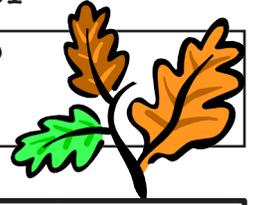


The Oak Leaf



February 2015

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting was held on November 16, 2014 at the meeting room at Peninsula School.

We had several speakers at our meeting. Zack Smith of Smith's Gopher Trapping Service spoke to us about our several nuisance critters (Rats, Raccoons, Bats, Gophers, and Moles) that visit our yards through the year.

It was pointed out during Zack's talk that squirrels are protected by the State of California. So even if you consider them a nuisance, they can't be harmed.

Raccoons will set up home in your yard when pet food is left outside for them to enjoy too. When they do set up home, they tend to create a latrine in your yard when parasites like round worm are easily found. If such a location is found, you can clean it up, but be sure to not touch it and double bag what you do find and place it in your trash. If your dog finds it, they will likely get sick.

There was also a conversation about West Nile virus. There were cases of WNV in San Mateo last year. 80% of the people who got it showed no symptoms, 20% got the flu. Along with Zack to talk about pests were representatives from Vector Control. They talked about many of the same concerns, but from a different perspective (government vs private company).

Finally, we had a presentation from Safe Family Foods. A company that provides naturally dehydrated foods for emergency preparedness kits (and backpacking). Those who were at the meeting, were able to sample some of the product.

I also had a request from a Pediatric Doctor (neighbor) to stop the use of bouncy houses - due to the high incidents of injuries associated with such devices.

MODA Board Needs You

According to the MODA bylaws, the board is required to be made up of 9 members. At this time we have 5, most of which have been on the board for many years. The purpose of the board is to facilitate communication within the Menlo Oaks community (Annual Meeting & Annual Picnic) and be a point of contact for issues related to the neighborhood (neighboring construction, traffic, high school concerns, etc.). To do this, we need to be able to function as a board, which means have the required membership. We have recently learned that similar neighborhoods are facing a similar problem with declining leadership to focus on the neighborhood (<http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2015/02/08/college-terrace-residents-association-faces-uncertain-future#.VNuu7BDVdI.gm>).

The annual dues do make events like the picnic possible, but we still need leaders who can help to make the picnic happen. We are also always looking for fresh ideas.

Our neighborhood is not just the place where our homes are, it is where there are like people around us, who can be there to help each other out when in need. A couple of weekends ago, when we were actually getting rain, a tree fell over and a few neighbors banded together to quickly clean it up and re-open a blocked driveway. The MODA facilitate communication, helped to make that possible.

Volunteer to be part of that, be part of the picnic, be part of the area you live in.

Calendar

Jun 14

Annual Picnic

Residents Facilitate/ Communicate?

Menlo Oaks Neighborhood has its own private subscription based email list known as the MODA Bulletin Board. It has no links to social media and it is available to all residents through self registration on the web via <http://employees.org/mailman/listinfo/moda-l>. You do not need to be a dues paying member of MODA, but your subscription request will be verified. The members list is not published. To post a message to all of the list members, send email to moda-l@employees.org. Once your subscription has been accepted add this email address to your contact list, to help keep MODA news in your inbox instead of in the junk/spam mail folder.

Nextdoor.com is a private social network administered by a third party working with a neighborhood lead. It includes posts from public agency partners, see article "Message from Sheriff".

Remone Murray

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Neighborhood News

Annual Picnic

At Peninsula School SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015 4 p.m.

CHANGES...CHANGES...CHANGES... Having the Peninsula School grounds for our annual neighborhood picnic has been a wonderful bonus for all of us living in Menlo Oaks! SO FAR. This has been a great experience of truly stepping back in time, just coming together with food and sense of community. FOR HOW LONG? Once things end, they are seldom brought back!

Again, with CHANGES in the neighborhood, are we and are you willing to make this a special 'save the date' event?

Bring a blanket or folding chairs, pay the modest (\$20 per household) annual dues, so that the basic costs of Jumpy Houses, BBQ hamburgers and chicken, drinks and dinnerware can be covered and be prepared to enjoy a few hours with neighbors old and new!

You also are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. With the obvious increase of "take out", it is OK to bring something other than your own homemade special salads, casseroles, cakes or pies...let COSTCO or your favorite deli help you out!

Awards for best adult and child's salad and dessert are still planned!

YOUR FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS ON WHAT WOULD MAKE THIS A BETTER EVENT FOR YOUR FAMILY WILL BE CONSIDERED AND ARE WELCOME!

Elizabeth Gheleta
MODA Board

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

The purpose of the CERT program is to improve community emergency preparedness and response in the event of a major disaster. Learn more about Menlo Park Fire District's CERT program at <https://sites.google.com/site/menloparkcert/>

Contact MPFD CERT Coordinator Carol Parker, carolp@menlofire.org, 650-688-8415.

When: March 18, 21 and 28

March 18, 2015 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
March 21, 2015 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
March 28, 2015 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Station 77
1467 Chilco Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Sheriff's Message

My name is Lt. Tim Reid of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. I am the Commander of the Headquarters Patrol Bureau. The Headquarters patrol Bureau includes the communities of Portola Valley, Woodside, North Fair Oaks, unincorporated Belmont, unincorporated Redwood City, Menlo Oaks, West Menlo, Stanford Lands, Ladera Oaks, Los Trances Woods, and Emerald Lake Hills.

I am pleased to announce that starting today the Headquarters Patrol Bureau will be using Nextdoor. We will make our communities safer through communicating important information to residents of the areas served by the Sheriff's Office. With Nextdoor, we can effectively share information on crime prevention and safety, public events, and emergency notifications.

Please rest assured your Nextdoor website remains private. The Sheriff's Office staff can NOT see any of your neighborhood's content or information. We can only see direct replies to our posts, or private messages to us. Please note: we will not monitor Nextdoor on a continual basis. If you see a crime or require emergency services, call 911.

We look forward to working together to build stronger, safer neighborhoods across San Mateo County.

Lt Tim Reid

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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 2014-2015 dues of \$20.00 to the Annual Meeting.

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.

Spare the Air!

Ah! The fire is crackling in the fireplace. It was a cold day, and now it's time to settle in front of the fireplace and throw another log on it!

Wait! Is it a spare the air day? How do we know? What is a spare the air day anyway? My quick and dirty answer to that is if you can't see the hills around us through the smog or have trouble breathing as you walk to or from your front door -- that's a spare the air day!

The more precise answer to those questions can easily be found on these web sites: <http://www.sparetheair.org/Stay-Informed/Todays-Air-Quality/Reporting-Zones.aspx>

<http://www.sparetheair.org>

If you'd like to get alerts on your iPhone about when a spare the air day has been called, get this app! <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/spare-the-air-bay-area/id441186308?mt=8>

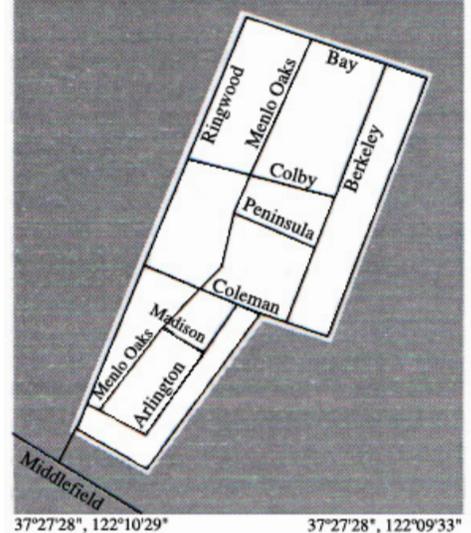
There appear to be no apps on the Android for Spare the Air.

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* Sunday *
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**PENINSULA
SCHOOL**

Menlo Oaks District Association (MODA) Newsletter Mailing List & Directory Additions/Deletions & Changes

In an effort to reduce cost, please let me know if you received more than one newsletter, do not wish to receive another, or have corrections.

**Please send additions/deletions and changes to
 Remona Murray, 441 Arlington Way, treasurer@menlo-oaks.org**

Do you wish to receive your Newsletter or Directory electronically? **YES** **NO**

Do you wish to be included in the directory? (circle) **YES** **NO**
 (Published in Feb each year)

Adults' first and last names

Address

MODA Request this information for Disaster Preparedness Purposes

Check Box if you do not wish your child's info be published in the Directory

Children living at home

Interests

Names (first and last)	Birth year	Babysitter?	Pets/plant/mail during vacations?	Odd Jobs?

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

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Year residents since
