

The Menlo Oaks Neighborhood Newsletter



The Oak Leaf



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MODA PICNIC JUNE 8th MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join the MODA Board and your neighbors for the annual Menlo Oaks picnic at Peninsula School on Sunday, June 8th from 4 - 7 p.m..

Last year over 200 neighbors turned out to enjoy each others company, food and the entertainment-efforts provided by your annual dues and our volunteer MODA board members.

This year the Lil Billies, Peninsula School band will be providing blue grass music and Mr. Horsefeathers will be returning with magic, balloon sculpting and his guitar when he takes center stage to entertain us on what will surely be the sunniest day in June.

As usual we will provide a table for swap, giveaway or selling your CDs, paperbacks or videotapes.

Please remember to bring your favorite salad or dessert to share which will be automatically be judged by neighborhood volunteers.

Winners will be chosen for the best salads and desserts in two age ranges, adult and child. Prizes will be awarded for the best in each category and certificates of participation will be handed out to all the kids for their entries. As always, creativity and humor are encouraged and definitely required in the best-dessert-by-a-child category.

Bring your recipes along to share. Winners will be published in the next newsletter. MODA will provide beverages, barbecued chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs.

Come one come all, this is not only a chance to meet your new, old and young neighbors but a great way to entertain your kids for the afternoon. Don't be shy. We will supply the place, time and name tags, you just have to join the fun. Please contact me at 327-2806 or any of the other board members if you have any questions, ideas or contributions.

Remona Murray-Collyer, Treasurer

Help The MODA Picnic Organizers!

- Please remember to label your dish with your name and address.
- With the use of a small PA System for the day's event.
- Volunteer to be a host, barbecue cook, contest judge or on clean up crew.
- Donate prizes (i.e. toys or gift certificates from your business).
- Remember to pay your \$20.00 annual dues.

Calendar

May 11	Mother's Day
May 26	Memorial Day
June 8	Annual Picnic
June 15	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
Sept 1	Labor Day
Nov 2	Annual Meeting

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Menlo Park City HOA Meeting

The MODA Board was invited to a Homeowners Association (HOA) meeting with the City of Menlo Park on March 27th. Although MODA is not officially a part of the City of Menlo Park our board thought that it would be of interest to attend the meeting. Marge Draper and I attended the meeting.

The new City Manager, David Boesch was interested in meeting with and giving the different HOA members in Menlo Park a chance to voice their concerns. Amazingly enough, as we went around the room introducing ourselves and giving the reason for attending, the same two issues came up: traffic concerns (speed, volume, safety and road conditions) and emergency preparedness. Mr. Boesch also handed out a list of the new phone numbers for the City of Menlo Park (see partial list below).

Christopher Boyd, Chief of Police, spoke to HOA members about the Emergency Preparedness Program in the City Menlo Park. The Chief reported that the City has been working with the local Fire District and other emergency services on the County level to coordinate a disaster management program. Chief Boyd introduced Commander Gregory P. Rothaus who informed us that the City has been preparing and training its staff and will soon be offering Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) Team, under the slogan "Its up to you for 72".

A few cities, like San Jose with their CERT program "San Jose Prepared!" have allowed anyone working and living in San Jose the opportunity to take the program for a small fee. My husband and Editor Rich Collyer is currently attending the classes in San Jose and will be sharing some of the wealth of information he has gained from the program in the newsletters to come. I am hopeful that the Menlo Park Program will be available for MODA residents. There is some good information available on the Menlo Park's Police

Department Emergency Preparedness web site <http://www.geocities.com/menloparkpdtest/geninfo.html>

The Commander, at the close of his discussion on the need for individuals to be independent of City services for the first 72 hours following a disaster or emergency, handed out to the audience a Menlo Park PD HOA Disaster Response Volunteer Form (see insert). The City was requesting that the HOA distribute this form to their members and compile a list of people interested in sharing their resources in the case of a long term emergency. This information would be confidential and available only in the case of an emergency.

Seeing how San Mateo County Sheriff Department and other agencies have frequently told the MODA Board that our residences may or may not have County resources available to them immediately after a disaster like an earthquake, the MODA Board thought that at the very least this volunteer form could help the neighborhood start its own resource list. If you are interested in volunteering please fill out the form and return to me at 441 Arlington Way. If you are interested in creating a Disaster Response Program for our neighborhood or lobbying the City of Menlo Park for our residents to be part of their CERT Training please contact Rich Collyer at 327-2806 or rcollyer@sbcglobal.net

As for traffic the City Manager made notes and promised to look into the concerns raised.

Remona Murray-Collyer

New Menlo Park City Numbers

Effective April 4, 2003

Community Services	650.330.2200
Library	650.330.2500
Police	650.330.6300
General Info	650.330.6600

Red Cross

Menlo Oaks residents can also do their part to become prepared BEFORE an emergency occurs. With a chapter located right in downtown Palo Alto, the American Red Cross offers numerous educational seminars and health and safety classes, including first aid and CPR programs for school age children to adults.

Class schedules are updated every six months and can be found on the chapters web site, located at <http://www.paarc.org>. These classes, which are also conveniently offered weekends and evenings, help prepare people in advance for emergency situations. Prices range from \$35 to \$100 depending on the type of course or course combination.

In addition, the Palo Alto Red Cross offers community educational programs which teach personal awareness of and response to major disasters. For more information on these classes or a copy of its Disaster Volunteer Training Schedule, people can call the Palo Alto Area Chapter Disaster Coordinator at (650) 688-0441.

If you're unsure of what emergency supplies you should keep in your home, the Red Cross can also help. The Palo Alto Red Cross offers an online store featuring a line of emergency-related products.

The Palo Alto Red Cross is located at 400 Mitchell Lane behind the Palo Alto Caltrains station. Phone (650) 688-0415.

Jennifer Wenker

Emergency Preparation

As a matter of general community interest, here are several the links to the disaster preparedness kits and information which you might find helpful when setting up your own household plan:

American Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/>) The Red Cross has a helpful set of pages on their site noting three steps to preparedness, available from their home page. Their brochure on setting up your own home kit is available as a PDF here... <http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/fdsk.pdf> The CDC has a web page on Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>). Providing a detailed look at bioterrorism preparedness and response activities.

FEMA (<http://www.fema.gov/>) has a page on their site with a link to a helpful and informative guide "Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness." (<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>). It brings together facts on disaster survival techniques, disaster-specific information, and how to prepare for and respond to both natural and man-made disasters.

USA Today (<http://www.usatoday.com>) published an

informative article this week entitled "How to react when terrorists attack" (http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-02-11-prepare-usat_x.htm) which covered the three unconventional weapons that could be used in a terrorist attack: radiological, chemical or biological. The article covers what they are and what experts recommend you can do.

Last but not least is the local Menlo Park resource. Menlo Park has a "Citizen Emergency Response Team" program. The web site for this program can be found at: <http://www.geocities.com/menloparkpdtest/prepare2.html>

Lisa and M3 Sweatt

Pilates Plus in the Play-Space at Peninsula School

Thursday May 1st will be the 2nd class of a 5-week series. Then, we will break for the summer, and resume in September on the same day & time. New people are welcome to come and try the class during this last Spring series which finishes on May 22. Drop-in fee \$12. (Series of 5 classes \$45).

Jennie Cosgrove 650 326 4172

Annual Dues: \$20 dues are used to pay for the picnic and the newsletter. Check may be paid the day of the picnic to the MODA Treasurer, Remona Murray

Recommendations

Cleaning Lady

Anabella Trabanino. (510)487-3927 (home - call after 8 PM or leave a message). She speaks very good English, became a citizen a few years ago and is very reliable.

Handy Man

Frem fences to replacing windows
Cesar Castillo
Tel: (650) 366-2533
Cell: (650) 776-4067
E-mail ccas590303@aol.com

New Italian Restaurant

Check it out
Cafe del Sol Restaurant
650-326-2501
1010 Doyle Street
Down town Menlo Park
Across the street from Su Hongs ToGo

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