste Rodin** This exhibition celebrates Auguste Rodin's pursuit to convey complex emotions, diverse psychological states and pure sensuality through the nude. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 31; times vary. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Public Tour: Memorial Church** Tours of Stanford Memorial Church, one of the earliest interdenominational churches in the West, features the church's stone carvings, mosaics and stained-glass windows. Ongoing, Fridays at 1 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

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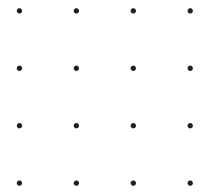
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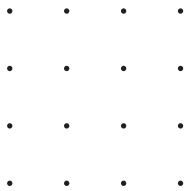
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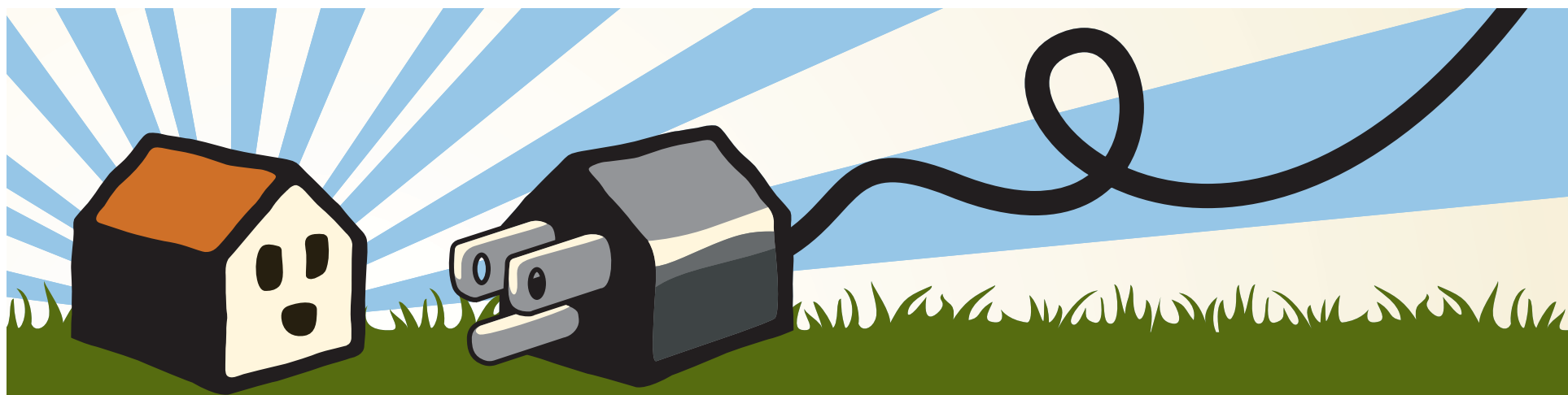


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