

# The Menlo Oaks Neighborhood Newsletter



# The Oak Leaf



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## Coleman Ave

After years of deliberation and planning the Coleman project has been completed. We have heard many ideas and seen many proposals including closing the street to through traffic at the county line, making Coleman a one way street, separating the walkers and bicyclists from the cars by a raised 4" curb and the final solution of a white stripe painted about 4 feet from the edge of the pavement. In some areas up to two feet of asphalt was added to give enough space to cars and the new walking path.

I have spoken with Diana Shu who is the Road Operations Manager for the County of San Mateo Department of Public Works. I asked to gather the cost for the project and this is the breakdown.

### Installation of the walking path on Coleman

Materials	\$8,154.51	25%	Asphalt, Base Rock, Paint
Labor	\$17,942.00	56%	Crew Time
Equipment	\$3,159.00	10%	Construction Equipment

### Studies and neighborhood surveys

Labor	\$2,580.54	8%	Staff Meetings
Materials	\$310.00	1%	Mailings

Total            \$32,146.05    100%

These figures do not include the Supervisor's staff time.

## Bay Road

The SFPUC is continuing its work on the fifth Hetch Hetchy pipe. You may have noticed that Flood Park is closed and that the parking lot was torn up. You may have also noticed the construction in Redwood City across Middlefield near 5th Ave. All of this work is part of the addition of the 5th pipe line.

Bay Road is also part of this project. In the coming months, Bay Road will have a sizable trench dug down the middle. The crews have worked hard to keep the disruptions down to a minimum, but you will want to be aware that there will be a couple week period when Bay Road will be difficult to travel. The disruption will be between Flood Park and Marsh Road.

At this time, we do not have an exact date for the work. We do know that Bay was closed for one day on Feb 26, but expect there to be further disruption.

## Annual Meeting

MODA held its annual neighborhood meeting on Sunday, November 14th 2010 at Peninsula School. Twenty neighbors were in attendance.

MODA President, Michael Johnston, provided the MODA Year in Review:

Coleman Avenue Project – the neighborhood approved the County's proposal to add a 4 inch wide line along the northeast side of Coleman to designate an area for a walking path. This project was completed in November 2010.

Real Estate – Seven houses were sold in 2010. The average selling price was \$1.9 million.

Garbage Collection - Recology San Mateo will be the new vendor for garbage collection in our area as of 1 January 2011.

## Calendar 2011

Spring Cleaning	April 30th
Annual Picnic	June 5th

## Spring Clean-Up

Want to talk trash with your neighbors? Then join us for the 6th Annual MODA Spring Clean-Up & Earth Day Celebration. We will meet in front of the Peninsula School on Sunday, April 30, at 10 am, rain or shine. MODA Board Members will be handing out trash bags, gloves and trash collection maps. We will split into smaller teams to comb the streets and pick up trash and recycling. A BBQ will follow at 441 Arlington Way.

\*\*High School and Middle School students are eligible for community service credit.

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# Neighborhood News

## Big Tent

In order to streamline communication among Menlo Oaks neighbors, in September the board implemented a new vehicle for news and information via Big Tent. Many other groups use Big Tent to manage their groups including groups at our local schools and Palo Alto Menlo Park Parents' Club (PAMP). There is even the Infant Sign Language Playgroup and Medicare Helpers of San Mateo County. If you belong to two or more of these groups, communications from ALL the groups you belong to comes to one place so you don't need to check multiple server lists and/or websites and you only need to remember one username and password. There are a number of families in MODA that also belong to some of these other groups in addition to MODA.

Since privacy is important you can share or not share any information by setting your profile appropriately. You can set your preferences to send you an email every time a member posts to the group immediately or you can choose to get only one email with all of the posts for the day or week. You can also decide you do not want emails sent to you and you will go your web page to check when you want to if at all.

Big Tent has many features not found on most means of group communication. You can bookmark a discussion topic or

event on the calendar to make it easier to find. Calendars can be set up and reviewed as needed by anyone in the group. You can start a subgroup. With the File Storage feature we can have electronic copies of newsletters, other documents and photos can be saved in one place and retrieved by any member at any time. Polls can be initiated and tracked.

As with anything new there is always a learning curve but we have most of the bugs worked out and there are more than 70 users taking advantage of the group.

To get on Big Tent Menlo Oaks you will need to be invited to have access. To be invited simply go to <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/moda> fill in the boxes with your name, email and image text that you will see (for security purposes) and click the "Submit" button. An invitation will be sent to you. You can also get more information about the site by clicking "read more". When you receive your invitation you will be able to set your preferences of how you would like to have information delivered to your inbox (or not) or from the MODA Big Tent Site. Make sure you uncheck the box in your profile that asks if you want to receive ads. It should be unchecked by default but I mention it just to make sure you won't get spammed.

Michael Johnston  
MODA President

## Annual Meeting (cont)

Big Tent – MODA had adopted Big Tent as it's official mode of communication.

The Treasure's report was provided by MODA Treasurer, Remona Murray. \$3,651.00 were collected in dues this year which is a 27% increase from last year. Total expenses this year were \$3,872.30.

The Board is in the process of updating the MODA By-Laws. During the meeting comments and suggestions were provided. The revised By-Laws will be distributed for a vote during the Annual Picnic.

Board Member, Elizabeth Gheleta is seeking volunteers to assist with the MODA Audit Committee. Please contact Elizabeth for more information.

If you have not already done so, please pick up your emergency preparedness packets from Remona Murray.

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