



# Palomar Park Perspectives

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## CAL FIRE EVACUATION DRILL IN PALOMAR PARK JUNE 1st

Does your family have an emergency evacuation plan? Do you know your closest emergency exit out of Palomar Park? Have you ever driven through this exit? Do you know what you will take with you if you only have minutes to evacuate? The answer for many residents is NO.

Cal Fire and the SMC Sheriff's office will be conducting an evacuation drill on Saturday morning June 1st here in Palomar Park. The drill starts at 9:00am and residents are urged to participate. Residents, in their cars, will evacuate through our emergency exits and meet up at the drill's evacuation point; St. Mathias Church, at 1685 Cordilleras Rd. for a Cal Fire educational event and debriefing 9am-11am.

On the day of the drill notifications through SMC Alert and Genasys Protect will be sent out. Please make sure your SMC Alert and Genasys Protect subscription is up to date.

### Emergency Exits:

***Belle Roche upper gate at the end of Duggan (combo 0911)***

***Palomar/Pebble Dr. gate at the end of Palomar Dr. (combo 0911)***

***Cervantes gate off South Palomar & Edgewood (FOR FIRE DEPT INGRESS ONLY)***

***Loma Rd. at end of road (no vehicles only pedestrian access at this time)***

## ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Indulge your sweet tooth for a delightful afternoon of frozen treats at the third annual ice cream social hosted by Bob and Kat Bedbury.

***Saturday, June 1st***

***1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.***

***Clifford School upper parking lot***

In case you miss the postcard, please consider this your personal invitation. Come enjoy a scoop, (or two), of Mr. Softee's finest flavors while mingling with your neighbors and celebrate the spirit of Palomar Park.

Thanks Bob and Kat for hosting this special event..

*"I scream you scream we all scream for ice cream"*



## WHAT IS SMC ALERT ?

The San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management provides emergency notifications through SMC Alert. Once you subscribe you can choose to be notified by email, telephone or text of pending emergencies such as wildfires, evacuations, extended road closures and even police activity. The notifications are specific to the areas you have selected. Make sure each of your family members are signed up. Have a family plan and be prepared for any type of emergency.

The first step in preparedness is knowing what, when, and where the emergency is.

Sign Up Now !

[www.smcgov.org/cwo/smc-alert](http://www.smcgov.org/cwo/smc-alert)



## PESTICIDES ...WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Of the over 80,000 pesticides used today, many have never been tested for safety or efficacy. 76 million lbs. of pesticides are used by Americans. Children are especially vulnerable to pesticides and ages 6-11 have significantly higher levels of pesticides in their bodies than any other age group. Children are exposed to enormous amounts of pesticides via multiple routes; including, homes, gardens and schools. Like children, pets are particularly vulnerable to pesticide poisoning via lawns, baits set out for "pest" species, and toxic flea treatments. Dogs whose owners use pesticides on lawns are twice as likely to die of cancer. Pesticides used by homeowners kill 7 million birds annually as many common lawn-care pesticides are toxic to birds. One hundred percent of Americans tested have traces of pesticides in their body tissue.

### Health Effects of Pesticides

Links have been found between pesticide exposure in children and:

*Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder*  
*Childhood Brain Cancer*  
*Developmental Delays & Birth Defects*  
*Autism Spectrum Disorders*  
*Endocrine Disruptions*

Because children and pets have smaller body sizes, a tendency to play and roll on the ground, and frequently put things in their mouth, they have a greater risk of exposure to applied pesticides than adults do.



There are plenty of organic products available that do not contain Glyphosate. Many use vinegar as their active ingredient. They work so please give them a try.

Dr. Jacks Brew  
Pet-Safe Weed Killer  
Green Gobbler

## WELCOME TO THE HILL



Deepika Yelamanchi & Ravi Mantena 186 Montalvo  
Chris Carlson & Shannon Miller 18 S. Palomar Dr.  
James Lam 17 S. Palomar Dr.  
Tracy Sarkissian 180 S. Palomar Dr.



## FREE CHIPPING IS BACK IN JUNE

Take advantage of the free neighborhood chipping program and remove hazardous fuels from your property. Create "Defensible Space," free of overgrown/dead vegetation. Stack your pile at the curb and the chipping crew will take care of the rest. \*No poison oak, lumber or piles of leaves

**June 12th**  
**September 24th**

Create Defensible Space around your home and clear your driveway access for the firefighters. CA Fire Code requires 13'6" of vertical clear space along driveways.

## THE BABES AMONGST US

Spring is when all our wildlife have their young. There are vulnerable babies everywhere. Please watch out for our precious young wildlife when weed whacking, cutting branches, and driving on the road. Chicks need some time to fledge the nest so be careful when doing tree work. Fawns hide in the tall grass waiting for their moms so be careful when weed whacking. Do not use poison for rodents as hawks, owls and foxes feed their babies lots of rats and mice and if they consume a poisoned rodent they too can be effected and even die. When you see deer on the side of the road STOP and let them all cross. The fawns are usually a few steps behind their moms so use caution and keep your eyes peeled to the side of the road.



*photo by Andrei Lessiv- submitted by Daniel Petelin*

## BE CAREFUL WHO YOU HIRE

Unfortunately home robberies are increasing. If you see something out of the ordinary in the neighborhood please call the Sheriff's Office. Keep all doors and vehicles locked. Do not allow workers alone in your house and try and seek referrals for inside and outside construction projects. Let your neighbors know when you are going out of town and install cameras and a burglar alarm if you can. Do not tell workers if you are going out of town. If you leave to the airport think about having a friend or relative take you so strangers don't see you leave with your suitcase.

## CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT

A.M. Tree Service is owned by Adrian Hernandez. He operates a small licensed tree service company. He can tackle almost any type of tree work and has a 5 star customer rating. Give Adrian a call 510 862-9965.

## MAILBOX MAINTENANCE

The Palomar Park mailboxes are maintained with dues from our PPO members. Every year approximately \$1,500-2,500 is spent repairing mailboxes and roadside name boards.



Contact us at: [PalomarNews@gmail.com](mailto:PalomarNews@gmail.com) if you have an issue or maintenance request or go to [www.palomarpark.org](http://www.palomarpark.org)

## STAY IN YOUR LANE

Most Palomar Park residents are good about driving careful on our precarious narrow roads, however some landscapers, contractors and other service vehicles do not provide the same driving courtesy. Getting run off the road because a driver is being careless or encountering a truck parked on a blind curve is dangerous. If you have service providers or contractors coming to your home remind them to drive carefully and make sure they are not bringing oversized vehicles that will break tree limbs or get stuck.



## GARDEN CLUB

The Palomar Park Garden Club invites interested residents to join us for our next adventure or potluck lunch. If you are interested in joining please email Gillian Chao [gillianchao@gmail.com](mailto:gillianchao@gmail.com) with the subject line Palomar Garden Club to get on the mailing list.

## LOST OR FOUND AN ANIMAL?

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA is dedicated to the welfare of all domestic and wild animals. The PHS/SPCA is one of the very few humane societies that also rehabilitates local wildlife. If you find a sick, injured or orphaned wild animal please safely contain it and bring it to the Burlingame Shelter 9am -6pm or the Coyote Point Shelter after hours. If you have found a lost domestic pet you can bring them to the Coyote Point Shelter and they will try and find their owner. Micro chipping your pet is one of the best ways to ensure your pet will be reunited with you if they get lost. You can get your pet micro chipped at PHS/SPCA for \$30. The PHS/SPCA also has low cost vaccination clinics and you can even schedule an appointment to have your pet spayed or neutered.

Maybe you are considering adopting a pet? PHS/SPCA has kittens, cats, dogs, rabbits, and more. Adopting is always a better option than buying from a breeder. Adopted pets can be wonderful and joyous additions to your family. The PHS/SPCA screens the animals and will help you find the perfect pet.

Vaccination & Micro chipping 650 340-7022 ext 332  
Spay & Neuter Clinic 650 340-7015  
San Mateo Coyote Point Shelter 12 Airport Blvd.  
Burlingame Adoption Center 1450 Rollins Rd.

The shelters are partially funded by donations. If you are feeling generous or have an annual giving quota please consider giving and help the needy animals of San Mateo County.

Contact:

Lisa Van Buskirk  
for more donation info  
650 340-7022 ext 327.



## LOCAL BEES & SPRING HONEY

The Palomar Park bees are working on a wonderful spring honey crop this year. Keep planting those pollinator plants for our Palomar Park bees to enjoy. Send in to PPO your favorite honey recipe.

**\$12 for 1lb (plastic or glass jar)**

To place an order contact:  
Denise Enea-Charlebois  
650 740-9883 or  
[decharlebois1@gmail.com](mailto:decharlebois1@gmail.com)



*\*Profits go to Animal Welfare organizations.*

## EVACUATION.....KNOW YOUR ZONE

Residents can find an evacuation map showing all the exit routes out of Palomar Park on our website: [www.palomarpark.org](http://www.palomarpark.org). It is your responsibility to know all the routes and become familiar with them. In the event of a wildfire, "Know your evacuation zone" Genasys Protect is the SMC evacuation system. The County is divided into different evacuation zones. Palomar Park's zone is **SC-E008**. To learn more go to: <https://protect.genasys.com/>

## CONSTRUCTION REGS= NO SUNDAYS

The LEGAL hours of construction in Unincorporated San Mateo County are Mon.- Fri 7:00am - 6:00pm and Sat 9:00am - 5:00pm. **No contractor construction is allowed on Sundays or holidays.** Also, there are hefty fines in SMC for not pulling a permit for your project. Permits are required for most improvements to your home including: fences, water heaters, replacing decks, replacing windows, driveway replacements, etc.

If you have a questions for the Planning or Building department, you can call: 650 599-7311 or email [cleung@smcgov.org](mailto:cleung@smcgov.org)



## PALOMAR PARK WEBSITE

Help contribute to our Palomar Park website; [www.palomarpark.org](http://www.palomarpark.org). Do you have a picture or something related to Palomar Park that would be great for the website? The Board manages the website and we try to have useful online forms and current information for our residents.

If you have something please contact us at:  
[PalomarNews@gmail.com](mailto:PalomarNews@gmail.com)



## INVASIVE WEEDS SPREADING FAST ON OUR HILL

Dittrichia, aka stink weed and all sorts of Thistle is spreading amongst Palomar Park. These weeds like disturbed soils and are flammable. Neither are native and they crowd out native grasses that our wildlife utilize. If you have either of these on your property please eradicate and place directly into the green waste cart. Do not weed whack them if they are blooming as that can spread the seeds.



## IS YOUR HOME READY FOR A WILDFIRE ?

We live in a high fire severity zone and many of our homes and properties are not hardened to be ignition resistant. In the event of a wildfire, embers from burning vegetation or structures will send thousands of small burning embers throughout our neighborhoods. Your roofs are the most vulnerable and the area directly next to your house. This is called the 0-5 zone and it should be clear of combustible vegetation and combustible materials. Decks are also very vulnerable and you should not store combustible material under them. Once your deck ignites it's just a matter of minutes before your house ignites with it.

### Defensible Space: Remove the most flammable plants from around your structure.

- ❖ Cypress
- ❖ Pompass grass
- ❖ Fountain Grass
- ❖ Juniper
- ❖ French Broom

### Harden your structure:

- ❖ Replace wood shake roofs with something non-combustible, i.e. metal or composition.
- ❖ Retrofit your house with ember resistant vents.
- ❖ Replace wood decks with ignition resistant products, i.e. Timber Tech, or Hardie Board.
- ❖ Replace wood siding with Hardie Board, stucco, or rock veneer.

## PPO ANNUAL MEMBER DUES

Please renew your annual 2024 Palomar Park Owner's membership. We depend on member dues to repair our community mailboxes, support the annual chipper program, fund the annual picnic and other beneficial projects for Palomar Park and our residents. Your \$75 dues check goes a long way.

You can pay online:

[www.palomarpark.org](http://www.palomarpark.org)

or mail a check to: **PPO**

**419 Palomar Dr.  
Palomar Park  
CA 94062**



## SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

The PPO Board is always looking for suggestions from our residents. If you have an idea or suggestion you think the Board can help with to make Palomar Park an even better place, please drop us a line.

**[PalomarNews@gmail.com](mailto:PalomarNews@gmail.com)**



## WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

PPO would like to have all of our residents' email addresses so that we may deliver important emergency notifications, meeting dates and agendas as well as a digital copy of our newsletter. You can be assured that your email address will be kept confidential. Email us at: [PalomarNews@gmail.com](mailto:PalomarNews@gmail.com)

## PPO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Palomar Park is a remarkable place for remarkable people. The PPO Board works hard to keep you informed, improve Palomar Park, be good stewards and maintain the rural attributes of our community. There is currently one vacant seat on the Board if you would like to serve.

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**BOARD MEMBER - VACANT**

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[PalomarNews@gmail.com](mailto:PalomarNews@gmail.com) If you have a question for the Board or if you are interested in serving.

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