

The Menlo Oaks Neighborhood Newsletter



The Oak Leaf



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MODA ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 2, 2003

Once again MODA Board President Alessandra Almgren welcomed the residents in attendance of the Annual Meeting in the Auditorium at Peninsula School. Alessandra thanked last years Board Members for their contribution to make the Annual Picnic and Oak Leaf a continuing success. She introduced the current Board and made a request for new members to replace the four out going people.

The members of the audience then introduced themselves and stated questions or concerns they had about the neighborhood, which the Board and the experienced residents then tried to address.

The MODA Treasurer Report was then given by the continuing Treasurer, Remona Murray. In the MODA calendar year of Oct. 2002- Sept. 2003 the membership grew to 60% of the approximately 270 homes. Remona thanked those members who had requested their Newsletter and Directory be sent via email. There are a few bugs to work out. If you expected to receive it by email and did not, then please let Remona Murray know, especially AOL or www.menlo-oaks.org

sbcglobal customers. Hopefully by the February issue this will be all worked out. The reduction in costs helped us reach more Menlo Oaks residents and of \$3,335 in dues collected a \$1,338 balance remained.

MODA was join at the Annual Meeting by three members of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office to address concerns about response time and solicitors in the neighborhood. Patrol Bureau Lieutenant Ken Jones, kjones@co.san-mateo.ca.us, informed residents about the different ways to contact the Sheriff's Office. If you dial 911 a sheriff's deputy will be dispatched to your home and the call will be considered an emergency even you state that you are in no danger. In a non emergency 363-4911 will give you the Sheriff's Office, this is the business line. A dispatcher who is not handling emergency's will answer this line and direct your call to the appropriate person. It can be useful to program into your mobile phone numbers like 363-4911 or other local law enforcement numbers . The CHP handles 911 calls on all mobile phones for all of Northern California and sometimes it is difficult to get through to a dispatcher during peak commute hours.

The Lieutenant then introduced Deputy Sheriff John Corkery, jcorkery@co.san-mateo.ca.us,

Calendar

Jun. 13
Nov. 7

Annual Picnic
Annual Meeting

sanmateo.ca.us, of the Community Policing Unit to speak about solicitors. San Mateo County requires that all solicitors obtain a permit and inform the Sheriff's Office of their presence in our neighborhood. The Deputy spoke of incidences where individuals are hired from out of state and housed in hotels to solicit in neighborhoods. These people are trained in door to door solicitation and many do not obtain permits. If you feel harassed or uncomfortable by the presence of unwanted/unpermitted solicitors the Sheriff Office is happy to receive a call from residents.

MODA's final speaker Jeff Child spoke in support of Measures A & B, which passed in our district. At the end of the meeting Carla Dewar requested signatures from residents on the Coleman Petition (see "New Business").

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“New Business”

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS

From the Colonial period, community members have come together as volunteers to assist the greater community. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has envisioned a modern model. Since 1994 FEMA has been encouraging communities to develop their own Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Our earthquake in 1989 and the destruction of the World Trade Center in 2001 demonstrate that a catastrophic event can occur any time, any place.

The Menlo Park Fire District, Atherton Police, Menlo Park Police, and East Palo Alto Police departments are partnering to provide CERT training to local volunteers. In addition, they have chosen to work through homeowner's associations as the vehicle of getting the word out. The hope is that CERT members can assist the other members of their community by being able to act in the stead of the police and fire personnel who may be overwhelmed during an emergency. The departments are in the process of planning **free classes** to train community volunteers. CERT training teaches volunteers to:

1. Identify the types of hazards most likely to affect your home and community.

2. Learn about CERT and your role in immediate response.
3. Prepare yourself and family for a disaster.
4. Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in your home and workplace.
5. Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety measures to extinguish small fires.
6. Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
7. Learn to conduct triage following an emergency.
8. Perform head-to-toe assessments.
9. Learn to set up a treatment area.
10. Employ basic treatment for various injuries.
11. Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
12. Learn the most common techniques for searching a structure.
13. Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim rescue.
14. Learn techniques for light search and rescue.
15. Employ basic treatment for various injuries.

If you are interested in the free CERT classes contact the Menlo Park Fire District at (650) 688-8415 or email to: cert@menlofire.org

Coleman Petition Submitted to County Board of Supervisors

A petition was circulated in the Menlo Oaks District to just over 132 of the homes approximately 264 homes. Of the homes visited 117 residents expressed their interest in having a designated pedestrian or pedestrian/pathway(s) along Coleman Avenue by signing the petition. This petition was then submitted to the County Board of Supervisors on November 18th during the Oral Communications section of the agenda for comments on items not included on the agenda.

New Resolution

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors sign Resolution No. 066308 Approving the Procedures for Determining if Speed Humps/Dips Should be Installed, and Fees Associated with the Installation of a Speed Humps/Dips. No changes have been made to Resolution No. 061884 Adopting the Existing Width of Roads in the Menlo Oaks as the Road Standard for the Area.

New Parent Walks?

If you are a new parent in 2003 and are looking to join other new parents in an occasional walk around the neighborhood please contact Danielle Wood, 473-0852 or via the net at dkwood1@excite.com.

NEW IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

If you are new in the neighborhood and have not received a welcome package please contact Marge Draper at welcomingcommittee@menlo-oaks.org for more information about MODA.

THANK YOU TO DOG WALKERS

We would like to send out a thank you to those of you who have been extremely conscientious about cleaning up after your dog during your strolls through the neighborhood.

GOT SPEEDERS?

Take down the license plate number or the make and/or model with time of day of repeat offenders, then contact Stg. Gaylord Gee at the CHP 369-6267 or ggee@chp.ca.gov. He will dispatch Officers to the area or will contact the owners of the vehicle.

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DUES & DIRECTORY

MODA has annual dues of \$20.00, which helps to cover the cost of our Annual Picnic in June, the Annual Meeting in November, the Web Site, and the ever increasing printing, postage costs of the three issues of the Oak Leaf and Annual Directory. If the newsletter you received has an envelope, with my return address of Remona Murray, MODA Treasurer, 441 Arlington Way, attached, then my records show that I have not received your dues for 2003-2004 MODA calendar year. Please check your records and let me know if I am in error. I can be contacted via email at treasurer@menlo-oaks.org or by phone at (650) 327-2806.

The MODA Directory will be distributed this week to members who have paid their annual dues, PDF or Excel format are available via email upon request. If you have paid your dues, but have

not received a Directory by the second week of March and you would like to receive one, please let me know so I can correct my records.

HELP MODA REDUCE OUR COSTS!

Request that your next issue of the Oak Leaf and/or Directory is sent to you via the internet. Contact the MODA Treasurer at treasurer@menlo-oaks.org to have your email address added to the growing list of Menlo Oaks District residents going paperless.

MODA BULLETIN BOARD

Jim Wampler (jim@igc.apc.org) manages the MODA Bulletin Board email list. To subscribe to the list send him an email with your name and address so he can confirm you're in the neighborhood.

Menlo Oaks District Association 2003-2004 Board

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YOU ARE INVITED! PLEASE ATTEND!

COMMUNITY MEETING

2020 Peninsula Gateway Corridor Study

DATE:	Saturday, February 28th	Wednesday, March 31st
TIME:	10 a.m. to 12 noon	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
PLACE:	Avenidas 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto (between Lytton & University – parking directly across the street)	East Palo Alto City Hall 2415 University Ave. East Palo Alto

(Both meetings will cover the same material)

Are you concerned about traffic congestion in the corridor containing the approaches to the Dumbarton Bridge and Highway 101 between Routes 84 and 85?

Do you have specific issues related to traffic congestion in the corridor that you would like to have explored?

Do you have ideas for ways that this traffic congestion can be addressed?

If so, or if you are interested in hearing what others have to say and getting an update on a plan to look at potential solutions to this traffic problem, please come to one or both of the two community meetings that we have scheduled. The dates, times, and locations for the meetings are listed above.

This study is sponsored by

City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA)

SAMPLE LIST OF POTENTIAL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following is a list of potential types of roadway projects that might be studied, and it is intended to provide a general range of ideas for discussion.

- New highway connections could provide priority to High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV's).
 - Additional through lanes on freeway segments.
 - New roadway extensions or connections to increase capacity of the system or provide alternate/parallel routes.
 - Modify freeway interchanges and ramps to enhance major traffic movements.
 - Make better use of existing rail right-of-way by constructing a joint-use facility, perhaps in a double-decked configuration with rail at grade and vehicular traffic elevated.
 - Develop roundabouts and other ways to increase capacity at interchanges to serve arterial traffic, possibly with grade-separated direct connectors (potentially via tunnels) to serve the freeway traffic.
 - Double deck existing roadways and include grade-separated connections at each end.
 - Create braided ramps so that traffic entering and exiting the freeways and expressways will have more room to merge into the existing traffic flow.
 - Develop new freeway on and/or off-ramps.
 - Reconfigure freeway lanes to address bottlenecks (like transitions to and from HOV lanes and segments with high volumes of merging traffic).
 - Widen existing arterials in the study area to increase approach capacity and disperse traffic congestion in segments that have closely-spaced intersections.
 - Create bicycle and pedestrian improvements that complement the roadway improvements.
 - Put ramp metering at selected interchanges.
 - Implement Intelligent Transportation System improvements such as:
 - Signal improvements
 - Improved signage
 - Smart streets
 - Real time traffic operations management
 - Traffic control measures
 - Traffic adaptive measures
 - Limit or redirect access of smaller streets to main arterials.
 - Close roadways to through traffic.
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