



Palomar Park Perspectives

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SUMMER BBQ HITS THE MARK AND THEN SOME

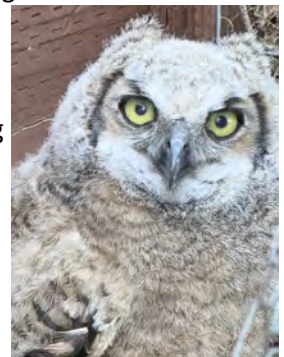
It was a beautiful afternoon for the Palomar Park BBQ on September 27th, with over 70 residents lining up for the "Best" Hot Dogs and Hamburgers this side of Alameda de las Pulgas. The venue was iconic Palomar Park, situated under the Oak trees of Hermosa Rd. An Americana type feel with a dozen or so kids attending, and making no qualms wanting their turns hitting the Pinatas. Special thanks to the Crow Family for allowing us to utilize their handsomely landscaped space and the Shoaffs and Martins who were so gracious about us blocking their driveways with BBQs. Jeff Garratt managed the grills masterfully with John Triska and John Charlebois assisting.



Pinatas and raffle prizes were managed by Denise Charlebois and Bob Bedbury. Lindy Sherwood was the official greeter and handled much of the logistics for the event. The Palomar Park BBQ is a long standing traditional event and free to current PPO members.

WHO WHO.....ARE THE NIGHT OWLS by Nell Triplett

We hear them hooting regularly through the night, we occasionally see them flying at dusk, and this spring in Palomar Park, we ran into a juvenile Great Horned Owl (*bubo virginianus*) on the ground. The enormous yellow eyes and easily identifiable feather tufts, or "horns," on top of their head take your breath away. Until their wings enable them to take flight at 10-12 weeks, juvenile owls find themselves very vulnerable to a multitude of threats. In the case of the Palomar Park juvenile, it had fallen out of its' nest in a 100 ft. Eucalyptus tree. Its mother's calls could be heard high up in the home tree each evening. Thanks to Bay Raptor Rescue, which offers free services to raptors in distress, we learned that the juvenile was injury-free. Moreover, they confirmed the young owl was both fed and hydrated, by way of regurgitated food from its' mother who was flying down at night for feedings. The main issue was there was no way to place the young owl back in the nest. Owls are, however, great climbers and after three days, this juvenile climbed up to the top of a 10 ft. fence beneath its' home base. A few days later, it had climbed to the lowest branch, and was soon flying through the sky. Great horned owls are notable for their size, with a wing span that ranges from 35-59 inches. Their talons have incredible strength and allow them to dine on fellow raptors, rodents and small mammals. Since their eyes can't move in their sockets, they depend on the incredible rotation enabled by their uniquely flexible neck to spot prey. Their eyes have a reflective layer boosting light intake.



These owls are an indicator of healthy biodiversity in our local Palomar Park ecosystem, and we are fortunate to have them here in our community.

WINTER IS ON HER WAY

Fall is here and it's time to pull out the list of winterization tasks.

1. *Clean out drainage swales & catch basins*
2. *Clean out roof gutters*
3. *Complete drainage systems (do not let drains discharge onto trees or your neighbors land)*
4. *Fertilize any ornamental evergreen plants*
5. *Fix any roof leaks/replace missing or lifting shingles*
6. *For blacktop driveways consider resealing & seal any cracks to prevent storm water damage*
7. *Change or clean furnace filters*
8. *Clean your chimney (utilize a professional chimney sweep)*
9. *Turn off or reduce irrigation timers*
10. *If needed put new tires on your car (slick roads and bald tires are not safe)*

RECIPE CORNER by David Nieh .

Grilled Old Bay Shrimp

Ingredients:

2 lbs. shrimp 11-15 per lb., shell on, heads off
1/2 jar sweet honey mustard
1/2 cup Italian dressing
4-6 Tbl. Bay Seasoning
1 lemon preferably Meyer

1. Pour Italian dressing into a bowl and whisk in sweet honey mustard and Bay Seasoning.
2. Pour this mixture into a large ziplock bag, add shrimp, seal, and coat generously.
3. Skewer shrimp to skewers and set aside.
4. Light grill to medium high and place the shrimp skewers evenly on the surface, sprinkling more Bay Seasoning as desired. After 3-5 minutes flip the shrimp and continue cooking until done.
5. Serve on a platter on skewers with lemon wedge.

Serves 4 people as an entree or 10 as an appetizer.



OH RATS!

Has your home, car or garden been invaded by those unrelenting rodents? The rat problem on the Hill is a serious issue as these rodents can create a tremendous amount of damage. Rodents chew attic, basement, and car wiring, eat our prized vegetable garden plants, spread disease and leave our homes, attics and crawl spaces contaminated with feces and urine, which can require costly repairs. I know this is graphic and gross but we all are in this together. We have a few foxes on the Hill and they will do their part in reducing the rodent population. Owls are rodent eating machines and we are lucky to have them too. Here are some real measures that will work if you are diligent.

1. Remove Ivy & Pampas Grass from your property as rodents love to live here.
2. Do Not use poison as this will also kill the owls and foxes that kill and eat the rats.
3. Turn off outside lights at night so owls can hunt around your home. (they can't use their special vision if your lights are on).
4. Do not leave pet food outside.
5. Set traps where you see droppings and where it is safe for kids and pets. (You can put your trap in a shoe box with holes on either side for the rats to enter). Peanut butter or tomatoes are a sure thing.
6. If you feed bird seed use a Squirrel shroud so the rats cannot get to the feeder.
7. Close up small holes/cracks in your house with mortar. Remove branches that overhang your roof.

SUDDEN OAK DEATH SPRAYING DISCOUNT EVENT

KEEP YOUR OAK TREES HEALTHY - The annual Sudden Oak Death, (SOD), spray event in Palomar Park is scheduled for November 19-21. Spraying your Oak trees with FOSPHITE is one of the best preventive measures property owners can do each year to help their Oak trees resist SOD and the pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*.

You need to sign up for this service if you want the special rate negotiated by the PPO. To be placed on this year's list email Trish Taylor at Trish_taylor415@comcast.net. We will need your address and approximate number of trees.

MAILBOX MAINTENANCE

Is your mailbox looking tired or run down? How about the roadside name board on your street? Is your name missing or are you new to Palomar Park and would like your name listed?



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

SLOW & SAFE vs. FAST & CRASH

A couple of recent accidents on Palomar Dr. needed first responders to arrive and assist drivers. Luckily nobody was seriously injured. Palomar Dr., and some of the side streets have turned into race ways. It shouldn't be scary to walk in our neighborhood. If you are driving and see a pedestrian for goodness sake slow way down. When navigating our narrow roads please stay in your lane. If you don't and you hit another vehicle you will be at fault and your insurance company will likely raise your rates.



GARDEN CLUB

The Palomar Park Garden Club invites interested residents to join them on December 9th at 10:30am for an outing to Filoli to view the holiday decorations. Please email Gillian Chao at gillianchao@gmail.com if you are interested in attending or becoming a member of the garden club.



CONSIDER ADOPTION



Some of the best pets you can have are rescue animals. They might not be perfect in terms of size or shape, but what they lack in that department will be made up by their wonderful personalities and loyalty. Some rescue pets take longer than others to acclimate but with consistency, patience and some fun walks around the Hill they will get there in no time. Consider the following Non-profit rescue organizations:

Underdog Rescue <https://www.underdogca.com/>

Muttville <https://muttville.org/>

Rocket Dog Rescue www.rocketdogrescue.org

If you can't adopt consider giving a year end tax deductible donation to any of these deserving organizations.

GENERAL MEETING NOV 18th

Our General Meeting will be held November 18th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Email PalomarNews@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

- ❖ 2026 Board Election
- ❖ Presentation by SMC Sheriff
- ❖ Financial Overview
- ❖ SOD Group Spray info
- ❖ General Updates & PPO Info
- ❖ Free Raffle with prizes



LOCAL BEES AND SUMMER HONEY

The Palomar Park bees are done for the summer and have created a tasty crop of Summer Palomar Park honey. Plan your spring garden with lots of natives and help our local bees and all our pollinators thrive.

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

To place an order contact:
Denise Enea-Charlebois
650 740-9883 or
decharlebois1@gmail.com



**Profits go to Animal Welfare organizations.*

EVACUATIONKNOW 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 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 having a permit for your project. Permits are required for most improvements to your home including:

Fences, water heaters, replacing decks, replacing windows, driveway replacements, roofs, etc.

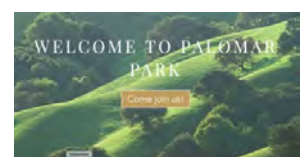
If you have a question for the Planning or Building Department, you can call: 650 599-7311 or email cleung@smcgov.org



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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JUNIPER, CYPRESS, PALMS OH MY

Some of the most flammable vegetation that one can have around their home is Juniper, Cypress, and Palms. If you have any of these three types of plants within 50 ft of any structures you may want to consider removal. These vegetation types are well known for their rapid ignition from even the smallest embers. Some communities are even banning these species of plants to help protect their neighborhoods from spreading wildfire. Eucalyptus and Pine trees are also on the list as very susceptible to fire with quick ignitions and rapid fire spread. The current recommendation from Cal Fire is to remove vegetation a minimum of 5 ft. away from all structures. The Chipper Program comes by twice a year and this is the perfect opportunity to remove potential fire hazards from your property and play it safe rather than sorry.



If you take out potentially flammable plants from your property and feel the need to replant try selecting low growing native plants that are also drought tolerant. Some examples are: CA Fuchsia, CA Poppy, Blue Eyed Grass, Milkweed & Creeping Thyme.

GOING TO THE DOGS

If you haven't already noticed, Palomar Park is a wonderful place for dogs. Walking your dog is a great way to meet and stay social with your neighbors. Doggy poop bags are an important part of every walk. To make it easier on our pet owners we have installed two more doggy poop bag stations on the Hill.



BOARD ELECTIONS

It's PPO Board election time. All households will receive one ballot. Voting is easy, please mail or drop off your ballot to 419 Palomar Dr. by November 18th or cast your vote by email at Palomarnews@gmail.com by 5:00pm, November 18th. Election results will be announced at the end of the General Meeting.



FUN FACTS

"Palomar Park" was never an actual park, but dates to the mid-1920's when A.J. Harwood began to develop the mountainous area into a residential neighborhood. The first homeowners came from San Francisco proper who purchased the homes as summer properties.

PPO ANNUAL MEMBER DUES

Please renew your annual 2026 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 at www.palomarpark.org or just scan one of the QR codes on your neighborhood mailbox. PPO accepts: Venmo, Zelle, and Paypal

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

Mail or drop off
checks to:



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 and maintain the rural attributes of our community. If you would like to serve please contact us at PalomarNews@gmail.com

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