



# The Oak Leaf

May 2012

MODA ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNDAY,  
JUNE 3TH, 4 TO 7 P.M.

Yeah! Party in the hood. Come enjoy the sunshine, see your neighbors and meet new friends at the annual MODA picnic. There will be jumpy houses, Mr. Horsefeathers, 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 3, 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. Also, the Board has arrange for the Jumpy-

houses to entertain the kids and for the required insurance. This is all thanks to the modest annual dues of \$20 per household paid to MODA.

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 name tags.

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.



## SAVE THE BAY

We have reached a huge milestone today in our campaign to stop Cargill's development in Redwood City. Cargill/DMB's enormously controversial and misguided plan to build thousands of houses in San Francisco Bay is dead!

Yesterday afternoon, it was announced that the Redwood City City Council will consider a recommendation to terminate Cargill/DMB's massive bay fill development, which has been languishing for over a year. Rather than wait until Monday night for the Council to officially deny their proposal, Cargill/DMB said they will withdraw it.

This victory is a tribute to relentless campaign efforts by Save The Bay, our 40,000 members and supporters in Redwood City and throughout the region, and our many allies who have stood with us for the past several years as we have fought to stop the filling of San Francisco Bay. Thank you!

However this fight is still far from over.

Unfortunately, DMB stated they still plan to submit a revised version of this inappropriate and unprecedented bay fill project. As Save The Bay's Executive Director David Lewis told the San Mateo Daily Journal yesterday, Cargill and DMB still "just don't get it."

## 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 the board at [moda\\_board@menlo-oaks.org](mailto:moda_board@menlo-oaks.org).

## Calendar 2012

June 3th	Annual Picnic
June 7th	MA Grad
June 13th	Peninsula School Grad

## VA CONSTRUCTION

Heads UP! Those of you that live on the lower half of Berkeley. All may be quiet on the other side of the fence, but soon..... Although the contracts have not been awarded yet, more construction is to come and the entrance on Willow Road will be getting a makeover. The impact is not yet known, as to whether the traffic will continue to flow in at the intersection of Willow and Durham or be rerouted via Willow and South Perimeter or via Bay Road and Warehouse Road.

Keep it in mind that like the Hetch Hetchy/ Bay Road project you have to add a few more minutes to your local travel time. For more information on the Menlo Park Campus Construction visit: [http://www.paloalto.va.gov/construction\\_menlopark.asp](http://www.paloalto.va.gov/construction_menlopark.asp)

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# Neighborhood News

## EMERGENCY PREP

### MODA HAS A PLAN. DO YOU!

In conjunction with the Menlo Fire District and the MODA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) our neighborhood has been designated as Division 30 on Fire Station 1, Middlefield Rd., CERT Map.

The MODA has designated two locations as the assembly areas (A.A.) for the neighborhood - **THE INTERSECTIONS OF MENLO OAKS & COLEMAN** for residents on 100 - 500 numbered houses **AND BERKELEY & COLBY** for residents on Bay, Fredrick Ct. and 600 - 1100 numbered houses.

These meeting places will be set up to provide a place for residents to update teams on their status, OK, NEEDS HELP, MISSING PERSONS, SEARCH & RESCUE and TRIAGE.

Neighborhood HAMs will be asked to help with communications between the Fire District, Sheriff Dept, and the A.A. for the neighborhood. They will be a great help in keeping CERT up-to-date on local emergency services available, fire, water, police and hospitals.

During an major emergency residents are asked to:

1. Evacuate your family from your home,

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make sure they're all accounted for and safe.

2. Determine your needs for assistance from MODA CERT.
3. Check on neighbors, especially those who are elderly or living alone.
4. Designate a person to report your status and those of your immediate neighbors to report to A.A.
5. Consider if you are leaving your home, such as picking up kids at school, checking on love ones, or meeting someone, letting those manning the A.A. know if you are leaving. In case others are looking for you.
6. Make and be sure all members of your loved ones, even those outside of the bay area, know not only your family's emergency plan, but MODA's.

#### FAMILY'S COMMUNICATION PLAN!

Menlo Park Fire District Suggests:

- Designate contact numbers both a local In Case of Emergency (ICE) and Out of Area Contact (OAC), excluding 650/415/408.
- Make sure your kids have both numbers memorized, on card backpack, wallet or cell.
- Police, Fire & Paramedics look for ICE in contact list of cell and home phones.

## YELLOW JACKET NEST?

Tis the Season! Nests are often found in dry areas of rock walls, abandoned gofer and mole holes. Contact the San Mateo Mosquito Abatement Department (MAD) 344-8592 or <http://www.smcmad.org/> will remove yellow jacket nest for FREE.

MAD will also provide mosquito fish for your ponds.

## 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](mailto: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

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