



Palomar Park Perspectives

SEMI-ANNUAL PUBLICATION OF THE PALOMAR PROPERTY OWNERS

Palomar Park in 1956 by Daniel Petelin

There were only 55 residents on the Hill, today there are over 320 residents. Twenty-one of these residents had horses in 1956. Marge was the school bus driver for Clifford School around the Hill. Toyon Creamery delivered milk and the Colonial Bread man (in a yellow truck) delivered fresh baked bread and pastries. The Garden Club installed log benches around the Hill and constructed the road signs for residents that still exist today. Duggan Rd. was named after Mr. Duggan, who was the Assistant Secretary of the Navy during World War I. Dr. Renstschle on Hermosa Rd. had peacocks and two llamas, Martin and McCoy). Palomar Park kids swam at the Laucci pool, (11 South Palomar Dr. the log cabin house). The first pool on the hill installed in the 1930's and was a holding tank from a logging company. The 500 acres, (what is now Brittan Heights), was a paradise for horse riders and resident hikers who would meet at the natural spring area for fresh mountain water. July 13, 1956, nine residents signed a document (the Articles of Inc.) with the State of CA and the Palomar Park Owners' Association was born. The Palomar Park Owners' Association has operated for over 65 years, governed by residents of the Hill to keep Palomar Park a special place.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Vaccinate, mask up and distance yourself seems to be ingrained into 75 -80% of the population and our new way of life here in CA. Of course people have found a way to attack each other over masks and vaccination status. It sure would be nice if we had a reason as to; why individuals who have recently had Covid-19 and have antibodies also need to be vaccinated? Aren't their natural antibodies as good if not better than the ones you're body makes when your vaccinated? According to the Stanford School of Medicine natural immunity (your body producing its' own antibodies), confers a longer lasting and stronger protection against disease, including the Delta strain of Covid-19. Remember the chicken pox; once you got it and recovered, you were good to go. If you are mandated to get the Covid-19 vaccine will there also be a mandate for certain flu vaccines? According to the CDC, in 2018-19, there were more than 380,000 flu-related hospitalizations and 28,000 flu deaths. After four years of nursing school the decision was easy for me and I will be getting my flu shot this month and received my Covid-19 vaccine in March. One positive trend in Palomar Park, that maybe some have noticed, is how much friendlier people are to each other after the lockdown. Palomar Park is an even more neighborly place than it use to be. The dogs on the Hill are much happier too, as the numbers of walks since COVID-19 is way up. *The old proverb holds true.*

"If you want people to be friendly, you need to show yourself friendly".

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

November 8th, 2021 at 5:00 pm is the due date for your Palomar Park Owners Board ballot to be received. This year we have three individuals on the ballot for our Board. You can also write in candidates. Anyone who is a paid member can be elected as a write in candidate, if they receive enough votes. Please take the time to fill out your ballot and mail, drop off or email your ballot to: palomarnews@gmail.com.

Paper ballots have been distributed to all resident mailboxes. Your vote is confidential and the Board Secretary is in charge of counting votes. One vote per household please.



Hear ye Hear ye

GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2021

All residents are invited to our PPO Association General Meeting to be held via Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We'll have a guest speaker from Ember Defense and we'll be reviewing our financial report, projects underway and future projects and programs the PPO Board is developing. Results of the Board election will also be announced. Have a comment or concern? Voice your opinion at our meeting. All are welcome to attend and participate. **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8119100623>

OH DEAR....THERE'S A DEER

It's that time of year when the bucks come down from the hills and swoon the does. This romance ritual unfortunately means that deer are crossing our local roadways much more frequently. Use extra caution and scan the sides of the roadway as you drive, especially on high speed roads like Edgewood. Hitting a deer can do quite a bit of damage to your car and you have the potential of getting hurt. Keep our wildlife safe as well as you and your family.



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

With two Fire Safe SMC chipping days under our belt, Palomar Park is a more resilient place. Wildfire Resiliency is a community issue and everyone needs to do their part. When creating your defensible space within your property, focus on the three zones: 0-5' Clear Zone, which is adjacent to your house, then 30' away and finally, the 100' zone. Listen to Smokey and make sure your defensible space is in good shape. You will thank him in the event we have a wildfire. Sign up for emergency alerts here: www.cmo.smcgov.org/smc-alert.



YOU DIRTY RAT

For many of us rodents, (rats and mice), are a real problem. It's very expensive to have professionals clear your attic or basement of rodents and seal up every nook and cranny rodents have chewed, dug or clawed their way into. Rodents can do thousands of dollars in damage and can compromise your electric wiring when they chew on wires or destroy your HVAC, making nests in insulation or ducts. These potential fire hazards and health hazards are detrimental and need to be addressed. There are many good rodent proofing companies out there that fix the problem by rodent proofing your house and then trap any rodents remaining within the structure.



A shout out to William Dahl (650)248-4004 who worked miracles for 3-4 homes along Loma Ct.

WINTER WOES

The colder weather seems to always sneak up on us fast. We procrastinate and enjoy every last bit of summer we can and then wham! It's a real shock those first few nights and early mornings when you're fumbling to get the heater working or the first big rain creates a flood near the front door because the gutter is full.

Here are some tips to ensure your property is ready for winter

- * **Clean needles, vegetative debris from your gutters. Make sure downspouts are clear and directed into appropriate areas for rain water. Never direct downspout runoff onto your neighbors' property or towards a steep dirt bank or hillside as this will cause erosion.**
- * **Clear drainage swales, channel drains and catch basins**
- * **Have your fireplace cleaned by a professional**
- * **Make sure sump pumps are working properly**
- * **Clean or replace out furnace filters**
- * **Replace burned out bulbs along any path or entry lighting**
- * **Finish any last-minute roof repairs**
- * **Mulch around any sensitive plants or bushes. Do not mulch your entire yard. This only adds combustibe material to your property.**
- * **Fertilize citrus, azaelas, and rhodedrendrans after the first or second significant rain.**
- * **Prepare to overseed lawns and aerate if you can.**

A TIME TO REMEMBER 9/11

September 11, 2021 was the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. This was one of the most traumatic days of U.S. modern history. It's one of those days that everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing when they heard and saw the news coverage of planes flying into the World Trade Center Buildings, a plane going down in PA and the plane hitting the Pentagon. This year's commemoration included families of the victims gathering to hear the names of their loved ones read aloud. The names of nearly 3,000 people killed that terrible day were called out in solemn ceremonies. Firefighters from across the country paused and took a moment to remember their fallen brothers. The site of the World Trade Center buildings and two of the terrorists' attacks is now a museum and place of remembrance. More than 43 million people have visited the memorial since it opened in 2014. We will "NEVER FORGET" that awful day or the people who lost their lives.



THE BIRDS, BEES, AND TREES

Our quaint Palomar Park is so special not only because of the wonderful people who live here, but also because of our surroundings. Our hills are very much alive. This year there was an abundance of bumble bees on flowers and this was really quite extraordinary. The finches, woodpeckers, and chickadees seem to be flourishing. We



all see the hawks and hear the owls and are happy they are here assisting with the rodent population. Of course our deer population seems to be healthy and there are skunk, turkey and coyote sightings often. The quail, racoon, possum, bobcat and fox population seems however to have declined. We also love our trees and it's nice to see residents taking care of our heritage oaks and quirky buckeyes.

Here are some reminders and tips to help our wildlife and maintain our natural environment:

- * **Do not use poison which can kill foxes, hawks and owls when they eat a poisoned rodent. Instead use mouse and rat traps in safe areas.**
- * **Reduce the amount of fencing in your yard or lower portions of fencing so wildlife can safely utilize the natural corridors to get off the road and travel to other open areas to reach food, water and safe havens.**
- * **Remove non-native vegetation, i.e. scotch broom, juniper, and plant large clusters of natives which provide food and habitat for our wildlife; i.e. coffeeberry, manzanita, toyon, elderberry, CA fuchsia, CA lilac, brown twig dogwood, salvia, and monkey flower. CA natives are drought tolerant too.**
- * **Refrain from using pesticides in your garden as it kills pollinators.**
- * **Create small water features in your yard, i.e. shallow fountains or dishes of water.**
- * **Remove ivy and poison oak from around the base of your trees. These plants suck up water needed by our trees and sometimes harbor rodents.**
- * **Refrain from spraying your trees for moths or worms; the trees can handle the insects and the birds depend on them for protein for their young.**

MAILBOX MAINTENANCE

The Palomar Park mailboxes and sign boards are receiving their annual maintenance. Special thanks to Jeff Garratt and Adam Mittleman for all their work on both the mailboxes and signboards.

Contact us at:

PalomarNews@gmail.com if you have an issue or maintenance request.



NEW NEIGHBORS



We have new neighbors in Palomar Park. We officially welcome the following residents to the hill:

24 S. Palomar Dr. 1021 Palomar Dr.
Mary Alice Davis & Forever Home Properties LLC
Kishore Sundara-Rajan

404 Palomar Dr. 632 Palomar Dr.
Neil & Christine Joseph Joshua Miller & Carla Pederson



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

Just a friendly reminder that the 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. 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



PALOMAR PARK WEBSITE

Did you know Palomar Park has its very own website? www.palomarpark.org. The Board manages the website and we try to have useful online forms and current information for our residents. We publish Palomar Park current events and also want the website to be a historical receptacle for any documents or pictures that are relevant to Palomar Park's colorful history. If you have any photos or suggestions please let us know for updates to our website please contact us at: PalomarNews@gmail.com.



WALK SOFTLY...YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Your carbon footprint is more than just carbon. It includes all your other green house gas, (GHS)emissions, like methane, and nitrous oxide. By lowering your personal carbon footprint you will be contributing to not only a healthier planet, but to a positive ripple effect, normalizing a more economical and sustainable way of living. Okay, yes we are using \$ cost savings to get your attention. Here are some valuable ideas if you're keen on saving some bucks and helping the planet at the same time.



- Cut Back on gas guzzling** - \$\$\$ Transportation is the largest U.S. source of CO2. Trade in your combustion engine for an electric or hybrid vehicle. Need a big vehicle? There are an abundance of electric/hybrid SUV's available.
- Donate, upcycle and repurpose** - \$\$ If you can't resell your gently-used items there are plenty of donation centers out there. How about trying to repurpose some household items? Everyone loves a deal, so try shopping vintage or used. These sites are perfect for fast growing kids; Etsy, Depop, or ThredUp.
- Reduce electric & natural gas use in the home**-\$ \$ An American home uses 49% of energy on heating/cooling components. Investing in solar, utilizing LEDs, and checking your settings (a little warmer AC setting and a little cooler heater setting) goes a long way on saving energy.
- More bean burritos, fewer beef burgers** - \$ Sorry carnivores, but an extremely effective way to reduce your carbon footprint is to cut back on the amount of animal products you eat, especially beef and lamb. I won't get into the smelly details of methane but I think you get the idea.
- Cultivate your green thumb** - \$ Growing your own vegetables, herbs and fruit is fun, healthy and an effective way to reduce your carbon foot print. Also, instead of throwing out excess food, try turning your leftovers into terrific meals, (cook some rice and add already cooked chicken and a combination of any vegetables, and season with your choice) and voila, a one pot masterpiece with minimal energy usage.

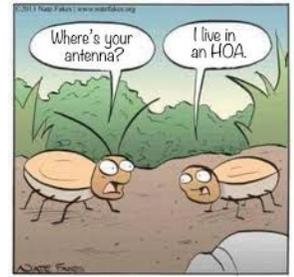
- Unplug the unused** - \$ Keeping unused electrical devices plugged in can be a real energy drain. If you want to save energy and save money at the same time unplug unused devices such as: phone & computer charges, unused extension cords, cable and game boxes

PPO ANNUAL MEMBER DUES

Now is the time to renew your annual 2022 membership with the Palomar Park Property Owners. We depend on member dues to repair our community mailboxes, host community events, fund the annual chipper program and other beneficial projects and functions for Palomar Park residents.

Your \$50 donation goes a long way. If you are a new resident to Palomar Park your first year membership is free. You can pay online: 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 its residents. If you have an idea or suggestion you think the Board can help with to make Palomar Park even a better place, please drop us a line. 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

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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