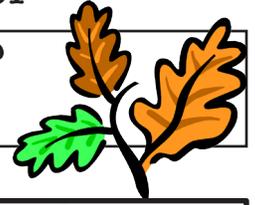


The Oak Leaf



May 2014

MODA Annual Meeting

Treasury Report covered difference in costs over past two years available on-line

- MODA has a checking and savings account with San Mateo Credit Union
- MODA Year Ending Oct 2011-Sept 2012 balance was \$1,329.48
- MODA Year Ending Oct 2012-Sept 2013 balance is \$1,677.02
- Uncleared check to Remona Murray (picnic expense) total \$1,228.70
- 73 of 300 households paid dues of \$1,460, previous year 146 paid \$2,944
- No Annual meeting was held in 2012 and no Directory was published in 2013
- June Picnic cost of \$2,026 in 2013 vs. \$2,013 in 2012
- Left over food from Picnic was donated to St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room

Jason Trollope, Facilities Planning contact for Menlo Park Veterans Administration (VA) jason.trollope@va.gov. Jason gave us an update on the current and future use of the VA. 200 mental health and extended care beds are located along Bay Rd. A unique national center for PTSD and tel-radiology, now mostly used for training, is located on the campus. The blind center will soon be heading to its permanent Palo Alto location once a new center is completed. Soon the 150 employees not part of extended care unit will be relocating to new facilities in Sunnyvale; although some of those researchers to be co-located in Sunnyvale. Capacity of campus is considered to be 800 employees, 400 patients and a small number of out patients.

Limited Build-Out of Facility Master Plan for VA Menlo Park Division Campus Map

<http://www.paloalto.va.gov/docs/MenloParkCampusMap.pdf>

Table 4-1 Projects Considered for Cumulative Impacts

http://www.paloalto.va.gov/docs/FILE_6.pdf

Master Plans Phase 1: Recently Completed Projects

- 2-lane Loop Road connecting to Warehouse Rd.,
- New construction of bldgs. 360, 370, 371 and 372
- Demolition of bldgs. 221, 205,

Current Plans for Menlo Park Campus:

http://www.paloalto.va.gov/construction_menlopark.asp

Master Plans Phase 2: Short-Term Beginning 2014

- Main Entry/Parking Lot Upgrades: straighten out the main entrance and improve safety
- Bldg. 361 Community Living Center Clinic: new 12,500 sq. ft. clinic replaces bldg. 205
- Bldg. 323 Seismic Correction/Recreation Therapy Field: 1.9 acres on Berkeley fence line
- Bldg. 349 Renovation & Security Facility Project

Master Plans Phase 3: Long-Term

- New construction of bldg. 361 and Willow Housing Homeless Resource Center

Q & A: Asbestos abatement and construction dust concern was addressed and mitigation will follow environmental impact standards. Existing Berkeley fence line: New fence line project is currently not funded, but they do have some design ideas that they will share with the neighborhood in future. Field lighting: There will be constraints. The ball park will have a large net and will NOT have stadium lighting. The facilities is ONLY for patients. There will be low level lights for night safety that will be directed toward campus. They have worked with the neighbors on directing the lights around the maintenance area. The water tanks are staying as they serve an irrigation function. Any thoughts of selling the campus: Not at this point, but maybe way out in the future.

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Calendar

Apr 26	CERT
June 8	Picnic

**MODA ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY,
JUNE 8TH, 4 TO 7 P.M.**

Yeah! Party in the neighborhood. Come enjoy the sunshine, see your neighbors and meet new friends at the annual MODA picnic. There will be jumpy houses, Barbecue, libations and neighborly socialization. Get creative in the kitchen and bring your entry for the salad and desert contest. We will have a category for adult's desert, adult's salad, kids' desert & kids' salad with prizes for the winning chefs.

June 8, 4:00pm - 7:00pm at Peninsula School, 920 Peninsula Way

It won't be the same without you. See you there.

MODA provides a great BBQ of chicken and hamburgers with all the trimmings, as well as wine, beer, soft drinks and water. Bring your sunscreen, hat, picnic blanket/ chairs and appetite for good food, fun and conversation.

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Neighborhood News

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Menlo Park Fire District - Carol Parker
Sat.. Apr 26 & May 3, 2014, 9 AM-5 PM
Fire Station 77 Classroom
1467 Chilco St, Menlo Park

Come join us for this interactive and informative class and learn how to take better care of yourself, your family, your loved ones and neighbors when a disaster does happen. Floods, wildfires, mudslides, earthquake, airline crash, terrorism, disasters come in all forms and severity, are unpredictable and cause disruptions to emergency services. 2014 is expected to be a significant El Nino weather pattern (with increased risk of floods) and many experts believe that the Bay area is overdue for a significant earthquake.

A large-scale disaster can easily overwhelm local emergency response resources, Police Officers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services. The CERT program will provide citizens with basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills to help reduce loss and protect property during the most critical time frame, until emergency responders can arrive.

During the C.E.R.T. course, students will receive training in emergency preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, team organization and terrorism. Upon full course completion students will

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receive a Certificate of Completion.

Classes fill up fast, don't miss this critical training. If it has been four or more years since your last CERT class, this is a perfect time to refresh your skills.

And it is FREE

2014 DIRECTORY AVAILABLE! WHEN YOU PAY MODA DUES

Annual MODA dues are collected each year starting the first of October. Dues are \$20.00 per household and are used to publish newsletters and the neighborhood directory, for the annual picnic and annual meeting, as well as occasional incidental neighborhood related expenses and flyer's.

Thanks to everyone who supported MODA with their dues last year. An addressed envelope is attached to this newsletter if you prefer to pay by mail, or bring your 2013-2014 dues of \$20.00 to the Annual Picnic.

Make a check for \$20.00 payable to Menlo Oaks District Association

If you have any questions about dues, expenditures, etc., Contact Remona Murray, MODA Treasurer, at 327-2806 or treasurer@menlo-oaks.org.

MODA Annual Meeting (cont.)

Zachary Smith, Gopher Trapper

Our district has very few gophers. Moles are mostly the cause of activity you see in our area. Moles are carnivores. Moles are transient and can dig up to 200 yards of tunnels a day. His company sets only traps and does NOT recommend using poisons.

Raccoons that are out during the day time are generally concerning. Treating grubs in your lawn is more affective to get rid of raccoons. Raccoons do carry deadly parasite that can infect sand boxes.

Rat traps using peanut butter tends to be more effective for eliminating rats. Rat boxes can attract and trap other animals.

Tree squirrels are protected by the state.

For more information on garden, landscape, and turf pests see: <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/menu.vertebrate.html>

MODA BULLETIN BOARD

If you wish to subscribe, please contact the bulletin board's administrators, Remona Murray rmurray@rsqrdc.us. Provide your name and address to be used to confirm residency. You will then be instructed on how to join the bulletin board.

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