

The Oak Leaf

October 2015

Annual Meeting

On Nov. 15th at 3pm in the Peninsula School Auditorium, the MODA Board will welcome Menlo-Atherton High School Principal, Simone Rick-Kennel as our guest speaker.

Ms. Rick-Kennel will be updating us on the state of the M-A Transportation Task Force (see next article) and will update us on how MAHS is working to reduce and manage traffic around the campus.

This meeting like the picnic is an opportunity for you to meet the MODA Board and your neighbors. Please join the MODA Board in welcoming our guest speaker and bring your questions, issues, and concerns.

In addition our agenda includes:
MODA Treasurer's Report
Board Member Election

Currently there are five open positions for additional board members. Currently the board members are:
Rich Collyer
Remona Murray
Marie Mathevon
Elizabeth Gheleta

Neighbors who have volunteered to be on the board, but need to be elected in are:
Penny Gallo
Judy Colwell
Kay Hitch
Janet Benson
Celine Sanie

Anyone interested in joining the board and cannot attend the meeting or would like to be nominated should contact Rich Collyer at president@menlo-oaks.org

Please bring a favorite appetizer or plate of sweets to share. MODA will provide beverages.

M-A 2020

Transportation Task Force

Menlo-Atherton High School's new principal, Simone Kennel, has created a task force as part of the mitigation measures for the impact of the increase in student enrollment at Menlo-Atherton High School will have in relation to traffic in our area. Hired by Matthew Zito, Chief Facilities Officer for the Sequoia Unified High School District (SUHSD), TJKM, a transportation consulting firm from Pleasanton, conducted the meeting to collaborate with all the stakeholders surrounding the school and its directly affected neighborhoods.

The task force includes MODA members Remona Murray and Kay Hitch, along with a Lindenwood resident, a trustee from the Board of SUHSD, deputies from San Mateo County (SMC) Sheriff Department, and police officers from the CHP, Town of Atherton and the City of Menlo Park. Also in attendance were the Menlo Park Transportation Manager, Atherton Public Works Director and members of the SMC Public Works Department. In addition a staff member was sent from each of the following: the SMC Office of Education, SMC Board of Supervisors and Senator Jerry Hill's Office. Representatives from Sam-Trans, Laurel School, and Menlo Park City School District administration could not attend due to a conflict of meetings.

M-A 2020 goals are to foster understanding, agreement and coordination among the stakeholders. The task for recognizes the challenges a high school serving 2,500+ students will have on our community as a whole; in regard to the constraints of the transportation facilities available, policing the roadways and any changes or improvements that can be made to positively impact the safety of students, bicyclists and pedestrians. TJKM requested input on what stakeholders observed both past and present as to safety, transportation struc-

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tural problems and solutions surrounding the school. The transportation firm is currently working on an audit and study of the circulation patterns that will inform how local agencies may implement changes to existing structures, if and when funding comes available.

TJKM has been hired to help implement MAHS FMP EIR http://www.seq.org/+uploaded/file_2074.pdf transportation mitigation measures, including TRA-1A Travel Demand Management (TDM) Program for MAHS Students and Staff which has set a target of 45% mode split for combined student and staff transit, pedestrians, bicycles and carpools.

Remona Murray

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Neighborhood News

MODA PICNIC 2015

Menlo Oaks families enjoyed the annual Menlo Oaks District Association Picnic on a beautiful afternoon at Peninsula School on June 14th. The annual picnic is always a wonderful opportunity to chat with neighbors, old and new, and to catch up on the latest neighborhood news, and this year was no exception.

Despite competing with a Warriors playoff game, the picnic enjoyed a good turnout and the jumpy houses got an especially vigorous workout by the many neighborhood children who enjoyed the princess castle and the high slides.

Rich Collyer once again served as head chef turning out burgers, chicken and hot dogs, supplied by MODA. Picnic goers enjoyed a variety of delicious salads and desserts prepared by residents—vying for prizes and recognition.

And the winners were!

Adult salads:

1. Asparagus Wasabi—Nancy Garcia
2. Watermelon Feta salad
3. (tie) Green Salad w/pecans & red onion; Coleslaw & Sesame Seed salad

Adult Desserts:

1. Peach upside down rounds—Sue M.
2. Cherry Cobbler—Judy Horst
3. Raspberry Cobbler

Children's Salads:

1. Blue Mango Salad-Addie Rutsky
2. Chopped Mexican Salad-Owen Rutsky
3. Salad—Janiva Wood

Children's Desserts

1. Oreo Brown-Jonathan Blecherman

The judges were extremely hard pressed to select winners and a special thank you to our judges Judy Colwell, Kay Hitch, and Greg Gallo who gallantly sampled all the delicious offerings.

A lovely event such as our annual picnic

does not just happen. We want to thank Remona Murray for so ably chairing the picnic committee and Kay Hitch, Penny and Greg Gallo, Rich Collyer, Judy Colwell, Neil Blecherman, Rick Widebrook, Rod Derbyshire, & Mary Ann Carmack for their help in set up and clean up and to thank all who contributed a dish to the picnic.

Penny Gallo

Got Graffiti?

To report any graffiti on public property such as signs, curbs and fire hydrants call the Sheriff Department's non-emergency number at 650-363-4911 and a Community Service Officer or Deputy will take the report and put in the request to have it removed. Or they will request you file an online-crime report via the web-link <http://www.smcsheriff.com/contact-us/online-crime-reporting>

You can file the following types of reports online: abandoned vehicles, harassing phone calls, lost property, mail theft, tampering with a vehicle, theft from an unlocked vehicle, property theft, vacation house watch requests, and vandalism.

Graffiti on private property like fences, gates, garbage cans, and rocks along roadways need to be removed by the homeowner and a police report should be filed for insurance purposes.

Remona Murray

Drought Relief For Trees

Ways To Save Trees

Our trees face serious consequences from the current drought. Here are a few ways to relieve the stress from them—from an article by Lisa M. Krieger, San Jose Mercury News

- Clear grass to at least 6 inches from the trunk's base. Some arborists clear it to the tree's drip line.
- Cover the area with wood chips or other mulch to help maintain soil moisture, being careful not to let mulch touch the trunk.
- Watering needs depend on a tree's species, soil, location and whether it is well established.
 - o If it's younger than 5 years old, a general rule is that it needs 10 to 15 gallons of water per week during the growing season.
 - o Water established trees once a month, applying 10 gallons for each inch of the trunk's diameter. The exception: established oaks, which should be watered only during the Bay Area's normal rainy season when there's no precipitation.
- Water trees slowly, using a soaker hose or drip system.
- Continue watering a tree until the soil beneath the canopy to slightly outside the drip line is moist 12 to 18 inches below the surface. Use a small trowel to check moisture depth.

Read The Full Article

http://www.mercurynews.com/drought/ci_28651179/california-drought-emergency-situation-states-trees

For More Information

Canopy

www.canopy.org

Our City Forest

www.ourcityforest.org

California ReLeaf

www.californiareleaf.org

Neighborhood News

Key Excerpts from MA EIR

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) http://www.seq.org/+uploaded/file_2074.pdf for the Facilities Management Plan (FMP) incorporated the following Mitigation Measures in answer to the fact that Menlo Atherton High School (MAHS) growth impact traffic in the vicinity. It was determined that implementation of the plan will cause the following Impact and their corresponding Mitigation Measures (MM):

Impact TRA-1: Add AM peak hour, school PM peak hour and daily trips to the circulation and transportation system.

- MM TRA-1A: Prepare and Implement a Travel Demand Management Plan for MAHS Students and Staff, set as its minimum target a 45 percent mode split for combined student and staff transit, pedestrians, bicycles and car-pools.
- MM TRA-1B: Evaluate the Feasibility of Sam Trans Bus / Shuttle Service, specifically the technical, economic, and demographic factors that affect the feasibility of dedicated SamTrans bus or shuttle service for MAHS
- MM TRA-1C: Evaluate the Feasibility of Private Shuttle Service, coordinate with appropriate groups such as the Parent-Teachers Association, neighborhood/homeowners associations, etc. to evaluate the feasibility of operating a private shuttle service (at the expense of students and parents) from neighborhoods with a high concentration of students

Impact TRA-2: Traffic could increase conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, bicycles, and emergency access personnel

- MM TRA-2A: Reduce Off-Campus Student Loading and Unloading, by creating a policy that upon receipt of a complaint regarding off-campus student loading and unloading, the staff will strive to identify and dissuade the individual responsible for the off-campus loading or unloading from repeating their activity.

- MM TRA-2B: Update MAHS Travel Mode Survey focused on student and staff travel modes, vehicle occupancies, and time of travel to school in the morning and from school in the afternoon.
- MM TRA-2C: Conduct Multi-Modal Circulation Audit shall note the traffic flow patterns of pedestrians, bicyclists, buses, and motorists within school grounds, along the school periphery, and along nearby streets, as well as traffic conditions, travel pattern, drop-off and pick-up conditions, vehicular queues, and motorist behaviors.
- MM TRA-2D Requires the District to coordinate with the appropriate transportation stakeholders such as the Town of Atherton, San Mateo County, Sam Trans, other local schools, etc. to establish a working group to assess and recommend changes to signage, pedestrian facilities, and other potential roadway improvements to improve traffic circulation and reduce vehicle-pedestrian and vehicle-bicyclist conflicts on local roads in the vicinity of MAHS. Additional information on MAHS travel patterns may be garnered as part of this working group collaboration.

Impact TRA-3: Increased enrollment at MAHS could result in indirect environmental effects resulting from a parking shortage

- MM TRA-3: Minimize Off Campus Parking by preparing and implementing a formal, written off-campus policy outlining areas where students can find legal off-campus parking.

For complete details of the table of data and the rest of the report, please go to:

http://www.seq.org/+uploaded/file_2074.pdf

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Halloween

Halloween has become a signature holiday in Menlo Oaks thanks to our wonderful, creative and spirited neighbors! This year, Halloween falls on a Saturday and promises to be an even better community event.

Get Involved! Host a Pit Stop, Haunted House, Photo Booth or get creative. Let us know and we will provide signature and other support.

Stay Connected! Ideas? Questions? E-mail us at menloakshalloween@gmail.com. Updates will be posted to NextDoor. We plan to use the Trick-Or-Treat Map on NextDoor for real time updates. If you would like to receive an invitation to join NextDoor, send a message to menloakshalloween@gmail.com.

Happy Haunting!

Neighborhood News

A Menlo Oaks Neighborhood Directory will be published again in February 2016. 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 year's 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 2015-2016 dues.

Arlington Way

125	300	441
151	301	443
199	320	450
220	381	470
221	382	480
260	383	490
280	390	
281	411	
298	440	

Bay Rd	760	1070	361	865	590
	414	766	1095	398	660
	422	770		399	670
	518	776	Coleman Ave	400	680
	530	785	870	420	700
	538	799	872	441	780
	542	800	876	451	788
	546	803	890	461	790
	626	815	900	462	800
	632	821	951	481	890
		825	1001	482	894
Berkeley Ave	855	1021	500	960	964
	500	880	1051	501	995
	501	886	1099	507	999
	510	890		510	
	520	891	Entrada Way	520	Peninsula Way
	524	901	511	530	915
	528	902	521	531	925
	544	909		549	935
	560	915	Frederick Ct	550	945
	561	920	1	551	951
	570	930	2	560	955
	581	940	3	570	961
	590	950		573	990
	600	951	Menlo Oaks Dr	591	
	620	961	210	601	Ringwood Ave
	622	985	220	621	200
	624	990	221	631	220
	626	995	240	651	250
	630		241	660	300
	660	Colby Ave	245	670	320
	662	920	281	698	400
	680	930	298	701	410
	700	935	299	740	420
	701	940	300	751	440
	710	950	301	800	540
	720	960	330	807	550
	740	981	331	830	570
	754	1060	360	855	572

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