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 CALENDAR!**

**ANNUAL PICNIC
 SUNDAY
 JUNE 10, 4-7 PM**

PENINSULA SCHOOL

Misc. News

A Day in the Life of a Garbage Man

By Maya Jevans

On Sunday, April 22 the good citizens of Menlo Park gathered together for food, merriment and, best of all, garbage. Every one met up at Peninsula School to pick up garbage bags, gloves and discuss routes. Each little group of volunteer garbage men set off to find trash, bottle caps and justice.

In the Jevans family group a prize system was formed. The categories were: Most Blue Items, Most Unusual Item, Most Practical Item, Worth Most Money Items, Grossest Items, Rustiest Items, Oldest Item, Heaviest Item, Most Dislodged Bots Dots, Most Items Containing the Word 'McDonalds' and the prestigious Most Items award. The prizes for each category ranged from .25-1\$ each. Award winners are still eagerly awaiting their prize money.

The neighbor hood was very clean except around the once clean area we call Laurel School. It claims to be a "Clean, Drug and Tobacco Free Zone" but turned out to be the messiest route, full of juice boxes, old socks and empty cigarette packs. Peninsula School had a rather odd medley of disowned metal doohickies and larva infested cardboard crowns.

After the pickup, bags were deposited at the new barbeque hotspot, Rich and Ramona Collyer's super trendy new club, The DriveWay. Menu consists of Potatoes Chips, Hot Dogs and an assortment of carbonated soft drinks. Entertainment was the never before seen, Find the Lost Airhead Candy, performed by the glamorous Maya Jevans and Aiden Jevans. The perfect end to a perfect day. If you can call breaking you're back trying to fish a straw wrapper out of a rather spiny hedge

If you lost one of these Items:

- Orange Crush bottle cap
- Grape Crush bottle cap
- A Motorola Razor phone (may be slightly ran over)
- A few cans of 7-year-old tuna (slightly open)
- Penny
- Blue Boys Underwear (Its either tied-dyed a VERY disgusting color)
- 6th grade Homework on the Greek Gods
- A very soggy Tennis Ball
- Chunk of Asphalt
- Paper Flower (At least I think it's a flower)
- Diary full of indecipherable handwriting
- McDonalds toy
- Fake Finger Nail

Call 1800-LITTER-BUG to claim

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May 2007

It's Time For The Annual Picnic!

Our annual MODA picnic will be held on Sunday, June 10, from 4 - 7 PM, at Peninsula School.

Don't forget to bring a salad or dessert. In order to have your dish judged on time, please have it at the picnic by 4:30 with identification on the bottom. There is a kid's category for desserts. This is a very popular attraction, and everyone enjoys seeing the creativity that the kids bring to their entries! They taste great, too! We've upgraded the prizes -- Kepler's gift cards of \$20 for the first prize and \$10 for the second and third prizes.

We have planned some new activities for the picnic as well. Face painting, and a bike decorating contest have been added to the jumpys and slides. You can bring your bike fully decorated or you can decorate at the picnic -- supplies will be provided. The bikes will be judged during a parade around the picnic area.

Be sure to bring your appetite! We'll be serving chicken and burgers along with all the fixings. The upgraded beer and wine selections were widely appreciated last year and will be served at this year's picnic.

Your MODA board looks forward to putting this picnic together every year. We hope that everyone will come and enjoy this afternoon of good food and good fun with our neighbors!

Coleman the Sequel

The City of Menlo Park is continuing its study of safe routes to Laurel School. One public meeting has been held with two more public meetings to be scheduled within the next couple of months. (See The Oak Leaf February 2007 for background information). Coleman Avenue is once again being eyed for some type of bike path and/or pedestrian path. But, the City knows that they need input and approval from our neighborhood. If you want your voice heard, please plan to attend a future meeting. All MODA residents will receive notification via mail of the next public meeting.

Help The MODA Picnic Organizers!

- Please remember to label your dish with your name and address.
- Do you have a small PA System for the day's event.
- Volunteer to be a host, barbecue cook, contest judge or on clean up crew.

If you would like to help, please contact Remona Murray at treasurer@menlo-oaks.org or see directory for phone number.

Calendar 2007

May 19	M-A Art & Music
Jun 10	**Annual Picnic**
Jun 13	Peninsula Grad
Jun 14	M-A Grad

San Mateo Alert System

San Mateo County has instituted an email and text message notification system for emergencies. You can register multiple email addresses and cell phone text message addresses and directly receive information about fires, floods, terrorist attacks, burglaries, crime waves, road closures, and more. Go to www.smcalert.info to register.

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