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(Almost) every day is Halloween

Where to find the spookiest events this month on the Peninsula

By Heather Zimmerman

For the next few weeks, we're just going to pretend not to see those sparkly snowmen and jolly Santas that popped up in big-box stores as early as September, because October is all about bats, skeletons and pumpkins. The proof? A lineup of pumpkin patches, Halloween carnivals, movie nights, concerts and shows taking place from now through Oct. 31 — although with Halloween itself falling on arguably the scariest day of the week, Monday, most events have crept onto the calendar a little earlier this year.

Here's a sampling of Halloween fun for little goblins and their families, plus some picks for grownup ghouls as well.

Festivals and special events

Webb Ranch Pumpkin Patch: Fans of all things fall can pick up organic gourds of many different varieties at Webb Ranch's patch, including pumpkins for carving or cooking, and fall decor such as straw bales. Visitors to the patch can stop by a haunted house, wander in a corn maze, enjoy bounce houses and an obstacle course. Weekend visitors can also take

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Courtesy Filoli

Families can enjoy live music, local artists, food and activities at Filoli's Orchard Days every weekend through October. Each weekend has a theme, including "Pumpkins" (Oct. 22-23) and "Spooky Creatures of the Orchard" (Oct. 29-30).

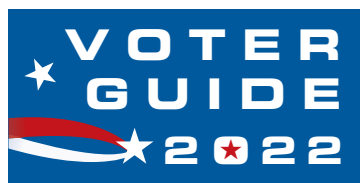
Menlo Park's Measure V puts the future of city's zoning in the public's hands

Voters will decide whether to restrict City Council's land use power

By Cameron Rebosio

This November, Menlo Park voters face a critical question on housing and the longstanding ability of the City Council to make land use decisions, with Measure V proposing a significant power shift away from public officials on future development.

If passed, the citizen-sponsored ballot measure would restrict the Menlo Park City Council's ability to rezone single-family lots to



higher density. Any changes to so-called "R1" lots would instead have to be voted on by the general public at a regularly scheduled election.

At the heart of the debate is the Ravenswood City School District's effort to build housing

for school employees on a former school campus that is currently zoned for single-family uses. The ballot measure would prevent the project from moving forward — at least as currently envisioned — and could scuttle the plans entirely.

Proponents say Measure V is a necessary check on the council's power, and that preventing the erosion of single-family uses is best controlled by a vote of the people rather than by their elected representatives.

Opponents of Measure V criticize the effort as a way to kill affordable housing for low-income families serving in public schools. Current City Council members have said the measure is the wrong choice, and that stripping the city of its power to directly make land use decisions would have far-reaching consequences beyond just Ravenswood's teacher housing plans.

The debate encompasses numerous larger issues that face Menlo Park, including whether

the city is capable of generating enough affordable housing to meet the needs of lower-income residents; whether it can meet state-mandated housing goals; sky-high teacher turnover rates; and whether the City Council can be trusted to make rezoning decisions in sensitive areas of Menlo Park.

Many of these issues were front and center at The Almanac's recent Measure V forum, hosted

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Magali Gauthier

Staff scientist Stuart Marshall explains what the Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST) camera will be used for at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park on Sept. 30.

World's largest digital camera debuts in Menlo Park

By Cameron Rebosio

The largest digital camera in the world is in Menlo Park, on its way to a north Chilean mountaintop to map the stars.

The Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST) camera at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory is the largest digital camera ever created. In the works for nearly 20 years, the camera will sit inside a telescope on a mountaintop in northern Chile to map the night sky. While most telescopes have interchangeable structures, the camera and

telescope are inseparable for the LSST.

"No other instrument is going to work, it's not interchangeable," SLAC Lead Engineer Travis Lange said. "A telescope and a camera, neither one of them really does much without the other. It's a very symbiotic relationship."

The average camera is somewhere between 16 and 25 megapixels, with some going as high as 100. The LSST reaches 3600 megapixels, with 200 4K sensors. Lange likens that to having 400 widescreen TVs making up a single image from this camera.

The goal of the project is to map the sky, and this camera is particularly well-attuned to do so. The camera's ability to peer into deep space can see fainter stars, and look to the outskirts of other galaxies. The project is expected to discover 6 million new objects in the solar system, according to Risa Wechsler, Stanford professor and director of the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology. Most of the new objects are expected to be asteroids.

Within the galaxy,

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Four seeking three seats on Atherton's City Council

By Angela Swartz

Looming state housing mandates, needed infrastructure improvements and climate change are some of the most pressing issues for the four candidates running for three open seats on the Atherton City Council this fall.

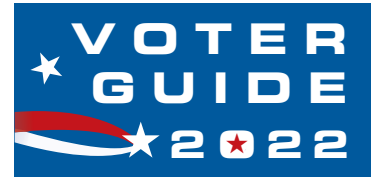
Mayor Rick DeGolia and Vice Mayor Bill Widmer are seeking reelection, facing two challengers, former candidate Greg Conlon and Environmental Programs Committee Chair Stacy Miles Holland.

In August, the town submitted its draft housing element, a road map for accommodating future development over the next eight years, which included a major jump in the number of units it needs to plan for. The town expects to get comments back from the state by early November. The town's plan relied heavily on homeowners building backyard accessory dwelling units and lot splits.

The Almanac interviewed the four candidates via questionnaire, asking them about issues ranging from state housing mandates, their goals if elected and what they think about the national attention from prominent Atherton residents denouncing building multifamily housing in town. Candidates also shared their plans about combating climate change.

Greg Conlon

Greg Conlon, 89, is a CPA who has lived in Atherton for over four decades, served on town committees, like the Audit and Finance Committee along with the Rail



Committee, for over 10 years.

His primary reason for seeking a council seat is to help tackle the town's state-mandated housing element, Conlon said.

Conlon, who holds a bachelor's degree in business from University of Utah and law degree from University of San Francisco, also served on the California Public Utilities Commission. In that role, he worked with the California legislature to gain its support, which he said may help in trying to make future changes to housing legislation.

"I believe strongly that the town should not have to destroy the character of the town as a bedroom community, which it has been for almost 100 years," he said. He is in favor of hiring outside specialists if needed to assist in the town's responses to the state.

If necessary, he said the town could look into building multifamily units in the parking lot by the rail station fence. Holbrook-Palmer Park is another last resort option for new housing, but only in the northern part of the park where the temporary staff office was located during construction

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Greg Conlon

Two candidates aim to represent largest district in San Mateo County

By Cameron Rebosio

In the race for District 3 of the Board of Supervisors, Menlo Park City Council Member Ray Mueller and San Carlos City Council Member Laura Parmer-Lohan are competing to represent the largest district by area. District 3 includes seven cities and 20 unincorporated areas, ranging from Pacifica south almost to Santa Cruz on the coast and as well as inland communities including Atherton, Portola Valley, Woodside and West Menlo



Park. Mueller and Parmer-Lohan finished in the top two in the June primary and moved on to compete in the Nov. 8 general election.

Parmer-Lohan, who describes herself as a lifelong Democrat, graduated from University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business, and is a small business



Ray Mueller



Laura Parmer-Lohan

owner. She serves on the San Carlos City Council and the Peninsula Clean Energy Board, and her wife Kathy Parmer-Lohan serves as the executive director of the San Carlos Education Foundation.

Parmer-Lohan says that her top three priorities are addressing the effects of drought and wildfire and protecting abortion rights.

Mueller is in his third term as a Menlo Park City Council member. He attended University of California, Berkeley for his undergraduate degree and received his law degree from its Hastings College of Law. Mueller's wife, Kristen Shima, is a principal in Portola Valley. Mueller says that his top three priorities are affordable housing, stabilizing the coastal economy and equity

in education. Before joining the council, Mueller served as chief of staff for Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian.

Housing

Both Mueller and Parmer-Lohan say that housing is vital to the progress of the Bay Area.

Mueller asserts that one of his priorities is addressing housing in the various jurisdictions throughout District 3.

"A partnership with the county

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Opening of Atherton Mademoiselle Colette is delayed

Cafe now set to open in early 2023, owner says

By Angela Swartz

Atherton residents will have to wait a little longer to satiate their sweet tooth with the delay of a new cafe coming to town.

Local French patisserie Mademoiselle Colette owner Debora Ferrand had hoped for a fall opening of her latest cafe in Atherton's new library, but difficulty securing a contractor has pushed it back until January 2023.

Mademoiselle Colette, which operates bakery cafes in Redwood City, Palo Alto and Menlo Park, along with a ghost kitchen in Mountain View, planned to begin making \$151,000 in improvements to the 250-square-foot space at 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane in May or June, but work has not yet started.

"We have the same problem in everything right now," she said. "It's so hard to find people (to do the work). ... I'm disappointed. I receive emails every day about 'when are you open?' It's a new economy, a new reality. We need to be patient."

Ferrand said she is now waiting for final reports on electricity and plumbing. She will then apply for building permits with the town.

She said part of dealing with the "new reality" is an economy that has shipping delays and understaffing.

She is "a little sad" it won't be open in time for Christmas, but looks forward to serving la galette

des rois, or king cake, which typically has a small trinket or figurine prize hidden inside, to her customers in January. The cake is traditionally composed of two circles of puff pastry with frangipane (almond custard).

Although she won't be able to serve the cake with a figurine, the French tradition is to serve the cake on the Epiphany, Jan. 6, which marks the arrival of the three wise men in Bethlehem who delivered gifts to the baby Jesus. Whoever finds the trinket is king or queen for the day and wears a golden crown.

Cafe details

Ferrand has called the cafe a "Baby Colette" or "little sister" to her other cafes. She's envisioning it having a younger look, swapping out her other cafes' ivy coloring for pastels and a wall with paper flowers.

"The overall look and design will be different; it will be a little more young and fresh," she said. "Because this space is so small, I want to create an ambience that's a little bit different."

The cafe is located in the \$19.1 million, 10,000-square-foot new library. The library is part of the town's \$32 million civic center project.

Ferrand opened the local company's first cafe on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park in 2015. Born in Brazil but raised in France, she attended Le Cordon Bleu and studied at the School of



Magali Gauthier

Debora Ferrand, owner of Mademoiselle Colette, at the cafe in Redwood City on May 10.

Alain Ducasse in France.

With no kitchen at the Atherton location, she will serve similar items but adapt them. For example, her avocado toast (which will be made on homemade sourdough bread with pomegranates, sesame seeds, onions, pickles and lime sauce) would come without a poached egg.

She plans to prepare food in the Menlo Park kitchen and reheat it in a countertop oven in Atherton. Proposed offerings include raspberry financiers, eclairs, a variety of salads and sandwiches (including croque monsieurs), along with warm beverages, according to her proposal to the town.

Some \$30,000 of the planned renovations will go toward for

food equipment, according to the cafe's proposal. An approximately 2,000-square-foot deck and terrace fronts the cafe space.

Rent will be free for the cafe's first year of operations, thereafter it would pay 4% of the cafe's prior month's earnings, capped at \$35,000 annually.

Mademoiselle Colette signed a five-year lease with the town, according to City Manager George Rodericks.

She hopes to bring a small ice cream and coffee cart to the Atherton cafe, along with a high tea service. Wine is also a possibility if Ferrand can obtain liquor licenses. ■

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Police put Woodside High School on lockdown Wednesday after 'swatting' call

By Angela Swartz

Woodside High School students and staffers were put on lockdown Wednesday, Oct. 12, after police received a call that there was a

possible active shooter on campus in what turned out to be a false "swatting" call, police said.

At 10:58 a.m. the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office sent out an emergency alert that police were sweeping the school, located at 199 Churchill Ave. in Woodside, as a precaution. They noted there was no active threat and everyone was safe.

"Working with Woodside High School staff, the campus was searched and no unusual activity or active threat was identified," according to a Sheriff's Office press release.

Police said the swatting call came in at around 10:02 a.m. By 11:30 a.m., police said the lockdown had ended.

Principal Karen van Putten sent the following message to families Wednesday morning: "Earlier this morning, the Sheriff's Department was

informed of a rumor of a potential safety threat at Woodside High School.

Local law enforcement officials conducted a safety review of the entire campus.

After a thorough sweep of the entire campus, the Sheriff's Department lifted the "secure campus status" and confirmed the high school was safe and secure, and the rumor was "unsubstantiated."

Nick Buckley, who lives in the neighborhood, said it was "a bit of a commotion." As he was heading to work, he saw a line of four or five fire engines and a couple of squad cars near the school.

Police noted in the press release that submitting a false report to law enforcement is illegal and that the Sheriff's Office is investigating this incident.

The California Highway Patrol, the Woodside Fire Department

and Menlo Park Fire District assisted the Sheriff's Office during the incident, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Similar reports at other schools

South San Francisco High School and Lincoln High School in San Jose received similar swatting calls on Wednesday morning, so called because the hoax targets a location by sending out law enforcement SWAT teams.

The Almanac has reached out to the Sheriff's Office to see if the incidents are related. ■

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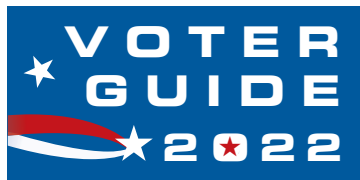
Voting begins in Nov. 8 election

By Almanac staff

Election Day may still be less than a month away, but voting has already begun, with options to cast your ballot by mail or in person.

Mail-in ballots for the Nov. 8 election were sent out this week, according to the San Mateo County elections office. The general election includes federal, state and local contests, as well as various ballot propositions.

In-person voting is available at the county's three vote centers, open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5



p.m. from Oct. 11-28, with nine vote centers open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 29-Nov. 4.

The number of vote centers jumps to 45 across the county Nov. 5-7, open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 8.

Ballots come with the postage already paid and can be mailed

back without a postage stamp, so long as the ballot is inside the provided return envelope. To be counted, ballots must be post-marked on or before Election Day and received no more than seven days after the election.

Another option is to drop them off at an official ballot drop box. To find a nearby ballot drop box, visit smcacre.org.

The last day to register to vote is Oct. 24. Anyone who has changed their name or political affiliation needs to re-register to vote. For additional information, visit visit smcacre.org. ■

Former Atherton mayor: 'Do not be afraid of density'

By Angela Swartz

With feedback from the state on its draft housing plan weeks away, the Atherton City Council hosted a community meeting on the topic on Tuesday, Oct. 11, to gather feedback from residents and get more details on what's to come in the process.

Some residents urged the town to devise a Plan B now, while others expressed fears about the town changing if multifamily housing is built. One of the city's former mayors went the other direction, daring the town officials to go denser in their plans.

The town is set to get feedback on its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan from the state's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in late October or early November. The town is tasked with planning for 348 new housing units from 2023 to 2031, a substantial jump from the previous RHNA cycle.

The draft housing element approved by the City Council went with a growth plan that leans into accessory dwelling units (ADUs) — 280 units — over multifamily housing.

Former Atherton Mayor Jim Janz said he fears ADUs are not going to cut it.

"I'm going to make a small pitch to not be afraid of density," he said. He said he grew up in northwest Indiana in a single-family home next to a four-story apartment building.

"It was no big deal; it was right next door," said Janz, who served on the council until 2008 and is a member of the town's Rail Committee. "If you had a pool in your yard you couldn't lay out in the nude. It didn't destroy the neighborhood. ... You might consider something a little denser here and there. You don't have to go to 20 units per acre."

Alameda is the only Bay Area

city of 15 that have received feedback from the HCD to be approved, according to The Mercury News.

Fears over development, calls for backup plans

One resident, resident Debra Holvick, is fearful about how the town will be affected by crime if affordable housing is built in town.

"This is very scary what's going on," she said. "There's a lot of crime with low income people. ... Has there been any consideration for infrastructure or traffic? ... I don't know who's behind this. I don't know why HCD suddenly decided we had to put in millions and millions of more houses in California."

Town consultant Diana Elrod explained to Holvick that families of four making less than \$90,000 qualify for low-income housing, and that low-income families are not necessarily homeless people.

Others are concerned that if the town doesn't have a backup plan now, it will be left scrambling if the state rejects its draft plan. Resident Ann Walker suggested that Atherton rezone the fringes of town, along the border of Redwood City, for multi-occupancy housing.

"There are multiple places where we could put multiple townhouses," she said. "It wouldn't change the nature of the whole neighborhood. ... California has a huge housing problem. We need to be more realistic."

Others urged the City Council not to push the development onto the borders of town.

Jim Massey of Lloyden Park said multifamily development along El Camino Real would destroy property values in that area.

ADUs

Because the town is leaning into ADUs so heavily in the plan, Town Planner Lisa Costa Sanders said the town is considering

several changes to help encourage their production, including:

- Pre-approved ADU plans
- Planning review fee waiver
- Amending municipal code to allow conversion of guest houses to ADUs
- Consider amending code to allow two ADUs per property
- Develop ADU resources to assist property owners to develop ADUs
- Partner with local organization to assist tenant matching

Cities in the state will likely be required to survey actual ADU production and rents every two to four years as part of their RHNA plans, Elrod said.

Jeremy Levine of the housing advocacy group the Housing Leadership Council said that he didn't think the town's 280 ADUs in the plan seems reasonable. He warned the town that it's "very risky" to not have a backup plan when with an ADU-only strategy without supporting evidence that these units can be built.

Levine said that it's hard to imagine more than 10% of town's homeowners will become landlords.

The town is asking residents to take an ADU survey as part of the housing element process.

What could happen if the town doesn't comply

Consultant Barbara Kautz of Goldfarb & Lipman said the town could face fines of \$10,000 to \$600,000 per month if it doesn't adopt a state-approved housing element plan.

"It's highly unlikely the state will approve it without any multifamily zoning," she said. She noted the schools' multifamily housing plans may be too vague to satisfy HCD. ■

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



Some Rental Restrictions Disallowed

Dear Monica: Our house is part of a Homeowners Association dating to the time the neighborhood was built. Many owners want to rent their homes and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) but the HOA rules don't let them. Is this restriction legal?

Cary M.

Dear Cary: In 2021 California passed AB 3182 that prohibits rental bans in HOAs and allows homeowners who want to rent out their homes and ADUs to do so. Many properties in California have the potential to be rented to persons in need of housing but can't be rented under outdated homeowners association rules. AB 3182 takes precedence over these restrictions.

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for affordable housing isn't just giving money," Mueller said. "It's actually sitting down with city council members, sitting down with the community and figuring out, okay, what is that key thing that is causing this project not to work, that's causing people to become inflamed and knocking that down."

While Parmer-Lohan didn't list housing in her top three priorities, she said it's still a prime concern for her. She said that San Carlos has made housing a priority through her advocacy. Parmer-Lohan said that she would want to draw attention to the programs San Carlos has in place to progress housing as well as continue work on the Home for All program created by outgoing Supervisor Don Horseley and current Supervisor Warren Slocum. Parmer-Lohan has served on the steering committee of Home for All.

Measure V

Both candidates oppose Menlo Park's controversial ballot initiative Measure V. If it passes Nov. 8, the ballot initiative strips the Menlo Park City Council of its ability to rezone any single-family property, forcing any

development proposals requiring such zoning changes to win voter approval in a regular election. The measure directly affects plans to build housing at the former James Flood Magnet School site in Menlo Park.

Parmer-Lohan said she came out early in opposition to Measure V.

"We just have not kept pace in the last couple of decades with the housing needs," Parmer-Lohan said.

She believes that the measure creates undue stress on a housing approval process that already has several steps. Parmer-Lohan said adding two years onto a process that residents may defeat at the ballot box would make it harder to build needed housing. She also expressed fears that the measure could be duplicated across the state.

Parmer-Lohan said that San Carlos loses 30% of its teachers annually due to high cost of housing, and she is concerned about the effect of initiatives such as Measure V.

"As somebody who has sat and served on the Home for All steering committee for the last several years trying to find ways that we can create more housing in our community for all income levels in ways that will fit into our communities and accelerate that, this feels like a step backwards."

Mueller said that if the county had intervened early enough to assist the Menlo Park City Council in brokering a compromise on the Flood School site by opening a second access road, Measure V would not be on the ballot. He recently announced he is voting against Measure V.

He said that he doesn't believe in "zoning by ballot box," and that absent a compromise between all interested parties, he is opposed to the measure.

"I cannot vote in good conscience for Measure V," Mueller said.

Coastside communities

Mueller says one of the top priorities is the coastal economy. District 3 encompasses a large portion of San Mateo County's coast, including many unincorporated districts that have the Board of Supervisors as their only representation.

Mueller says that addressing the coastal economy requires a multifaceted approach, from addressing the drought to the creation of farmworker housing and agricultural distribution centers.

"We've got, really, seven to eight years left (to stabilize the farming economy) because there's a generation of farmers that are old enough that they aren't going to be continuing, " and their kids

don't want to carry on working in farming, Mueller said.

Mueller is also focused on coastal infrastructure. He says he aims to create a regional infrastructure plan across the county, where critical projects can be easily prioritized in the event of a budget surplus.

Mueller said if election, he would open an office on the coast, going there several days a week, so residents can meet with him. He wants to prioritize personal interactions with residents if elected.

"One of the things I love about serving on the Menlo Park City Council is I live on Santa Cruz Avenue, and people show up on my doorstep," Mueller said. "And there's something about personal relationship and service that's really incredibly important."

Another issue that Mueller said needs to be addressed is a lack of health care services along the coast. He said that the region is a health care desert that lacks an emergency room, and that the issue was brought to the forefront by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parmer-Lohan said that she plans to put together an action plan if elected, starting with the quick turnaround issues that she can fix immediately. Parmer-Lohan plans to do this in conjunction with community members and third party partners throughout the district to receive

regional expertise on the different communities.

Parmer-Lohan also says she wants to stay accessible to residents, giving out her phone number. She also plans to set up regular meetings with community members and groups to stay up to date on issues facing the district and progress on initiatives.

"I plan to take a very hands-on role and I plan to go to where the community members are," Parmer-Lohan said. "So I expect to spend a lot of time out in the field, because that's where I know, and I can learn and understand what the issues are and work with community members."

Parmer-Lohan said that she could be interested in satellite offices if the community showed interest, but it comes at a cost. Since transportation is an issue in the district, she says she wants to go where people live and work.

COVID-19 recovery

Parmer-Lohan served on the economic subcommittee of the San Mateo County Overall Recovery Plan.

She says that small businesses have been deeply affected by the pandemic, especially by businesses that still haven't returned to a fully in-person workforce. Work from home and hybrid work are preventing small local businesses

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from full recovery, according to Parmer-Lohan.

Parmer-Lohan says the county needs to provide small business owners with the support necessary to recover economically.

“We need to reimagine and support those small businesses and help them figure out how to how to repurpose their business,” Parmer-Lohan said. “As a small business owner myself, adapting is really important, but providing people with the tools and the know-how to try to figure out how to do that is really important.”

Parmer-Lohan also said that she believes there is a racial divide in recovery, and that the pandemic exacerbated existing racial divides. Parmer-Lohan is in support of the plan laid out by the county’s chief equity officer to combat racial disparity.

Parmer-Lohan says that even though it may take a little time, she sees residents wanting to come back together socially, despite some reluctance.

Mueller said that he thinks the way to full recover from COVID-19 is to reopen socially, which will help the county recover economically. He said recovery begins with resident interaction services, while still monitoring levels of the virus by watching emergency rooms. Mueller said that Menlo Park’s reopening process has gone slower than he would’ve liked.

Other than social reopening, economic recovery means bringing residents back into the workforce in person, according to Mueller, as that helps to revitalize the economy surrounding the workplaces. He also said that mental health services are vital to the recovery of the county, particularly in youth.

Mueller said he opposed higher taxes as a recovery technique, particularly in light of higher gas prices and inflation.

Mueller said that he also believes the coast has specific needs, namely the lack of a distribution center. The distribution center would help offset shipping costs that are harming the Coastside economy as farmers can’t afford to ship their produce. Mueller added that child care is expensive across the Bay Area, but that El Granada along the coast has the highest cost of child care, and that it’s critical to create more affordable options.

Mueller said bureaucracy should be cut down so that it doesn’t kill projects before they get off the ground, and he commented specifically on the county planning department, where he said staff turnover has led to uneven interpretations of planning rules that can make outcomes unpredictable.

Environmental concerns

Mueller sees a variety of environmental concerns facing District 3, including but not limited to drought, wildfire, sea level rise, wind, heat and heat deserts.

Mueller said that one of the largest problems is during heat waves, many residents don’t have access to air conditioning, and on the coast many have poor ventilation. He said that the county needs to work with the Resource Conservation District (RCD) as well as water districts and local government to face these threats to residents.

Mueller named graywater recapture methods as one way to offset water usage, but he said that it’s only one element of a multifaceted approach that would need to be taken to address drought in the county.

For wildfire, Mueller said that there should be a focus on mitigating the effects, including limited escape routes in coastal cities as well as sheltering centers. Mueller said that the county has great Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and there needs to be a focus on giving them necessary resources.

To address sea level rise, Mueller said that the county needs to contribute to the creation of sea walls and reinforce those that exist. To address heat, he said that underserved areas need to be identified and that there is a groundwater contamination problem on the coast for farm workers. Mueller said that there need to be cooling centers as well as a method of providing water to those who need it.

Parmer-Lohan is focused on the effects of drought and wildfire in the community. She says that recycled and reclaimed water should be used in irrigation, landscaping, agricultural areas, public spaces and farming.

“I want to make sure that we’re planning for future generations to think about our precious resource, water, which is life, and make sure that we’re taking steps to, you know, reuse, recycle what we have.”

Parmer-Lohan says that she’s also highly focused on wildfire management, as she says that 70% of San Mateo County is open space and most of that open space is in District 3. San Carlos has used goats in the past to clean parks of fuels. There is also a wood chipper program in place that Parmer-Lohan wants to extend to other parts of the district to clear parks of flammable debris.

For Mueller’s endorsements, go to raymuellerforsupervisor.com and for Parmer-Lohan’s, go to lauraforsupervisor.com. ■

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on Oct. 6. Proponents of Measure V were represented by Nicole Chessari, lawyer and co-founder of the initiative and Menlo Balance, and the opposition was represented by Margarita Méndez, a member of Menlo Park Neighbors for Affordable Homes (MPNAH) and a public school teacher who lives in Menlo Park. A recording of the forum is available on The Almanac's YouTube channel, almanacnews.com/youtube.

Low-income housing

While both sides of the issue tout themselves as supportive of teachers and low-income housing, Chessari and Méndez made their cases for why their side is the best choice to support low-income housing. Chessari says that Measure V promotes quality housing, whereas Méndez says it deters high-density housing.

Chessari said that Measure V supports "quality over quantity" in housing, and that it would not bring down the quantity of housing that Menlo Park needs in order to fulfill housing element requirements, citing an independent report commissioned by the Menlo Park City Council.

However, the report says the opposite: Measure V would "limit the city's ability to efficiently provide housing at a variety of income levels," as well as limiting high-density housing to certain areas of Menlo Park. The report found that the ballot measure is inconsistent with several elements of Menlo Park housing goals and policy.

Chessari said that Menlo Park needs housing to be in areas of the city where it makes the most sense.

"Measure V promotes quality housing in neighborhoods to prevent excess of traffic," Chessari said. "And (it promotes) quality housing for affordable housing, multi-family housing in resource-rich areas where they're supposed to be putting it anyways."

Méndez disagreed, saying that Menlo Park needs a diversity of housing and Measure V would make Menlo Park struggle to reach the housing goals required by the state. Menlo Park was sued for failing to comply with state-mandated housing laws, and the city settled the case in 2012.

"If Measure V proponents were truly pro-teacher and pro-housing, they would've written a provision in their measure for affordable housing, and they didn't," Méndez said. "Measure V is not pro-teacher or pro-housing,

it's just making housing harder to build."

The Measure would impact 53 lots in Menlo Park that currently have something other than single family homes, including the Menlo Park Fire Protection District's headquarters on Middlefield Road. These lots range from 0.1 acres to 41 acres, according to Menlo Park's report. R1 lots make up 44% of lots in Menlo Park, leaving 56% of the city unaffected.

Chessari said that the majority of the 53 lots are not developable anyway, as 30 of the affected lots are under half an acre, the minimum size to be considered by Menlo Park for inclusion in the housing element. Another nine are churches and an educational facility, which Chessari claims can build anyway under recently passed Assembly Bill 2295. However, churches are not included under AB 2295. The list also includes two lots of vacant land above 0.5 acres and multiple schools.

"If Measure V passes, (schools, churches and the fire district) won't be able to do redevelopment of their land without an expensive citywide vote," Méndez said.

Chessari instead said that the number of developable lots on the list of 53 parcels was minute in the grand scheme of Menlo Park's

developable land.

"Are we really going to put our single family home neighborhoods at risk of irresponsible zoning by City Council because it wants to control 1.1% of single family home parcels?" Chessari said.

Flood School housing plans

In Menlo Park, the Ravenswood City School District has been trying to redevelop a vacant 2.6-acre lot on the former site of the James Flood Magnet School in Suburban Park. The school district owns the property and aims to build 90 units of low-income housing prioritized for staff. The proposal, which has not been formally submitted to the city, sparked a great deal of pushback from surrounding residents.

When asked to respond to allegations that Measure V was an effort by NIMBYs to block affordable housing at the Flood School site, Chessari said the proposal was how she became aware of the zoning issue. She said that residents of Suburban Park wanted a smaller project with 60 units, with 30 guaranteed for teachers and an existing access point to be reopened.

"I think that NIMBY is a very vague term that gets applied to anybody that wants to protect

their neighborhood," Chessari said. "... (Measure V) gives people a vote, it gives them a right, it gives them a voice when the City Council won't listen."

Méndez was asked to respond to worries about the problems a high-density housing project could bring to a neighborhood, particularly related to construction and traffic. She said that there needed to be support for the Ravenswood site when an owner wants to build affordable housing for staff.

"Where are the teachers going to go?" Méndez said. "We know how important schools are and teachers are and we know Ravenswood is underfunded."

She added that the revenue stream of the housing development would be vital for an underfunded school district, and that anything under 90 units would "kill the project."

Of more than 2,600 students in San Mateo County school districts who experienced housing instability over a recent three-year period, 58% of those students were attending Ravenswood City School District schools, according to a Stanford study. Ravenswood City School District has a budget of over \$45 million in the 2022-23 fiscal year, while the adjacent

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the request for an Appeal for Building Permit fee and extension (APL22-00004) at 78 Shearer Drive, Atherton, CA (Assessor's Parcel Number 059-302-220) pursuant to Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 15.40.180

This meeting will be held via teleconference pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) to provide the safest environment for staff and the public while allowing for public participation.

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Email: rhayagreev@ci.atherton.ca.us

Description: The applicant Build Home Construction has requested an appeal to Building Permit fees (B17-00635) and extension penalties for a new residence with attached garage at 78 Shearer Drive, Atherton, CA (Assessor's Parcel Number 059-302-220).

A copy of the submitted application can be found here: 78 shearer applicant material

A copy of the Planning Commission staff report and application materials can be found online, by Thursday, October 20, 2022, here: <https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=44&Type=Recent>

The proposal has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to CEQA Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said application is set for hearing by the Planning Commission at its meeting on October 26, 2022, at 6:00 PM in-person and 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 Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) Exception should or should not be approved.

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ATHERTON PLANNING COMMISSION
/s/ Radha Hayagreev
Radha Hayagreev, Senior Planner

Date Posted: October 13, 2022



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the request for a Heritage Tree Removal Permit at 51 Fair Oaks Ave, Atherton, CA (Assessor's Parcel Number 059-301-050) pursuant to Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 8.10.

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Description: The project is located at **51 Fair Oaks** (Assessor's Parcel Number 060-313-090). The applicant is requesting a Heritage Tree Removal Permit to allow for the removal of 1 on-site heritage tree: one (1) 21-inch Gingko tree. The removal is to accommodate a future 387 sf attached ADU.

A copy of the submitted application can be found here:

<https://townofatherton.sharefile.com/d-s545af346824a49eeb6ac0c27ed868712 HTR22-00010 51 Fair Oaks>
Applicant submission material

A copy of the Planning Commission staff report and application materials can be found online, by Thursday, October 20, 2022 here: <https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=44&Type=Recent>

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Menlo Park City School District has a budget of about \$65 million.

AB 2295

The passage of a new law, AB 2295, impacts the Flood School site and has changed the conversation surrounding Measure V. Under this new law, school districts can build 30 units per acre on their property for staff housing without getting a zoning change from the city. However, it's not certain whether a project at that density is a viable option for the Flood School site. The bill goes into effect on January 1, 2024.

Méndez said building through AB 2295 is not a viable option for the Ravenswood City School District, saying that housing is expensive to build in the Bay Area, and the density offered by AB 2295 would not get a developer to sign on to the project.

"Affordable housing development is complicated and this bill is only a week old," Méndez said. "We think it would be helpful in many parts of California, but here in the Bay Area not only is it expensive to live, it's expensive to build."

Méndez added that she had spoken to an affordable housing expert who said that the density allowed by AB 2295 was lower than many local low-income housing projects for teachers, including Jefferson Union High School District in Daly City at 41 units per acre, and that Palo Alto will build up to 80 units per acre. Chessari objected, saying that under AB 2295 the Ravenswood City School District could build 78 units with no requirement to rezone the lot. The school district has previously said that a project of that size is not a viable option.

Chessari added that under AB 2295, Ravenswood City School District would be required to offer the housing first to its own staff, then to the staff of Menlo Park City School District. Chessari alleged that this would not be guaranteed if the housing on the Flood School site was built through traditional rezoning. Ravenswood officials have repeatedly said school district employees will get first dibs on available apartments, and any remaining units would be offered to the public.

"The part of AB (2295) that makes this even better for the community is it guarantees more teacher housing than the owner is willing to offer without Measure V," Chessari said.

Méndez rebutted this, saying that Measure V was only designed to block teacher housing at the Flood School site. But even with the new state law, the city shouldn't make Ravenswood wait a year or lower the density from

the initial 90 units.

"It's not about just the 76 houses, there's not a builder who can do that," Méndez said.

Possible compromise

Méndez and Chessari also addressed the talks of a possible compromise to win neighborhood support for the Flood School project.

Méndez said that the school district doesn't have an architectural plan yet to compromise on, since the project is still in its beginning stages. Once it's formally submitted, the project would have several opportunities for public input throughout the approval process, citing opportunities with the planning department, Planning Commission and the City Council, where residents could have come to a compromise in the traditional planning process.

The ballot measure is the reason there isn't a formal project to debate.

"We're stalled," Méndez said. "Because Measure V was put on the ballot this whole thing is stopped and we're spending all of our time trying to explain that we need this affordable housing for teachers."

Chessari countered that once zoning is changed for a project, citizens had little to no input. She claimed that new state laws allowed for approval through a ministerial process, where there would be no California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or environmental review processes.

However, since the city has not received a formal project application it has not yet determined the extent of environmental review for the project. And even under AB 2295, projects are still subject to the environmental review process.

Endorsements

The Yes on V campaign is supported by Peter Ohtaki, who's running for Menlo Park City Council. The campaign touts that entirely funded by residents, not special interest groups. The Yes on V campaign can be found at menlobalance.org.

The No on V campaign has been endorsed by the San Mateo County Democrats, the Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County and YIMBY Action. Endorsements have also come from 40 current and former public office holders, including state Sen. Josh Becker and state Assembly members Marc Berman and Kevin Mullin. Four out of five current Menlo Park City Council members, except Drew Combs, have said they will be voting no.

A full list of endorsements is available at protectteacherhousing.org. ■

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Wechsler said the LSST camera is expected to create a map of 17 billion stars, as well as find small galaxies of only 500 stars out in the universe. These little galaxies have dark matter changing the way the stars move, and can reveal more about the way that dark matter works in space. They expect to map the universe with LSST all the way to 12 billion light years away, and detect 20 billion galaxies.

Scientists at SLAC said they hope to measure the shapes of these galaxies and detect gravitational lensing — distortions of light caused by gravity through these galaxies.

“It’s interesting, because actually allows us to make a map of all of the dark matter in the universe,” Wechsler said.

Dark matter takes up over half the sky, and scientists hope to create a map of it from what the LSST camera sees.

“By looking at how (the sky) evolves over time, we can make a map of the dark matter nearby,” Wechsler said. “We can make a map of the dark matter 5 billion light years away, 8 billion light years away, 10 million light years away. And that allows us to probe (into): how is structure forming over that entire time? How fast is gravity doing its job?”

Another goal of the project is to look into “dark energy”

through the lens of dark matter. According to Wechsler, scientists don’t know exactly what dark energy is, but they believe that it’s not matter and may be a property of spacetime itself. What they do know is that dark energy is causing the universe to expand and accelerate, and they hope to understand why.

“We’re trying to map this thing out at much higher precision than we’ve been able to do so far,” Wechsler said. “And that’s what this dark matter map will basically enable us to do.”

According to Wechsler, each exposure of an image is approximately 15 seconds long. Each sensor has 16 million pixels, adding up to 3.2 billion pixels total in the camera’s lens.

The camera has a variety of lenses to swap out to compile images with various filters of the same spot in the sky and achieve a more detailed image, according to SLAC Staff Scientist Hannah Pollek.

All of the data from this project is going to be publicly available. The data will be hosted at SLAC for the U.S. community, and they are expecting around 10,000 scientific users. Each night, scientists expect one to 10 million alerts that something has changed, which will be sent out within two seconds for others to view through telescopes. ■

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PENDING LISTING Q3 22: 70 Q3 21: 139 -50%	AVERAGE SOLD DAYS ON MARKET Q3 22: 21 Q3 21: 30 -30%	MONTHS OF INVENTORY Q3 22: 2.80 Q3 21: 1.30 115% <small>If no further homes/condos were to come to market, the area would be SOLD OUT of residential real estate in the number of MONTHS shown.</small>
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CRIME BRIEFS

Rape in Stanford basement under investigation

A woman reported that she was raped by a man in the basement of a Stanford University building on Oct. 7, according to Stanford’s Department of Public Safety.

The sexual assault happened around 12:30 p.m. The woman had been working in her office when a man grabbed her. He dragged her to the basement where she was raped, according to a community crime alert. The department was not told which building the reported rape took place.

Public safety deputies were notified of the rape by a mandated reporter shortly before 3 p.m. on Oct. 7. The woman declined to give a statement about the assault to the department.

No further description was provided of the man.

—Palo Alto Weekly staff

Car crash causes gas leak, evacuations at Sharon Heights Shopping Center

No one was injured Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8, after a vehicle crashed into a gas line in a Menlo Park shopping center, causing a large gas leak and evacuations, police said.

The incident occurred at about 2:15 p.m. in a rear parking lot at the Sharon Heights Shopping Center, according to a press release from the Menlo Park Police Department. Officers then teamed up with the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office and officers from Palo Alto and Atherton to conduct an evacuation of the shopping center due to the potential hazard caused by the gas leak.

The gas leak was capped by PG&E crews at 3:40 p.m. Evacuation orders were lifted shortly thereafter.

—Bay City News Service

Cosette A. Dudley

August 6, 1935 – September 14, 2022

Cosette Dudley died peacefully on September 14th, at home in Atherton with her two daughters, Lynette and Virginia, at her side and surrounded by the love of all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her passing was blessed with grace, serenity and beauty. Cosette will be remembered for her deep love of family and close friends, warmth and generosity, elegant style, involvement in the visual and performing arts, and her passion for peace and social justice.

Cosette was born in Sacramento, California in 1935, the only child of Charles and Kathleen. Cosette was athletic, both on the baseball field with the neighborhood kids and at the skating rink as a graceful competitive figure skater. She loved music from a young age, inspired by her father's gorgeous singing voice.

Cosette met Malcolm at her summer job working at the Sacramento Bee Newspaper. As two young college students, they were married in 1954 and their first daughter, Lynette, was born the following year. With the help of grandparents, Cosette was able to balance motherhood and student life, attending Sacramento City College from 1954-1955, where she studied art with Wayne Thiebaud, and then University of California, Davis in 1957. From 1958-1961 the young family of three lived in London, England, where Malcolm worked for the U.S. Navy Command. Cosette loved exploring the beauty of England and Europe, and there began her lifelong love of travel.

On returning to the U.S. in 1961, the family moved to Atherton, where Cosette and Malcolm remained. They chose this location to best enable Cosette to finish her college education at her mother's alma mater, Stanford University. She graduated in 1964 with a degree in English Literature and worked the next three years as a Social Worker in San Mateo County until they had their second daughter, Virginia, in 1967.

During the late 1960's, Cosette joined the growing number of citizens rising up to protest the continued U.S. involvement in Vietnam. She actively worked in the peace movement and was a founding member of the Peace Union in Palo Alto in 1970. She returned to art as a medium to further express herself on themes of social justice, civil liberties, war and peace, and the environment. She took etching classes with Mr. Appleton

at College of San Mateo and in 1971 she was a founding member of Apple Tree Press printmaking studio, of which she was a member until it closed in 2003. She was also a member of Women's Caucus for Art and the California Society of Printmakers.

When Cosette started driving Virginia to figure skating lessons, she decided to start skating again herself, which she continued to do for many years. She became a figure skating judge for the Peninsula Figure Skating Club and was awarded judge emeritus from the USFSA in 2011, after 30 years of judging figure skating around the country. Cosette was also a devoted volunteer for the San Francisco Symphony League, and a supporter of the arts throughout her life.

Cosette enjoyed going to Europe, Japan, Indonesia, Tibet and Bhutan to travel with Virginia. Then in 1991 she took a meaningful trip to Vietnam and Cambodia on her own. She loved being a grandmother to Chris and Thomas, who lived nearby in Menlo Park and then again 20 years later when her next two grandchildren, Charlie and Sierra, were born and lived in neighboring Palo Alto. Cosette and Malcolm loved having family close by and connected, with many regular activities together.

Cosette was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Malcolm H. Dudley, who died last year. Despite the tremendous grief of losing her lifelong partner, Cosette was able, with the loving support of family, friends, caregivers and church community, to continue to lead a rich and fulfilling life this past year doing many of her favorite things. She still attended her full San Francisco Ballet series, regularly visited Filoli Garden, enjoyed coffee and meals out, read her favorite books, enjoyed the beauty of her own home and garden, and she especially loved her recent annual vacation to Camp Richardson Resort, South Lake Tahoe, where she celebrated her 87th birthday with her whole, loving family.

A celebration of her life will take place at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto, Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 1 pm.

If you would like to make a donation in her name, please consider one of the following organizations:

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Coalition on Homelessness San Francisco



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of the civic center.

Conlon said he would support a statewide initiative to make clear that the state does not have jurisdiction to change town and city zoning of land use. There is such a proposal being drafted to be put before the state voters in 2024, which he supports.

Aside from housing, Conlon said he wants changes in the police department to reduce the number of burglaries in town. He is also concerned about the increase in school shootings in recent years in the U.S., and he has concerns about how prepared the town is for such events.

Conlon said he supports the idea of the town securing funds to underground some of its power lines to improve fire safety.

Website: gregconlon.com

Rick DeGolia

Atherton Mayor Rick DeGolia, 72, a retired attorney and software executive, joined the City Council in 2013. He has served as mayor three times since joining the council and lived in town for 22 years.

"I respond to every email and phone call that I receive, and I work hard to engage residents in the issues before the City Council," he said.

To him, the biggest current issue is the state's requirements for new housing.

With regard to the recent attention the town has received because of CEOs and Atherton residents like Marc Andreessen opposing multifamily housing in town, DeGolia said that "Atherton will always be a target for national press because Atherton has the highest property values of any ZIP code in America, so there is nothing that can be done about the likelihood of obtaining national attention."

"The concern is mislabeled as concern with multifamily housing," he said. "There is multifamily housing at several schools in Atherton and at every Atherton address that has an ADU. The concern is how to address the affordable housing needs of those who work and/or live in Atherton. That can best be done by providing more, not less, multifamily housing at our schools and creating a program to help Atherton residents rent ADUs to those who need them."

He said the easiest way to meet the state housing goals is with ADUs, which spreads the new development throughout Atherton, rather than focusing

on a limited number of denser properties.

DeGolia, who holds a bachelor's degree from University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from Harvard Law School, said the town needs to do a better job of reaching out to all Atherton residents with information and questions.

The greatest change that Atherton could make to combat climate change would be to install solar panels on its public buildings, to replace the diesel generator at the town center with a battery-based microgrid and to support the transition from fossil fuel use to clean electricity produced from solar panels or Peninsula Clean Energy wherever it makes economic sense, he said. DeGolia has served on the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors for seven years.

"We have just experienced the greatest heat waves in the known history of California," he said. "This is the result of humans emitting carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and it is likely only going to get worse in our lifetimes."

Website: rickdegolia.com

Stacy Miles Holland

Stacy Miles Holland, 38, is newer to town than the other candidates. Four years ago, she and her husband moved to Atherton, where they are raising their toddler. Miles Holland runs her own communications consulting firm.

"I would bring a fresh perspective to the council. I am a young mother fighting to preserve and enhance Atherton's quality of life for decades to come," said Miles Holland, who is chair of the Environmental Programs Committee and holds a bachelor's degree in French and psychology from University of California at Los Angeles. She'd like to bring her communications skills to the council to help residents feel more involved in town decisions.

Miles Holland said the three biggest issues facing the town are:

■ Climate change: Atherton is not on pace to hit its state-mandated 2030 emission reduction target, she said. Nearly 90% of Atherton's emissions come from gas-burning cars, home appliances and gardening equipment, she said.

"It's up to the council to educate residents, and institute rules and incentives to hasten the transition. If elected, my goal would be to adopt policies requiring all-electric appliances in new builds and renovations (reach codes). I would also evaluate local incentive and education programs to make it



Rick DeGolia



Stacy Miles Holland

easier to replace gas devices when they expire with modern electric alternatives. I do not support fines or penalties. My goal is to support electrification (to) where it becomes the obvious choice.”

She said she wants to see Atherton achieve net zero carbon emissions for its operations. Both the civic center and library are already carbon neutral buildings. Decarbonizing the park facilities and fleet of town vehicles are all that remain, she said.

■ **Housing:** “Convincing the state that the town’s plan is feasible is a tall order,” she said. “It will require proactive community outreach, attention to detail and creative problem solving. In my time on the Environmental Programs Committee, I have overhauled the town’s outreach around climate initiatives and public health: I am up for the challenge housing plans present on building town consensus.”

■ **Bike and pedestrian safety:** Many of the town’s busier streets are unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly for children or the disabled, she said. The town created the bike and pedestrian master plan in 2014, but much of that work was sidelined while the town center and library project was underway, she said.

With regard to Marc Andreessen’s letter stating that there shouldn’t be multifamily housing in Atherton, Miles Holland said that the town is unusually interesting to the national media given its concentration of famous and wealthy people.

“As a communications expert, I can definitively say that there is nothing the City Council can do to avoid national media scrutiny, especially for sensitive topics like housing,” she said. “With that in mind, town staff should be more cognizant of the potential for national attention for our public comment. They should be more explicit in notifying residents of the public nature of their comments, and redact addresses and contact info of all residents automatically.”

“Atherton’s newfound housing notoriety could paint a target on the town’s back for outside groups looking to make headlines. This puts more pressure on the town to work with the state to have a compliant housing element. Without a compliant housing element, our general plan is invalidated,” she said.

Website/social media: votestacy.com; and @votestacy on Twitter and Instagram

Bill Widmer

Bill Widmer, 67, an executive consultant and former adjunct professor at Menlo College, said his 12 years of experience on the City Council make him a good candidate.

“I have served on almost every town committee with many different residents and have served on several county boards and worked with many other county and neighboring city elected officials and staff members,” said Widmer, who’s lived in Atherton for 27

years and holds a bachelor’s degree in computer science and an MBA in statistics and management from Texas Christian University.

Among his accomplishments on the council are getting Caltrans’ attention on the need for protected crosswalks on El Camino Real; developing the bike and pedestrian master plan; and starting to help pay down some of the town’s long-term liabilities.

The most pressing issues the town faces is to gain approval on an achievable housing element plan, he said. He said he wants to push the town to examine best practices and set a course to better inform and engage residents.

“Our work on the housing element was not communicated well enough to get timely resident attention,” he said. “I know we can do better.”

During his terms on the council, Widmer said the town has substantially improved its outreach to residents through the use of technology, including social media and revamping its website.

“While mailers and emails do go out to residents regularly, they do not seem to gain the attention of our residents so they can be both informed and involved, if they so choose,” he said.

Widmer said it’s important to

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Bill Widmer

Walter Normand Leclerc Jr.

December 10, 1929 – October 6, 2022

Dr. Walter Normand Leclerc Jr., 92, of the Town of Portola Valley, CA, died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at his California home. He was born December 10, 1929, in Manchester, CT, the son of Walter Normand Leclerc and Anna Mary Ryan (Leclerc).



Known as “Bro” to many in the family, Walter Jr. graduated high school from Dean Academy, Franklin, MA as a member of the Class of 1947. After graduating from high school, he went to Canada and attended the University of Montreal where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry in 1951.

A few years later, he was accepted to dental school at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. During dental school, Walter Jr. had lunch regularly with the secretary to the Dean of the dental school; her name was Marie Concetta (Connie) Iandolo. During his final year, Connie was running a golf tournament fundraiser for the dental school and signed Walter Jr. up in a foursome with her older sister, Grace Therese Iandolo. Little did Connie and Walter Jr. know at the time; Grace would later become his wife. Walter Jr. graduated with his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from Loyola University in 1955 and then left for New York City, NY to attend Columbia University. He came back to Chicago, IL and married Grace at the St. Frances X. Cabrini Catholic Church on August 18, 1956, with William Mastrianna and Connie Iandolo serving as the official witnesses. After graduating from the Postdoctoral Orthodontics Program at Columbia University in 1957, Walter Jr. was immediately drafted into the U.S. Army and the newlyweds served on a two-year tour of duty briefly in Texas and then in the Territory of Alaska, before Alaska was granted statehood, where Walter Jr. was a Captain and Grace taught military children as well soldiers who were completing their high school requirements.

At the end of their service, Walter Jr. and Grace took a Navy boat down from Alaska, got off in Seattle, and then started driving south where they finally settled down in Portola Valley, CA. They were residents of Portola Valley, CA starting in 1959, approximately five years before the Town of Portola Valley was incorporated in 1964, and were married for almost 62 years, until Grace died on May 12, 2018. The couple had four children, Michele Carmele Leclerc (Waller), Terese Grace Leclerc (Ross), Walter Normand Leclerc III, and Richard Normand Leclerc.

Of note, Walter Jr. was an orthodontist in Menlo Park, CA and Portola Valley, CA for more than 40 years, completed a Mini-Residency Program in Temporomandibular Disorders and Orofacial Pain in his continuing pursuit of professional excellence from the School of Dentistry at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in 1991, was a 65-year member of USAA, and was the last living charter member of Palo Alto Hills Golf & Country Club, Palo Alto, CA recording a Tall Trees Championship with W. M. True in 1968 and hole-in-one on hole #2 some years later.

In addition to his parents, wife, and children, Walter Jr. had 4 sisters, Jacqueline Mastrianna (Leclerc), Marie Walsh (Leclerc), Lorraine Dzurenda (Leclerc), and Judith Barry (Leclerc), as well as one brother, Richard Edward Leclerc, and five loving grandchildren, Anthony Leclerc Waller, Marygrace Carmele Waller, Patrick Leclerc Ross, Hailey Bright Leclerc, and Walter (Carson) Normand Leclerc IV.

The ashes of Walter Jr. along with his late, beloved wife, Grace and son, Richard, will be spread in the backyard at the family residence in the Town of Portola Valley, CA overlooking the scenic South Bay Area in a place known by the family as “Park Place”. Those who wish to remember Walter Jr. in a special way should make gifts in his memory to Our Lady of the Wayside Church, 930 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028.

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Registered owner(s):
AMERICAN HONDA FINANCIAL SERVICES
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501
California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/11/2002.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 14, 2022.
(ALM Sep. 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 2022)

SUPER DUPER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 292197
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
SUPER SERRAMONTE LLC
2020 Union Street
San Francisco, CA 94123
CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 16, 2022.
(ALM Sep. 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 2022)

WOODSIDE MAIL OFFICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-292147
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Woodside, CA 94062
California
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/27/1982.
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(ALM Sep. 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 2022)

SEQUOIA REALTY SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-275683
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Sequoia Realty Services, located at 1629 Main Street, Redwood City, CA 94063, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
SEQUOIA REALTY SERVICES GROUP, INC.

1629 Main Street
Redwood City, CA 94063
CA
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/26/2008.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 22, 2022.
(ALM Sep. 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 2022)

COMIDA GUATEMALTECA LA SAN JUANERITA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-292276
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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755 9th Ave., Apt. 1
Redwood City, CA 94063
JOSE HUMBERTO CUX SURUY
755 9TH Ave., Apt. 1
Redwood City, CA 94063
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 23, 2022.
(ALM Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022)

SOUTH BAY WATER FILTERS
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File No.: M-292221
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1.) South Bay Water Filters, 2.) S B Water Filters, located at 1685 Mission Rd., South San Francisco, CA 94080, San Mateo County; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1377, San Martin, CA 95046.
Registered owner(s):
MICHAEL JOSEPH MCLENNAN
1685 Mission Rd.
South San Francisco, CA 94080
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 September 20, 2022.
(ALM Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 2022)

GOLD SHIELD SECURITY SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: M-292156
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Gold Shield Security Services, located at 1990 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.
Registered owner(s):
RONNIE LOUIS LINC
1990 Santa Cruz Ave.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on September 14, 2022.
(ALM Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 2022)

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remember the housing element covers housing needs for all levels of income. He said he helped Menlo College students who were living in their cars because they couldn't afford rent and find housing.

"With Menlo College and Stanford (University) in our area, there is a need for more affordable housing, and this does not even address the need of new teachers and first responders," he said. "This whole area, and not just Atherton, is not really affordable. As a father, it is discouraging that my children cannot afford to find a way to housing ownership in this area due to the costs. Without funding assistance such as grants, building affordable housing is not achievable due to the high cost of the land-which is \$6 to 8 million per acre."

It is difficult to develop low-cost housing in the area, which is why the council designated a large part of its housing element response on

ADUs, he said.

"The reasoning for this is that property owners do not need to acquire land and only need to finance the construction cost and the recurring property tax impact, which I believe should be exempted or implemented on a delay basis," he said. "Then the ADU could be rented at very affordable rates. Similarly, large property owners, such as the schools and the water district could build affordable, more dense housing for their staff and faculty."

If, however, large grants were available to cover a substantial amount of the initial costs to build new housing, then more affordable housing could be achieved, he said.

He said that although Atherton has not been successful in winning grants over the years, the schools and water company, which have properties included in the housing element for development, may be able to secure housing grants.

In regard to Senate Bill 9,

which allows homeowners to build duplexes on single-family lots, Widmer does not support the state directing local zoning for housing, but since it is law, Atherton must abide by it, he said.

He would like to improve safety in town. The council has approved license plate readers in an effort to catch burglars. Streets have become more and more dangerous due to speeding cut-through traffic coupled with more bikes and pedestrians, he said.

Atherton needs more bike lanes and the town needs to make an effort to make streets safer for pedestrians, he said. As a council member, he said he has pushed for more funding for traffic mitigations measures which will soon start rolling out, as well as funding for safer bikeways, especially on routes to school, he said.

Website: BillWidmer4Atherton.com ■

Email Staff Writer Angela Swartz at aswartz@almanacnews.com.



Town of Atherton Planning Commission October 26, 2022 REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. This meeting is held virtually and in-person at the Council Chambers 80 Fair Oaks Lane Atherton, CA 94027

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the request for a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) Exception at 84 Stockbridge Avenue, Atherton, CA (Assessor's Parcel Number 059-301-050) pursuant to Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 8.10.

This meeting will be held via teleconference 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.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://ci-atherton-ca.zoom.us/j/147031861>

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Remote Public Comments:

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.

Email: rhayagreev@ci.atherton.ca.us

Description: The project is located at 84 Stockbridge Avenue, Atherton, CA (Assessor's Parcel Number 059-301-050). The applicant is requesting a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) Exception to allow for consideration of reduced TPZ distances for two heritage trees, both redwood neighbor trees which are 24inch in diameter, to accommodate the construction of a new detached garage. The requested TPZ exception is for tree #3 for 6.2x away from garage and tree #4 requesting 8.2x away from garage.

A copy of the submitted application can be found here:
<https://townofatherton.sharefile.com/share/view/s669eea1ca0e4473a800af9b482be37f9/foc2b369-8f4c-4027-8374-bdc62bf44e2f>

A copy of the Planning Commission staff report and application materials can be found online, by Thursday, October 20, 2022 here: <https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=44&Type=Recent>

The proposal has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to CEQA Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said application is set for hearing by the Planning Commission at its meeting on **October 26, 2022, at 6:00 PM** in-person and 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 Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) Exception should or should not be approved.

IF YOU CHALLENGE the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) Exception 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 Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Planning Commission decisions are appealable by any aggrieved person to the City Council within 10 days of the date of the decision.

If you have any questions on the item please contact If you have any questions on the item please contact Radha Hayagreev, Senior Planner, at rhayagreev@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0576.

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.

ATHERTON PLANNING COMMISSION

/s/ Sung Kwon

Sung Kwon, Town Planner

Date Posted: October 13, 2022

Menlo Park's Measure V is bad policy. Vote no

In most Bay Area cities, an all-affordable teacher housing project is met with excitement — it's exactly the kind of housing that's needed, because schools are losing employees due to the high cost of living. But in Menlo Park, it was met with a ballot measure that stands to hinder its path forward, and that is profoundly disappointing.

Measure V, as written, would take the highly unusual step of stripping the Menlo Park City Council of its power to make zoning decisions when it comes to areas designated for single-family homes. Instead, it would require any changes to such properties to come before the residents for a vote in a regular election. We believe the measure is a solution in search of a problem, creating a cumbersome process for a city trying to do its job.

Voters have no real reason to think the Menlo Park City Council has gone off the rails and needs to be prevented from packing tranquil neighborhoods with incongruous uses like big-box stores or huge apartment buildings looming over the house next door. Council members are not going out of their way to destroy Menlo Park's suburban neighborhoods. If a project comes forward that isn't a good fit, the community can

rally together and oppose it the old-fashioned way: Show up at meetings and give the council an earful.

Contrary to its backers' disingenuous campaign slogans, Measure V is decidedly not "pro-teachers, pro-housing." While Measure V's rules would be applied to the entire city, the ballot measure's focus and raison d'être is to prevent the Ravenswood City School District from building a 90-unit affordable housing project for school employees at the former Flood School site, a 2.6-acre property near Highway 101. No formal development application has been submitted yet, but Ravenswood officials are optimistic that they have a viable project.

The Ravenswood district is struggling with significant teacher turnover, and in a staff survey this year, the shortage of nearby affordable housing is a major factor. This project could go a long way toward attracting and retaining teachers to a school district of modest means serving a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students.

The argument that the district and its developer is only out to make money is unfair — leasing

unused school campuses as a source of funding is common in many nearby districts. Why it's fine for Las Lomas or Menlo Park City school districts but not Ravenswood, with its greater need, doesn't make sense.

The concerns about traffic, parking and other impacts that some residents living near Flood School have expressed about the project are understandable. These are exactly the things that get studied, vetted and addressed during normal development review, once a project is submitted to the city. Preemptive panic about peak traffic volumes is not a solid rationale for supporting Measure V and smacks of the NIMBY attitude that proponents are so anxious to distance themselves from.

The passage of California's Assembly Bill 2995 (AB 2995) last month would give the Ravenswood City School District a possible path to teacher housing at Flood School the circumvents Measure V, but it does not change our stance on this issue. The law allows districts in metropolitan areas to sidestep local zoning rules and build up to 30 units per acre for teacher housing, limiting

Menlo Park to imposing only "objective zoning standards" in its approval process.

Whether 30 units per acre, or roughly translate to 78 apartments, on the Flood School property would make for a financially viable project is questionable. Even if it is viable, we have no idea if this by-right approval process is going to lead to a better project. Neighbors worried about impacts would fare better with a cooperative process between the city and the school district to build the right project, not the one that fits the confines of AB 2295.

While Flood School may be the focus, but there are much broader impacts of Measure V. The city identified 53 developable properties not currently occupied by single-family homes that nevertheless fall under single-family zoning, and making any changes to them will be incredibly difficult if the measure passes. Properties owned by churches and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District will be preserved in amber. Measure V proponents argue that the voters will do the right thing and approve good projects at the ballot box, but they fail to account for reality.

Development, particularly affordable residential

development, already carries a great deal of financial risk, and taking on the delays and expenses of putting it to a vote of the people — which includes launching a campaign and pounding the pavement to get support — is certain to bury most, if not all, projects before they ever make it on the ballot.

Throughout the election season, there has been an undercurrent of distrust in local government. Measure V's camp is pushing the idea that the Menlo Park City Council and the Ravenswood City School District will make the wrong choices when it comes to teacher housing, and that voters should seize control in an act that will have consequences for years to come on projects totally unrelated to Flood School.

We believe this drastic move is unnecessary, and that these public agencies, headed by elected representatives and accountable to the public, will have a transparent development process for Flood School. The city of Santa Clara was a trailblazer with its subsidized teacher housing in 2002, and in recent years Mountain View and Palo Alto have followed suit. Let's do the right thing and ensure teachers can stay in the community in which they work. Vote No on Measure V. ■

EDITORIAL

The opinion of The Almanac

Ray Mueller for San Mateo County Board of Supervisors District 3

With an all-too-rare open seat on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, residents of District 3, which ranges from the western half of south county cities to rural coastside communities and large swaths of open space lands, and includes Atherton, Portola Valley, Woodside and west Menlo Park, have two strong candidates to choose from when voting for their next representative.

Both are popular elected officials in their communities. Small business owner Laura Parmer-Lohan has served one, four-year term on the San Carlos City Council and attorney Ray Mueller has served on the Menlo Park City Council for 10 years. Each enjoys support from diverse local elected officials and community leaders. Mueller's previous experience as chief of staff for Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian helped him secure support from regional and state

officials, including Gov. Gavin Newsom.

As far as their positions on the top issues go, the two have a great deal in common, from a commitment to addressing the impacts of climate change to protecting reproductive rights and supporting the county's agricultural economy that's been badly hurt by drought and housing shortages. Both oppose Menlo Park's Measure V, and both speak knowledgeably about wildfire risks, the county's lack of affordable child care and strategies for managing the ongoing risks of COVID-19.

One of the key differences in the two is in their lived experiences. The board of supervisors has been the exclusive province of white men for much of its history, and the addition of Parmer-Lohan, a member of the LGBTQ community, would add welcomed diversity.

However, we were impressed

with Mueller's specificity in outlining ideas for tackling problems, such as increasing equity in local education funding by creating a joint powers agreement benefiting the neediest school districts, expanding the county's medical and other services on the coast and cleaning up processes in the county planning department to make outcomes fairer and more predictable.

He's intimately familiar with the needs of Menlo Park and surrounding south county towns, but he's also demonstrated an impressive grasp of Coastside issues, which are mostly the purview of county government, and we applaud his commitment to opening an office there to provide the kind of in-person attention those unincorporated areas deserve.

Both candidates have what it takes to serve on the Board of Supervisors, but we find Mueller, with his depth of experience and large network of elected officials, has the edge over Parmer-Lohan and is the best equipped to take on the challenges of this large and diverse part of San Mateo County.

LETTERS

Our readers write

When in doubt, vote no on "V"

The original motivation propelling Menlo Park's Measure V was concern about a housing proposal for the Flood School site. With a new state law regulating school site housing, the Flood School site is now exempt from the provisions of Measure V.

Yet Measure V is still on the ballot. What should we do?

Measure V was drafted quickly in response to an urgent situation. Apparently there was no time for community meetings or public hearings that could have informed the drafting of the measure. While written by an attorney, the measure was not crafted by a specialist in land use law.

Thus, Measure V faces a greater risk of running up against another law; commonly known as the "Law of Unintended Consequences." As voters, we need to stop and ponder: Do we really want to be voting on zoning matters — on top of all the other ballot initiatives — at every regular election, forever?

If people do not trust their City Council members, they typically support other candidates. That's what is happening right now in Portola Valley. Yet, in Menlo Park, two of the three incumbents are running unopposed for reelection — including the council member representing the Flood School site neighborhood.

When it comes to ballot measures, my brother-in-law has always advised, "When in doubt, vote no." To me, a conservative decision would be to preserve the status quo by voting "No" on Measure V.

*Gordon Lewin
Former board member of the
Menlo Park City and Sequoia
Union High school districts*

Support Mary Hufty for Portola Valley Town Council

In the Almanac's recent editorial comments about Mary Hufty, you missed the mark. Her skills as a family physician make her a valuable candidate for Portola Valley Town Council. What you failed to explore is her skill as a great listener, and her abilities to probe all sides of an issue, a skill necessary to become

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a successful family physician. Her style is to carefully and quietly use a steady hand with a goal for reconciliation. Mary is spot-on in recognizing town problems. There is concern that the town staff and leadership are reluctant to acknowledge the concerns and advice of volunteer committees and residents. Volunteers are a great resource. Many can provide professional expertise at no expense to the town. Mary knows that resident volunteerism has been the soul and strength of Portola Valley's successful government.

For many years I have been a volunteer donating my time and knowledge to work on geology problems in the town, and I am an original member of the town's Geologic Safety Committee. I have stayed out of town politics. Several years ago, my son and I corrected the location of the 1906 trace of the San Andreas fault in the town and corrected the

geology of Coal Mine Ridge. We worked with the town's geologist at the time. Our work resulted in updating part of the town's geologic map in 2017 and a report that was published in a major peer-reviewed journal. That project was a good experience, even though it consumed a great deal of time.

Times have changed. Recently, after starting to study geology of the Stanford Wedge project site, in a phone conversation from a town lawyer, we were aggressively requested to not study the site. That was discouraging, and an odd request when geologic safety is involved. There was a reluctant admission that individuals of the town can do their own studies. The town should find ways to make the wheels of government work to utilize the benefits that volunteers can provide.

Yes, problems do exist between volunteers, town staff and leadership. The town needs a council member who is willing to listen

and work in tandem with residents and town staff. Mary Hufty has these skills, and her gentle and patient demeanor will provide reconciliation and a civil government.

*Chester Wrucke
Cima Way, Portola Valley*

Former opponents support Mueller for supervisor

We were on the campaign trail with Ray Mueller and his current opponent and believe he is the best candidate to represent us in District 3 on the Board of Supervisors. In fact, we have both endorsed him because he is much more experienced than his opponent to ensure that government works for all of us.

Ray shared our stance of being against the Supervisors' proposed parcel tax. His opponent didn't. Voting your pocketbook is not something to sneeze at now when there is continued economic uncertainty and working families

must do more to make ends meet when the cost of goods like groceries and gas continue to increase.

Ray has leadership skills that are gained from experience. Being in public office for a decade, versus his opponent's not even serving one term on her city council, shows Ray's commitment to his community. Making tough decisions and doing the people's work means that not everyone will like or agree with you. Communicating directly with constituents and stakeholders, instead of through fake polls and identity politics, means being directly in touch with communities and understanding their needs. Gaining the respect of constituents for finding common ground to solve problems comes from doing the work. Ray has the experience to represent us and deserves our vote to be our next Supervisor. Please vote for Ray Mueller for Supervisor.

*Virginia Chang Kiraly and
Steven Booker*

Laura Parmer-Lohan leads on campaign funding

She's done it again! Councilwoman Laura Parmer-Lohan has outlasted her opponent for San Mateo County supervisor this year in the latest campaign finance reports. Not only has Laura been the leading fundraiser in this race this year, but she has also been up and down the district listening to residents' concerns, identifying unique community needs and leading in the fight to address the devastating effects of drought and to protect women's health and reproductive rights.

The fundraising reports show that Laura has broad-based grassroots support with more total contributions this year. Unlike the evidence in her opponent's report, she does not have heavy special interest funding. And in contrast to her opponent who appears to be in the pocket of big developers pushing huge traffic-worsening and water-wasting projects that we don't need, Laura's financial support derives from neighbors across the district. I urge you to read the reports.

Laura will not be bought and is leading this race. We need a proven leader like Laura who understands and values the interests of our diverse and unique communities. Her priorities include:

- Reducing the impacts of drought
- Investing in wildfire prevention
- Protecting our coastline, beaches, open spaces, and water resources
- Fighting for reproductive freedom

Laura is the only candidate endorsed by Planned Parenthood Mar Monte and CAL FIRE — she deserves your vote.

*Sandra Schatz
San Carlos*



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What's on your mind?

From City Hall politics and the schools to transportation and other pressing issues, the Almanac aims to keep readers informed about their community. But we also want to hear from you.

Tell us what's on your mind by sending your letters to letters@AlmanacNews.com. Or snail-mail them to: The Almanac, 450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306.

Letters should be no longer than 300 words.

Questions? Email editor@AlmanacNews.com, or call 650-223-6537.

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part in hay rides, pick their own organic sweet corn and meet the residents of petting and reptile zoos. Reservations are required to take part in weekend activities, but not for weekday visits or for pumpkin purchases only.

Through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily at Webb Ranch, 2718 Alpine Road, Portola Valley. Weekday admission is \$8 adults and teens 13+/\$15 ages 2-12 and weekend admission is \$18 adults and teens 13+/\$32 ages 2-12 (ages 0-23 months admitted free). webbranchinc.com.

St. Raymond Pumpkin Festival: The festival returns after a two-year hiatus with games and activities, pony and train rides, bounce houses, face-painting, bungee jumping and carnival rides and a pumpkin patch. Friday also features a “boo-tique.”

Oct. 14, 3:30-9 p.m. and Oct. 15, noon-5 p.m. at St. Raymond School, 1100 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Admission is free. [instagram.com/strpumpkinfestival](https://www.instagram.com/strpumpkinfestival).

Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival: The Bay Area fall tradition marks its 50th year. Beat the traffic and head to the Coastside early for the pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. either day. The costume contest and Great Pumpkin Parade are Saturday, and the 44th annual Pumpkin Run (a kids’ fun run, 5K, 10K and half-marathon) is Sunday morning. Visitors can pick up pumpkins of their own and enjoy pumpkin-infused treats, including chili, smoothies and beer.

Oct. 15-16, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Main Street in Half Moon Bay. Admission is free. Pumpkin Run registration is \$25-\$55. pumpkinfest.miramarevents.com.

HOWLoween: Wolf Awareness Week: Halloween is typically all about the scares, but Stanford University marks the spooky season with a week

highlighting how special, rather than scary, our lupine friends are. Wolf Awareness Week events explore the important role wolves play in nature. Even so, the week should bring a few hair-raising moments, particularly with a howling lesson (Oct. 18) that teaches the correct vocal technique for a truly impressive howl, followed by a group howl outside the Green Library; and “Our Werewolves, Ourselves,” a look at the mythology of werewolves (Oct. 18). Other events include “Skull School,” a talk comparing animal skulls and looking at the gray wolf’s anatomy (Oct. 20); “The Return of the Wolf,” a discussion about wolves’ slow comeback to some parts of the United States (Oct. 20); and a screening (Oct. 21) of the 1994 horror/romantic comedy “Wolf,” about a mild-mannered editor (Jack Nicholson) who acquires some cutthroat skills in navigating office politics after he’s bitten by a wolf.

HOWLoween takes place Oct. 16-22 at various times at Green Library, 557 Escondido Mall, Stanford. All events are free and open to the public. [events.stanford.edu](https://www.events.stanford.edu).

Orchard Days: Filoli celebrates the bounty of autumn with a series of weekend events set at the estate’s Gentleman’s Orchard. Each weekend has a different theme and features activities, creations by area artists and live music by local performers. Harvest celebrations from around the world are the focus of events on Oct. 15-16; pumpkins are the theme for Oct. 22-23 and the series wraps up with “Spooky Creatures of the Orchard” Oct. 29-30, a program that looks at the creatures, from mountain lions to bats, who can be found at nighttime around Filoli.

Oct. 15-16, Oct. 22-23 and Oct. 29-30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Filoli, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. Tickets are \$15-\$25; reservations are required. filoli.org.



Courtesy Webb Ranch

Through Oct. 31, Portola Valley’s Webb Ranch offers a rainbow of pumpkin choices, along with plenty of family activities, including bounce houses, a corn maze and haunted house, plus special weekend fun.

Halloween Spooktacular: Redwood City hosts a family-friendly event with carnival games, a monster maze, creepy crafts, spooky photo backdrops, a mini pumpkin patch and prizes.

Oct. 22, noon-3 p.m. at Redwood City Community Center, 1120 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. Admission is \$10 per child. redwoodcity.org.

Menlo Park Costume Movie Night: The Menlo Park Library hosts an outdoor screening of a spooky movie geared for ages 12-18. Families are invited to bring snacks and a blanket to enjoy a movie under the stars. Audiences at the event will vote on which movie they want to see.

Oct. 19, 6-8 p.m. at the Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St., Menlo Park. Admission is free. beta.menlopark.org.

Los Altos Halloween Family Fun Day, Movie Night: Los Altos Parks and Recreation has planned a full day — and evening — of Halloween fun for families on Saturday, Oct. 22, first with Halloween-themed games, crafts, stories and more at the Los Altos Community Center. In the evening, the city hosts an outdoor screening of “Monsters, Inc.” at Grant Park. Guests should bring chairs, blankets and snacks.

Family Fun Day takes place Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Movie Night takes place Oct. 22, 7 p.m. at Grant Park 1575 Holt Ave., Los Altos. Admission is free. For more information visit losaltosca.gov.

Spooky Times at Deer Hollow Farm: Families can explore haunted barns, enjoy games and activities and meet farm animals up close at this event hosted by the city of Mountain View and Friends of Deer Hollow Farm, a nonprofit educational farm at Rancho San Antonio preserve.

Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-noon at Deer Hollow Farm, 22500 Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino. Admission is \$7 per person/\$5 with costume (proceeds support the farm’s livestock). mountainview.gov.

Los Altos Hills Town Hall: On Oct. 28, the offices at Los Altos Hills Town Hall will host trick-or-treating — and local electeds may be on hand for the festivities. And through Oct. 31, visitors can drop by Los Altos Hills Town Hall to guess at the weight of a giant pumpkin on display. The closest three guesses will receive Los Altos Hills prizes.

Trick-or-treating takes place Oct. 28, 2-4 p.m. and pumpkin guessing available now through Oct. 31 during regular business



Courtesy Jenny Russo, St. Raymond Catholic School

St. Raymond Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 14-15 includes a pumpkin patch, carnival rides, bounce houses and a “boo-tique.”

hours, both at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov.

Halloween at Hiller Aviation Museum: The Hiller Aviation Museum is transformed into a Haunted Hangar with spooky decorations. Activities include a Halloween Kids Carnival Oct. 22-23, where kids can paint a plane, and the Halloween Kids Festival the following weekend, Oct. 29-30, with a helicopter pumpkin drop.

Haunted Hangar display Oct. 22-31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open until 8 p.m. Oct. 28-30), Halloween Kids Carnival and Paint-A-Plane Oct. 22-23, 10 a.m. to noon, Halloween Kids Festival Oct. 29-30 from 10 a.m. to noon (pumpkin drop at noon). Hiller Aviation Museum, 601 Skyway Road, San Carlos. Museum admission is \$19 per adult, \$12 per senior (65 and up) and child ages 5 to 17, free for kids 4 and under. hiller.org.

Jack O Jaunt: The city of Palo Alto hosts a pumpkin carving competition and display in which members of the community can vote on their picks for the scariest, cutest and most creative jack-o-lanterns. Participants can carve pumpkins on their own at home or during a carving workshop.

Oct. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (workshop takes place Oct. 28, 3-5 p.m., and costs \$20 for materials) at Lytton Plaza, University Avenue and Emerson Street, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org.

BraveMaker Halloween Costume Party: This adults-only costume party and contest features food, music, film screenings and an open bar for 21+, with proceeds benefiting Redwood City film nonprofit BraveMaker.

Oct. 28, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Tickets are \$25-\$100. eventbrite.com.

Menlo Park Halloween Hoopla: The city of Menlo Park hosts its annual Halloween carnival and parade. Participants are invited to dress in costumes and decorate their bikes or wagons for the parade, which will end at Fremont Park with a carnival featuring games, prizes, crafts, a raffle, entertainment and candy.

Oct. 29, parade begins at 11 a.m. at Maloney Street parking lot and concludes at Fremont Park, Santa Cruz Avenue at University Drive, Menlo Park. The carnival takes place until 2 p.m. Admission is free. beta.menlopark.org.

Mountain View Monster Bash: Families are encouraged to dress up in costumes for a day of spooky games, a twisty maze, stilt walkers, a Día de los Muertos celebration and more. Attendees are encouraged to walk or bike to the festival. Also, visitors can meet Mountain View Voice staffers, who will be on hand at the Voice’s booth.

Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. The event is free. mountainview.gov.

Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza: Menlo Church hosts an event with trick-or-treat stations, an inflatable slide and a bounce house.

Oct. 29, 4-6 p.m. at 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. menlochurch.churchcenter.com.

Sunnyvale Pet Parade: The annual event held in honor of working and past city of Sunnyvale working K9s returns in person after going virtual. Featuring a costume contest and talent show.

Oct. 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Murphy Avenue, Sunnyvale. sunnyvalepetparade.com.

Hidden Villa Harvest Festival: The whole family is invited to come in costume to

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enjoy fall-themed arts and crafts, a costume contest, garden activities, visits with farm animals, explorations with naturalists, “Boo-Archery” and a live blacksmith demonstration. The event also includes festive music, an artisan market and food and drinks from local vendors.

Oct. 30, 10 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
at Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody
Road, Los Altos Hills. \$20 per
person. hiddenvilla.org.

**A Boo-tiful Downtown
Halloween:** Trick-or-treating
at downtown Los Altos mer-
chants, followed by Halloween
crafts and games in Veterans
Community Plaza.

Oct. 31, trick-or-treating starts
at noon; games start at 2 p.m.
in downtown Los Altos. Free.
downtownlosaltos.org.

**Gamelandia Halloween
Party:** New Palo Alto game store
Gamelandia hosts a party with
a pet costume contest, gaming
and candy.

Oct. 31, 4-9 p.m. at Gamelandia,
290 California Ave., Palo Alto.
gamelandia.fun.

Performances

**The Rocky Horror Picture
Show:** In something of a time
warp, the Bawdy Caste, made
up of longtime Bay Area players,
performs alongside a screen-
ing of the cult classic horror
movie musical spoof “The Rocky
Horror Picture Show” at The
Guild Theatre — now re-
novated into a concert venue, but
previously the scene of “Rocky
Horror” showings back in its
movie theater days.

Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m. at The Guild
Theatre, 949 El Camino Real,
Menlo Park. Tickets are \$19.99.
guildtheatre.com.

Halloween Drag Brunch:
Faultline Brewing Company
hosts an afternoon of drag
performances with Amoura
Teese, Sasha Devaroe, Jaymelah
Moorea and Hera Wynn, plus
food, drinks and a DJ.

Oct. 22, noon at Faultline
Brewing Company, 1235 Oakmead
Parkway Sunnyvale. Tickets are
\$15-\$25. eventbrite.com.

**Stanford Symphony
Halloween Concert:** The
Stanford Symphony Orchestra
and the Stanford Wind
Symphony present their annual
Halloween concert. The perfor-
mance’s second half concludes
with a costume contest, with
the winner serving as guest
conductor for the final piece of
the evening.

Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. at Dinkelspiel
Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive,



Courtesy Peninsula Ballet Theatre

Above: A graveyard full of Halloween ghouls, including zombies, Dracula and the Wolfman, cut a rug in Peninsula Ballet Theatre’s “Hip-Hop Halloween: Monster’s Ball,” Oct. 29-30 at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City. Below: The Redwood Symphony’s Halloween concert on Oct. 30 features a short program performed by costumed musicians, plus an orchestra tour and conducting lesson.

Stanford. Tickets are \$13-\$18
in advance/\$18-\$23 at the door.
events.stanford.edu.

**Hip-Hop Halloween:
Monster’s Ball:** Halloween’s
creepiest creatures, including
Frankenstein’s monster and
Dracula, show off their dance
moves in a spooky hip-hop
dance performance presented
by Peninsula Ballet Theatre.

Oct. 29, 7 p.m. and Oct. 30,
1 p.m. at the Fox Theatre,
2215 Broadway, Redwood City.
Tickets are \$35-\$65 (\$5 discount
for 65+ and 18 and under).
peninsulaballet.org.

**Redwood Symphony
Halloween Family Concert:**
The Redwood Symphony tradi-
tion returns after a three-year
hiatus. In addition to a short,
family-friendly performance,
this event includes an orchestra
tour and group conducting les-
son and will feature the conduc-
tor and orchestra in costume.
Audiences are encouraged to
wear costumes.

Oct. 30, 3 p.m. at Cañada
College Main Theater, 4200
Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City.
Tickets are \$30-\$35 adults/\$15
children. redwoodsymphony.org.



Courtesy Redwood Symphony

Editor’s Note: Several local
spooky celebrations are already
sold out as of press time, includ-
ing trick-or-treating Oct. 28 at
the Palo Alto Junior Museum
and Zoo (friendsjrmz.org/
Halloween) and Bats, Bats and
More Bats! with trick-or-treating
and an environmental program
featuring live bats on Oct. 29 at
Gamble Garden (gamblegarden.org), which has a waitlist. ■

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\$7,588,000 | 5 Bd | 6 Bth
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30RegentPL.com

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PALO ALTO

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363Channing.com

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722Josina.com

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

\$1,588,000 | 2 Bd | 2.5 Bth
256View.com

2129 EMERSON STREET
PALO ALTO

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2129Emerson.com

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LOS ALTOS HILLS

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LOS ALTOS

\$3,488,000 | 3 Bd | 2.5 Bth
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1350Phyllis.com

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941Addison.com

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PALO ALTO

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1030PaloAlto.com

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Food & Drink

Channel your inner gourd-mand

From cannoli and cocktails to pastas and pastries, check out these Peninsula pumpkin dishes and drinks

By Julia Brown

When the calendar turns to October, I'm one of those people who eagerly puts up my Halloween decorations, peruses pumpkin patches and scopes out the aisles of Trader Joe's for new and returning pumpkin-flavored foods. For those of you in a similar state of mind, we bring you a running roundup of Peninsula pumpkin dishes and drinks both sweet and savory to stoke that fall feeling.

Bonjour Bakehouse's pumpkin dulce was recommended by a reader. The eatery's website describes it as "the union of the best dulce de leche and your favorite pumpkin puree." The dulce is sold in a 12-ounce jar online and for in-store pickup and has no preservatives, additives or coloring.

Bonjour Bakehouse, 1007 Howard Ave., San Mateo; 650-305-1448. Instagram: @bonjourbakehouse.

Cudos has a pumpkin pecan crunch frozen custard as its special of the month, featuring pumpkin pie sauce, candied pecans and pretzels. The Palo Alto shop is also offering a pumpkin spice latte concrete special, frozen custard blended with pumpkin pie sauce, coffee sauce and mini marshmallows.

Cudos, 855 El Camino Real #160, Palo Alto. Instagram: @cudosforyou.

Find pumpkin food and drinks galore at the 50th annual **Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival** Oct. 15-16, the marquee fall event on the Peninsula. Pumpkin foods include pancakes, pie, bread, muffins, cake rolls, cheesecake, cookies, ice cream, milkshake smoothies, chicken pumpkin sausages, pumpkin ravioli, pumpkin-spiced cotton candy, macaroni

and cheese with pumpkin seeds and spice, and nachos with pumpkin salsa. Sip on cocktails like the Pumpkin Whisky Smash and Half Moon Bay Brewing Company's Pumpkin Harvest Ale.

Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 15-16 on Main Street in Half Moon Bay.

You could build your own pumpkin-based tasting menu with the offerings at the **Half Moon Bay Brewing Company** this fall, which include a kale salad with pumpkin seeds, Brussels sprouts and a raspberry vinaigrette; a pumpkin-panko salmon topped with a honey soy glaze and served with mashed potatoes, butternut squash and Brussels sprouts; and housemade pumpkin cheesecake. Pumpkin drink options include the Pumpkin Harvest Ale, a pale ale made with locally grown sugar pie pumpkins that are roasted with a secret blend of spices, and pumpkin beer floats with vanilla ice cream and the ale.

Half Moon Bay Brewing Company, 390 Capistrano Road, Princeton by the Sea; 650-728-2739. Instagram: @hmbbrewingco.

Humphry Slocombe is selling a pumpkin galette ice cream swirled with caramel that's available in scoops and pints. The ice cream chain opened a Redwood City location over the summer.

Humphry Slocombe, 2077 Broadway, Redwood City; 650-995-7229. Instagram: @humphryslocombe.

It's-It Ice Cream has pumpkin ice cream sandwiches that can be purchased online or in stores, as well as at its factory shop in Burlingame. Pumpkin diehards can buy them by the case, 24 for \$24.

It's-It Ice Cream, 865 Burlway Road, Burlingame; 800-345-1928. Instagram: @itsiticecream.

Romolo's Cannoli plans to have pumpkin cream cannoli and pumpkin ice cream available starting this weekend, with the goal of selling them through November. Its cannoli shells and ricotta filling are housemade, and cannoli are filled to order.

Romolo's Cannoli, 81 37th Ave., San Mateo; 650-574-0625. Instagram: @romoloscannoli.

Mazzetti's Bakery is your home for pumpkin cannoli, pies,

muffins, coffeecake, cheesecake, cupcakes and pound cakes, plus a chocolate cake filled with chocolate buttercream that's decorated to look like a pumpkin. Their pumpkin cannoli, cheesecake and pies are most popular.

Mazzetti's Bakery, 101 Manor Drive, Pacifica; 650-355-1007. Instagram: @mazzettis_bakery.

Mezza Luna Italian Restaurant is making homemade pumpkin ravioli at the nearly 30-year-old eatery just north of Half Moon Bay. They serve Southern Italian dishes with a California influence.

Mezza Luna Italian Restaurant, 459 Prospect Way, Princeton by the Sea; 650-728-8108. Instagram: @mezzalunarestaurantmb.

Pie Ranch is baking and selling pumpkin pies through the end of October. They also have carving pumpkins from Pescadero farm Brisa Ranch for sale.

Pie Ranch, 2080 Green Oaks Way, Pescadero. Instagram: @pie_ranch.

Pumpkin curry is often a year-round menu item at local Thai restaurants, including **Amarin Thai** in Mountain View (a reader's favorite pumpkin-based dish on the Peninsula), **Isarn Garden Thai Cuisine** in San Carlos, **Karakade Thai Cuisine** in Redwood City and **White Elephant Restaurant** in South San Francisco.

Pumpkin spice lattes can be found at coffee shops throughout



Courtesy Humphry Slocombe

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the Peninsula, including **Bitter + Sweet** in Cupertino, **Granola's Coffee House** in Half Moon Bay and **Saltwater Bakery**, a gluten-free and dairy-free bakery in Pacifica. **Verve Coffee Roasters** in Palo Alto has a pumpkin pie latte that's made with pumpkin puree for a more pumpkin-heavy flavor. **Voyager Craft Coffee** in Cupertino and Santa Clara will be debuting a to-be-announced pumpkin beverage the week of Oct. 10.

Rosalind Bakery is selling pumpkin muffins and cinnamon rolls and a pumpkin cheesecake Danish daily. They also offer a pumpkin spice latte, but the Pacifica bakery says the flavor is more akin to pumpkin pie.

Rosalind Bakery, 450 Manor Plaza, Pacifica; 650-898-8636.

Instagram: @rosalindbakery.

Sibby's Cupcakery is making a pumpkin-spice cupcake through November, and next month they'll sell a pumpkin cheesecake cupcake as their mashup flavor. The cupcakes are baked to order from scratch.

Sibby's Cupcakery, 716 South Railroad Ave., San Mateo; 415-613-4373. Instagram: @sibbyscupcakery.

Spread the Love Jams & Jellies is selling pumpkin pear butter online, at the monthly Harvard Community Market and at the Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival. Owner and jam-maker Marilyn Johnson recommends making "pumpkin cheesecake on the fly" with a graham cracker, a little cream cheese and a dollop of pumpkin pear butter.

Spread the Love Jams & Jellies, 650-799-9141. Instagram: @spreadthelovejelly.

State of Mind Slice House has a salad with pumpkin vinaigrette on its new fall menu. The Ripple includes greens, cotija cheese, red onion, dried cranberries, quinoa and pepitas.

State of Mind Slice House, 3850 El Camino Real, Palo Alto; 650-384-6369. Instagram: @stateofmindslicehouse.

Sweet Diplomacy, a gluten-free patisserie in Los Altos, has debuted the Self-Care Chocolate Muffin fall flavor, which is made with cocoa and flax seeds and studded with chocolate chips, cranberries and pumpkin seeds.

Sweet Diplomacy, 209 1st St., Los Altos; 650-800-3816. Instagram: @sweethdiplomacyco. ■



Courtesy State of Mind Slice House

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MENLO PARK | \$3,350,000

A 3br/2ba move-in-ready Menlo Park home w/open layout, high ceilings, skylights & windows providing natural light. Doors open off the dining/family room to a private deck, backyard & detached 2-car garage. On the main level is 2br/1ba. The 2nd level boasts a spacious primary suite w/walk-in closet, updated bath & storage. Adjacent to the suite is a large, sunny loft w/open ceiling & skylights.

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PALO ALTO | \$2,850,000

Don't miss this beautiful home in a park-side location! The living room, dining room and kitchen enjoy an open concept. The remodeled kitchen has a breakfast bar, cherry wood cabinets, stainless steel appliances and marbleized Quartz countertops. There are four bedrooms and two baths including the remodeled primary suite. Private yards offer mature landscape, patio, pergola and direct access to Robles Park.

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PALO ALTO | \$2,788,000

Don't miss this immaculate Palo Alto remodeled home in "The Circles" of the Fairmeadow neighborhood! The traditional layout offers three bedrooms and two baths. Enjoy a living room, dining room and kitchen open-concept space for entertaining. A remodeled kitchen hosts stainless steel appliances. Additional highlights include white oak wood floors, remodeled baths, fresh paint and fresh landscape.

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MENLO PARK | \$1,175,000

4br/2ba Belle Haven home w/updated baths, upgraded kitchen, wood-look tile flooring, dual pane windows, skylights, low maintenance stucco siding, a laundry room & copper plumbing. Outside you will find drought tolerant landscaping along with a variety of trees & bushes alongside artificial grass & concrete patios. The paver driveway allows room for extra parking & the front gate adds privacy.

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SAN CARLOS | \$2,749,000

4br/3ba White Oaks single-level remodeled w/ADU. 11hilltop.com

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NOVATO | \$935,000

Delightful 4br/2ba vintage San Marin home with a pool and creekside setting! Don't miss your chance to claim this original 1950's home as your own.

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SEBASTOPOL | \$925,000

Delightful 3br/2ba home with raised garden beds and fruit trees within a drought tolerant landscape and an abundance of space on the covered deck.

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REDWOOD CITY | \$1,328,888

Beautifully remodeled 3BR/1BA home boasts updated kitchen & bathroom, refinished floors, newer roof w/solar.

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REDWOOD CITY | \$1,248,888

Charming Redwood Village 3br/2ba home. The home is freshly painted inside & out. Hardwood floors refinished.

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