



The Oak Leaf



Oct 2013

Get Ready for another Spooktacular Menlo Oaks Halloween!

BOO... Halloween 2012 was a blast! Thanks to you we had the best pit stops, spooky cool haunted houses an incredible photo booth, and costume contest. Let's continue our efforts to make Halloween a signature holiday in Menlo Oaks and build our wonderful neighborhood community.

How can you get involved? Please respond via email if you: Will pass out candy and wish to be included in the neighborhood map. Will host a Photo Booth. Will host a Pit Stop. As simple as offering a drink or being around to help facilitate the evening. Will host a Haunted House. Let us know and we will mark it on the MAP.

There will be a no host taco truck pre halloween at 4 pm Arlington Way and Coleman. Will you join us? Please let us know.

The Halloween Committee will supply: PRIZES FOR: Best Costume, Best Decorated House, Best Treat, NEIGHBORHOOD MAP: info on Candy Stops, Pit Stops, Haunted Houses! SIGNAGE FOR PIT STOPS, Haunted Houses, Photo Booth

Please respond as soon as possible, and no later than October 12th, to ensure you are included in the map. Send email to: Janet Bernadicou <janetbernadicou@comcast.net>

Let's have another fun and SPOOKY Menlo Oaks Halloween!

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Annual Meeting

On Nov. 3rd at Peninsula School at 4pm, the MODA Board welcomes Jason Trollope the Program Manager of the Planning & Development in the Office of the Director at VA Palo Alto Health Care System to speak to residents about the construction at the Menlo Park campus.

Also joining us is Zachary Smith to speak about moles and gophers management.

If you are unable to attend the meeting or to learn more about these topics go to the following web pages:

Veterans Hospital Campus Construction: <http://www.paloalto.va.gov/construction/menlopark.asp>

Integrated Pest Management <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/menu.vertebrate.html> or <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/index.htm>

In addition our agenda includes:
MODA Treasurer's Report
Halloween Picture Slide Show
Board Member Nominations

Currently there are three open positions for additional board members. Please consider joining the board to help host the picnic, annual meetings, learn more about neighbors and your neighborhood.

MODA's Private Neighborhood Bulletin Board

<http://employees.org/mailman/listinfo/moda-1> is available to Residents only. It is a great way to ask for help, suggestions, or communicate issues you have in the neighborhood (i.e. parking, traffic, break-ins, etc.).

Calendar 2013-14

Annual Meeting Nov 3

Break-In Advisory in Menlo Oaks District:

It is sad to say that it is not infrequent that residents at this time of year report on the MODA Bulletin Board that they have discovered some one has rifled through the unlocked vehicles. In the past it was usually cars parked on or close to the street, but last month residents alerted us to an incident on a flag lot and a locked convertible that received \$9,000 worth of damage, even though there was nothing of value in or taken from the vehicle. If you suspect or realized that someone has gone through your vehicle with theft in mind please notify the SMC Sheriff's department at 363-4911. Following up with a Deputy Sheriff will result in additional patrols from 6 p.m. - 6 a.m. in our neighborhood. Squeaky Wheel

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Fall Maintenance Advice

- Replace batteries on any existing smoke detectors and test them. Make a note to replace batteries again in one year.
- Create plan of action in the event of a fire in your home. Ensure that there is an operable window or door in every room in the house.
- Clean Chimneys if you have wood fires in the winter. Install rain caps and vermin screens on all chimney flues, as necessary.
- Clean all rain gutters and make sure they are in working order including downspouts and any underground drainage and/or pumps.
- Check that the fire extinguisher(s) are fully charged. Re-charge if necessary.
- Examine heating/cooling air filters and replace or clean as necessary.
- Inspect and clean humidifiers and electronic air cleaners.
- Examine the roof for evidence of damage to roof coverings, flashings and chimneys.
- Look in the attic (if accessible) to ensure that roof vents are not obstructed. Check for evidence of leakage, condensation or vermin activity. Level out insulation if needed.
- Trim back tree branches and shrubs to ensure that they are not in contact with the house.
- Inspect the exterior walls and foundation for evidence of damage, cracking or movement. Watch for bird nests or other vermin or insect activity.
- Store or cover patio furniture and roll up and store garden hoses.
- Survey the basement and/or crawl space walls for evidence of moisture seepage.
- Look at the overhead wire coming to the house. They should be secure and clear of trees or other obstructions.
- Ensure that the grade of the land around the house encourages water to flow away from the foundation.
- Inspect all driveways, walkways, decks, porches and landscape components for evidence of deterioration, movement or safety hazards.
- Clean windows and test their operation. Improve caulking and weather stripping as necessary. Watch for evidence of rot in wood window frames. Paint and repair windowsills and frames as necessary.
- Replace or clean exhaust hood filters

SMC Alert

<https://www.smcalert.info/index.php?Ccheck=1> is a notification system used to immediately contact you during urgent or emergency situations with useful information and updates via email accounts (home, work, school, etc.), cell phones, pagers & smartphones/handheld devices. Subscribe to specific groups that may be relevant to your commute, family or safety. I belong to the surrounding cities, SMC unincorporated area, fire department, elementary & high schools.

Other Emergency Information websites:
<http://www.menlofire.org/disaster.html>
<http://www.menlofire.org/cert/CERT.html>
<http://www.smcready.org>

In Loving Memory of
 Barbara Suminsby Benson
 "1921-2013"



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*When she danced away
 on eagles' wings our Lord was
 there to greet her, to bring her
 home to give her peace, so well
 deserved her honor.
 Radiance of her countenance
 reflected onto others,
 God's Almighty favor shed that
 gift of love that conquered.
 Ceaseless giving, loving, caring,
 faithful servant she
 insisted on the joys in life to set
 her children free.
 Gathered 'round His Heavenly
 choir is Daddy's music playing
 to t' beat of her heart and in step
 with the dance, their lives
 enjoined in Glory!*

Neighborhood Directory

A Menlo Oaks Neighborhood Directory will be published again in February 2014. 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 newsletter mailing list & directory additions/deletions & changes form inserted in the newsletter. The envelope included with this newsletter may be used for both the MODA information form and your 2013-2014 dues.

Arlington Way	Berkeley Ave	Menlo Oaks Dr	Colby Ave	
125 380	500 770	220 530	920 981	900
151 381	501 776	221 531	930 1051	901
199 383	510 785	240 549	935 1060	910
220 390	520 799	241 550	940 1070	931
221 411	524 800	245 551	950 1095	935
260 440	528 803	281 560	960	940
280 441	544 815	298 570		941
281 443	560 821	299 573	Coleman Ave	956
298 450	561 825	300 591	870	960
300 450	570 855	301 601	876	995
301 470	581 880	330 611	890	999
320 480	600 886	331 621		
490	620 890	360 631	Entrada Way	
	622 891	361 660	511	
	626 901	398 670	521	
Bay Rd	630 902	399 698		
414 542	660 903	400 699	Frederick Court	
422 546	662 909	420 701	1	
518 626	680 920	451 740	2	
530 632	700 930	461 751	3	
538	701 940	462 800		
	710 950	481 807		
	720 951	500 830		
	740 961	501 855		
	754 985	507 865		
	760 995	510 875		
	766	520 885		

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 included to this newsletter if you prefer to pay by mail, or bring your 2013-2014 dues of \$20.00 to the Annual Meeting.

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

Neighborhood News

Measure W

If you don't have students in the Menlo Park City Schools, you may not have all of the facts about Measure W. The Yes on W committee has a web site with information about the measure <http://www.supportmenloparkschools.org/faqs>.

A bond issue is needed to renovate or rebuild the O'Connor School site which is being currently leased by the German-American School. According to the flyer I have from the Yes on W committee, O'Connor is "over 60 years old, doesn't comply with current public school safety codes and is too small" for the needs of the incoming students.

The amount of the bond issue is about twenty million dollars. How does that figure affect homeowners in the Menlo Park City School District? The district figures that a bond with a 25-year term will cost homeowners about 8.70 per 100,000 dollar of assessed value on your property tax bill. Our assessed value is just over 230,000 so we would be paying around 20 dollars a year. You can find your assessed value on your tax bill. Ours was in our mailbox on Saturday. The Assessment Information is on the upper right side of the bill.

We suggest you look at the web site and the information in the Sample Ballot you may have received this past week. The Sample Ballot has an Impartial Analysis of Measure W and an Argument in Favor of Measure W. There is no Argument Against Measure W.

Then vote on November 5. There is still time to register.

What Might Interest you to Know:

San Mateo District Lines Advisory Committee <http://www.smcdistrictcommittee.org> "Update News 10/1/13" <http://www.smcdistrictcommittee.org/news/important-committee-update-regarding-district-maps/> which was presented at the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Oct 8th as agenda item #9 Introduction of an ordinance amending Sections 2.02.020, 2.02.030, 2.02.040, 2.02.050 and 2.02.060 of Chapter 2.02, Title 2 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code establishing the boundaries of the Supervisorial Districts find the supporting documents on the following web page [http://san-](http://san-mateo.siretechnologies.com/sirepub/agdocs.aspx?doctype=agenda&itemid=13450)

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A Board member will be attending the Housing Community development department's Meeting #3 of the Element Steering Committee @ Home In Menlo Park on Oct. 17th per The Almanac article "Menlo Park Examines Sites for Homeless Shelter Zoning" on Sept. 18th 2013 <http://www.almanacnews.com/print/story/2013/09/18/menlo-park-city-examines-sites-for-homeless-shelter-zoning>. The tentative agenda can be found at http://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/topic_files/CAMENLO/CAMENLO_144/2013/08/23/file_attachments/233808/Prelim%20BHESC%20Meeting%20B%25233%20BAGENDA_10_17_13_233808.pdf although it looks like the meeting may have been rescheduled to Monday, October 21, 2013, Arrillaga Family Recreation Center (700 Alma Street) - Elm Meeting Room, 6:00 pm (tentative start time) per web page http://www.menlopark.org/projects/comdev_heu_sc.htm

Mosquito Abatement Dept will give you fish for free and take your yellow jacket nests for free contact them at (650) 344-8592 or visit their website <http://www.smcmad.org>

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