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Paul Trudelle, the 'gem' of Woodside Priory, retires

By Angela Swartz

After nearly 40 years of teaching science and living at Woodside Priory School, Paul Trudelle's final day of school is Friday, June 3.

The Portola Valley Town Council recognized Trudelle, 66, for his service to the town during a May 25 meeting.

"Paul Trudelle has enriched the lives of countless students, helped them grow in creative and imaginative thinking and has inspired them to be excellent in and outside the classroom," a town proclamation states.

Trudelle moved to Portola Valley in 1983 with his wife, Silvia, to be closer to family and teach at the Catholic Benedictine school. Silvia taught math until their second son was born. The pair lived in a three-bedroom home on campus and where they raised their six kids, all of whom attended Priory.

Trudelle, who received his bachelor's degree in biology

from Loyola Marymount University, taught chemistry, earth science, physics and astrology to students throughout the years.

Now that his daughter Laura is pregnant with her fourth child, Trudelle said he plans to move to Utah in July to help her.

"We hope to be the grandkid hub," said the grandfather of nine, whom some students on campus call "Papa T."

Trudelle originally planned to stay at Priory for just a few years and then move to a public school so he could collect a pension, but opted to stay at the private school because of the Benedictine model that one can "always begin again," which he finds freeing.

Living on campus sometimes felt like life in a fishbowl for Trudelle, who said recalls going out to water his lawn.

"I thought, 'Maybe I shouldn't have come out in a bathrobe,'" he said.

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Courtesy Woodside Priory School

Paul Trudelle fires off a science experiment with students at Woodside Priory School in 2005. Trudelle is retiring from teaching on Friday, June 3.

Council scrutinizes Meta's quarter-billion dollar plan for community amenities in Belle Haven

By Cameron Rebosio

Meta is offering a more than quarter-billion dollar package of community benefits for its massive Willow Village development. But the Menlo Park City Council questioned if the proposal is the best way to spend at the money at its May 24 meeting, with Council member Betsy Nash taking a skeptical view of the benefits.

Meta, formerly known as Facebook, has plans to build an ambitious development including 1.6 million square feet of offices, a 4.6 acre retail campus, a town square and publicly accessible park in the Belle Haven neighborhood. The main

development would be built along Willow Road between Hamilton Avenue and Ivy Drive across 59 acres, according to the application. While there has been some scrutiny of the plans to build over the site of a buried Native American village, the project is moving through the planning process with proposals for community amenities for Belle Haven.

Along with the offices, the project would include 1,730 residential units and a 193-room hotel. Over 15% of residential units are to be offered at below market rate to satisfy both the city's inclusionary housing policy and commercial development requirements, according to Meta's application.

Meta is required to provide \$133.3 million in community amenities according to Menlo Park's ConnectMenlo initiative, but the amenities offered by Meta are valued at over \$267 million according to the city and over \$295 million according to Meta.

One of those amenities is a grocery store, something the Belle Haven neighborhood has long requested. However, Nash noted that the grocery store was not a full-service grocery store as advertised, but rather a pre-built grocery store space. While the rent of the space would be subsidized for two years, there is no promise that a tenant will move in and stay in operation. The grocery store space is

valued by Meta and the city at over \$30 million, while the rent subsidy is valued at around \$2 million.

"We believe that (Meta) expects that an operating grocery store will come in," Nash said. "We do too, but we don't know that it will be there long term."

Ten residents speaking at the meeting heavily supported the grocery store. One Menlo Park resident, Nicholas Pataki, said he wanted a more easily accessible grocery store for him and his family.

"The grocery store is just an absolute must for us," Pataki said. "It's not that we're a food desert per se, but having to move to drive to East Palo Alto or kind

of deal with Willow (Road) and get into West Menlo Park ... it's always felt like a pretty big oversight, as someone who's invested and raising a family here in the neighborhood."

However, some residents shared similar fears to the City Council regarding the staying power of a grocery store. Resident Lynne Bramlett pointed to grocery store proposals in Palo Alto that have lost momentum over the years.

"I think the wording of the grocery store, the space (and) the rent subsidy is a red flag," Bramlett said.

Another major community benefit is a 2-acre elevated park

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Magali Gauthier

Elizabeth McCarthy glues “protein spikes” made out of paper straws and pom-poms onto her coronavirus piñatas on April 26, 2021.

Almanac honored in California Journalism Awards contest

By Andrea Gemmet

The Almanac took home eight honors, including two first place finishes, in the California News Publishers Association’s (CNPA) 2021 California Journalism Awards, according to results announced last week.

Magali Gauthier, the chief visual journalist, won first place for news photo, “In

ballgowns and sneakers, tuxes and masks, Menlo-Atherton high school seniors gather for a pandemic prom,” capturing the excitement of the first school dance since the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020. She also won first place for feature photo, “Taking a whack out of COVID” which took a unique angle on a nurse’s pandemic stress-reliever that

turned into a small business — handmade coronavirus-shaped piñatas.

“The tough-to-get angle and great composition immediately draw you in, only to be surprised by the creative representation of serious and important subject matter,” a contest judge said of the coronavirus piñata photo.

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Menlo Park ballot initiative seeks to protect single-family neighborhoods

If it qualifies, rezoning for denser housing will go to a vote

By Cameron Rebosio

An initiative proposed by local group Menlo Balance seeks to make the rezoning of homes in single-family neighborhoods in Menlo Park require a vote at the ballot box, but critics say that it’s focused on a threat that doesn’t exist.

Menlo Balance was founded by residents Nicole Chessari and Tim Yaeger to pass an initiative restricting the redesignation of single-family residential zones in the city.

The group gathered 3,000 signatures in just three weeks in order to qualify it to be on the ballot in Menlo Park this year.

“It matters to me because I have a 5-year-old” Chessari said. “I want him to be able to ride his bike in our neighborhood ... without having hundreds of cars zooming by, which is the problem with having high density in residential areas.”

To qualify, the initiative needed either 1,984 valid signatures or 2,183 verified with a random sampling, according

to Chessari, but the Menlo Balance sought to gather enough to qualify either way.

The canvassing has not been without controversy. There are reports of canvassers telling residents that single-family homes were being knocked down to create big box stores, or claiming that the initiative has the support of the Menlo Park city attorney, who has denied the claim. There are also reports of the canvassers claiming without evidence that

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Atherton council members divided on where to build multifamily housing in town

Council must approve a draft housing element to send to the state

By Angela Swartz

Although Atherton City Council members acknowledge they won’t meet their state-mandated housing goals with just accessory dwelling units, deciding where to put higher density units is still a point of contention.

During a special meeting last week, the council approved creating zoning overlays that would allow for more than just single-family housing on nine properties in town. All but one were passed with divided 3-2 votes, with some council members concerned that they haven’t heard enough feedback from neighboring residents on the changes.

“Atherton residents need to have a voice if we’re making a major change,” said Mayor Rick DeGolia. In particular, he wanted to speak with neighbors of 97 Santiago Ave., an empty 1.43 acre field off Valparaiso Avenue that sold last month for \$9.3 million located near Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton, according to Redfin.

“We have to go very slowly. ... The silver lining of trying this overlay of townhomes is I heard from many residents that they’re interested in townhomes because they’d like to downsize,” he said. “But I’ve heard from very few people that they want to see that in places other

than the periphery of town.”

The town is preparing its housing element for the 2023-31 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) cycle. The town must plan for the development of 348 new housing units, a large jump from its designation of 93 units during the 2014-22 cycle.

A May 23 town staff report notes that the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has not approved housing elements that do not include some provision for multifamily housing.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Lewis said she doesn’t want Atherton, which has a population of about 7,000, to turn into a “larger high density city” like nearby Menlo Park and Redwood City.

Overlay locations and town council votes

Below are the four locations where zoning overlays were considered and approved by a majority of the Town Council.

■ The property at 23 Oakwood Blvd., approximately 1.52 acres which borders Redwood City, was set at 16 units per acre. It passed 3-1-1, with DeGolia voting no and Vice Mayor Bill Widmer abstaining.

■ The property at 97 Santiago Ave., approximately 1.42 acres,

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Magali Gauthier

Examples of different types of housing are displayed at a community meeting on the state’s housing requirements in Jennings Pavilion at Holbrook-Palmer Park in Atherton on April 26.

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*This meeting is held virtually and in-person at the Council Chambers
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider a recommendation to the City Council from the Planning Commission to consider Zoning Code text amendments to Chapter 17.50 "Landscape Screening" of the Atherton Municipal Code (AMC) in accordance with Chapters 17.06, 17.18 and 17.50 of the AMC.

This meeting will be held via teleconference only pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) to provide the safest environment for staff and the public while allowing for public participation. The public may participate in the City Council Meeting via Zoom Meeting or by attending in-person in the Council Chambers at 80 Fair Oaks Lane Atherton, CA 94027.

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Description: The City Council is considering a recommendation from the Planning Commission for adoption of Zoning Code text amendments to Chapter 17.50 "Landscape Screening" of the Atherton Municipal Code (AMC). Amendments being considered include landscape screening on hillside lots and on architectural "towers" and projections, minimum tree and shrub planting sizes, and other items for a recommendation to the City Council. The Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend that the City Council adopt such amendments at their May 25, 2022 meeting.

A copy of the meeting agenda, City Council staff report, and application materials can be found online by Thursday, June 8, 2022 here:

<https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=41&Type=Recent>

The proposal has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to CEQA Section 15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for protection of the Environment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said AMC Zoning Code Text Amendments is set for hearing by the City Council at its meeting on **June 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM** via teleconference accessible through the above-described information or in-person, at which time and place all persons interested may participate and show cause, if they have any, why the Ordinance should or should not be approved.

City Council decisions are final on the date of decision and may not be further appealed.

If you have any questions on the item, please contact the Project Manager. Stephanie B. Davis, Principal Planner at sbertollo-davis@ci.atherton.ca.us, or 650-773-7249. If you have any questions about the City Council meeting, please contact Anthony Suber, Deputy City Manager, at asuber@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0529. Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the Building Division at (650) 752-0542 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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CRIME BRIEF

Police search for man who exposed himself to teen girl

Palo Alto police are looking for a man who exposed himself to a high school-aged girl as she walked past his parked pickup truck on Arastradero Road on May 24.

Around 9 a.m. May 24, police dispatchers received a call about an indecent exposure incident that just occurred in the 600 block of Arastradero Road, which is located near Briones Park. Officers responded immediately, but they could not locate the suspect.

The investigation revealed that the girl was walking west on the north sidewalk of Arastradero Road when she approached the truck, which was parked along the side of the road. The girl saw a man standing on the sidewalk side of the truck with his arm on its open window ledge. She then noticed that the man's pants were unbuckled and that he was masturbating.

The man made eye contact with the girl and said something to her in Spanish. She continued to walk past him and later notified police.

The man is described as Hispanic and about 25 years old. He was wearing a light blue T-shirt and gray pants. The girl said he had a shaved head with black hair, and he was also clean-shaven. He stood about 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighed 150 pounds.

The man's vehicle was described as a white, older model pickup truck, possibly a Ford, with gardening equipment in the back of the truck. The truck did not have any decals on it nor did it have an extended cab or any storage racks in its bed.

The girl met with a police sketch artist on May 25.

Palo Alto police detectives are actively investigating this case. There have been no similar cases reported recently to Palo Alto police.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may recognize the suspect from the sketch is asked to contact Palo Alto police at 650-329-2413. Anonymous tips can be emailed to paloalto@tipnow.org or sent via text message or voicemail to 650-383-8984.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Courtesy Menlo-Atherton Black Student Union

From left: Sherinda Bryant, Menlo-Atherton High School instructor and faculty advisor, with 2022 Ubuntu Scholarship Program winners Jade Alexander, and Alanna Stevenson.

M-A Ubuntu scholarships awarded

Menlo-Atherton Black Student Union's faculty advisors awarded its second annual grants to graduating African American seniors Jade Alexander, Alec Shelton and Alanna Stevenson, according to a press release.

The club originally planned to hand out two scholarships this year through the school's Ubuntu Scholarship Program, but because of the high quality of the finalists, three students to be recognized.

Alexander and Shelton will attend San Francisco State University, while Stevenson will go to College of San Mateo.

Donations for the scholarship program can be sent to Menlo-Atherton High School, c/o Elena Villafuerte, Treasurer, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton CA 94027. Checks should be payable to Menlo-Atherton High School Scholarships, with Ubuntu Scholarship Program in the memo line.

For additional information, email MABearsUbuntu@gmail.com.

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San Carlos City council member pulls ahead in campaign contributions for District 3 supervisor race

By Cameron Rebosio

Laura Palmer-Lohan, San Carlos City Council member who's running for the District 3 seat on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, has outraised her three opponents since April 24. She is closely followed by Ray Mueller, the Menlo Park City council member who raised in the most last filing period.

Virginia Chang-Kiraly and Steven Booker, also in the running for the vacant seat, have reported smaller contributions over the same period.

Campaign finance disclosures from April 24, 2021 to May 21, 2022 show that Palmer-Lohan has raised over \$22,000 in less than a month, bringing her total contributions for the

calendar year to \$56,689, the highest of the candidates. She's also spent the most among the field of candidates.

Palmer-Lohan's contributions during this period came almost entirely from individuals, with notable political donors being Palo Alto Unified School District trustee Jennifer DiBrienza (\$1,000), Redwood City School District trustee Alisa MacAvoy (\$250), Brisbane City Council member Karen Cunningham (\$104) and Wendy Dougherty, San Carlos School Board trustee and chief operating officer of Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation (\$100). She was also supported by several education professionals, consultants and healthcare professionals.

Mueller reported the second

largest haul at \$16,100 since April 24, for a total of \$46,624 this calendar year.

Notable donors to Mueller's campaign include the California Nurses Association Political Action Committee (\$1,500) as well as a number of individual attorneys, who collectively contributed \$4,600.

Chang-Kiraly raised \$5,546 in the filing period, bringing her to a total of \$24,849 this calendar year. Her significant donations came from Susan Martin, chief financial officer of Harvard Investment Co. (\$100) and Jennifer Wisnom, owner of Wisnom's Hardware store (\$2,000). She is also the only candidate to have taken out a loan for the campaign, reporting \$50,000 in loans before this filing period.

Booker raised \$1,010 in the past month and \$9,252 total. He received contributions from an organizer for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 569 and another from an electrician in IBEW Local Union 617 (\$400), the highest contribution reported for his campaign this month.

Palmer-Lohan has reported spending the most this month, \$92,525, with a \$161,210 in total spending this calendar year. Her largest sums have gone to Political Data Intelligence, based in Long Beach (\$5,182) and Smart Call Media (\$9,735).

Mueller's expenditures are nearly half of Palmer-Lohan's at \$55,450 in a month, but is close in overall spending at \$141,171.

His highest payments went to SDA Creative (\$1,961) and LT Strategies (\$40,830), based in Hayward, with another \$6,000 going to Silicon Valley Latino.

Chang-Kiraly reported spending \$37,447 this period and \$61,391 in total this year, with most going to Storefront Political Media Inc. of San Francisco (\$13,064) and Serafina Casey of Menlo Park for consulting services (\$1,487).

Booker had the lowest reported expenditures this period with \$4,670, and \$31,218 in total. A large portion of these expenses went to CleanSweep Campaigns, Inc. of San Francisco for literature and travel (\$3,800). ■

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MENLO BALANCE

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several council members support the initiative.

"I'm disappointed that this discussion had to reach the point of initiative," Councilman Drew Combs said. "I wish we would have been able to bring all of the stakeholders together and work out a path for it that everyone would've been in support of."

Chessari and Yaeger said it was never a talking point for canvassers to claim that the city attorney was in support of the initiative.

Menlo Together, a local group focused on addressing housing and transportation problems in Menlo Park, is opposed to the initiative, said Adina Levin, a member of the group's steering committee. She said the city

has no plans to bulldoze and replace homes in the "R1" zoning districts, which currently includes churches, a school and a vacant lot.

"There are no plans anywhere to knock down houses and do the kinds of development that the ballot measure is purporting to prevent," Levin said.

The proposed initiative would prevent the city from rezoning single-family homes without the approval of Menlo Park voters. However, according to Levin, this would act as a barrier for several churches that want to build affordable housing in their parking lots and for old school sites such as Flood School, which fall within R1 zoning areas.

"We want an equitable community," Levin said. "Having a good housing element that

enables the creation of housing, and especially affordable housing, is something that we really want to have happen. The Bay Area as a region and Menlo Park, in particular, has housing that is really unattainable for a very large number of people."

But Yaeger, who has a background in real estate development, insists that the city is not growing in a smart way.

"I think when you envision how the city's laid out ... with the road widths we have ... this planning process was never envisioned (as) having

the density we're now talking about," Yaeger said. "When you look at sites that are not close to the train, not close to bus stops, and you talk about putting high-density (housing) there, you are exacerbating traffic problems."

The initiative would have a big effect on any future development of the Flood School lot. The site is proposed to have 90 units of affordable housing in Suburban Park at the former site of James Flood magnet school. If the initiative proposed by Menlo Balance passes, there must be a vote

before housing could be built on the land.

"This would essentially just make it so the city has to do its job," Chessari said. "They should already be taking the community concerns into account and if they address the community concerns then I'm confident that people would vote to approve a change of zoning for that project."

The initiative can be read online at menlobalance.org/ballot-initiative. ■

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Andrea Gemmet

Menlo Balance put up flyers in the Linfield Oaks neighborhood to drum up support for its ballot initiative. The group wants voters, rather than the Menlo Park City Council, to decide whether areas of single-family housing could be rezoned to allow for denser development.

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Sacred Heart Prep awards 154 diplomas to its 124th class

By Angela Swartz

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began two years ago, the entire Sacred Heart Preparatory (SHP) community took part in the Atherton school's graduation ceremony on May 27 on the school's football field.

This year, the 154 members of the graduating senior class were able to celebrate the school's 124th commencement with the Religious of the Sacred Heart, the board of trustees, and faculty and staff, according to a school press release. The school held a drive-in graduation in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Graduates plan to attend 79 different schools. Of the graduating class, 62 will study in California and 92 will study out of state (three of whom will study outside of the country). Fifteen graduates earned recognition by the National Merit Scholarship program.

Twenty-three graduates have attended Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton (SHS), for 13 or more years, from preschool through senior year of high school.

Diplomas were presented by Board of Trustees Chair Gary Kirkham; Richard A. Dioli,

director of schools; Jorge Reyes, assistant principal, curriculum and academics; and Frank Rodriguez, assistant principal of athletics.

Dioli gave remarks along with SHP Principal Dr. Jennie Whitcomb, Valedictorian Tyler Ratcliffe, Salutatorian Millie Muir and Greg Roig, a SHP social science teacher.

Following a century-old school tradition, the school awarded "Blue Ribbons" to students, who were nominated and elected by the faculty and ratified by the administration. The ribbons reflect outstanding achievement in academics and standards of character in the fulfillment of one or more of the school's guiding goals.

Light Blue Ribbons, for embodiment of a particular goal, were awarded to:

■ John Adrian Dioli, John Kirinchich and Stella Parker for Goal I: A personal and active faith in God

■ Annelise Brew and Catherine Jewitt for Goal II: A deep respect for intellectual values

■ Aanvi Kapoor, Soleil Repple and Caroline Salame for Goal III: A social awareness which impels to action



Courtesy Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton

Sacred Heart Preparatory's 124th graduation ceremony on May 27.

■ Luke Johnston, Kate Newton, Elison Noto and Matilda Tangitau for Goal IV: The building of community as a Christian value

■ Ilaria Freccia, Katherine Sinclair and Lia Smith for Goal V: Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

■ Graduates William Heafey,

Millie Muir and Ella Woodhead each received a dark blue ribbon, for embodiment of the values implicit in a Sacred Heart education.

For 16 consecutive years, SHP's athletics program has sent at least 10% of each year's graduating class go on to play intercollegiate

sports, according to the school. Of the graduates, 28 student athletes will play in 12 different sports, and nearly 70% will compete for NCAA Division I teams. ■

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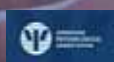
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Nativity School students win county STEM awards

Five students from Nativity School of Menlo Park received awards in the 35th annual San Mateo County STEM Fair competition on March 5, according to a press release. Two won first place, fifth grader Jim Fulton and eighth grader Victoria Harding-Bradley; one took second place, seventh grader Ava Wong-Foyl and two received honorable mentions, eighth graders Giselle Cruz and Bridget Semler.

A total of 347 students from 35 different schools participated in the county tournament.

Victoria, who researched ultrasonic acoustic wave emissions in plants, is one of 30 students from the fair who will take part in the National Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering as Rising Stars). She will also compete in the California State Science and Engineering Fair.

National Merit Scholars announced

On Wednesday, June 1, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced over 2,600 winners of scholarships financed by colleges and universities. Officials of each college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program who will attend their institution.

Awards range from \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study. More scholars will be announced in July, which will bring the total number of college-sponsored merit scholarship recipients this year to about 4,000.

One of the winners is Max B. Goldman of Menlo Park, who attended Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton. He plans to attend Occidental College in Los Angeles.

For more information, go to nationalmerit.org. ■

—Angela Swartz

HOUSING

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was set at 6 units per acre. 3-2, with Lewis and DeGolia opposed.

■ The property at 170 Atherton Ave. in West Atherton, which is about 4 acres, was set at eight units per acre. Three council members voted yes, while DeGolia and Councilwoman Diana Hawkins-Manuelian abstained from voting.

■ The property at 290 Polhemus Ave. near Alameda de Las Pulgas and Stockbridge Avenue, is approximately 5 acres, was set at eight units per acre. The overlay was approved unanimously.

The council had already directed staff to include five properties that front along Bay Road as part of the overlay zoning. The density for these properties, just under an acre each, was set at six units per acre.

The town is aware of property owners at 170 Atherton Ave. and 23 Oakwood Blvd. are interested in proposing higher

density development, according to a May 26 town newsletter. The remaining property owners have not expressed interest in creating higher density development; but, the overlay provides the opportunity for it in the future, the newsletter.

Town Planner Lisa Costa Sanders noted that the town can take public comment on a draft housing element, then adjust where it plans for townhouses based on that.

Additional housing strategies

Atherton town staff and council members also discussed other ways to build more housing beyond just townhouses.

Residents have started taking out applications to split their lots and build duplexes in town, made possible by Senate Bill 9, which took effect this year. This will help the town reach its housing goals, but not be enough to meet

housing mandates without planning for higher density.

Costa Sanders told the council that if the Menlo Park Fire Protection District decides to build dorms for its firefighters at Station 3, 32 Almaden Ave. in Atherton, it will not count toward the housing stock.

Hawkins-Manuelian said it would be wise to change town rules so residents can build ADUs above their garages. And at some point the town might have to account for ADUs being rented out, she said, in order for them to actually count towards housing stock.

Menlo College is looking to add faculty housing at the corner of Alejandra Avenue and El Camino Real, along with some housing potentially in a building that needs to be replaced at the center of campus, Costa Sanders said. The town expects about 34 units of housing to be added on school campuses this housing cycle, she noted.

Widmer said families moving into new developments in Menlo Park (a project at the former home of SRI International and the Greenheart complex in downtown) will increase enrollment in the Menlo Park City School District. He wondered if there could be a need for the district to include apartments on the top floor of any new buildings it constructs for a growing population. Lewis said that while it is a good idea, Encinal School is already landlocked and probably couldn't grow.

The council will vote on the draft housing element during a special meeting in July. The final housing element must be completed by January 2023.

Watch a video of the meeting on the town's YouTube page: youtube.com/c/TownOfAthertonCA. ■

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Senate approves Becker's bill to limit police radio encryption

SB 1000 would require law enforcement agencies to restore public access to radio communication by 2024

By Gennady Sheyner

A bill from State Sen. Josh Becker that would require California law enforcement agencies to find alternatives to radio encryption cleared the state Senate on May 26.

The legislation, known as Senate Bill 1000, addresses the recent trend of police departments throughout California

switching to encrypted communication, a practice that keeps the media and residents from monitoring police activities through a police scanner. The bill gives law enforcement agencies until Jan. 1, 2024 to come up with policies that would protect confidential information while restoring public access to regular radio communication.

The Palo Alto Police

Department was one of dozens of law enforcement agencies throughout the state that have switched to encryption in response to an October 2020 memo from the state Department of Justice. The directive from the agency ordered agencies to protect personally identifiable information such as Social Security numbers, license plate numbers and criminal records.

Some agencies, including Palo Alto police and most other police departments in Santa Clara County, responded by encrypting all radio communications. Others, including the California Highway Patrol, adopted a "hybrid" approach in which personally identifiable information gets transmitted through secure channels while most of other communication continues to be publicly accessible.

SB 1000 states that agencies may comply with the confidentiality requirement by using an encrypted channel for dissemination of confidential information; by transmitting the information by a mobile data terminal, tablet or other text display

device; or by communicating it through a telephone or other private device-to-device communication.

Becker's bill easily cleared the Senate by a 25-8 vote, which fell largely along party lines. Republican Sens. Patricia Bates, Andreas Borgeas, Brian Dahle, Shannon Grove, Melissa Melendez, Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh and Scott Wilk dissented. Sen. Melissa Hurtado was the only Democrat to join them in opposition.

The bill will still need to get approved by the state Assembly and then signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom before it becomes law. ■

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider proposed changes to the Town of Atherton's Master Fee Schedule concerning fees for general government, police, planning, development, engineering, and park services.

This meeting will be held via teleconference only pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) to provide the safest environment for staff and the public while allowing for public participation. The public may participate in the City Council Meeting via Zoom Meeting or by attending in-person in the Council Chambers at 80 Fair Oaks Lane Atherton, CA 94027.

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Meeting participants are encouraged to submit public comments in writing in advance of the meeting. The following email will be monitored during the meeting and public comments received will be read into the record.

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Description: The City Council is considering resolution for the adoption of proposed changes to the Town of Atherton's Master Fee Schedule concerning fees for general government, police, planning, development, engineering, and park services. The Fee schedule follows a cost escalator based on local Consumer Price Index (CPI). Various fees on the Master Fee schedule have a labor component and as such shall be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the San Francisco Bay Area. The Master Fee Schedule sets the fees for Planning, Building, Engineering, Public Works, Administrative, Police, Parks and Facilities. The rental fees at Holbrook Palmer Park are proposed to convert from flat fee to hourly pricing and adjusted by the CPI-U. No changes are proposed to valuation driven fees such as Building Permit and Plan Check Fees. These valuation driven fees are not adjusted by the labor component CPI-U. There is a recommendation to the Council to adopt a resolution for FY 2022/2023 amending various fees and charges for areas described above on the Town Master Fee Schedule based on CPI cost escalator. **A copy of the meeting agenda, staff report and draft resolutions can be found online by Friday, June 10, 2022 here:**

<https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=41&Type=Recent>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said Resolutions are set for hearing by the City Council at its meeting on **June 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM** via teleconference accessible through the above-described information and in person at 80 Fair Oaks Lane City Council Chambers, at which time and place all persons interested may participate and show cause, if they have any, why the Resolution should or should not be recommended for approval.

IF YOU CHALLENGE any actions taken to adopt the proposed changes to the Town of Atherton's Master Fee Schedule by the CPI-U concerning fees for general government, police, planning, development, engineering, and park fees and rentals, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing addressed to FY 2022/23 Town Master Fee Schedule City Clerk, The Town of Atherton, 80 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, CA. 94027.

If you have any questions on the item, please contact Anthony Suber, Deputy City Manager, at asuber@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0529. Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the Building Division at (650) 752-0542 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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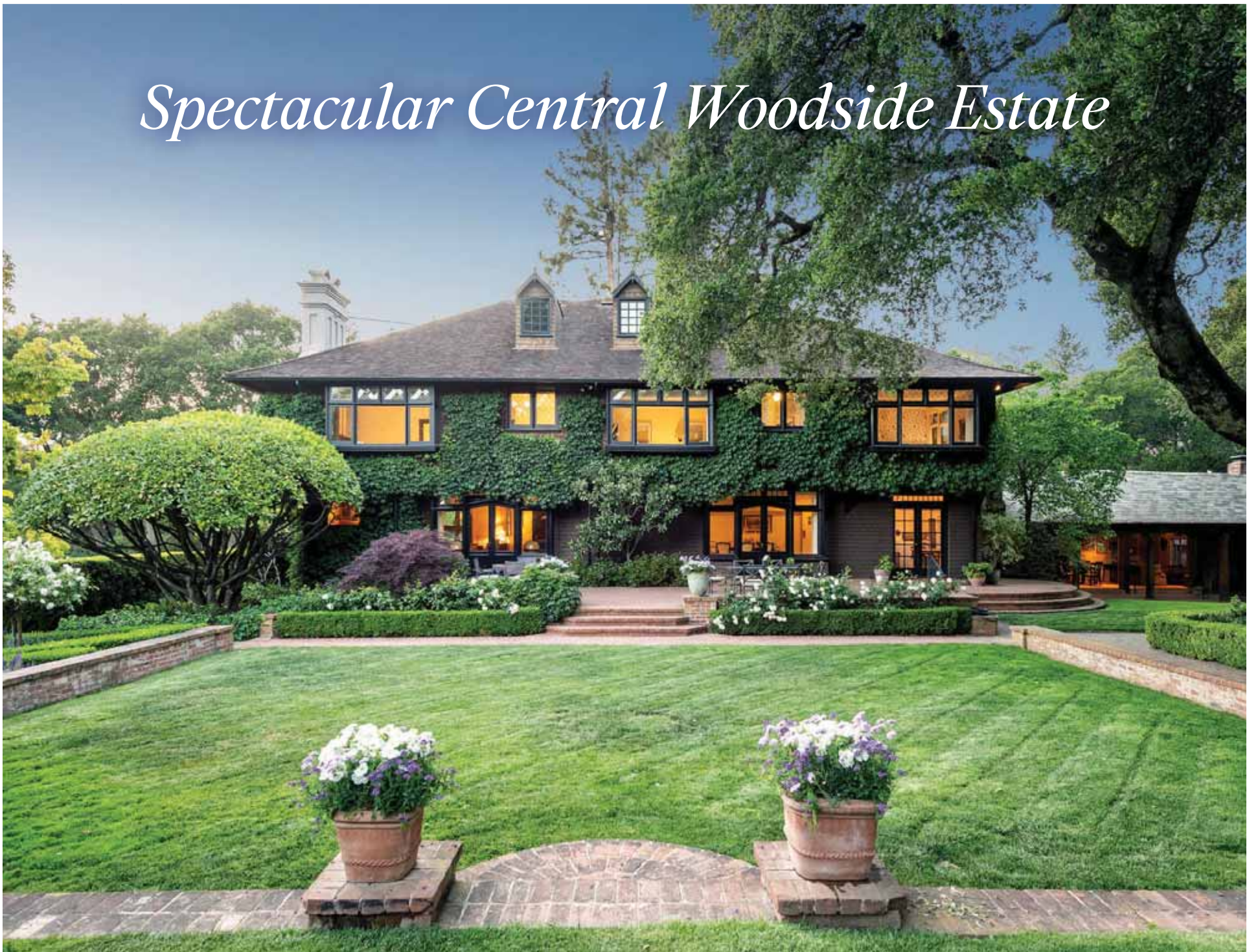
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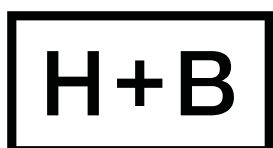
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Ravenswood's Measure I campaign raises \$7K, spends \$13K

The campaign in support of the Ravenswood City School District's \$110 million bond Measure I has raised a total of \$7,252 in donations in the lead-up to the election next month, according to campaign disclosure statements filed on May 24.

Five donors from Woodside, Menlo Park and Palo Alto gave to the campaign committee, Yes on Ravenswood City School District Measure I, statements show. The California Teachers Association's Association for Better Citizenship Committee also each gave \$375. The campaign received just under \$3,000 between April 24 and May 21.

Measure I, which requires 55% approval to pass, is on the June 7 ballot and is aimed at replacing aging portables, upgrading classroom technology and more.

The campaign spent \$6,928 over the last filing period, and \$13,635 so far this election. The latest round of expenditures included about \$1,500 for design work and \$6,000 for printing



Veronica Weber

The Ravenswood City School District is asking voters to approve a bond measure to pay for upgrades to deteriorating campus facilities.

services such as for banners, yard signs and flyers.

During the previous filing period, from March 11 to April 23, the campaign raised about \$4,000 and spent nearly \$7,000.

Ballots for the all-mail primary election must be turned in or postmarked by Tuesday, June 7. To find local in-person voting centers or ballot drop-boxes, go to smcacre.org. For election coverage including voter guides, go to almanacnews.com. ■

—Angela Swartz

TRUELLE

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But he said he loved the convenience of living on campus. It is just 40 meters from his front door to the back door of the gym. He can see the baseball diamond from his kitchen window.

Love of teaching

One of the greatest joys of teaching for him is seeing a child master a concept that previously they didn't think they could learn. He kept a "Yet" poster on his classroom's wall.

"I make them say 'I can't get this yet,'" he said. "Minds work better like parachutes, when they're open. It helps teach perseverance. We're trying to push resilience and critical thinking."

Trudelle has grown concerned about the students taking so many Advanced Placement and honors classes in high school in the last 20 years. He wishes they'd also spend high school pursuing new sports or developing friendships.

"It's sad, too, because I've met kids who said, 'The last two years of high school I

didn't really enjoy it,'" he said.

Recognition

When the Town Council recognized Trudelle for his work at Priory during the May 25 meeting, Priory Head of School Patrick Ruff called Trudelle "a gem," noting his presence will still be felt for generations to come.

"We are grateful for all that he's done for Priory but also for Portola Valley," Ruff said. "The transformational effect he's had on students, literally for generations, has been amazing. ... We certainly use him for a model for the way we act."

A lifelong runner, the Priory track is named the Trudelle Family Track in his honor.

About 200 people attended the school's farewell reception on May 27. One eighth grader who spoke at the party had trouble letting go of Trudelle while hugging him goodbye.

"That to me was priceless," he said. "I wouldn't trade that moment for anything. When we can touch each other mentally in a way is something you never forget." ■

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TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ON HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

The Town of Portola Valley is updating its Housing Element as required by State law. The Town Council appointed an Ad Hoc Housing Element Committee that has been meeting since August 2021 to develop the key components of the Draft Housing Element. Detailed information is available at www.portolavalley.net/housingelement.

The Public Review Draft of the Housing Element will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Town Council at two upcoming meetings.

Planning Commission will review the Draft Housing Element on **Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom and provide feedback to the Town Council.

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Town Council will review the Draft Housing Element on **Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm**. The Council will provide direction to staff and authorize submittal of the Draft Housing Element to California Housing and Community Development for review. Please visit <https://www.portolavalley.net/community/town-calendar> for Town Council meeting information, when available.

Meeting participants are encouraged to submit public comments in writing in advance of the meeting. Please send an email to housing@portolavalley.net by 12:00 PM on the day of the meeting. All comments received by that time will be transmitted to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting. All received questions and comments will be included in the public record. Members of the public can provide comments using the "raise your hand" feature in the Zoom platform (*9 for telephone).

For more information, please visit: www.portolavalley.net/housingelement

Dated: May 31, 2022

Laura Russell, Planning & Building Director

* Remote Meeting Covid-19 Advisory: On September 16, the Governor signed AB 361, amending the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) to allow legislative bodies to continue to meet virtually during the present public health emergency. AB 361 is an urgency bill which goes into effect on October 1, 2021. The bill extends the teleconference procedures authorized in Executive Order N-29-20, which expired on September 30, 2021, during the current COVID-19 pandemic and allows future teleconference procedures under limited circumstances defined in the bill. Portola Valley Town Council and commission and committee public meetings are being conducted electronically to prevent imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. The meeting is not available for in-person attendance. Members of the public may attend the meeting by video or phone linked in this agenda.



Courtesy Woodside Priory School

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Family donates \$1M to develop youth mental health resources

To carry on son's legacy, the Tone Yao Lee scholarships will support mental health educators, psychologists and research

By Sue Dremann

The family of a Palo Alto man who died by suicide in October 2021 has made a \$1 million donation to create a scholarship fund at Santa Clara University with a special purpose: to advance community mental health care for young adults by bolstering the number of trained psychologists and mental health educators and by funding mental health research in perpetuity.

Tone Lee, 22, was the kind of young man who was always interested in helping others, his father said. He sought to help his fellow students at Gunn High School after the deaths of three of his friends by suicide, and he spoke

openly about his own struggles to encourage others to come forward when they weren't OK. He earned a certificate as a registered behavior technician and worked with families of people with autism and with developmental disabilities. He raised money to buy sleeping bags for homeless people in San Jose, and he adopted a three-legged dog that no one else seemed to want, his father recalled.

As Lee's family grappled with their profound loss over the past six months, they discussed how to continue Lee's legacy. They decided to move forward by bringing something positive to the community that would capture his dedication to helping others, his father said.

"There are two paths. One path is you're helpless; you deny the facts. The other path is you want to learn something so another family in the same situation will suffer less. I chose the latter," he said.

'There are more people in need than there are available resources.'

TONE YAO LEE'S FATHER

"We could've chosen a different path — to isolate from the community — but even when he suffered, as he did with his mental health issue,

he still helped people. There's no reason why I can't do more than I used to do. We should not lose the spirit of what he wanted to do while we live on," his father said.

The Lee family's donation, which was announced on April 22, has created three scholarships at Santa Clara University's School of Education and Counseling Psychology: The Tone Yao Lee Education Scholarship Fund, Tone Yao Lee Counseling Psychology Fund and Tone Yao Lee Mental Health Research Fund.

Lee graduated from the university with a major in finance from the Leavey School of Business. He was accepted into Leavey's "4+1" masters program for graduate studies and was offered consecutive internships in high-tech companies. But his personal struggles and work with his therapist inspired him to want to be an educator or a psychologist and work with children, his father told the Weekly.

When Lee was diagnosed with depression, his family sought counseling for their son, but they found a dearth of available psychologists for young adults. It took more than a month to find someone in the Palo Alto area, and the waiting lists were long.

"There are more people in need than there are available resources," Lee's father said.

The mental health issues of young adults are different from those of adults because their brains are still developing, his father said. Therapists

who can treat young adults are particularly important for that reason, as is research into youth mental health, he added.

The Tone Yao Lee scholarships could address some of these needs by producing more psychologists and counselors.

While most of the donation will remain as seed money to enable the funds to grow, some scholarships will be available to students as soon as the 2022-2023 school year Lee's father said that the funds are open to other contributions, and he hopes the community will see the value of the scholarships and donate to the funds.

"I'm looking for long-term solutions that generate more resources for the community and make the community better. Mental health is a real issue. It happens to young people regardless of their background," he said.

"If we try to understand it, to produce more education, collectively we will have more benefits to the community. If we keep a deaf ear, ignore it and have stigma, it will never make the issue better. We will only see the suffering," he said.

More information about the Tone Yao Lee scholarship funds can be found at www.scu.edu/ecp/. Information on donating can be found at the bottom of the webpage by clicking on "Make a gift."

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Text: 650-687-708

Description: The City Council is considering resolutions for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget (CIP). This also includes resolutions for adopting salaries and benefits for unrepresented staff, approving the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Salary Schedules and Classifications, and the FY 2022/23 Appropriations Limit. The Council will discuss and provide feedback on the proposed Operations and CIP budget, revenues, expenditures, capital projects, salaries and benefits. There is a recommendation to the Council to adopt resolutions for FY 2022/2023 Operating and Capital Budget, FY 2022/2023 Salaries and Benefits Schedules, FY2022/2023 Gann Limit Appropriations, and Town Master Fee Schedule. **A copy of the meeting agenda, staff report and draft resolutions can be found online by Friday, June 10, 2022 here:**

<https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=41&Type=Recent>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said Resolutions are set for hearing by the City Council at its meeting on **June 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM** via teleconference accessible through the above-described information and in person at 80 Fair Oaks Lane City Council Chambers, at which time and place all persons interested may participate and show cause, if they have any, why the Resolutions should or should not be recommended for approval.

IF YOU CHALLENGE any actions taken to adopt the FY 2022/2023 Operations and Capital Improvement Budget and underlying Resolutions, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing addressed to FY 2022/23 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget, City Clerk, The Town of Atherton, 80 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, CA. 94027.

If you have any questions on the item, please contact Anthony Suber, Deputy City Manager, at asuber@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0529. Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the Building Division at (650) 752-0542 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting

Date Published: June 3, 2022

Date Posted: May 27 2022

ATHERTON CITY COUNCIL

/s/ Anthony Suber

Anthony Suber, Deputy City Manager



Magali Gauthier

Tone Yao Lee's father holds an iPad that displays an online announcement by Santa Clara University about the Lee family's \$1 million donation to its School of Education and Counseling Psychology in honor of Lee.

Ukrainian president shares thoughts on 'cruel war,' value of freedom in Stanford address

Volodymyr Zelenskyy greeted with warm reception, offers of aid from students

By Gennady Sheyner

In his address to Stanford University students on Friday, May 27, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy recalled the story of a Ukrainian boy who fled Mariupol, a city on the Sea of Azov that was devastated by the invading Russian army.

The boy managed to escape the city and seek refuge in another part of Ukraine, Zelenskyy said in his video address. Grateful to his hosts, he told them that next summer they should come to visit his family in Mariupol.

"He said, 'Yes, there's no town, but the sea is still there,'" Zelenskyy said. "This is a story about life — life always winning over death. And that matters most for everyone."

"This is a story about a human being who is still sincere and grateful in the most horrific circumstances because he is a free person. And I believe Ukrainians, who have been tested by this war, will still be sincere, grateful and free."

Wearing his signature olive green T-shirt, Zelenskyy sounded an optimistic note about the long-term future of Ukraine, even as he acknowledged the brutal reality that his nation has faced since Russia's invasion began on Feb. 24. While Ukrainian forces had repelled Russia's army in Kyiv and Kharkiv, the neighboring nations are now battling it out in the Donbas region in the eastern part of the nation, where Russia is reportedly making steady advances. And despite Ukraine's success in Kharkiv, its second-largest city, the city continues to reel under Russia's bombardment. Two days ago, Russian bombs killed nine civilians, including a 6-month-old child.

"This is a bloody war, a fierce war and a cruel war," Zelenskyy said.

Zelenskyy had visited the Stanford campus last September, long before Russia launched its full-scale invasion. At that time, he described Ukraine as a place where "everything is possible." That, he told the Stanford crowd, remains just as true today, even though much else has changed. He contrasted the experience of Stanford students with those of their counterparts in Ukraine.

"From May of this year to September, I know this will be a difficult path, a painful path," Zelenskyy said. "And during that period the young people will not be looking at professors and at their colleagues, but they will be looking at their comrades at the trenches and at enemies that they can see through the sights of their weapon or through the UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles)."

Zelenskyy was introduced to the crowd by Michael McFaul, director of the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University and former U.S. ambassador to Russia. McFaul characterized the conflict in Ukraine as a battle between good and evil.

"In the fight between democracy and dictatorship, colonialism and independence, and good and evil, no nation in the world is doing more," McFaul said. "No nation in the world is sacrificing more than Ukrainians."

McFaul highlighted the connection between Stanford and Ukraine, noting that the university has trained about 225 Ukrainians over the past two decades, many of whom now work for the Ukrainian government. Current students have also stepped up since the outbreak of

the war to help. Stanford's medical students have launched an initiative called Telehelp Ukraine that connects physicians with patients in Ukraine who need health support. And over the course of the discussion, Zelenskyy heard from a student who went to Ukraine to provide on-the-ground assistance; another who participated in Aspen Institute Kyiv, a nonprofit that fosters cultural and political dialogue in Ukraine; and another who is from Russia and who wants to do more to promote independent journalism and disseminate accurate information about the conflict.

Students greeted Zelenskyy with a standing ovation and, one after another, asked him what more they can do to help Ukraine. Responding to a Russian student, he urged her to use her social media channels and other means to penetrate Russia's "information mausoleum."

"The world is big and we have to remove the frontiers, open the borders and bring the truth in with the knowledge, with conviction, with persuasion," Zelenskyy said. "And this is a mission for the leaders, for the people who sometimes unfortunately cannot see or hear the truth and take no heed. With years, we'll have more people like that."

"You can penetrate this wall. You can present the truth to them."

Zelenskyy said that he believes the war will change the relationship between Ukrainian and American people, who he said have already grown closer and have become "much closer in our feelings." Both nations, he said, have the same idea in mind when they talk about "freedom."

"Our cities and towns are devastated, our sea is blocked, but we remain free," Zelenskyy said.

Since the onset of the war, the United States has already contributed about \$54 billion in aid to Ukraine, assistance that has helped the nation rebuff Russian advances and reclaim territories. But with no end in sight for the conflict in Donbas, some in the United States have argued in recent weeks that Ukraine should make territorial concessions to Russia as part of a peace agreement. The New York Times issued an editorial last week that argued that a decisive victory by Ukraine is "not realistic" and suggested that a peace agreement will require "painful territorial decisions" as part of a compromise with Russia.

Henry Kissinger, former U.S.

national security adviser, also suggested earlier this month that Ukraine should accept as part of a peace deal the "status quo ante," the conditions that were in place just before the war. This would effectively concede that Crimea, which Russia had invaded and annexed in 2014, would now be accepted as part of Russia.

McFaul said in an interview after the Friday event that he strongly rejects this argument.

"The idea of giving Russia more territory to reward them for the use of military force — I don't know of cases in world history where that's worked," McFaul told this news organization. "We have a very bitter memory, a bitter history, especially in the

run-up to World War II, where giving territory and legitimizing annexation did not lead to peace, it actually led to more conflict. I think these are dangerous and, frankly, naive concepts from people who do not understand Putin and his imperial intentions."

Despite the difficult situation in Donbas, McFaul said that in his view, Ukraine has already won the war.

"They have already defeated most of Putin's objectives. They thwarted him," McFaul said. "But the battle in Donbas is real and I fear it will last for a long time." ■

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Gennady Sheyner

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses Stanford University students at CEMEX Auditorium on May 27.

No Fireworks Zone

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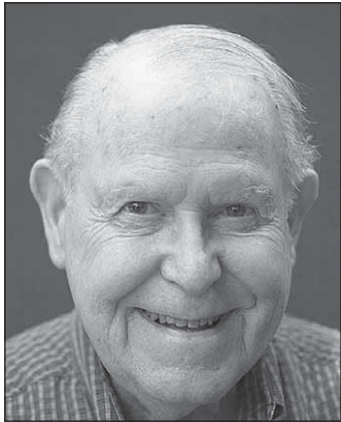
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Sanford Carnahan

1941 – 2022

Sanford (Sandy) Carnahan left us on May 6, 2022. He was born June 11, 1941 in Coral Gables, Florida to Thomas and Mildred Carnahan. After his father passed in 1949, Sandy and his mother moved to Sherman Oaks, California. Sandy received a B.A. in Economics from UCLA. After serving in ROTC at UCLA and receiving an MBA from Harvard University, he spent two years in Army intelligence, including a tour in Vietnam. Sandy was an executive at numerous companies, including Fruit Growers Supply Company, Doyon-an Alaska Native Corporation and E-Z Crete Products. After retirement he worked for up to six-months each year at the San Mateo County Elections Division, improving election processes.



Sandy believed in community participation and served as a member and chairman of the board of Peninsula School in Menlo Park and led the Peninsula School Endowment and Trust Fund for twenty-years. He was also a volunteer with CERT, the Community Emergency Response Team in Menlo Park.

Sandy was an avid architectural and night photographer. He was also a serious reader, enjoying biographies, WWII histories and spy novels. Sandy and his wife Susan traveled to many countries as diverse as Bhutan and Mongolia.

He is remembered by all for his intelligence, bright smile, dry sense of humor, and his kind and caring ways. Susan and Sandy lived in Menlo Park for forty-two years and moved to the Saratoga Retirement Community in 2019 to be close to their son David and his family.

Sandy is predeceased by a son, Jonathan, and his sister Barbara. He is survived by Susan, his wife of 45 years, son David (Kerin), grandchildren Aurora and Akash, and nieces Peggy McIntyre and Debbie Stubbs.

A Celebration of Sandy's Life is planned for Saturday, June 11, Sandy's birthday, at 1 p.m. at the Alta Mesa Memorial Cemetery Chapel, 695 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306.

The family has requested that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the Peninsula School Annual Giving Campaign, peninsulaschool.org/annual-giving-campaign

PAID OBITUARY



Courtesy city of Menlo Park

A rendering of the "Main Street" entry into Meta's proposed Willow Village mixed-use project in Belle Haven.

WILLOW VILLAGE

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proposed to cross Willow Road. The park would include public access for pedestrians and bicycles and a safe crossing over Willow in addition to a tunnel for bikes and pedestrians. The elevated park is valued at over \$133 million, which would fulfill the required cost of community benefits on its own. The tunnel is valued at over \$35 million according to Meta, but just \$22 million, according to the city.

Some council members believed that amenities such as the park, even while carrying large price tags, didn't fulfill the required job of serving the community. They suggested that some of these amenities aimed to serve future Meta employees instead of residents already living in Belle Haven.

"To count toward bonus level development, the amenity must actually provide value to the impacted bayfront residents," Nash said. "Most amenities proposed here primarily benefit the proposed project's new residents, its commercial tenants, Meta and its employees and visitors. It would be a mistake to attribute full community benefit value to those amenities."

But some residents came out in support of the park. Resident Arvind Chari said that Belle Haven deserved not just functional items, but beautiful ones as well.

"We don't just need basics here," said Chari. "We need to see ourselves as a community, a part of Menlo Park that deserves services that are at or above par with the other parts of the community."

Council member Jen Wolosin said that while beauty is important to a community, it's also important to analyze what can count as a community amenity when working with hundreds of millions of dollars, and make sure they are live-work-play amenities.

"I think we can all agree that the concept of the elevated park ... we can all get really excited about," Wolosin said. "But again looking at what was asked for versus what was delivered ... and trying to kind of distill a little bit more of how we value the benefit as defined."

Other offered amenities include a dog park, a bank, a pharmacy, job training programs, a mobile market and two years of rent subsidies for 22 teachers in the 777 Hamilton apartment complex.

Menlo Uptown traffic improvements

Another topic at the May 24 City Council meeting included a discussion over a right-turn pocket on eastbound Willow Road, at the intersection with Gilbert Avenue, as a part of the ongoing Menlo Uptown development. Wolosin argued that adding this pocket may benefit drivers but would create problems for pedestrians, while Council member Drew Combs favored the turn lane, saying that adding it would negate traffic issues and allow for shorter waiting times for drivers. He opposed the idea that it would be unsafe.

The Menlo Uptown project was cleared to continue by the council in an effort to prevent delays, but the council members are expected to discuss the intersection again at a future date. ■

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

MOUNTAIN MICROGRIDS
MOUNTAIN MICRO GRIDS
SKYLINE MICROGRIDS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 290967

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1). Mountain Microgrids, 2.) Mountain Micro Grids, 3.) Skyline Microgrids, located at 215 Chapman Rd., Woodside, CA 94062, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
JEFFREY BEAMAN

215 Chapman Rd.
Woodside, 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 May 3, 2022.

(ALM May 13, 20, 27; June 3, 2022)

MENLO CLOCK WORKS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 290897

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Menlo Clock Works, located at 961 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

Registered owner(s):
TIME SOURCE INC.
961 El Camino Real
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California

This business is conducted by: A Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/1981.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 25, 2022.

(ALM May 13, 20, 27; June 3, 2022)

GREEN CEDAR DISTRIBUTION
PHOENICIAN FOODS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 290893

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Green Cedar Distribution, 2.) Phoenixian Foods, located at 2479 Industrial Pkwy #K, Hayward, CA 94545, Alameda County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 275, Redwood, City, CA 94064.

Registered owner(s):
GHASSAN A. RICH

1405 Marshall St. #519
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 08/11/2005.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on April 25, 2022.

(ALM May 13, 20, 27; June 3, 2022)

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OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include **Lorelei C. Carey**, 84, a longtime Woodside resident, on May 23.

To read the full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memories at almanacnews.com/obituaries.

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ATHERTON

97 Ridge View Drive \$11,988,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 6BD/7.5BA
DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000

LOS ALTOS

324 Alicia Way \$7,988,000
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LOS ALTOS HILLS

12380 Priscilla Lane \$4,988,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 5BD/3.5BA
DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000

14309 Stanford Court \$3,995,000
Sat 1:30-4:30 5BD/3BA
Compass 650-740-7954

26301 Silent Hills Lane \$14,988,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 5BD/6.5BA
DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000

13581 Wildcrest Drive \$5,988,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 5BD/4.5BA
DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000

MENLO PARK

1160 Trinity Drive \$5,195,000
Sun 2:00-4:00 3BD/3BA
Coldwell Banker Realty 650-619-6461

2067 Ashton Avenue \$2,698,000
Sun 1:00-4:00 3BD/1BA
The Dreyfus Group, Golden Gate Sotheby's
International Realty 650-485-3476

MOUNTAIN VIEW

108 Sondagroth Way (C) \$1,425,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 3BD/3BA
Coldwell Banker Realty 650-400-5800

754 Leona Lane \$2,488,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 3BD/2BA
DeLeon Realty 650-785-5822

38 Devonshire Avenue (T) \$1,498,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 3BD/2.5BA
DeLeon Realty 650-785-5822

PALO ALTO

2261 Saint Francis Drive \$3,500,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 4BD/3.5BA
JLee Realty 650-857-1000

285 W. Charleston Road \$3,498,000
Sat 1:30-4:30 4BD/3.5BA
DeLeon Realty 650-785-5822

3513 Waverley Street \$5,988,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 5BD/5BA
DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000

1420 University Avenue \$7,488,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 6BD/6.5BA
DeLeon Realty 650-900-7000

PORTOLA VALLEY

855 La Mesa Drive \$4,995,000
Sun 2:00-4:00 4BD/3BA
The Dreyfus Group, Golden Gate Sotheby's
International Realty 650-485-3476

REDWOOD CITY

915 Whitehall Lane \$2,595,000
Sun 2:00-4:00 3BD/2.5BA
The Dreyfus Group, Golden Gate Sotheby's
International Realty 650-485-3476

SAN JOSE

512 Rutland Avenue \$1,498,000
Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00 3BD/2BA
Keller Williams Palo Alto 650-273-9900

SUNNYVALE

857 W. Remington Drive \$1,988,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 3BD/2BA
DeLeon Realty 650-785-5822

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636 Southdale Way \$5,995,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 3BD/5.5BA
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RESOLUTION NO. 2273_ (2022)

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL ZONE

Lands of Raghav

The District Board of West Bay Sanitary District finds and determines as follows:

A. This Resolution of Intention is adopted pursuant to the District's "Zone Master Annexation Resolution" ("ZOMAR"), which was adopted by the District Board August 12, 1996. The provisions of ZOMAR are incorporated by reference into this Resolution of Intention.

B. The District has received an application to annex a parcel of real property (the "Parcel") to the District's On-Site Wastewater Disposal Zone (the "Zone"). The Parcel is described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the description contained in the Exhibits are incorporated by reference. The name and address of the applicants and the number, type, volume and location of on-site wastewater disposal systems which are proposed to operate on the parcels to be annexed are described in Exhibit "B" attached to this Resolution of Intention and the information contained in the Exhibit are incorporated by reference.

C. The applicants have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Board that the Parcel constitutes "real property" for the purposes of Section 2(b) of ZOMAR in that:

X All of the conditions described in Subsections i., ii., iii., iv. and v. of ZOMAR Section 2(b) are satisfied; or

Other conditions exist which demonstrate that the Parcel will benefit directly or indirectly from the activities of the Zone. If applicable, those conditions are also set forth in Exhibit "B" and are incorporated by reference.

D. All of the conditions and requirements of ZOMAR Sections 2(a), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(e) have been fully satisfied.

In consideration of the foregoing findings and determinations,

IT IS RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

1. It is the intention of the District Board to annex the Parcel to the Zone pursuant to the provisions of ZOMAR and applicable provisions of law.

2. In conjunction with a meeting of the District Board to be duly and regularly called and conducted, the Board will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to this Resolution of Intention.

The time, date and place of the Public Hearing are:

Date: June 22, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: West Bay Sanitary District Offices, 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025 & via Zoom

At the Public Hearing, all interested persons will be heard.

3. This Resolution of Intention shall be published and copies shall be delivered to the persons and entities as specified in ZOMAR Section 2(e)(i.).

4. A true copy of this Resolution of Intention shall promptly be filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of the County of San Mateo.

5. The District Manager shall cause the matters set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of this Resolution of Intention to be completed as directed.

Exhibit A

DATE: 12-3-2021
ANNEXED TO: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT
NAME OF ANNEXATION: WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT

GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION
LANDS OF RAGHAV
AND A PORTION OF GROVE DRIVE
PROPOSED WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT ANNEXATION
1.15 ACRE +/- PARCEL

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL OF LOT 20, AND PORTIONS OF GROVE DRIVE, AS DESIGNATED ON THE MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 608 STONEGATE, SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF CORTE MADERA RANCHO", SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1948 IN BOOK 29 OF MAPS AT PAGE 31, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT THENCE ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT SOUTH 51°33'00" EAST 160.13 FEET (1) TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF GROVE DRIVE, 50 FEET IN WIDTH, SAID POINT IS ALSO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 40.00 FEET, A RADIAL TO SAID CURVE BEARS NORTH 51°33'00" WEST, THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A CUL DE SAC AT THE NORTHERLY END OF SAID GROVE DRIVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 212°23'57", AN ARC LENGTH OF 148.28 FEET (2) TO THE BEGINNING OF A REVERSE CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 20.00 FEET, THENCE LEAVING SAID CUL DE SAC, ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 134°06'57", AN ARC LENGTH OF 46.82 FEET TO A POINT OF CUSP (3); THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 63°16'00" WEST 81.42 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID GROVE DRIVE; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY, SOUTH 38°27'00" WEST 42.15 FEET (5) TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 625.00 FEET, THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°00'00", AN ARC LENGTH OF 152.72 FEET (6) TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 20; THENCE NORTH 47°46'00" WEST 223.25 FEET (7) TO THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 20; THENCE NORTH 46°02'00" EAST 220.24 FEET (8) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 1.15 ACRES +/-

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SAN MATEO LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION
455 COUNTY CENTER
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

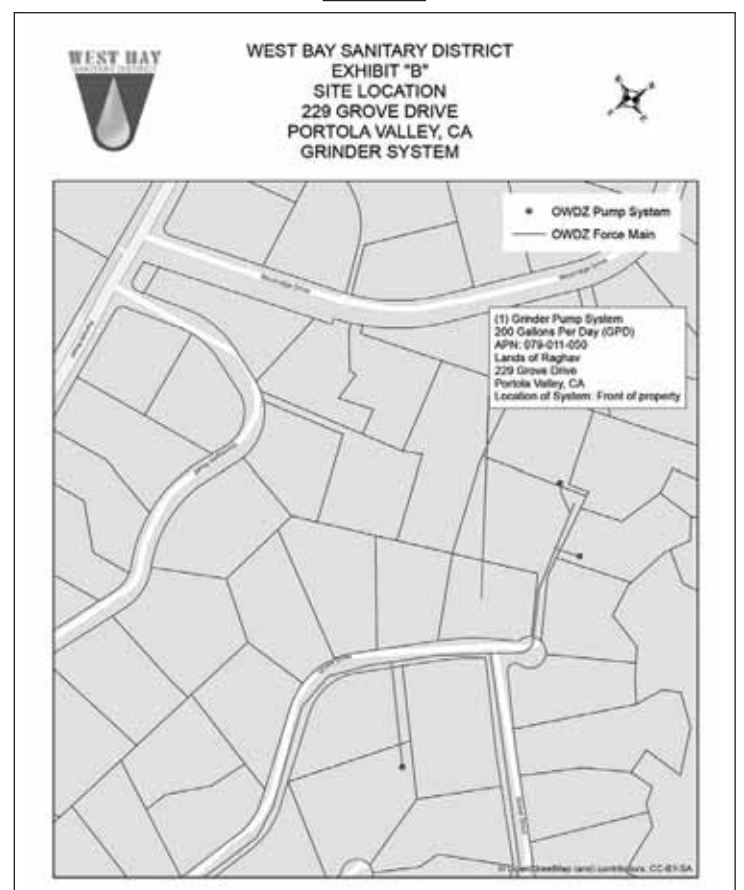
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2/24/22
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Exhibit B



AWARDS

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Gauthier also took second place in feature photos with “Menlo Park goldsmith Sharona Wolff makes ancient jewelry with a modern twist.”

“The closeness, the focus and the hint of light on her face, opposite the fire on the other end of the shot, make this a memorable image,” a judge commented.

She won third place for news photos with “Tears, hugs and masks as children go back to school,” an image of kindergartners lined up to get hand sanitizer from their teacher at Los Robles-Ronald McNair Academy in East Palo Alto.

Judges awarded Gauthier second place for her photo story illustrating the cautious return of everyday social activities in July, “Signs of life,” which captured everything from a memorial service to friends gathering for drinks at the Pioneer Saloon in Woodside, a rehearsal of masked ballerinas to families gathered for a concert in the park.

In the digital division for news websites, Gauthier took fourth place for her feature photo, “Proms without dancing or high heels,” showing a Menlo-Atherton senior modeling her ensemble for an outdoor prom held on the school soccer field: a yellow satin ball gown and matching mask, with her sneaker-clad foot peeking out from under her skirt.

Reporter Angela Swartz took fifth place for her coverage of local government with her story, “Portola Valley braces for wildfire season.”

Former Almanac reporter Kate Bradshaw got a



Magali Gauthier

Kindergarten teacher Ruth Cuellar gives Regina some hand sanitizer before entering the classroom on the first day of school at Los Robles-Ronald McNair Academy in East Palo Alto on Aug. 25, 2021.

fifth-place nod for her three-part enterprise series “Figuring out how to feed kids when they’re not in school,” “From farms to families” and “When hazards collide,” which looked at how the pandemic upended how food reaches vulnerable residents.

In its competition, the CNPA separates daily and weekly newspapers. It also pits dailies and weeklies against each

other in several circulation categories. The Almanac competed in the 11,001 to 25,000 circulation category, which included sister publication the Pleasanton Weekly. In the digital competition there are just three categories statewide, designated by the site’s number of monthly unique visitors. ■

Email Editor Andrea Gemmet at agemmet@almanacnews.com.



Magali Gauthier

Sharona Wolff uses a torch to fuse 22-karat gold balls onto a larger gold piece in a studio at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park on Nov. 29, 2021.



Magali Gauthier

Seniors try to start a dance circle at the Menlo-Atherton High School prom on the campus soccer field in Atherton on May 7, 2021.



Magali Gauthier

Charlie Smith wears sneakers and holds a mask in her prom dress in Atherton on April 27, 2021.

Artscene

Opening doors

After months of virtual programming, youths' dream art center opens for in-person classes in East Palo Alto



By Kate Bradshaw

After more than a decade of planning and effort, a brand new youth arts center is up and running in East Palo Alto. Young people ages 6 to 25 can now participate in a wide array of classes and internships in the arts, ranging from photography to dance, theater to graphic design, fashion design to skateboard design.

The center has been offering virtual classes for months due to the pandemic, but started holding in-person classes this spring. EPACenter's official grand opening took place on April 23.

EPACenter, pronounced "epi-center," is a new 25,000-square-foot space with areas dedicated to a wide range of artistic disciplines. There's an amphitheater, music practice rooms, a maker space, art studio spaces, a cafe, a dance studio, an art gallery, performance space and more.

The project has been in the works for about 12 years, and student input was a key part of the project at every step, said Nadine Rambeau, executive director at EPACenter.

"When you think about arts education, normally kids produce a play or perform some music," she said. "They created a building, an opportunity for their community where there was one. That is the height of creativity and creative agency, and that is something that normally youth of color do not have in their lives."

"The project really speaks to the power of youth and listening to the

voices of youth, and taking what they need seriously," Rambeau said. "When you think of the level of investment that's been made in this project, that's just unheard of."

Much of that investment came from the John and Marcia Goldman Foundation, along with support from other organizations. The new building, located at 1950 Bay Road in East Palo Alto, was designed with student input by architecture firm WHY, with landscaping by landscape architect Walter Hood, an Oakland-based MacArthur "genius" grantee. The former Superfund site has been transformed into a LEED Platinum-certified building with sustainable design, Rambeau said.

It's also providing a long-term outlet for students to grow and strengthen their arts skills over time, she said.

"Students really needed something they could develop over time — and have a place to return to ... from those very basic levels of development up to advanced levels," she said. "We want to be that hub."

Ethan Avena, a 12-year-old student at Frank S. Greene Jr. Middle School, said in an interview that he's been involved with EPACenter for about five years.

"It's been very helpful to have something ... you can look forward to," he said.

His first class was in the ukulele, and he said his favorite songs are ones "that make you feel joyful and peace comes to you when you hear it."

He said he has also been applying his lessons in photography

and cooking, using the former to record what happens around him and the latter to prepare meals for his family.

"I've learned dishes that would cost, like, \$50 at a restaurant," he said. "Being able to cook for my family is really cool."

Partly because there is nothing like it in the community, the doors of the program are opening to a wide range of youth — from ages 6 through 25.

For Melanie Resendiz, 15, a student at Eastside College Prep, EPACenter has been a part of her life for three or four years now, she said in a recent interview. As a member of the advisory council, leaders from the center wanted her feedback about what kinds of things they wanted at the center, she said.

And, she added, they listened. Students said they wanted one part of the building to include a cafe and lounge where students can hang out. Right now, she's taking a class in which she gets to design a skateboard and learn to ride it.

"I am so happy. There's never been something like this here, so it's really nice that not only us, but everyone else in the future will be able to use it," she said.

Students also requested that the center provide tools and programs to help students prepare for high-paying jobs that will allow them to continue to live in the community, as well as resources to help one's stress and mental health, Rambeau noted.

In response, the center acted to develop internship programs and



Photos by Adam Pardee

Top: EPACenter celebrated its grand opening on April 23 with an event that invited the community to tour the new youth arts center. Above: Chef Alaun Girmaud shows visitors around the new kitchen during the "You, Me, and the Art of Pastry" class inside the EPACenter.

a wellness program.

The internship program, which is currently serving 30 students, is teaching students skills in fashion design, graphic design, public art and filmmaking, all while earning \$17.79 per hour.

The center also added a culinary arts program after hearing students talk about experiencing food insecurity.

"Part of my job is taking what they say seriously, and translating that to support their vision," Rambeau said. "I listen to them very closely."

The organization is also developing partnerships with cultural institutions, college attainment organizations, corporations, local schools and universities, Rambeau said.

"It's such a wonderful resource that doesn't come to a community that's been historically under-resourced often," she said. "We're

going to try to get everything we can out of it."

James Henry, who teaches drumming and percussion at EPACenter, says it has been great to start teaching his students in-person again in a new building that was developed for them.

"It's been awesome to see the joy on kids' faces," he said. "Through all the COVID, we kept moving forward, doing classes on Zoom for almost two years until we finally got together in person."

A master percussionist, Henry's classes take students around the world, studying percussion tools from different countries.

"Now that EPACenter is there, it's a joy," he said. "(It's) like a brand new basketball gym. Everybody's excited." ■

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Taking the road less traveled

Beachside coffee caravan finds a home in a Menlo Park luxury hotel

By Anthony Shu



In 2021, you would have found Molly Welton serving coffee by the beach out of a converted 1960 Layton travel trailer. California Kahve marked the realization of Welton's dream, a coffee stand where sand blew through her door. Now, you'll also run into Welton at her first permanent coffee counter inside Menlo Park's cowhide-walled Park James Hotel, a seemingly surprising departure from her business' bohemian roots.

However, after an event-filled year rotating through several locations, adding a food truck to complement the Layton caravan and sparking "outrage" for bringing crowds to San Francisco's Great Highway, Welton, a Burlingame native, doesn't mind returning to her roots in luxury hotels (at least a couple of days out of the week).

Welton describes herself as a longtime coffee snob and even considered an undiscerning palate a dating red flag. When her now-husband stopped at 7-Eleven for a coffee on one of their first dates, Welton thought, "Oh boy, this guy might not be for me."

Welton's days were filled with carefully pressed and folded tablecloths and warm greetings

to suitcase-lugging guests that always included their names. An experienced hospitality professional, Welton spent time at the Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay and the Four Seasons in San Francisco.

Throughout her career, Welton always made sure to stay close to white sands and refreshing sea breezes. Her first job in the hospitality industry was in Honolulu serving cocktails and tending bar back in 2003. Inspired by the mobile coffee carts and vans of her husband's native New Zealand, Welton saw a way to combine her passions for coffee and the coast.

When a beat-up Layton caravan went up for sale in 2016, Welton started working on converting the cramped, cream-colored trailer into a coffee counter. A few wood panels bordered what became the service window, and space was carved out inside for the espresso machine, coffee cups, pastry case and other equipment that was carefully slotted in.

Just a couple of months later, Welton learned that she was pregnant. While she had less time to work on the caravan, raising a child strengthened her

desire for forging a family of customers by the beach with her son playing in the sand nearby, she says. The late nights, weekends and holidays spent under ornate chandeliers in hotel lobbies placed a heavier strain on Welton now that she was away from her child. "I just chipped away, I would just steal away for a few hours and paint something or measure something," she says about the five years she spent customizing the Layton caravan and setting up her business.

The pandemic caused another delay to the launch of California Kahve, but the mobile coffee business finally opened in 2021 and rotated through parking spots near San Francisco's Ocean Beach. Welton quickly encountered the many challenges of running a mobile business, including the art of parallel parking a trailer into a tight spot.

"You don't just walk into a storefront, turn on the lights, and everything's there. I literally have to build a café every time," says Welton, who would juggle repairing the generator with lugging around ice to keep the milk cold.

Perhaps the greatest obstacle Welton faced stemmed from a seemingly tremendous opportunity, a pilot program with San Francisco Recreation & Parks that placed her second vehicle, a full-blown food truck, on the city's Great Highway in November 2021. Organizers envisioned a "Great Walkway" filled with art exhibits and other vendors. However, anger about diverting cars into local neighborhoods and complaints from nearby business owners bubbled over into protests that tabled the initiative just a few months later.

Thankful for the experience of selling coffee to barefoot beachgoers under the San Francisco sun, Welton treasured her brief time on the Great Highway. She also found a crowd of supporters who

learned about California Kahve through the controversy.

These advocates included the creative director of the Park James Hotel, whose restaurant Oak + Violet remained vacant during the day before dinner service. Welton found the idea of a partnership serendipitous considering her professional background, and says she had always loved meeting travelers and the attention to detail that pervades luxury hotels. She also saw the potential of creating a comfortable space for locals to gather. "There's so many places to sit in a little corner with a book. I picture people in the neighborhood, moms can come in with their little ones," Welton says.

California Kahve is known for its visually stunning specialty beverages, including the wildflower honey latte and the dark chocolate orange mocha. Welton's philosophy is to implement small touches like a dusting of dried wildflower petals that convey her care for her customers. "It just makes a normal kind of moment really special," she says.

The menu also features ceremonial grade matcha from Jade Leaf Matcha, which is harvested earlier in the leaves' life cycle and has a delicate flavor and vibrant green color. Welton sources coffee beans from Tiny Footprint Coffee, which claims to be the world's first carbon-negative coffee by donating a portion of each purchase to fund reforestation. The beans come exclusively from women-owned and women-operated farms working with Café Femenino. For those avoiding caffeine, the lineup of herbal teas from Rishi Tea & Botanicals includes flavors like elderberry, blueberry hibiscus and even mushroom.

California Kahve's Menlo Park menu also includes baked goods and quiches sourced from Belmont wholesale bakery Amour (which was featured on Netflix's "Sugar Rush") and colorful

smoothie bowls like "The Pacific Blue" dyed with blue spirulina, and "The Redwood," a vibrant green creation topped with cashews and kiwi.

For now, Welton is satisfied with her trio of locations in what she calls a "cool triangle" reflecting where she grew up and her love of the seaside: the vintage trailer is up at Stinson Beach, and the coffee truck is at Ocean Beach. Even though she will never give up her vintage trailer, Welton admits there are some advantages to returning to the world of luxury hotels.

"I'm rushing down and scrambling to the hotel, and I walk in and two employees are like, 'Hi!' (Everything's) fine. I don't have to worry about the gas in the generator," she says.

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Courtesy California Kahve

Above: Molly Welton in front of California Kahve's original Layton caravan. Top: California Kahve's matcha drinks are sourced from Jade Leaf Matcha.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider a recommendation to the City Council to vacate a portion of Madrone Road and reserve a public utility easement for existing utilities.

This meeting will be held via teleconference only pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) to provide the safest environment for staff and the public while allowing for public participation. The public may participate in the Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom Meeting or by attending in-person in the Council Chambers at 80 Fair Oaks Lane Atherton, CA 94027.

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Description: The City Council is considering the vacation of approximately 165 feet of the northerly portion of Madrone Road (end of street) and the reservation of a public utility easement for existing utilities which will allow for continued use by those utilities. **A copy of the meeting agenda, staff report and draft Ordinance can be found online by Friday, June 10, 2022 here:**

<https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=41&Type=Recent>

The proposal has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15305, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said matter is set for hearing by the City Council at its meeting on June 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM via teleconference accessible through the above-described information, at which time and place all persons interested may participate and show cause, if they have any, why the matter should or should not be recommended for approval.

The proceeding shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Section 8300 et seq. of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

IF YOU CHALLENGE any actions taken to vacate the street use of a portion of Madrone Road in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

City Council decisions are final on the date of decision and may not be further appealed.

If you have any questions on the item, please contact Anthony Suber, Deputy City Manager, at asuber@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0529. Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the Building Division at (650) 752-0542 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

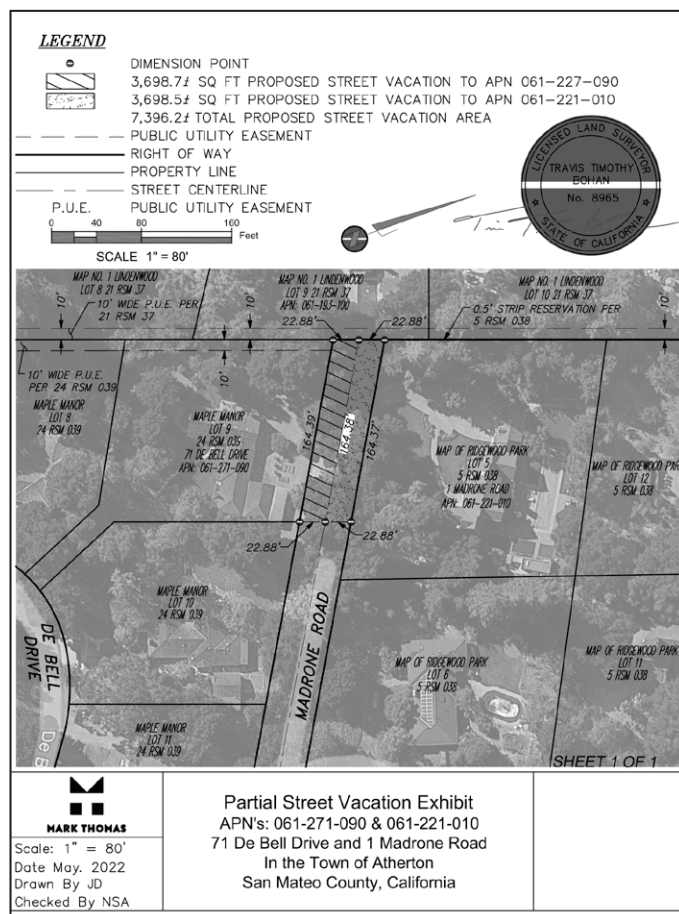
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Town of Portola Valley will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**, on the following:

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY AMENDING SECTION 18.04.515 [SUPPORTIVE HOUSING] AND SECTION 18.04.523 [TRANSITIONAL HOUSING] OF CHAPTER 18.04 [DEFINITIONS]; SECTION 18.12.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.12 [R-E (RESIDENTIAL ESTATE) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.14.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.14 [R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.16.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.16 [M-R (MOUNTAINOUS RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.22.020 [PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED] OF CHAPTER 18.22 [A-P (ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; SECTION 18.28.060 [PERMITTED USES] OF CHAPTER 18.28 [P-C (PLANNED COMMUNITY) DISTRICT REGULATIONS]; AND SECTION 18.44.060 [RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT — REQUIREMENTS] OF CHAPTER 18.44 [PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT] OF TITLE 18 [ZONING] OF THE PORTOLA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE; AND A FINDING THAT THE ACTION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

The Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to the Town Council regarding amendments to the Portola Valley Municipal Code related to Supportive and Transitional Housing for compliance with State law. Proposed Municipal Code amendments include updates to be consistent with State law:

- To update the definitions of supportive and transitional housing.
- To remove the “six or fewer persons” occupancy limitation on supportive and transitional housing in its residential zones.
- Designates supportive housing as a permitted-by-right use in zones where multifamily and mixed-use development are permitted.

Information pertaining to the proposed ordinance may be viewed by contacting Jake Garcia, Consultant Planner at planning@portolavalley.net. The agenda and staff report will be published at <https://www.portolavalley.net/town-government/planning-commission/minutes-and-agendas> in advance of the meeting.

Public Hearings provide the general public and interested parties an opportunity to provide testimony on these items. All interested persons are invited to appear before the Planning Commission to be heard at the time and place mentioned above. If you challenge a proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a Public Hearing(s) described above, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the Public Hearing(s).

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