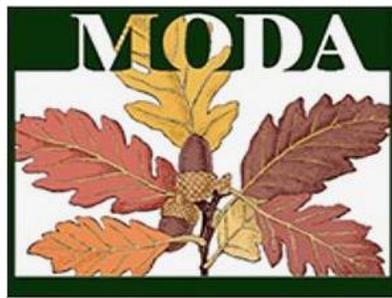


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Calendar of Events

October 31
*Neighborhood
Halloween Party*

November 10
Annual Meeting

November 28
*Thanksgiving
Turkey Trot*

Menlo Oaks Halloween

October means Halloween; the most fun evening in Menlo Oaks thanks to our wonderful, creative and spirited neighbors! Are you ready? Have you decorated? Interested in hosting a Pit Stop, Haunted House, Photo Booth, American Idol stop or something new? Have a creative idea? Let us know how we can help. Check out the Treat Map on NextDoor. Please list your home if you will be handing out treats (including allergy free treats) or hosting a Haunted House. Check back for real time updates. Neighbors not on NextDoor? Please send an invitation so our treat map is current and complete. Ideas? Questions? E-mail us at menloakshalloween@gmail.com. Updates will be posted to NextDoor. Happy Haunting!



Join Us For This Year's Annual Meeting

NEW: You can now pay your annual dues online at <https://Menlo-oaks.org/moda-annual-dues/>. New fiscal year begins October 1st.

It will once again be held at Peninsula School, 3-5 PM, on Sunday, November 10th. Topics to be covered include an update on annexation and road work/maintenance. Our featured guest will be Debbie Hudson, Menlo Fire Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) board-member, and Atherton Disaster And Preparedness Team (ADAPT) member, who will present the importance of defining your family's disaster plan and identifying the storehouse of vital supplies you should have. MODA will supply the beverages, but bring anything else you want to share with neighbors.

Menlo Oaks 1st Annual Turkey Trot

MODA Directory
Make sure your contact information is current. Fill out the form at: <https://tinyurl.com/MODA-directory-form>

For those who want to exercise a little before that big Thanksgiving dinner, on Thursday, November 28th, MODA is sponsoring a fun "run/walk, push the stroller, walk the dog" event through the neighborhood. For details, visit <https://menlo-oaks.org/turkey-trot>.

This Year's Annual Picnic Was Bigger Than Ever!

More than 125 neighbors attended and enjoyed the bbq, homemade fix-ins, and big band hits of *The Serenaders* at what was possibly our 65th annual picnic (but who is counting?) Be sure to look at some of the photos at <http://www.menlo-oaks.org/picnic>. See you all next June!

All households with current paid dues will receive a copy of the MODA directory.

Short-Term Rentals in Menlo Oaks

Main and secondary dwellings as well as bedrooms can currently be rented only for 30 days or more per zoning regulations for the Bayside of the San Mateo county (see <https://tinyurl.com/SMCzoning>). However, the Board of Supervisors has directed staff to develop new rules for the Bayside (where Menlo Oaks is located) similar to those already adopted for the Coastside. Take a look at the complete Coastal Zone permit rules here: <https://tinyurl.com/SMC-rental>. Issues or questions? Contact <https://planning.smcgov.org/>.

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Do you have feedback on the new Oak Leaf format? Email celine@sanie.com

Have Complaints About Traffic, Streets, M-A High School Student Parking or Other Things?

Writing letters to the County gets results as do photos. Take a look at a few that were sent to the San Mateo County, and be sure to use the contact information you will find at: www.menlo-oaks.org/useful-information/.

10 Outdoor Conservation Tips & Tools

Here are some tips to help reduce water use and lower your water bill:

- Create a basin around plants to funnel water directly to the roots.
- Use efficient watering tools such as wands and soaker hoses, rather than garden hoses.
- Limit runoff by investing in a smart controller and micro-irrigation system.
- Time your watering: early morning or evening is best to reduce evaporation.

Visit www.menlo-oaks.org/useful-information/ for all 10 tips.

Buyers & Sellers Enjoyed 2nd Annual Yard Sale

More than 25 homes and Peninsula School participated in this year's Yard Sale. People enjoyed the community spirit it showed and have already requested that we do it again next year. Many took this opportunity to walk and catch up with neighbors. Photos can be found at <https://menlo-oaks.org/yard-sale/>.

4 Key Ways to Protect Your Native Oaks from Disease

1. Remove competing plants, including ivy and lawn.
2. Remove built-up soil from around the root crown.
3. Water properly. The area within 10 feet (or more) of the trunk of a native oak should remain undisturbed and clear of any rocks, vegetation and irrigation. Ideally no irrigation should be applied and no lawn installed in the area extending from the base of the trunk out to the tree's drip line. It's best to remove existing lawn inside the drip line; this will reduce competition from other plants and help eliminate excess moisture. Do not water or allow water to collect around the root flare. Do not allow sprinklers to spray on the trunk.
4. Have your trees evaluated for root crown infection by an ISA-certified arborist.

For more information visit <https://canopy.org/tree-info/caring-for-trees/native-oak-trees/>.

Historical Documents about Previous Annexation Request

Did you know that MODA previously looked at annexation into the City of Menlo Park in the seventies? You can view documents related to that process at www.menlo-oaks.org/annexation.

Update on Neighborhood Street Work

County officials say neighborhood streets will be open before 9 AM for school drop-off, and after 3 PM for pick-up. At all other times, traffic will be detoured around the worksite. Next up: Ringwood Avenue from Coleman Avenue to Middlefield Road followed by the length of Menlo Oaks Drive. According to CalWater, the project should last 2 months, weather permitting. Please, contact San Mateo County Road Maintenance's, Diana Shu at dshu@smcgov.org with specific issues.
