



The Oak Leaf



October 2010

ANNUAL MEETING

MODA will be hosting our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 14th from 3-5 p.m. in the Peninsula School Auditorium. This meeting like the picnic is an opportunity for you to meet the MODA Board and your neighbors. We encourage both new and old members of our wonderful community to join us.

An overview of the updating of the By-Laws will be part of our meeting this year. Enclosed is a copy of the revisions. If you receive this newsletter by email you can check out MODA By-Laws Article on this page for the link to pdf.

The Treasurer's Report will be given and a copy distributed. Questions will also be answered regarding where your dues are spent.

A couple of positions on the MODA Board are likely to open up and we will need to fill them with members for about 9 meetings a year. The responsibilities include writing articles and processing the newsletter, providing help with the Annual Meeting, Picnic and communicating information to neighborhood when important issues arise.

Meeting Agenda Items:

- Revisions to MODA Bylaws
- Treasurer's Report
- Audit Committee
- Vote for new board members
- Pick Up Emergency Info Packet

WHERE ARE THE GAS PIPES

After the explosion in San Bruno, there has been a great deal of concern about where are the gas pipes and are they near me.

There is a government maintained web site that provides information about where the gas pipes are. The web site is: <https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/PublicViewer/>

I reviewed the map and determined that the nearest pipes to MODA are under the Hwy 101 frontage road, Van Buren Rd, connecting with Bay Rd across from the VA property and following Bay Rd to Willow.

There was also recently published in a local paper that one of the top 100 must monitor/fix pipes in California is along the Menlo Park/Palo Alto boarder where there pipe goes under Hwy 101. This is located between Willow and University, near the intersection of Donohoe St and W Bayshore Rd.

Richard Collyer, MODA NL Editor

MODA BY-LAWS

The MODA board has recently been reviewing and updating the By-Laws. We have posted a proposed revision to the By-Laws on the MODA web site. If you wish to review the By-Laws, you can find them at: <http://www.menlo-oaks.org/Rule&Regs/MODA%20By%20Laws-%20proposed%20revisions%20September%202010.pdf>, or go to the MODA web site under the Rules and Regs section.

Calendar 2010

Nov 14th Annual Meeting

2010 ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual MODA picnic was held on Sunday, June 13, from 4 - 7 PM, at Peninsula School.

The salads and desserts as always were excellent. The winners were not noted, so I am unable to highlight them.

The jumpies kept the kids busy, while the adults enjoyed each-other's company.

The MODA board prepared the chicken, hot dogs, and burgers (including garden burgers this year) along with all the fixings. The continued supply of Tied House beer disappeared and the wine selections were widely appreciated. Your annual dues provide for the food, drinks and the ever increasing insurance required to use the school's grounds.

Your MODA board looks forward to putting this picnic together every year. We hope that everyone who came enjoyed themselves and even more of the neighborhood will come and enjoy the afternoon of good food and good fun with our neighbors next June.

Richard Collyer, MODA NL Editor

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Neighborhood Directory

Remona Murray-Collyer

A Menlo Oaks Neighborhood Directory will be published again in February 2011. Only MODA members who have requested to appear in the Directory will be included and will automatically receive a copy. If you were in the last Directory, you will be included in the next unless you drop a note to me at 441 Arlington Way requesting to be removed, treasurer@menlo-oaks.org.

Below are the street numbers of homes included in the last Directory. The requests I have received over the past year are also shown in this list. If your number is on the list and you want to be in the next Directory, you do not need to do anything. Please let me know if there are name, additional children, e-mail or phone number changes or errors to last years Directory.

If you're not on the list and want to be included in the next Directory, please fill out and return the Directory Form on the cover sheet of the newsletter to me at 441 Arlington Way. The envelope included with this newsletter may be used for both the directory form and your 2010-2011 dues.

Arlington Way
125 381
151 383
199 390
220 411
221 440
260 441
280 443
281 450
298 470
300 480
320 490
380

Frederick Court
1
2
3
4

Coleman Ave
870 1001
876 1021
890 1051
900 1070
951 1099

Peninsula Way
915 961
935 990
941
951
955

Bay Rd
414 542
422 546
518 626
530 632
538

Colby Ave
920 981
930 1051
935 1060
940 1070
950 1095

Menlo Oaks Dr
210 573
220 591
221 601
240 611
241 621
281 631
298 660
299 670
300 698
301 699
330 701
360 740
361 750
398 751
399 800
400 807
420 830
451 855
461 865
462 875
481 885
500 900
501 901
507 910
510 931
520 935
530 940
531 941
549 960
550 990
551 995
560 999
570

Ringwood Ave
200 572
220 660
250 670
300 680
400 780
410 788
440 790
540 800
550 890
570 894

Berkeley Ave
500 766
501 770
510 785
520 799
524 800
528 803
544 815
560 821
561 855
570 870
581 880
600 886
620 890
622 891
624 901
626 902
630 903
660 909
662 920
680 930
700 940
701 950
710 951
720 985
740 995
754
760

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 flyers.

Thanks to everyone who supported MODA with their dues last year. If you have any questions about dues, expenditures, etc., contact Remona Murray-Collyer, MODA Treasurer, at 327-2806 or treasurer@menlo-oaks.org.

An addressed envelope is attached to this newsletter if you prefer to pay by mail, or bring your 2010-2011 dues of \$20.00 to the Annual Meeting.

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

MODA FORMS OF COMMUNICATIONS

MODA has many forms of communication available for our communities use. From the very low tech of mail and phone (see Feb 2010 directory for address's and phone number). Medium a neighborhood Bulletin Board <http://employees.org/mailman/listinfo/moda-l>, a great way to ask for help, suggestions, or communicate issues you have in the neighborhood (i.e. parking, traffic, break-ins, etc.).

High Tech available thru Big Tent with it's forums, calendar and bulletin board. 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.

Neighborhood News

COMING SOON... NEW CURBSIDE SERVICE

Recology San Mateo will assume garbage, recycling, and yard trimming collection service in our neighborhood from Allied Waste effective January 1st, 2011. In preparation for this transition, Recology will deliver new carts the week of October 25th through November 2nd. Allied Waste will collect old carts, tubs, and recycling bins once our new carts have been delivered. You are welcome to keep any cart you have purchased as well as the green recycling tubs. Please use the new Recology carts on your usual collection day (recycling and yard trimmings bi-weekly) through the end of 2010. Starting January 1st 2011, Recology will collect garbage, recycling and yard trimmings weekly.

Recology will provide the following:

Garbage - One black cart. Unless you have requested a change, you will receive the same size garbage cart you are currently using.

Recycling - One 64 gallon blue cart. Mix all recyclables (paper, plastic, metal) in the blue recycling cart. Recycling will be collected weekly.

Compost - One 96 gallon green cart. In addition to yard trimmings you may include food and beverage soiled paper products, food scraps, including meat and bones, pizza boxes, paper plates, cups, and napkins. Compost will be collected weekly. If you require more than one green cart, contact Recology after the first of the year. They are unable to accommodate requests prior to the start of service.

Recology San Mateo will use collection vehicles that have a mechanical arm to lift and empty the carts making service more efficient. For this reason, it is important to use the new carts provided and, on service day, to place them roadside with the arrow on the lid pointing to the road. Each cart should be placed approximately 24 inches apart to accommodate the mechanical arm.

For questions about your current service or carts, contact Allied Waste at 650 592 2411. For questions about your new service please contact Recology San Mateo at 650 595 3900.

Janet Bernadicou

MODA FINANCIAL AUDIT TEAM BEING FORMED

We are looking for a couple of MODA members (not on the Board) to serve on an Audit Team and review the organization's financial records. Board member Elizabeth Gheleta will work with the team.

Please consider offering your help! The criteria: being a current paid-up member and having accounting experience. MODA has been operating on a modest budget of income from dues and expenses for neighborhood events, such as the picnic, under our dedicated Treasurer Remona Murray. Our fiscal year is October through September and the work of the Audit Team would take place in January 2011.

This is a great opportunity to step forward and help your neighborhood through a contribution of your expertise and a few hours of your time! Please contact Board Secretary Janet Bernadicou at JanetBernadicou@comcast.net or Elizabeth Gheleta at liznowathome@gmail.com if you can help. Thanks,

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