



Palomar Park Perspectives

SEMI-ANNUAL PUBLICATION OF THE PALOMAR PROPERTY OWNERS

ROADS RUN AMOK

Due to the lack of road maintenance and an abundance of home construction projects many of our roads are in terrible shape. The San Mateo County Road Dept. hasn't repaved any of Palomar Park's roads in decades. Montalvo, Loma Rd. and upper Palomar Dr. (past Loma Ct.) are all considered private roads and San Mateo County Road Dept. will not touch them. San Mateo County collects road impact fees every time a large home construction permit is pulled. During home construction, large cement, lumber and other heavy construction trucks can do a lot of damage to a road, especially in the winter when the road base under the pavement is wet and soft. So why aren't these road impact fees being utilized in Palomar Park for our roads? Good question. The squeaky wheel gets the grease or maybe in this case gets the asphalt.

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PALOMAR PARK AT OUR BESTPICNIC HIGHLIGHTS

A fun time was had by all during the 2023 Palomar Park Picnic held September 9th at Clifford School. Nearly a hundred hill residents, enjoyed glorious weather and delicious BBQ served up by grill masters Jeff Garatt and Danny Woerz. Special thanks to all the picnic volunteers and donors of the raffle items: The Canyon Inn, My Favorite Feet, Bob & Kat Bedbury and Denise Enea Charlebois.

Rich, Danny, Bob, Jeff and Dan (from left to right)



Tell us what you would like to see at next years' picnic as we aim to have something delightful and fun for all of our residents.



BARKING DOGS...QUIET PLEASE

Yes, we get complaints of incessant barking dogs in Palomar Park. Did you know that nuisance barking is a San Mateo County violation? So how do you stop your dog from barking? Try the experts at www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/how-to-stop-dog-barking/

A tired dog who's had adequate physical and mental stimulation is less likely to bark inordinately. Why not have some fun and take Fido for a walk. It's great exercise and neighbors might appreciate your tired and quiet dog.

ARE YOU READY?

The San Mateo County Department of Emergency Services provides emergency notifications through SMC Alert. Once you subscribe you can choose to be notified by email, telephone or text of emergencies in various parts of the County. Don't you want to know if there is a wildfire, road closure or other potential life safety emergency near your home or office? Sign up now for SMC Alert at www.smcgov.org/cwo/smc-alert. Also check out the FEMA website on emergency preparedness at www.ready.gov



Have a story for the newsletter? You are encouraged to submit your articles and photos to

PalomarNews@Gmail.com attn: Editor Denise Enea-Charlebois or put them in the 419 Palomar Drive mailbox.

DO YOUR WINTER PREP!

Now is the time to start organizing for winter rain preparations around your home and property. Weather predictions point to an El Nino year and if this year is anything like the last we will have our hands full. Many residents suffered property damage from fallen trees, flooding and landslides.

- ✓ Clean out gutters of all debris
- ✓ Clean out catch basins
- ✓ Make sure drainage swales are clear
- ✓ Remove debris from roof which can clog roof drains and downspouts.
- ✓ Make sure flexible drainage pipe is securely connected to down spouts and catch basins
- ✓ Clean culvert inlets and outlets
- ✓ Repair any roof leaks or missing shingles

Some winter preparations are easy enough to do yourself. However some roof and gutter cleaning should be left up to the professionals. If you need help finding a responsible professional try asking some of your neighbors.

BOARD ELECTION TIME

It is election time for the PPO Board. The ballots will be distributed to all PPO residents. Voting is easy! Please mail or drop off your ballot to the Palomar Park mailbox before or on October 24th at 5:00pm. You may also vote in person at our PPO General Meeting on Oct 24th at 7:00pm at the Clifford School Gym. Election results will be announced at the end of October 24th General Meeting.



WELCOME TO THE HILL



Douglas Schnell 720 Palomar
Gallet Family 275 Hubbard

Brenda & Lynn Davis 15 Belle Roche



OCTOBER 24TH GENERAL MEETING

The Palomar Park Owners' Association will be having our annual General Meeting on October 24th at the Clifford School Gym at 7:00 pm.

- ❖ 2024 Board Election
- ❖ Presentation by SMC Vector Control (Rodent topic)
- ❖ Wildfire Prevention Grant information
- ❖ SOD Group Spray info
- ❖ General Updates & PPO Info
- ❖ Free Raffle with prizes
- ❖ Refreshments



We hope you all will join us and support your Palomar Park Owner's Association.

WILDLIFE SAFE ZONES

It's that time of year when food is scarce for our wildlife. Here are a few tips to help them out:

- ❖ A new bird feeder with suet
- ❖ New bird nesting boxes
- ❖ Bird nesting material (dog hair works great)
- ❖ Rake up acorns and leave them for the deer
- ❖ Leave a small opening in your fence for foxes
- ❖ Add an owl box or hawk perch (they eat rodents)

SMC SHERIFF WARNS OF UPTICK IN HOME INVASIONS

Unfortunately home robberies are on the increase and have been for a while. Stolen vehicles, and even armed robberies in local hillside neighborhoods are increasing monthly. Some residents are even home during these robberies and confronted by the criminals. Credit cards, jewelry and electronics are usually the target. The Sheriff office wants residents to say something (by calling 911) if you see something out of the ordinary in your neighborhood. Keep all doors and vehicles locked. Do not allow workers alone in your house and try and get referrals for inside and outside construction projects. Let your neighbors know when you are going out of town and install cameras if you can.

MAILBOX MAINTENANCE

The Palomar Park mailboxes are maintained using dues from our PPO members. Every year we spend approximately \$1,500-2,000 repairing mailboxes and roadside name boards.



Contact us at: PalomarNews@gmail.com if you have an issue or maintenance request or go to www.palomarpark.org

STAY IN YOUR LANE

Most Palomar Park residents are good about driving slow and careful on our precarious narrow roads, however some landscapers, contractors and various 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 and scary. If you have service providers or contractors regularly coming to your home remind them to drive carefully and bottom line stay in your lane!



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 with the subject line Palomar Garden Club to get on the mailing list.

ONE RESIDENT'S VISION TO HONOR ALL OF PALOMAR PARK

Palomar Park's history began in 1927, when wonderful people started experiencing what a special place Palomar Park was. If you've ever spoken to Dan Petelin, the PPO Historian, he has plenty of interesting stories of our past residents and Palomar Park. Many things have changed since 1927, however there are still wonderful people who do wonderful things to help keep Palomar Park special. Dan worked hard to raise the money and design the plaque with suggestions and assistance from friends and neighbors.

The community plaque is a "tribute to our residents who have made Palomar Park an oasis of tranquility".

The tribute plaque has a permanent place in Palomar Park and sits proudly on a stately boulder with an inviting bench at the Palomar/South Palomar Y. Over 40 residents attended the unveiling on June 10, 2023.



BLOWERS AND YOUR HEALTH

Does your gardner walk around the yard with a gas blower raging, sending dust, debris, pollen and spores in a giant plume into the air, into your car, your house, your HVAC system, as well as your neighbors house? Allergies flair and off to the drug store you go. Think about your health and your family. Give your gardener a rake and have him keep the blower in the truck.

LOCAL BEES & SUMMER HONEY

The Palomar Park bees have produced a wonderful honey crop this year. We have a bountiful amount and honey makes a great holiday gift.

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:
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**Profits go to Red Cross and Animal Welfare charities.*

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. It is your responsibility to know all the routes and become familiar with them. In the event of a wildfire, "Know your zone". This is the SMC evacuation system and you can go to: community.zonehaven.com to find out critical evacuation information. Palomar Park's zone is **SC-E008**

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



PALOMAR PARK WEBSITE

Help contribute to our Palomar Park website; 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:
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INVASIVE WEED SPREADING FAST ON OUR HILL

DITRICCHIA, aka stink weed, is spreading all over Palomar Park. This weed likes disturbed soils and is very flammable. It is sticky and stinky and not native to CA. If you have this on your property please pull it out and place directly into the green waste cart. Do not weed whack it as that will only spread the seeds.



NEW FIRE SAFE SMC GRANT

The SMC FIRE SAFE COUNCIL is once again assisting Palomar Park with utilizing CA Grant funds to reduce hazard fuels along our roadways. Some of the grant funds have already been utilized in July of this year on the private portion of Palomar Dr. Removing dead trees, branches hanging over power lines, and dangerous brush build-up was included in the fuels treatment. More work is scheduled for later this year along lower Palomar Dr. and will include the removal of a few eucalyptus and pines overhanging power lines. Tree failures and branches falling onto power lines are one of the most frequent causes of wildfire. Fire Prevention is all about preventing an ignition.



The grant was made possible through a collaboration between Fire Safe San Mateo County and the PPO Board with the intent to keep the neighborhood clear of unnecessary and hazardous fuels while also ensuring safe neighborhood evacuation routes in the event of an emergency.

It is important for the safety of our community that all Palomar Park residents do their part to ensure their trees are maintained and their lots are free of hazardous fuels. To learn more or access resources, please visit <https://www.firesafesanmateo.org>.

SUDDEN OAK DEATH SPRAYING

SOD attacks our beloved oak trees. PPO has organized a discount group spray event on Nov 6 & 7 through Mayne Tree. The spraying of Agrifos/ pentrabark assists in the prevention of SOD.



If you would like to be included email Andrea Everett at andreaeverett@gmail.com

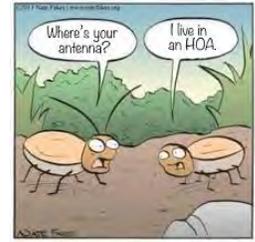
PPO ANNUAL MEMBER DUES

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

or mail a check to: **PPO**

**419 Palomar Dr.
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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.

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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

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 of our environment and maintain the rural attributes of our community.

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