

Spring 2020



The Oak Leaf Newsletter

Menlo Oaks District Association
www.menlo-oaks.org

Calendar of Events

June 7 Neighborhood Picnic

September Neighborhood Yard Sale

October 31 Neighborhood Halloween Party

November 8 Annual Meeting

November 21 Turkey Trot

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

MODA Directory

Make sure your contact information is current. Fill out the form at:

<https://tinyurl.com/MODA-directory-form>

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

Menlo Oaks Annual Meeting

Once again, neighbors gathered in the Peninsula School library to discuss topics relevant to Menlo Oaks. There was a unanimous vote to stop putting any neighborhood resources into the annexation research for reasons detailed in the minutes. To read complete minutes of the 2019 annual meeting, visit <https://menlo-oaks.org/annual-meeting-minutes/>.

Subscribing to Electronic MODA Newsletter & Notifications

MODA offers an electronic version of the Oak Leaf as well as email notifications about urgent information such as neighborhood street closures. To subscribe or unsubscribe, visit: <https://menlo-oaks.org/maillist/>.

Switching to electronic notifications saves trees and keeps MODA dues low too!

Update on California Water Service Work

This spring, CalWater will complete the installation of a new water main and an upgraded fire hydrant system, tie existing service connections to the 80-year-old cast iron pipe off and replace concrete valve boxes with larger ones. Streets affected are Ringwood, Coleman, the 100-400 blocks of Menlo Oaks and portions north of 383 Arlington Way. One month after this work is complete, these areas will receive permanent paving and striping over the temporary asphalt. There are no further plans for water replacement in our district in the near future. If you have any issues or questions about the work done near your property, contact Nate Torsh at the field office (650) 854-5454.

Emergency Essentials for the 21st Century

During the last annual meeting, Remona Murray presented the latest trends in emergency gear. If you want to update your home kit, here are some items to consider:

- Hand-held water filtration system or purification tablets
- UHT pasteurized water bricks
- Solar inflatable lanterns
- Solar power bank or battery
- Generator
- Dry emergency food choices

For a list of information resources, or to compare and purchase products, take a look at <https://menlo-oaks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/MODA-Presentation.pdf>.

Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Picnic!

Join us this year to visit with old friends and to meet new neighbors, from 4 to 7PM Sunday, June 7th, at Peninsula School. Last year's photos are at <http://www.menlo-oaks.org/picnic>.

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Do you have feedback on the new Oak Leaf format?

Email celine@sanie.com

How To Reach County Officials

Whether you're looking for our County Supervisor, mosquito and vector control or complaints about streets, visit <http://menlo-oaks.org/useful-information/#smc>.

Neighbor in the News: Elodie Bottine

Many interesting people call Menlo Oaks home. Some are active in the community, inventors, entrepreneurs, artists and more. Elodie Bottine was recently featured in *InMenlo*. Elodie and a friend launched an app called *MyNabes* that “promotes mutual-aid between neighbors – a way to share services or items, help one another and get to know each other better”. You can read the complete article at <https://inmenlo.com/2020/01/08/mynabes-is-designed-to-help-build-strong-friendly-neighborhoods/>.

Menlo Oaks Tree Advocacy

Our oaks have great value to our health as well as to property value. The Menlo Oaks Tree Advocacy has worked since 2014 to ensure that heritage and significant oaks are not removed indiscriminately. MOTTA also provides a variety of information about the care and value of oaks—like “Compatible Plants Under & Around Oaks”, “Evaluating Your Oak’s Net Worth”, and the current “Tree Protection Ordinances” that you can access at <http://menlooaks-mota.org>.

Spring is Bee Swarming Season

Honeybees are essential for our food chain and their numbers are declining. If a colony has outgrown its current nest, it may swarm to your yard. Swarming bees are usually well-fed before their flight and rarely sting. To get help with bee removal, visit <https://menlo-oaks.org/useful-information/#services>. Local beekeepers will come to your property and remove them for free.

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 use the contact information you will find at: www.menlo-oaks.org/useful-information/.

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.
