



The Oak Leaf



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Coleman Vote Results

I want to pass along the unofficial results for the vote on Coleman Avenue. We have not yet received all ballots and will therefore wait a few days to officially certify the results, but so far the turnout is as follows:

- 98 YES (61%)
- 60 NO (37%)
- 3 abstain (2%)
- 1 no vote

This very closely resembles both the response rate and the percentages of the previous vote in March and also represents more than 50% of the neighborhood overall. If the result stays the same, as it is likely to, we will hope to pass along word to the neighborhood this week. We will also begin the very early stages of looking for funding and planning for the project, though this process will take time.

Thank you for all your assistance throughout this process in engaging the Menlo Oaks community and involving so many in our process.

Best Regards,
Preston Burnes, Legislative Aid
of Supervisor Richard Gordon

**MODA ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY,
JUNE 13TH, 4 TO 7 P.M.**

Save the date and plan to come with your family to our annual neighborhood picnic held at the Peninsula School grounds! This is always a fun get-together and opportunity to meet neighbors and enjoy creative salads and desserts from both adults and children.

Our MODA provides a great BBQ of chicken and hamburgers with all the trimmings, as well as wine, beer, soft drinks and water. Also, the committee arranges for Jumpy-houses to entertain the kids and for the required insurance. This is thanks to the modest annual MODA dues we pay (\$20 per household).

New neighbors are especially welcome and encouraged to come! Old timers? Great to see you, and we do note the year you moved to Menlo Oaks on nametags.

Bring your folding chairs or blanket to set up a comfortable spot under the oaks, as well as a salad or dessert to share and compete in the "best-of" judging.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED...to help with set up, clean-up, pre-picnic arrangements, or to help master-chef Rich with barbeque details!

Creative thoughts from you to further enhance the event are most welcome! Do we have musical talent (guitar, flute?) to create a woodsy musical ambiance corner away from the chattering crowd? Do we have some talented and experienced face-painters? Run a 'master-gardeners' advice booth? Other ideas?

Please contact MODA Secretary Janet Bernadicou at janetbernadicou@comcast.net or 650-324-2874.



Calendar 2010

Annual Picnic June 13th

New Pres. Bio.

Michael was born in Los Angeles and raised in Anaheim, a California native and Peninsula resident since 1987, and living in Menlo Oaks with his wife and daughter. While in living in Southern California he attended Servite High School and Cal State University Fullerton. Michael is a real estate broker with more than 20 years experience in residential and commercial real estate. He is a lifelong learner who enjoys adventure travel, bicycling, hiking, gardening, music, reading, and local history. You may see him running or riding bicycles with his daughter around the neighborhood. Say hi.

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Neighborhood News

Measure C

Measure C passed with a 76.2% margin. Following the Special Board Meeting on May 10th, the district is expecting to be able to rescind the preliminary layoff notices of teachers and other certificated employees and mitigate the reduction of services by classified and administrative employees.

The additional revenue from Measure C will help address the 5.1% enrollment growth for the 2010-11 school year, enable the District to accommodate the substantial growth that we project at Hillview School during the next seven years, ensure that the District can continue to benefit from reasonable class sizes at all grade levels, and help maintain a consistent level of enrichment services within the elementary schools.

Recent reports estimate that 23,000 teachers in the state and 10% of teachers of San Mateo County teachers have been laid off. It will take years for many districts to recover from the substantial loss of revenue and the severe reductions of educational programs and services.

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 Gloria Gavin at vicepresident@menlo-oaks.org or see directory for phone number.

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