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## Midautumn Festival celebrated Sunday



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Members of the community joined in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival at the Los Altos History Museum Sunday. Falling this year on Oct. 6, the Chinese festival is rooted in harvest rituals and the legend of moon goddess Chang'e. It's a time to give thanks and hope for good things in the future, according to the Los Altos History Museum event website.

## Rep. Sam Liccardo opens satellite office in Los Altos

By Christina Casillas  
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While Rep. Sam Liccardo of California Congressional District 16 may be spending a substantial amount of time in D.C., he's been keeping in touch with his constituents – and he's been in even closer contact with Los Altos residents since he began hosting satellite office hours in the city.

The Peninsula satellite office, which soft opened Sept. 15, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Neutra House Conference Center, 181 Hillview Ave. The official opening for the office was Monday. Liccardo is not paying for the use of Neutra House, Los Altos City Manager Gabe Engeland

said in an email, as he's using it in a governmental capacity and Liccardo represents Los Altos.

"The city of Los Altos is thrilled to have Congressman Liccardo host office hours in the Neutra House," Los Altos Mayor Pete Dailey stated. "The venue is intimate and inviting, and located adjacent to our civic center campus downtown, fostering engagement with the community. We thank Congressman Liccardo for his ongoing commitment to authentic and caring representation."

Liccardo's district, which includes Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View, ranges from as far north as Pacifica and south past Pescadero. In addition to

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### Online Poll of the Week



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## Environmentalism, but make it vogue



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Community members supported local creatives over the weekend during the 14th annual Fab-Mo Artisans Market Sunday. It was the third year of the market being held at the Los Altos Community Center. Many of the pieces for sale were made from recycled fibers and materials, as the main focus of FabMo is to provide creatives with material that would have otherwise been wasted.



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## Police Blotter

### Los Altos Police arrest man with \$20,000 warrant

An investigation by Los Altos Police officers into a trespassing report last week resulted in the arrest of a man with an active warrant for drug-related charges from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety.

Officers responded to a report Oct. 2 of a man trespassing at Foothill Crossing – identified as a 58-year-old homeless man, officers soon discovered a \$20,000 warrant for his arrest related to possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and tear gas, according to a Los Altos Police Department Facebook post.

Further charges were added after methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and credit and debit cards not belonging to the suspect were found on his person. He was arrested and subsequently released “on his promise to appear in court for the warrant and new charges,” according to the post.

### Assault with a deadly weapon

**Oct. 3, 9:31 p.m.:** Intersection of Showers Drive and California Street, Mountain View

**Oct. 4, 8:36 p.m.:** 800 block of Independence Avenue, Mountain View

### Drunk driver

**Oct. 4, 1:32 a.m.:** Intersection of West Evelyn Avenue and Madera Way, Mountain View

**Oct. 4, 2:40 a.m.:** Intersection of North Shoreline Boulevard and Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

**Oct. 5, 1:30 a.m.:** Intersection of West Evelyn Avenue and Madera Way, Mountain View

### Residential burglary

**Oct. 4, 12:16 p.m.:** 800 block of Sierra Vista Avenue, Mountain View

**Oct. 4, 12:46 p.m.:** Intersection of March Way and Distel Drive, Los Altos

– Christina Casillas

## MVLA board looks at potential changes to ethnic studies courses for ninth graders

By Brandon Roth  
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The Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees is considering adopting a new ninth-grade social studies requirement in the next month.

Chelsea Doiguchi, the Los Altos High School social studies department coordinator, and Mike Bowen, the Mountain View High School social studies coordinator, introduced four new possible social science courses at the Sept. 29 board meeting. Each of the schedules will include ethnic studies, a current year-long course at the district that teaches students about the study of race, contributions of people of color in the United States and contemporary social movements.

The board will also hold a study session on Oct. 13 to gather comments and suggestions on the new courses.

Teri Faught, the associate superintendent of educational services at MVLA, said the district’s ethnic studies course



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

The Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District is considering requiring ethnic studies for all freshmen.

took two years to implement, following a pilot course the previous year. She said it wasn’t easy to create this course, and that there was a lot of feedback and collaboration with the board, administration, teachers and community members.

Faught said there’s uncertainty regarding how the course will be changed in the next year.

She said the education service department will provide new alternative schedules for the ethnic studies courses to address preliminary feedback. She hopes teachers can present their own ideas at the next board meeting.

“One of the requests that we are hearing is please consider a runway between the ongoing

collaboration with our board, administration and teachers,” Faught said. “Sometimes there will be a back and forth to be able to make a decision, whether it’s staying the same or making the change, but we’ve made this together.”

Bowen said at the meeting

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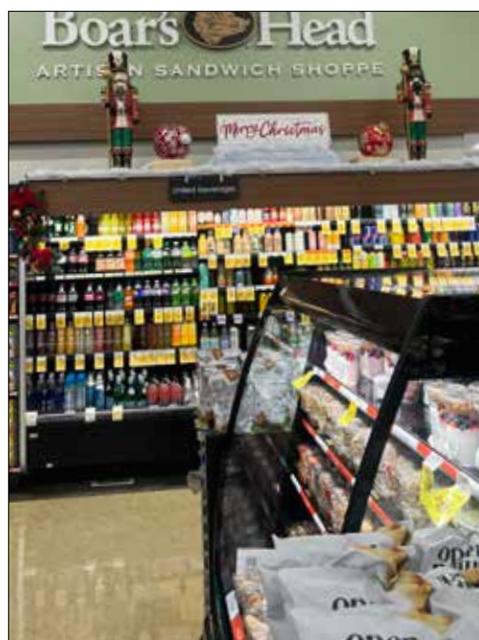
## Santa Clara County to vote on Measure A sales tax

By Curtis Driscoll  
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A Santa Clara County sales tax measure aimed at addressing federal funding losses of healthcare services is on the upcoming Nov. 4 ballot, with proponents arguing the funding is needed to protect county hospitals and clinics during a time of crisis.

Measure A calls for a sales tax of five-eighths of a cent for five years, or 0.625%, generating \$330 million per year in annual revenue and needs a simple majority to pass.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted to place the measure on the November ballot in response to funding cuts signed into law in July by President Trump, including more than \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid nationally. Santa Clara County receives more than \$2.3 billion in funding from the federal Medicaid program, representing the largest single source of federal funding to the county each year, which threatens Santa Clara Valley Healthcare, according to a county press release. The cuts would threaten both public and private health-



CHRISTINA CASILLAS/TOWN CRIER

Measure A will increase sales taxes, straining some wallets at the grocery store.

care, potentially resulting in a \$1 billion loss in revenue to Santa Clara County’s \$4.6 billion public hospital system.

While there has been some concern that because it is a general sales tax mea-

sure and will go towards the county’s general fund instead of being guaranteed toward health care, Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga said Measure A includes strict accountability provisions to ensure funds are spent as promised, including creating a community oversight committee and required annual independent audits, with all spending reports publicly available online.

“The hole in the county’s budget is from lost healthcare funding, so Measure A funding will go toward this funding gap,” Abe-Koga said in an email statement. “As one of the decision-makers for where this money will ultimately go, I can say with confidence to my residents that Measure A’s funding will be used for healthcare.”

She noted that the general fund already subsidizes the county’s healthcare system to some extent, and without Measure A, the county would need to subsidize it further, adding there was an interconnectedness between healthcare and other areas such as mental health,

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the Los Altos satellite office, Liccardo also has offices in Half Moon Bay and San Jose.

Liccardo said he's already had a number of meetings with local leaders at Neutra House – including an in-person meeting with the Wild-fire Resilience Partnership, which works on strengthening mitigation, prevention and evacuation in local fire-prone corridors and hillside communities. The partnership includes stakeholders, community members and local agencies from communities, like Los Altos Hills, that are at higher risk of wildfires.

Although Liccardo will not be at the office in-person as much as he would like to, he said he will "... continue to be as present as I can be. Given the demand of voting in Washington, D.C. It's inevitable, the law requires me to do my voting in person."

While the office will allow for teleconferences with Liccardo, constituents will also be able to speak directly with members of his staff, who will then pass along their specific complaints and situations to the congressman.

"We can schedule folks to come in to talk about whatever concern or problem they might have – we're able to be there, close to them," he said.

He noted that while speaking with a member of his team may not feel the same for some constituents as it would be to speak directly with him, Liccardo said his team is tenured

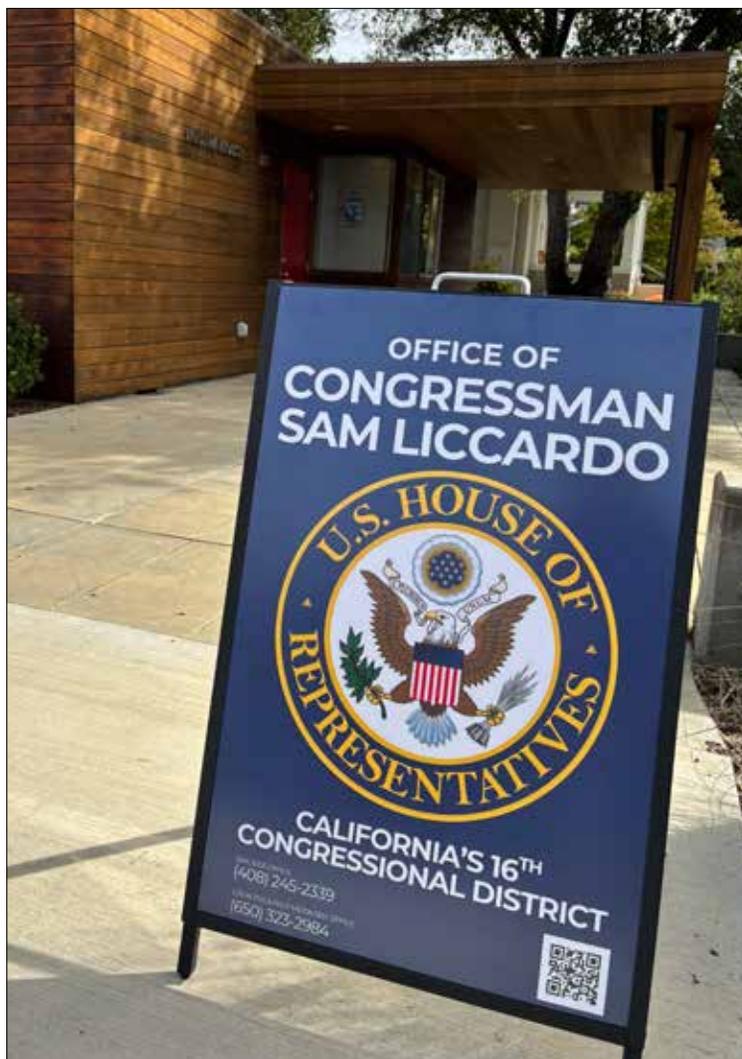


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**Rep. Sam Liccardo opened a satellite office this week in Los Altos. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Neutra House.**

and more than capable of keeping him informed.

"We're fortunate to have a great team, including some folks who had a lot of experience under my predecessor (Anna Eshoo), and others who bring lots of unique skills based on their experiences in working in local government or state government," he said.

He said issues he and staff hear about from constituents range from specific, personal concerns, like a family mem-

ber needing a visa or work permit to larger-scale issues, like the war in Gaza. Liccardo said that members of his staff can "put out the fire," meaning find solutions to a constituent's problem, without the issue reaching him.

"And that's our job, collectively – solving the problem for residents," he said.

**For more on Liccardo's office locations, visit [liccardo.house.gov/contact/office-locations](http://liccardo.house.gov/contact/office-locations).**

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public safety and homelessness, leading to Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen and Sheriff Bob Jonsen recently endorsing Measure A.

Rishi Kumar is a candidate for Santa Clara County Assessor and chair of the No on Measure A Tax. He argued that voters in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View already fund similar healthcare services through property tax payments made to the El Camino Healthcare District and Measure A would result in double taxation.

"Measure A forces these same residents to pay twice for county healthcare services – services they may never use," Kumar said in an email statement.

Kumar also argued it would hurt poor people and increase living expenses, calling it a

regressive tax that hurts struggling families. Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association president Mark Hinkle said Measure A would subsidize wealthy doctors and medical institutions but hurt the middle class and those on fixed income, calling it a subsidy that wasn't needed.

Abe-Koga noted that the county's healthcare system has different responsibilities than the El Camino Healthcare District, like providing care for high-acuity injuries, including freeway crashes, fires and severe falls. The supervisor also argued that while taxes are never pleasant, the county needed the measure to offset the federal funding cuts that will result in the loss of urgent medical response.

"I grew up in a working-class household," Abe-Koga said. "I saw my father frequently go without medical care. I am of the view that working-class people will be hurt far worse by longer wait times and increased healthcare costs than a 5/8 cent sales tax increase."

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## Mary 'Pinky' Whelan embodied Los Altos community spirit

By Howard Bischoff

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Longtime Los Altos community leader and volunteer Mary "Pinky" Whelan has passed away at age 94. Whelan was one of the original members of the History House Auxiliary,

which is now the Los Altos History Museum.

After moving to Los Altos from New England via Ohio in 1964, Whelan opened the Yankee Peddler antique shop on First Street in downtown Los Altos.

While raising six children, she felt it was important to get

involved in the community. "She learned volunteering and civic engagement from her father," said her son, Mark Whelan.

When Margaret Smith died in 1973, Whelan was one of those who urged the city of Los Altos to turn the Smith house and its grounds into the

History House. It became a museum on Dec. 1, 1977. Previous to that, she was an early member of the city's Historical Commission from 1976 to 1985 and rejoined the commission in 1981.

Former Los Altos Chamber of Commerce president, Julie Rose, who worked with Whelan at the History Museum, said "Pinky was our leading fundraising events planner." She worked on the home tours, crab feeds and many other history museum events.

Her daughter Amy Whelan remembers her mother's spirit of community by recalling a conversation her mom had with a friend about an idea for a project. She said her mom just said, "Let's make it happen!"



Mary "Pinky" Whelan

That spirit makes Rose tout Whelan as "Mrs. Los Altos, in my book."

A private memorial will be held.

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## Los Altos City Council OKs historic preservation changes

By Christina Casillas

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Members of Los Altos City Council last week greenlit – with amendments – changes to the Los Altos Municipal code related to the Mills Act Program and existing Historic Preservation Regulations after discussions with staff.

The Mills Act program, enacted in 1972, is a California economic incentive program that encourages the preservation and restoration of historic buildings by private property owners by tax abatement granted by municipalities' local governments, according to the California State Parks website. Qualifying properties are protected under Historic Preservation Regulations, which can vary city by city.

Los Altos City Council members passed 4-0 (Councilmember Neysa Fligor recused herself as she works in the Santa Clara County Assessor's Office), with amendments to add Historic Preservation Regulations and the Mills Act Program to the Los Altos Municipal Code, repealing chapter 12.44 for existing Historic Preservation regulations and exempting them from California Environmental Quality

Act regulations.

Amendments included that any of the three stakeholders (property owner, council or historical commission) could nominate a property for inclusion on the Historic Resources Inventory and the exclusion of "blue lines" in the ordinance staff presented to council.

"The blue lines were the changes we made after meeting with the group representing the current Mills Act property owners," Los Altos City Manager Gabe Engeland stated in an email. "They were not substantive, but did represent what the property owner group felt were improvements to the ordinance."

Los Altos resident John Bayer spoke on behalf of multiple Mills Act Property owners, noting they had actually provided staff with more input that wasn't included in the ordinances staff presented to city council. The Mills Act Property owners suggested the city provide a historic preservation expert to do 10-year reviews of Mills Act Properties instead of the hiring being the responsibility of each owner.

Bayer and Los Altos resident Roberta Phillips also said the area of residents that would receive a notice of

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that the new potential schedules could consist of continuing the year-long ethnic studies course or a semester-long ethnic studies course paired with either a semester of world history, health or a choice of the two by the students. He said the social studies department is also considering the effects of full-time employees (FTE) and whether the new schedule could have potential job losses or more hires.

“If we’re taking away that freshman year full social studies requirement that we’ve got at both sites, about the equivalent of two full teachers, the FTE is up in the air and that could be resolved by finding electives at different levels,” Bowen said. “That could be resolved by social studies teachers going and getting a credential in teaching health and then carrying on. I think we have teachers who are willing to take that challenge on, but that would take time.”

He said this is the only course where students can talk openly about backgrounds, building

foundational skills that serve students throughout their high school experiences and learning the values of the district. He said he is proud of how, in the last 20 years, the social studies department has provided students opportunities to build a strong skillset of knowledge, such as having an Advanced Placement United States History test score 27% higher than the national average.

“We believe strongly in this class,” Bowen said. “I personally was part of the task force that helped develop it. We are really proud of the teachers at both of our sites who then went on to teach it. It has been a true labor of love to get things going.”

Doiguchi told the Town Crier that a “heterogeneous ninth-grade experience” is important for freshmen to take to build a community and create a foundation for future classes that they would take as upperclassmen. She said the expected changes to the course will not go into effect until the 2029-2030 freshman class, once the funding has been secured and the expected schedule has been picked. She

said there were surveys provided to all students last year on what combination of courses they are interested in.

“The survey for students was given to all freshmen, and the questions had to do with both social studies and English classes,” Doiguchi said.

She said all the current curriculum being taught has not been changed in the last year. She said that with the changes to the ethnic studies mandate, with the governor not including it in the budget, other schools are rethinking or renaming their programs so they can relieve some funding. She said that MVLA, however, funds the courses themselves and it is up to its discretion how it can be funded.

“All the curriculum that’s currently being taught in ethnic studies is all board-approved curriculum, so nothing has changed,” she said. “Because of the environment and climate right now, we’re being very careful that all the teachers who currently teach it are teaching all the board-approved curriculum.”

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potential change to a property’s status as a Historic Resources Inventory should be extended.

“I have a really big problem with the 300-foot notification end because the properties that the city owns ... it belongs to all of us, and I think we should all have input on that,” Phillips said. She noted moving the code wasn’t broken, and there was no need for any changes considering any tax revenue the city would receive after the changes was a “drop in the bucket compared to our budget.” She added the regulations had no place in the zoning code as historic preservation was a

whole other topic.

But council members agreed the notice of residents within a 300-foot area of a property being considered for the Historic Resources Inventory was sufficient, and that either of the three stakeholders (all property owners, city council or the historical commission) could nominate a property for its placement on the Historic Resources Inventory. Engeland said the 300-foot notification is customary.

“These are the standard notices the city would send out for any structure if we need to hold a public hearing, give a discretionary approval, if there is construction on site, or if there would be a change to the zoning,” he stated.

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## Editorial: Yes on Measure A

There are always two sides to every situation. The pros and cons. In the case of Santa Clara County's Measure A – a five-eighths of a cent increase in sales tax for five years – it is the opinion of the Town Crier that the pro (yes) arguments outweigh the con (no) arguments. We urge a YES vote in the upcoming special election.

The federal government has cut payments to Santa Clara County by \$1 billion. That loss will have a serious impact on services, especially health care for lower-income households. It is true that sales taxes are regressive and will fall more heavily on these families than on higher-income households, but it is also clear that the harm from losing health benefits would be far greater than the cost of this tax increase.

Another concern is that the revenue will flow into the county's general fund and could technically be spent on anything. However, the Board of Supervisors has pledged to dedicate the estimated \$330 million in new revenue specifically to health care.

For these reasons – and more – Measure A deserves your support.



TOWN CRIER FILE ILLUSTRATION

The Town Crier urges you to support Measure A. While it may bump grocery store prices, it's better than having neighbors not be able to access healthcare.

### Important dates

Ballots are being mailed to all registered county voters starting Monday, Oct. 6.

If you are not regis-

tered, you have until Monday, Oct. 20 to sign up and take part.

Exercise your right to vote – every vote counts.

Vote yes on Measure A.

## Letter to the Editor

### Let Los Altos residents choose

The city council is proposing a new park on Parking Plaza 1 and a portion of Parking Plaza 2. Yet this location is only a quarter-mile from three existing parks – Lincoln Park, Village Park,

and Veterans Community Plaza. With such close access to green space already, is another park here really needed? Given California's requirement to make land available for housing, wouldn't it be more practical to use this site for residential

development? The resulting development fees could help purchase and enhance land along El Camino Real, creating welcoming spaces for our newest residents.

Monica Waldman  
Los Altos

### Letters to the Editor

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# Community

## Arts Los Altos installs new mural in downtown

By Ginny Strock and the Arts Los Altos team  
Special to the Town Crier

“The Interconnectedness of Life” mandala by Swati Rastogi was painted by the community and visitors at the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival in July. Volunteers for Arts Los Altos recently installed the mural on the side of State Street Market facing Third Street.

This colorful mandala mural was painted in two sections, one panel on Saturday and the other panel on Sunday. The Arts Los Altos booth was organized to allow several painters to work simultaneously, completing small, predesignated shapes. It was exciting to observe the brilliant color emerg-

ing on the panels as painters of all ages participated. At the end of Sunday’s session, the two panels were ready for Rastogi’s embellishment and finishing touches. This will be a temporary mural location at the State Street Market.

The mural’s designer, Swati Rastogi, describes herself as a multi-media artist. She has been highly influenced by the tribal and folk arts traditions of her native India. Her art is elegant, boldly colored and enhanced by fine detail. Rastogi’s art mediums range from murals to mandala canvases, chalk mandalas, henna body art, arts and crafts projects and food art. Rastogi’s particular interest in mandalas began with her sophisticated henna designs.



COURTESY OF ARTS LOS ALTOS

“The Interconnectedness of Life” mandala by Swati Rastogi in Los Altos.

She sees the mandala as a motif of completeness and integrity.

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# Avenidas' Players hosting theatre options for locals

Town Crier Report

The Avenidas Wise Owl Players is now entering its ninth year offering theatrical experiences to local adults ages 50 and up. In addition to performing dramatic readings of cutting-edge plays, they offer classes in studying plays and in the techniques of reading aloud and performing. Memorizing lines is not part of the program. In addition to the drama (on and off stage), seniors who join their classes find like-minded people who are wise, welcoming and eager to try new things.

Their next play calls for many parts and they are hoping to initiate about a dozen new members, male and female. The next class is called "Workshop a New Play" and will involve helping Enid Davis, the playwright,



COURTESY OF ENID DAVIS

### Members of Avenidas Wise Owls Players.

validate or make changes to the script while practicing how to do a dramatic reading. Auditions for the play will take place in December, but auditioning is not a requirement for taking the class.

Cost is \$135 for Avenidas members; \$150 for non-members for six sessions. The class meets 2-4 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 9 through Nov. 13. A shorter class that teaches techniques only is available in November.

To register, call Avenidas at (650) 289-5400 or visit [tinyurl.com/WiseOwlsWorkshop](http://tinyurl.com/WiseOwlsWorkshop).

## Seniors – have a plan

Town Crier Staff Report

Seniors and their families are invited to a free seminar at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22 on senior living options and services in the local area.

Speakers will address options ranging from subacute and assisted living to home health care.

Organizer Junette Higgins explained that the idea for the seminar came to her "because our area is definitely aging and most of us would like to ignore the fact we are getting older."

"I really feel it is important to have a plan before you need a plan," she said. "Most people are not aware of the levels of care and exactly how they serve."

Higgins has invited representatives from various local providers: subacute, assisted living with memory care, Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE), a senior living community, home health services and hospice. She explained that they will each describe their care and how it works but will not promote their specific facility. A Q&A will follow the presentations.

The seminar is expected to last approximately two hours and attendees will be able to take home information on the facilities and can schedule appointments for tours.

The event is hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at 1715 Grant Road. Pre-registration is not required.

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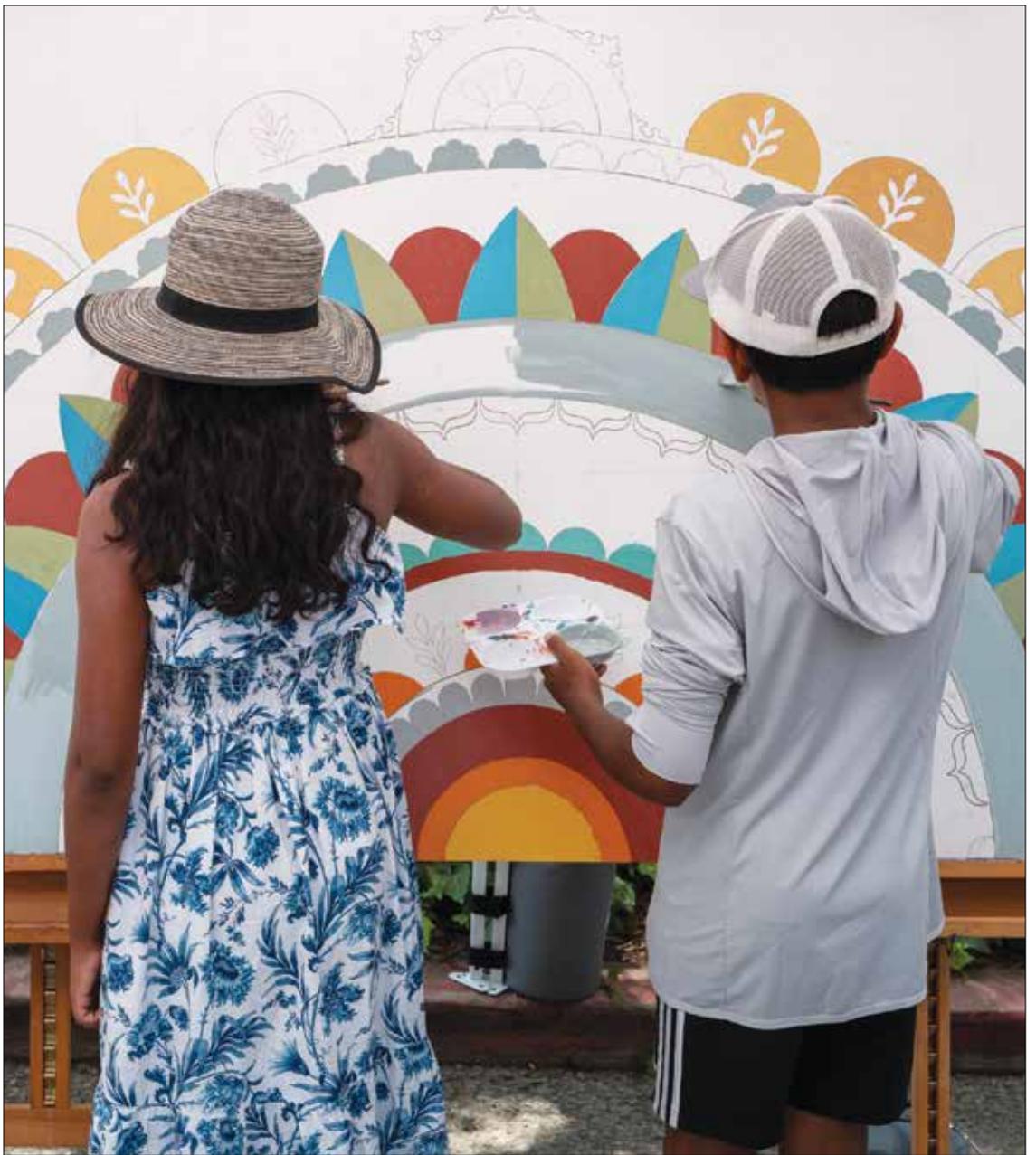
## MURAL From Page 9

“The Interconnectedness of Life” mandala mural, Rastogi chose a palette that relates to the quaint charm of downtown Los Altos, with its tree-lined streets and brick buildings punctuated with the buzz of colorful restaurants and storefronts. The mural’s bold outlines, enhanced by small mirrors, shimmers with light and reflection from the street.

Arts Los Altos holds a walk-

ing tour of downtown public art installations every First Friday at 5 p.m. Meet your guide in front of the “Mandahlia” sculpture at 169 State St., the plaza at the corner of Third and State streets. Walking tours are free and all are welcome. The next tour will be held Friday, Nov. 7. This tour will feature a scavenger hunt for kids of all ages. Every participating child will receive a prize.

For more information, visit [artslosaltos.org](http://artslosaltos.org).



COURTESY OF ARTS LOS ALTOS

Artists paint the mandala mural in Los Altos, above, while kids also get their turn to contribute to the mural, right. The mandala was painted by the community and visitors at the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival in July.

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Members of the community at the recent Arts Los Altos Public Art & Poetry Walk.

## Public Art & Poetry Walk draws a crowd to downtown

By Hilary King and Maddy McBirney  
Special to the Town Crier

If you were in downtown Los Altos on First Friday, Sept. 5, you might have seen a large group of people wandering from place to place downtown following someone with a microphone. Who were they and what were they doing?

That was the Arts Los Altos Public Art & Poetry Walk, and it was a huge success. More than 40 people came out to listen to poems written and inspired by specific public art installations in downtown Los Altos. Arts Los Altos teamed up with local poetry groups Salt & Poetry and Poetry Los Altos to make this event happen. Arts Los Altos hosts a Public Art Walking Tour every first Friday, leading participants on a tour of murals and sculptures it has implemented downtown along with a nod to all the Jan Meyer murals and the city sculptures. The lead tour guide discusses the process for installing the art, the stories behind the murals, and why public art matters.

Inspired by similar events in other cities, Hilary King

of Poetry Los Altos and Salt & Poetry sought out local poets to write original poems about the art. Maddy McBirney, co-founder of Arts Los Altos, led the tour. The six poets were: Peter Herreshoff (“Mandahlia” and “Be The Change”), John Fadely (“Main Street Movie Theater Remembered”), Amruta Bedkar (“Welcome to Redwood Grove”), Shami-ram Melko (“Floral Therapy”) Jacob Gunter, (“Senderos Nuestras”) and Abika Santhosh (“California Birds, Stewards of the Environment”). There are a few copies of the poems at each site. Each poem added a fourth dimension to the walking tour.

One participant said, “I have lived in Los Altos for over 50 years and have never experienced anything like this. This is fantastic.” The wonderful turnout demonstrates how eager people are to come downtown for art and unique experiences. Arts Los Altos hopes that next year’s Public Art & Poetry Walk will have even more poets writing about more art, and a bigger crowd to appreciate both.

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### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

October 14, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.  
In Person  
*Note- This is not the Final Agenda*

Members of the public are invited to participate in person at the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall located at 1 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA. To attend virtually, please view the final agenda for details. Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the Mayor, and members of the public may only comment during times allotted for public comments. Public comment will be received in person during the meeting or by written public comment submitted to [publiccomment@losaltosca.gov](mailto:publiccomment@losaltosca.gov)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Review and authorize the City Manager to Issue Formal Bid for Woodland Library Patio Expansion Plan
2. Adoption of Resolutions - Addendum No. 13 to Regional Water Quality Control Plant Basic Agreement  
Two actions for Council consideration:
  - a. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Addendum No.13 to the Regional Water Quality Control Plant Basic Agreement between the City of Palo Alto, the City of Mountain View, and the City of Los Altos; and find that the Council’s action is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and that none of the circumstances in CEQA in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies; and
  - b. Adopt a Resolution for the appropriation of \$281,911 to the Sewer Operating Fund
3. Adoption a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with BKF Engineers for the FY2025-2026 Annual Street Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$258,643.00 and authorize a project contingency of \$25,864.00 for a total project amount not to exceed \$284,507
4. Adopt a Resolution Approving a Side Letter Agreement with the Sanitary Truck Driver and Helper Union Local 350 to Extend the Existing Memorandum of Understanding by Four Years
5. Adopt Zoning Code Amendments - Historic Preservation & Mills Act Adopt the three (3) draft ordinances which include:
  - a. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Chapter 14.93 (Historic Preservation) to the Los Altos Municipal Code; and
  - b. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Chapter 14.95 (Mills Act Program) to the Los Altos Municipal Code; and
  - c. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Repealing in its Entirety Chapter 12.44 for Existing Historic Preservation Regulations; and

Find that the proposed amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
6. Adoption of Resolution - Amend Contract with Los Altos Chamber of Commerce Amend contract with Los Altos Chamber of Commerce

**PUBLIC HEARING**

7. 2025 Los Altos Building Code Updates  
Three separate actions for Council consideration:
  - a. Introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Repealing in its Entirety Title 12 for Buildings and Construction of the Los Altos Municipal Code; and
  - b. Introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Title 12 for Buildings and Construction to the Los Altos Municipal Code Including Chapters 12.04, 12.06, 12.08, 12.10, 12.12, 12.14, 12.16, 12.18, 12.20, 12.22, 12.24, 12.26, 12.28, 12.30, 12.32, 12.34, 12.36, 12.38, and 12.40 to Adopt by Reference the 2025 California Building Codes with Local Amendments; and Find that both actions are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and
  - c. Direct staff to place the introduced Ordinances on October 28, 2025, meeting agenda for a public hearing and second reading, and prepare and publish the appropriate hearing notices

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8. Dog Park Surfacing Discussion: City Council will discuss the recommended surfacing that is included in the Hillview Dog Park 95% plans

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## Mountain View High hosts homecoming parade



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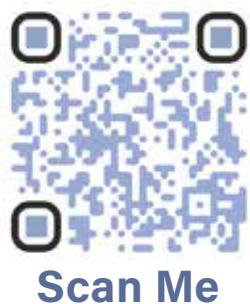


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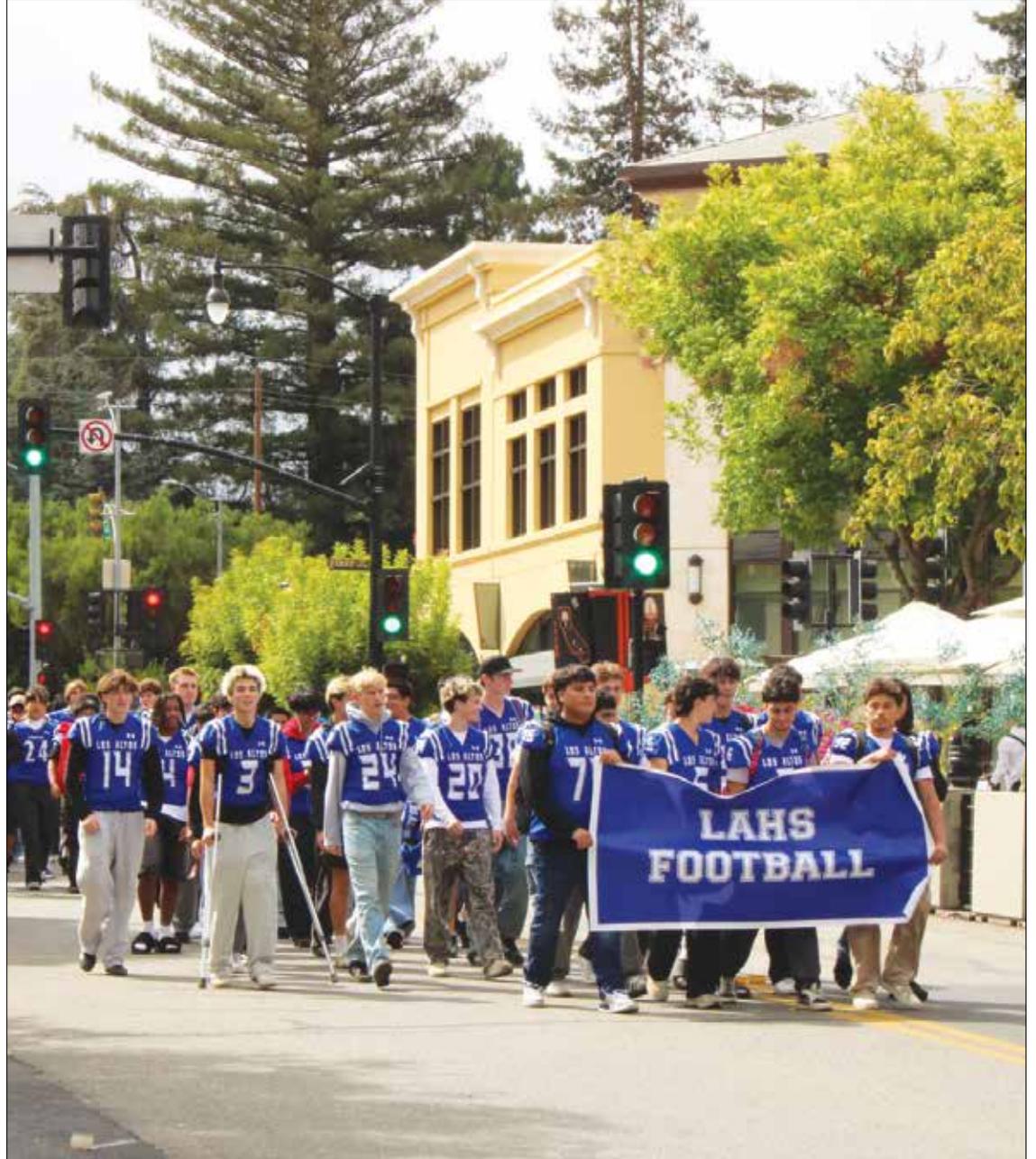


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## Los Altos welcomes back alumni for homecoming



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Members of the Los Altos High football team, above, march in the homecoming parade in downtown Los Altos Friday. The parade also had members of the homecoming court, top left, participate in the festivities.



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## Los Altos area holds block party

Town Crier Report

The Casita Court and Casita Way neighborhood of Los Altos held its 30th annual block party on Saturday, Aug. 23.

More than 25 families joined in on the fun during the day. The neighborhood group has met every year except 2020 for three decades. The theme was "Our Heritage," so the potluck food came from all over the world. Some people wore clothing representing the country of their ancestors. Activities included a jumpy house, balloon animals and chalk art, with snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn for the kids. The group appreciated a visit from Los Altos councilmembers Sally Meadows and Larry Lang.

Past Casita block parties have included a tiki bar, relay races, multiple home-grown tomato varieties for salsa tasting, costume parades near Halloween, a magic show by a local family and more. Live music was also available courtesy of members of Fully Funded, a classic rock band that started in the neighborhood and which performs regularly at Los Altos First Fridays and other venues.



COURTESY OF VIVIEN D'ANDREA

People gather for fun and talk at the 30th annual block party Aug. 23 for the Casita Court and Casita Way neighborhood.

**Have a comment or idea? Reach out**

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## Tomato tasting event at Hidden Villa brings out best



COURTESY OF HIDDEN VILLA

Hidden Villa board chair Cynthia Ulman and executive director Elliot Wright, above, try tomatoes at the Hidden Villa tomato tasting event Friday. The 16th annual event allowed guests to try different tomato types all grown at Hidden Villa. The winning tomato type was The Wrestler, above left, a Hidden Villa original bred in 2008 that crosses the Striped German and Marmande. The Wrestler is named for Micky Rourke's character in the movie of the same name.

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# Stepping Out

## TheatreWorks' 'Little Women' writes history on stage

By Brandon Roth  
Staff Writer/brandonr@latc.com

Louisa May Alcott wrote "Little Women" to celebrate the small feats women had following the Civil War period. Many women were not honored as heroes during this time and were not provided the recognition they deserved as the talented, hard-working people that they were.

The TheatreWorks' version is from Lauren Gunderson, a Bay Area playwright known for credits such as "Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley," "The Revolutionists" and "The Half-Life of Marie Curie." She created this story to examine the context of the story from Alcott's perspective, showing her on stage and acting as the narrator who shows the inspirations for each member of the Marsh family – her actual sister and mother.

Elissa Beth Stibbins, who

played both the story's author and Jo Marsh, the savvy sister known to be good with words and to write brilliant stories. Stibbins' characters are similar; they drive the story forward and were inspirations to their sisters for achieving what they wanted out of life.

The other Marsh sisters all had their own interests: Meg (Emily Ota), the oldest sister, enjoyed the simpler life and chose marriage over a possible career; Beth (Lauren Hart), a homebody who enjoyed entertaining her family with her piano; and Sharon Shao (Amy), an artist who romanticized life. All the sisters chose a path that suited them and everyone respected how they wanted to live. Everyone understood the rules of society and found a niche where they could support each other in their endeavors.

Although this play is similar in fashion to a typical romance story where Jo may have a possible



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From left, Meg (Emily Ota), Amy (Sharon Shao), Marmee (Cathleen Riddley), Jo (Elissa Beth Stibbins) and Beth (Lauren Hart) are a happy family in TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's World Premiere of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," performing Sept. 24 - Oct. 12.

match with Laurie (Max Tachis), there is a second act in this story that shows Jo taking risks that no one in her family suspects her of taking. Gunderson's version of this story celebrates the many

occasions of life and learning how to overcome every obstacle society tries to trap one in. The show demonstrates that when a family sticks together, they can achieve anything they dream of.

"Little Women" will be performing at TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. For information on ticket prices and dates, visit [theatreworks.org/mainstage/season-55](http://theatreworks.org/mainstage/season-55).



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# Schools

## Now's the time to get ready for the college application season

By Hollis Bischoff

Here are some of the most commonly asked questions during the college application season.

- Should I go for an “easier” major to get into a college and transfer to the major I really want, after I get admitted?

There are a number of majors that are harder to get into and are even harder to transfer into for most colleges: business, computer science, engineering, nursing and portfolio majors (architecture, art, film, performing arts). For these majors, there are specific entry requirements that universities are looking for such as coursework and related extracurricular activities. Many of the schools have gone to a “pre” major admission and intentionally overenroll to ensure that all seats in that major are filled, making transferring into the program virtually impossible. So playing the transfer game could be very risky business.

Additionally, business, computer science and engineer-



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ing jobs are being significantly impacted by the advancement of AI, especially impacting entry-level jobs. Apply to these programs with caution, select double majors or minors which will enhance employability and potential shift to a different career after graduation.

- When is the best time to submit an application? Is earlier better?

With a few rare exceptions for rolling admissions schools, there is no advantage to submitting an application months in advance. For rolling admissions schools (Arizona State, University of Oregon, for example), if an application is received prior to Nov. 1, applicants will often receive a decision within seven days. This is a great way to test the completeness of the application.

There is however, one possible wrong time to submit an application, especially in the pacific time zone. Anytime after 9:01 p.m. on the due date can potentially be problematic, as the Common Application servers are located in eastern time zone, and have the potential to be time stamped as a day late.

It is, however, usually recommended to submit between one

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to two weeks before the deadline to avoid possible system outages (as has happened the last nine out of 10 years), and to allow time to match supporting materials to the application before the actual deadline.

- When are the earliest deadlines for early action?

While the most common early action deadlines are Nov. 1 and Nov. 15, there are about a dozen schools with an Oct. 15 early action deadline, including Clemson, Georgia Tech, US Coast Guard Academy, University of Georgia, UNC Chapel Hill and, new this year, University of Texas, Austin.

- When do my supporting materials (transcripts, letters of recommendation, test scores, portfolios, resumes, etc.) need to be received by the college?

There is no universal answer for this question. Most colleges

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## Beating procrastination: Discomfort is normal

By Beth Wolff

Ah, the myth of willpower. If willpower reliably worked for procrastination, we could just deploy it as needed, right? But procrastination is complex. When a task stirs up discomfort, fear or unfamiliarity, the survival or lizard part of our brains perceives a threat. To “avoid danger” we run to safety and familiarity: scrolling, YouTube-ing, snacking, etc.

“I just feel so much pressure to get As and there’s so much homework that I just can’t concentrate sometimes,” Daniel, a student at Los Altos High School, said. “Then I go do something that is just a time-waster and I always regret it!”

While there are many reasons for procrastination, a common one is to avoid perceived discomfort.

For example:

- This work is hard, I don’t feel like concentrating right now.
- I’m not in the mood to do something “unfun” right now. I need to be in the mood.

### Building Motivation

- I can’t deal with how boring it’s going to be. I’ll do it later.

- I’m feeling all comfy right now, I don’t want to give that up.

- I want to get it done really quickly and since I know it won’t be quick I’m not going to start it.

- This is going to require too much effort, I’ll do it when I have more energy.

- I feel like a puppet, I want to do things that I choose or when I choose to do them.

Sarah Lesser, a counselor and therapist at Kehillah High School, works with students to help them identify what they are avoiding.

“It’s always worse in their minds than it is once they talk it through and recognize that it’s not as hard as they imagine,” Lesser said. “The only way out is through and facing whatever it is that is causing the anxiety is our best method for dealing with anxiety.”

If you stop and really think

about it, it’s not actually the experience of discomfort, but our rigid beliefs about discomfort. For any task, we can choose one of three attitudes:

- I must want to do or be comfortable doing a task.

- It would be nice if I experienced comfort during the task. Comfort is desirable, but not mandatory.

- I don’t care whether all the right conditions exist, or if I’m comfortable or uncomfortable doing the task, I’ll do it anyway.

Rigid beliefs about having conditions “just right” make us vulnerable to procrastination. For example, let’s say at some point you become “in the mood” to write that essay. So you start it. But then in 10 minutes, you think of something, your mood changes and you’re not in the right mood anymore. If you believe you must be in the mood to write that essay, and those “just-right” conditions change, that essay may never get written or you’ll write it in a rush at the last minute, costing you quality.



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Any form of discomfort such as work, responsibilities and stress are all triggers for procrastination.

Once you do a little self-reflection, you can choose to procrastinate or tolerate the discomfort. If you choose to face the discomfort, the first step doesn’t have to be huge, it just has to be real. Even two minutes of “discomfort” shifts you from stuck to moving.

Now you’re making progress!

You feel relieved and proud. And then ... discomfort bubbles up again. Pause and think before quitting. Maybe just a movement break or a little self-compassion or a deep breath can be a reset. Or not. Maybe it is still just hard

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and uncomfortable. First validate yourself: “Yes, brain, this is cognitively demanding and definitely less enjoyable than gaming.”

Then, non-judgmentally challenge your avoidance a little: “I feel uncomfortable, but that’s normal for doing hard, worthwhile things. Boring things are part of life and I want to keep my promise to myself that I’d do this.

And how painful is it actually? How much of this discomfort could I stand – two minutes? Seven minutes? While it would be nice to be in the mood for it, I can tolerate it because it’s worth it. I can acknowledge and feel the discomfort and still tackle the work. And finally, what law says I have to be free of discomfort?”

Pausing, reflecting and choosing yourself is not about becoming a willpower superhero. It’s about thinking about your thinking

to stay connected to yourself, your values and goals. It’s about deciding to tolerate discomfort and expecting that it’s part of the process. The more you lean into even tiny steps, being stuck feels a lot less sticky.

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## Foothill Hall of Fame



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have a grace period of approximately one week after the official deadline to continue to receive documents. Some universities offer more time, but there are some institutions that require all documents to be received by the deadline (especially in the early rounds) in order to be considered complete for admission reviews. These include, but are not limited to University of Michigan, University of Central Florida, Purdue, Amherst College and University of Connecticut.

- Do I have to wait to match all my supporting documents before submitting my application itself?

No, in fact, you should submit as soon as you have completed the application and reviewed it in detail. Supporting documents will then be matched to the application for each school. This can take a week or more depending on how each college updates its systems.

- What should I be doing after

I’ve submitted my applications?

After pushing the submission button, first breathe a sigh of relief. Then check your emails, including spam. Each college will send you a confirmation email, which includes access to their portal. Colleges check whether you have read the email, clicked on any links, and whether you have created a portal account. Lack of doing so could cause the college to cancel your application (as has happened with students whose application is incomplete and they have not registered into each portal to find out why).

Because of privacy laws, colleges will not be able to tell you directly if anything is incomplete, missing or incorrect without going through their portals. It is important that you check each school regularly until the application is marked complete.

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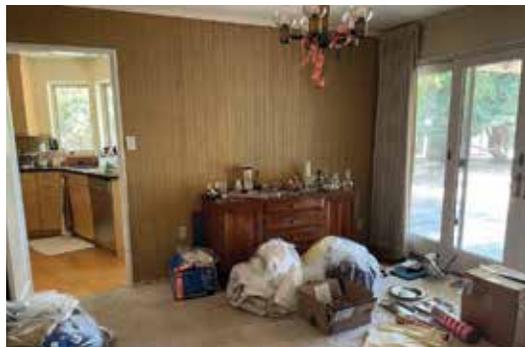
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# Sports

## Los Altos football falls in league opener

By Curtis Driscoll  
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**A** tough and determined Terra Nova proved too much for Los Altos on Homecoming night in a shut-out 27-0 loss in the first league game of the season.

Terra Nova started brightly from the opening kickoff, surprising Los Altos with an onside kick recovery at mid-field and driving 14 plays to score on its opening drive. Two quick three-and-outs for the Eagles in the first half led to scoring opportunities for the Tigers, culminating in a 20-0 lead at halftime. Terra Nova moved a league down this season from the PAL Ocean Division to the PAL El Camino and looked the part in taking down Los Altos, with Los Altos head coach Mark Adams noting Terra Nova was one of the hardest teams on its league schedule.

“I think we’ve got to keep practicing hard and get back to basic fundamentals,” Adams said after the game. “I think we just put ourselves in bad positions and that’s coaches and players.”

Los Altos was able to put together more expansive drives in the third and fourth quarters but still could not score. Los Altos entered the red zone in the second half but was unable to score points due to turnovers and failed conversions on third and fourth downs.

“We just couldn’t get ourselves going,” Adams said.

Terra Nova added another touchdown in the third quarter thanks to a 40-yard run from running back Austin Snead to make it 27-0.

Los Altos (0-5) will travel to play Santa Clara tomorrow at 7 p.m. Terra Nova (3-2) hosts South San Francisco Friday at 7 p.m.



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Los Altos running back Gavin Wu looks to find space against the Terra Nova defense Friday in a 27-0 loss in the first league game of the season.

## Mountain View gets comeback win against Carlmont



ALAN HWANG/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The Mountain View football team scored 21 points in the fourth quarter to to beat Carlmont 35-28 in the first league game of the season for both teams in the PAL De Anza Division. Carlmont (1-4) had a 21-14 lead entering the fourth quarter before Mountain View (2-3) overpowered Carlmont. Junior running back Dom Kristof, right, and senior running back Sam Ford both scored for the Spartans in the fourth quarter.

## Prep Sports Summary

### Football

The St. Francis football team beat Bellarmine 56-17 Friday. Loa Tuileila had 11 carries for 126 yards rushing and one touchdown. Quarterback Drew Cumby threw for three touchdowns. St. Francis (1-4) will play Mitty this Friday.

### Girls volleyball

The Los Altos girls volleyball team beat Los Gatos 3-1 Oct. 1 to remain undefeated in SCVAL De Anza Division league play. Los Altos (13-4) now has a two-game lead over Palo Alto in the league standings. Los Altos has won six games in a row.

Mountain View(4-7) lost to Monta Vista 3-1 and is now 1-5 in league play.

St. Francis (14-7) beat Sacred Heart Cathedral 3-0 Sept. 30.

## Los Altos golf leader recognized for work

Town Crier Report

**S**teven Spatafore, director of agronomy at Los Altos Golf and Country Club, has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Emerging Leader Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The Emerging Leader Award recognizes someone in the industry who has been a superintendent with less than five years of experience or a student, associate member or assistant superintendent who displays continuous growth in service and leadership, according to the GCSAA.

“To be recognized for doing what I love is truly special,” Spatafore said in a statement. “I share this award with my team members, who work hard every single day, and with my

mentors who always encouraged my participation in the GCSAA.”

Spatafore has been the director of agronomy of Los Altos Golf and Country Club since June. He previously served as superintendent at Contra Costa Country Club for nearly five years before coming to Los Altos and is a member and past president of the Northern California Golf Course Superintendents Association. He became a GCSAA member 11 years ago as a student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and had several summer internships before serving as a assistant-in-training at Pebble Beach Resorts. The GCSAA is a golf organization for people who manage golf courses worldwide, with 20,000 members in 78 countries.



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Steven Spatafore was selected for the 2026 Emerging Leader Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

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## Dishes drenched in remembrance

### Silicon Valley Sips

By Christine Moore

October is a month of memory-infused cooking for me. It is harvest season in the fields and in my heart as I bring loved ones and past times to life through food. A recipe's capacity to hold events and lives is a primary reason I so love cooking. There are times when I feel myself moving my hands just as my mom would have when making one of her recipes. These moments fill me with deep connection and comfort.

My nostalgic mood aligns with the current temperament of the natural world, where the toil of months of growth gives way to release and rest. Strolls in my neighborhood offer the setting to languish in the letting go of autumn and plan dishes that bring loved ones to my mind and to my table.

### Celebrating the flavors of the autumn

In my 20s, I had a talented and hilarious friend named John. He was real and righteous; he was also battling a recurrence of colon cancer. With his diagnosis uncom-

mon for a man in his early 30s, John and his wife decided to leave the Bay Area to be nearer to family. We hosted a going away dinner that was equal parts indulgent and cancer-fighting.

I created this butternut squash soup recipe for that evening. I've been making it ever since and happily conjuring up memories of John and his wife when I do. When I made it for a recent ladies' poker party, it received rave reviews. John would have approved of the warming bowls of soup and my latest foyer into light gambling.

In more recent years, I've learned of the benefits of adding a strip of kombu – a dark-brown seaweed – from cancer cooking phenom Rebecca Katz.

### John's butternut squash soup

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, roughly chopped
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 granny smith apple, peeled, cored and roughly chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
- 1 (3-pound) butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cubed
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled and grated
- 1-2 tablespoons maple syrup



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Well into the fall, we make use of harvest ingredients to feed our community. By making soups or salad, we can stimulate old memories while creating new ones.

- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garam masala powder
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cups vegetable broth

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## 4 everyday ways to keep your brain sharp

### Family Features

Staying in shape goes beyond physical fitness – keeping your brain health top of mind is crucial for your overall well-being, too. To sharpen your mind, consider these everyday ways for prioritizing brain health.

### Stimulate your mind

While exercising typically refers to running, walking or biking, remember you can give your brain a workout as

well. Provide a boost for your brain with easy and enjoyable activities like reading, puzzles, math games like sudoku or artistic challenges such as drawing or crafting.

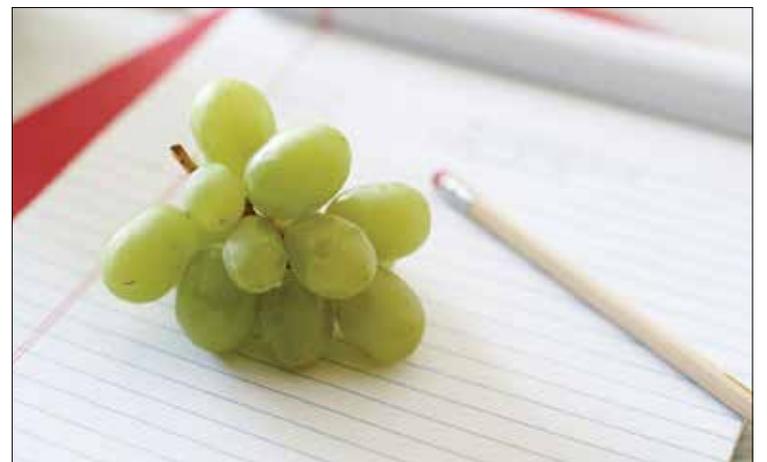
### Eat healthy foods

Establishing a strong foundation for brain health can start in the kitchen by preparing healthy foods. Adding whole grains, fish, legumes, healthy fats and fruits and vegetables, including grapes

and leafy greens, can encourage better brain wellness.

Research suggests grapes help maintain a healthy brain. UCLA researchers, in a human study of elderly subjects with mild cognitive decline, found consuming 2 1/4 cups of grapes every day preserved healthy metabolic activity in regions of the brain associated with early-stage Alzheimer's disease.

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Healthy foods, such as grapes, are beneficial ingredients that can help boost brain health.

# Food & Wine

## HEALTH

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This walnut sunflower-crusted salmon with honey-lemon grapes is a flavor-packed way to add California grapes to the menu while simultaneously supporting brain and heart health. Salmon, rich in omega-3s, is

topped with a crunchy walnut-sunflower seed crust for a savory, nutty bite. Pair with juicy grapes and onions marinated in honey and lemon for a burst of sweetness and tang to balance the rich salmon in this nutritious meal.

### Prioritize mental health

Reducing anxiety may be easier said than done, but it starts with healthy everyday habits. Practice mindfulness by meditating or simply turning off distractions like social media. Get outside for fresh air or find a hobby you enjoy. Join a support group, reach out to loved ones and, if you feel you're experiencing negative mental health systems, talk with a mental health professional.

### Exercise regularly

Physical activities that increase your heart rate also increase blood flow to the brain and throughout your body. It doesn't have to be rigorous or strenuous – go for a walk around the neighborhood, dance in the living room, tend to your garden or enjoy a bike ride when the weather cooperates. Remember to replenish your energy and hydration – California grapes are an easy way to deliver both.

## Walnut sunflower-crusted salmon with honey-lemon grapes

Serves 4

Honey-lemon marinated grapes:

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 3 cups halved red grapes
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 small handful arugula

### Salmon:

- 3/4 cup walnuts, chopped
- 2 tablespoons roasted, unsalted sunflower seeds
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 teaspoons spicy brown or Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 4 salmon fillets (6 ounces each)

Heat oven to 350 F and line baking sheet with parch-

ment paper or lightly oiled foil.

To make honey-lemon marinated grapes: In medium bowl, whisk oil, lemon juice, honey, basil, salt and pepper, to taste. Stir in grapes, onion and arugula; set aside.

To prepare salmon: In small bowl, stir walnuts, sunflower seeds, honey, mustard and salt until thick paste forms.

Place salmon on prepared baking sheet, skin side down, and press equal amounts walnut mixture over surface of each. Bake 20 minutes, or until salmon flakes easily with fork.

Set salmon on plates; using slotted spoon, spoon marinated grape and onion mixture over salmon and around plates.

*For more information on the connection between grapes and heart health, as well as more nutritious recipes, visit [tinyurl.com/yun8rrrb](http://tinyurl.com/yun8rrrb).*



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# Food & Wine

## SALAD

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- 1 6-inch strip of kombu

Heat a large Dutch oven or other soup pot over medium on stove. Add olive oil. When it begins to shimmer, add diced onions. Season with salt and cook until translucent, 6-8 minutes. Add chopped apple and butternut squash. Stir well so that all ingredients are mixed. Sauté for 3 minutes and then add garlic and ginger. Sauté for 1 minute, then add curry powder, garam masala, paprika, red pepper flakes and black pepper. Add vegetable broth and maple syrup and stir. Finally, add kombu. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook on low for 20-30 minutes. Remove and discard the kombu. Use an immersion blender to puree until smooth (or working in batches, blend in standing blender).

Serve with crème fraiche and toasted pepita seeds.

My second favorite sen-

timental meal is chicken roasted atop stale bread and served over a salad. Believe me, croutons made this way are some of the best you'll ever have.

The inspiration came from years gone by when Sunday dinner meant the entire family and various gathered guests – usually some teenage friends of my kids – gathered around our dining table.

I would make something different each week, but a standout was always the Sundays when I served a mini-Thanksgiving dinner. Roasted chicken rather than turkey, but always stuffing on the side.

With fewer diners around my table these days, this version, made with chicken breasts as opposed to a whole bird, gives me all the flavors and all of the memories wrapped up in a more dinner-for-two appropriate size.

The idea of roasting the

chicken atop stale bread is inspired by the roasted iconic chicken served at Zuni Café in San Francisco, which is served beside an incredible bread salad.

### Harvest roast chicken salad

- 2 bone-in, skin-on chicken breasts
- Handful of fresh thyme sprigs
- Three garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1-2 teaspoons of olive oil or butter
- 3-4 slices stale bread
- Sea salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon crème fraiche

Preheat oven to 425 F. Season chicken well with salt and pepper. Place garlic under the skin of chicken. Lightly oil the bread slices

and then place in shallow roasting pan. Lay thyme sprigs atop of bread. Then lay chicken breast over. Drizzle the crème fraiche over the chicken and spread out to fully cover both pieces.

Roast for 35-40 minutes or until skin is golden brown and internal temperature reaches 165 degrees. Remove chicken from roasting pan and set aside to rest. Remove toasted bread and cut into large croutons.

When chicken has rested – 10 minutes or so, remove skin and chop into pieces. Assemble salad and top with chicken, dressing and croutons.

### Salad

- 2 cups of arugula
- 3 cups salad greens of choice

(I like butter lettuce for this)

- 1 large, ripe nectarine (or use pear or apple as the seasons change)

- 1 cup garbanzo beans
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta

### Shallot vinaigrette

- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 large shallot, finely diced
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1-2 tablespoons of water

Place vinegar and diced shallots in a bowl. Allow to sit for a few minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and stir well, until fully incorporated. Dress salad just before serving.

*Christine Moore is a Mountain View resident. To read more food and drink tips from her, visit [writeyum.com](http://writeyum.com).*

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# Business & Real Estate

## Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market season ends this week



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTOS

This week is the last chance for community members to enjoy the Los Altos Farmers' Market, like those above are pictured doing during the 2023 season. There's a variety of produce to choose from, right, at the family-friendly event.

### Last market date slated for Thursday: Don't miss out

By Christina Casillas

Staff Writer/christinac@latc.com

An eventful downtown Los Altos farmers market season is coming to an end. This week is the last chance for residents to promenade down State Street, purchase from vendors and enjoy the last remnants of summer as the days grow shorter and the wind grows chilly.

The last market is scheduled for 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

The Downtown Los Altos Farmers'

Market is a collaboration between the Los Altos Village Association and the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association. From May to October, the market brings farmstand-fresh vegetables and fruits, flowers and plants, fresh goods and hot foods to State Street. A beloved tradition, any given Thursday during the farmers market season is bustling with people shopping for fresh produce.

*For more on the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market, visit [downtownlosaltos.org/event/downtown-los-altos-farmers-market/](https://downtownlosaltos.org/event/downtown-los-altos-farmers-market/). For a full list of vendors, visit [pcfma.org/market/downtown-los-altos-farmers-market/](https://pcfma.org/market/downtown-los-altos-farmers-market/).*



## Transactions

### Los Altos

124 2nd Street #5, Iwasaki Trust to A. & Y. Woo for \$2,600,000

1 West Edith Avenue #B208, Bliss Trust to D. McCracken for \$2,988,000

1881 Alford Avenue, R. Baker to Sf23L LLC for \$3,500,000

2040 Longden Circle, Vandyck Living Trust to M. & C. Krist for \$3,997,500

1671 Ben Roe Drive, Roe Trust to Varun Family Trust for \$4,651,000

688 Kingswood Way, Brenneman Family Trust to Z. Zheng for \$5,200,000

390 Cherry Avenue, N. Survivors to L. & E. Alae for \$5,500,000

1068 Riverside Drive, 1074 Riverside Dr LLC to K. & W. Hu for \$6,880,000

356 Covington Road, Schachter Family Trust to Kim Family Trust for \$10,400,000  
25893 West Fremont Road, Starfire Trust to Huang Trust for \$14,800,000

### Los Altos Hills

27586 Moody Road, Greene Susan C 2013 Trust Of to E. & P. Su for \$1,300,000

13038 Vista Del Valle Court, Watkins Trust to C. & H. Ma for \$3,500,000  
27655 Black Mountain Road, N. Lofts to Y. and W. Tan for \$5,069,000

11650 Dawson Drive, Chu Family Trust to D. & Q. Chen for \$5,600,000

### Mountain View

650 Alamo Court #6, L. &

R. Zambon to M. & D. Doiset for \$480,000

50 East Middlefield Road #17, M. Survivors to L. & H. Thai for \$525,000

99 East Middlefield Road #37, Yi Living Trust to R. Sheth for \$820,000

1913 West Middlefield Road, Ayala Living Trust to Reliance Realty Partners LLC for \$1,550,000

### Cupertino

20173 Northcrest Square, S. Saha to J. & V. Sankaranarayanan for \$1,228,000

21697 Lomita Avenue, J. Ka to K. & K. Thirunavukkarasu for \$1,270,000

20488 Stevens Creek Boulevard #2301, P. Lee to P. Wang for \$1,285,000

8107 Hyannisport Drive, Francoeur Trust to X. & S.

Zhou for \$3,739,000

### Total Sales Los Altos

Total sales: 10  
Lowest sale: \$2,600,000  
Highest sale: \$14,800,000  
Average sale: \$6,051,700

### Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 4  
Lowest sale: \$1,300,000  
Highest sale: \$5,600,000  
Average sale: \$3,867,300

### Mountain View

Total sales: 4  
Lowest sale: \$480,000  
Highest sale: \$1,550,000  
Average sale: \$843,800

### Cupertino

Total sales: 4  
Lowest sale: \$1,228,000  
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Average sale: \$1,880,500

*Transaction info is from public record and provided by CalREsource.*

### Have a comment or idea? Reach out

If you have an idea for Business and Real Estate or would like to comment on its content, email section editor Christina Casillas at [christinac@latc.com](mailto:christinac@latc.com).



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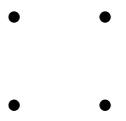
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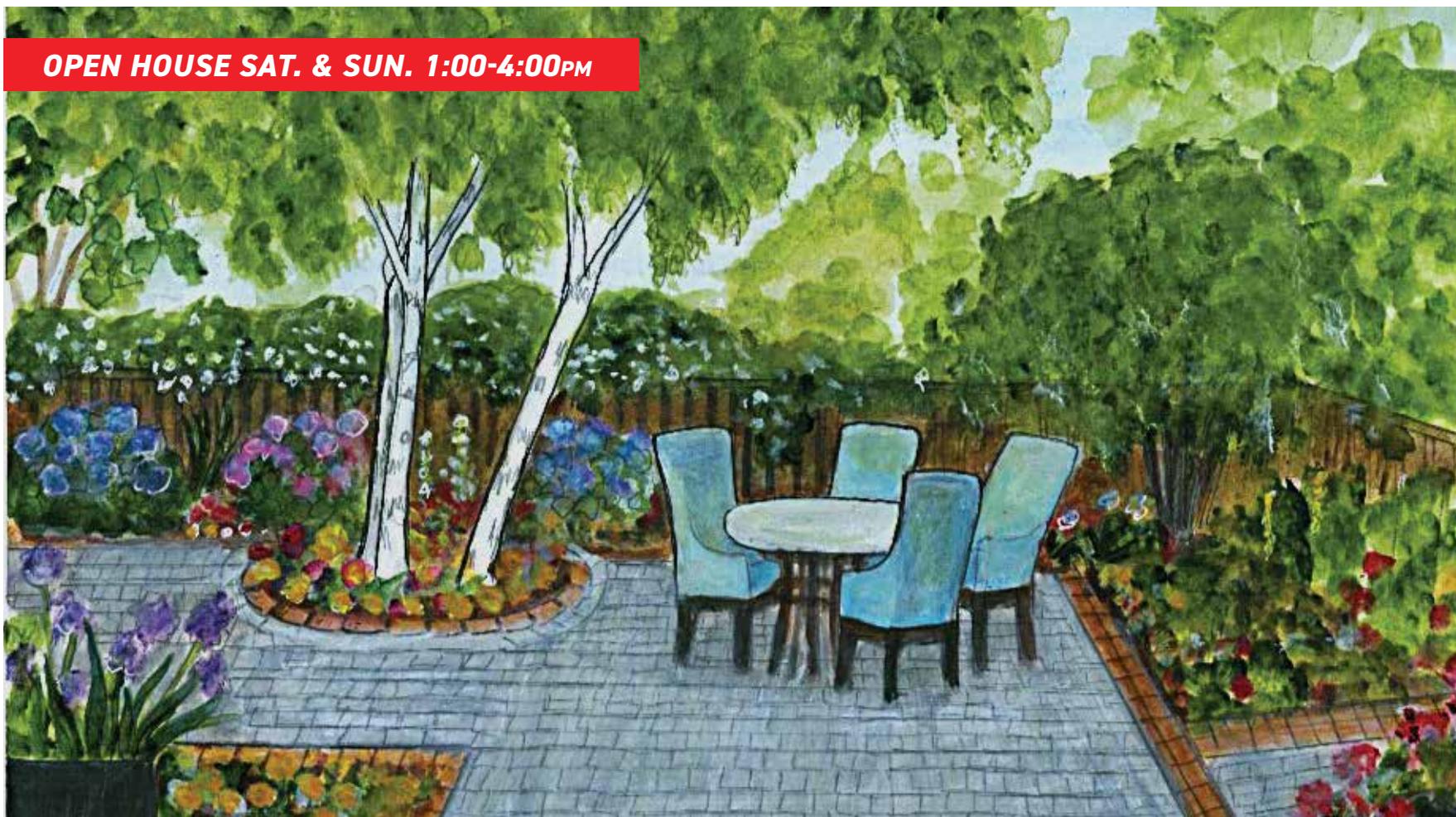
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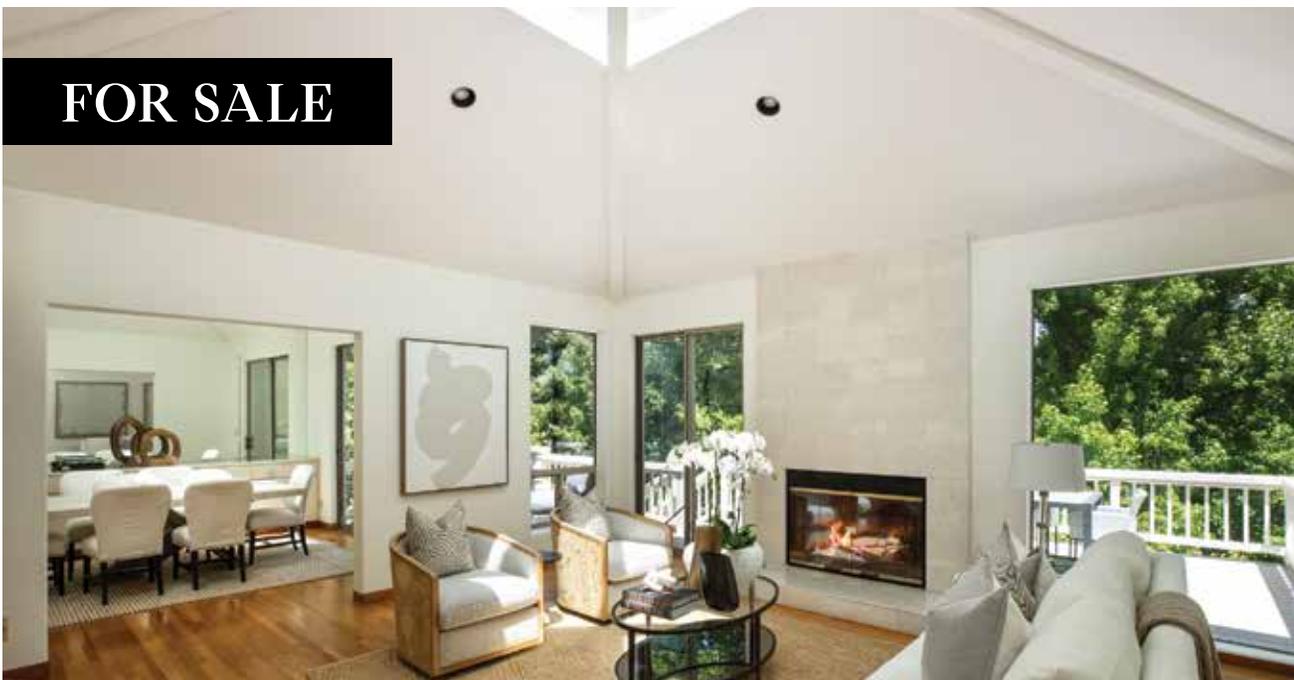
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# Public Notices

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

### ON-CALL SANITARY SEWER SPOT REPAIRS AND CCTV INSPECTION SERVICES

FY 2025-2026

CITY OF LOS ALTOS  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY,  
CALIFORNIA

**1. Description of Work:** The City of Los Altos, Santa Clara County, California, invites sealed bids for furnishing labor, material and equipment required to complete the project in the particular locations, of the forms, sizes and dimensions and of the materials and to the lines and grades and at the elevations as shown and delineated upon the plans and specifications made therefor. The following information is presented to indicate the size of the project and no warranty is made or intended to final quantities:

The work shall consist of providing on-call repair services to the City's sanitary sewer system on an as-needed basis, as directed by the Sewer Supervisor or their designated representative. Services may include, but are not limited to, the replacement of 4-inch to 8-inch sanitary sewer laterals and mains at various depths, pipe bursting of 4-inch laterals up to and exceeding 46 linear feet, and closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection of sanitary sewer mains ranging from 6-inch to 18-inch in diameter, including cleaning as required to facilitate inspection. All work shall be performed in accordance with the City's standard details and specifications. The scope and quantity of work will vary and may not be fully defined prior to starting of work.

Award of one (1) not-to-exceed \$174,000 contract will be based on the Summary of Bid Total.

**2. Location of Work:** All of said work is to be done at various locations throughout the City of Los Altos. Some parts of the City of Los Altos' sanitary sewer system are located in other jurisdictions (e.g., County of Santa Clara, Town of Los Altos Hills, City of Mountain View and City of Palo Alto).

**3. Contract Documents:** Bids must be submitted on the City's bid forms. A copy of the plans (half-size) and specifications shall be obtained from the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California, 94022 for a non-refundable fee of **Sixty Dollars (\$60)** or visit the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids to download the PDF file(s) (<https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home>). Copies may also be inspected at the office of the City Engineer. To the extent required by Public Contract Code section 20103.7, the City will also make the Contract Documents available for review at one or more plan rooms.

**4. Labor Compliance.** Pursuant to paragraph 7-1.01A, Labor Code Requirements, of the General Provisions in these specifications, Contractor is required to comply with California Labor Code Section 1770, et seq. This Code requires the Contractor to pay their workers based on prevailing wage rates established and issued by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor and Statistics and Research.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors or subcontractors bidding on public works projects must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

**5. Pre-bid Site Review:** A pre-bid conference is not scheduled for this project. Prospective bidders are directed to Section 2-1.03 of the Standard Specifications regarding examination of the site of work.

**6. Contractor's License:** The Contractor is required to have a **Class A or a combination of Class C-34 and C-42 License** for this work. All bidders shall be licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California to do the type of work contemplated in the project.

**7. Bid Bond:** A bid bond that can be verified as authentic pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.311 is required.

a. Amount of Bid Bond. The bid bond shall be ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

b. Delivery date. The Bid bond shall be submitted to the City before the latest date and time for Bid submittal.

c. Form of Bid Bond. Bid Bonds shall be submitted to the City in cash, a certified or cashier's check, an ORIGINAL paper bid bond, or an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond) executed and verified by an admitted surety in favor of the City.

d. E-bond platform requirements. In the event the Bidder elects to submit an Electronic Bid Bond (e-Bond), a bid will be considered complete only if the applicant:

i. Obtains an E-Bonds issued by Surety2000 <http://www.surety2000.com> or Tinubu <https://www.tinubu.com/ebonding> platforms; and,

ii. Uploads the E-Bond in pdf form to the PlanetBids portal as a General Attachment. E-Bonds from other e-Bond platforms will not be accepted. Bidders are solely responsible for completing Surety2000 or Tinubu registration, and payment of associated fees and charges. The City is not responsible to Bidders for (i) Surety2000 or Tinubu acts or omissions; (ii) the completeness or timely verification of the authenticity of the issued e-Bond; or (iii) any other errors by third parties in the issuance of the e-Bond.

e. Purpose of Bid Bond. In the event

that the successful Bidder fails or refuses to enter into the Contract awarded to it, the bid bond shall be retained by the City and applied to any damages sustained by the City.

**8. Location of Bid Submittal and Date and Time of Opening:** The City accepts electronic submittal of bids only. Bids shall be submitted electronically to the City's bids and vendor management portal hosted by PlanetBids at <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home> on or before

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025, AT 2 PM**

The PlanetBids contract ID for this project is (ON-CALL SANITARY SEWER SPOT REPAIRS AND CCTV INSPECTION SERVICES). The Bidder's PlanetBids vendor identification number may also be necessary for the Bidder's Security. Each Bid received before the Bid submittal due date will be automatically opened and unsealed by PlanetBids at the time of the Bid deadline. Bids received after the Bid submittal due date will be rejected. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the Bid opening date. Bid results (not verified) will be published.

**9. Payment & Performance Bonds:** The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the City with a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of the successful Bid, prior to execution of the Contract.

All bonds are to be secured from a surety that meets all of the State of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and is admitted by the State of California. The cost of said bonds shall be included in the Bid amount.

**10. Award of Contract:** Said bids will be presented to and considered by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting. The City shall award the Contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder on the basis of the Total Bid. In the event of any discrepancy between extended and unit prices as set forth in the bidder's bid schedule (i.e., the bidder's extended price does not equal the unit price multiplied by the applicable quantity), the City shall use the unit price to recompute the extended price and bid totals accordingly, and the re-computed amounts shall be used as the basis of determining the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. In the event of a significant discrepancy between unit and extended prices, the City reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to reject the bid as nonresponsive.

**11. Time of Completion of Work:** The work shall be completed and ready for full use as directed by the City.

**12. Substitution of Securities:** Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by City to ensure performance under the Contract.

**13. Rights of the City:** The City reserves the right to cancel the project, and to reject any or all bids if not satisfied as to the price for the work or the responsibility of the bidder. The City

also reserves the right to waive any informalities according to law.

**14. Project Administration:** All questions relative to this project prior to the opening of bids shall be in writing submitted through the PlanetBids portal no later than five (5) business days from the bid due date and time.

Special direction is directed to Section 2 of the General Provisions for full directions as to bidding.

Dated: 09/30/2025

/s/ Junjie (Jane) Hou, P.E.  
Senior Civil Engineer  
(10-08,15,22,29-25)

**246-T**

### PELICANROV FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN720084

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PELICANROV, 298 Adeline Pl, Unit 5, San Jose, CA, 95136, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): William Ruizhi Wang, 298 Adeline Pl, Unit 5, San Jose, CA 95136. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/24/2025.

/s/ William Ruizhi Wang / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/08/2025. (10-08,15,22,29-25)

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### CALLIGRAPHY WINES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN720062

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: CALLIGRAPHY WINES, 264 State Street, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): GORTHY-CHALLA VINEYARDS, LLC, 3005 Blucher Valley Rd, Sebastopol, CA 95472. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/24/2025.

/s/ Srivatsava Gorthy / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/26/2025. (10-08,15,22,29-25)

**244-T**

### JOHAN'S PIZZA LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN720000

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: JOHAN'S PIZZA LLC, 30 Pickford Ave, San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): JOHAN'S PIZZA LLC, 30 Pickford Ave, San Jose, CA 95112. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/22/2025.

/s/ Johan David Diaz Martinez / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/24/2025. (10-08,15,22,29-25)

**243-T**

### Legal Notice

T-Mobile is proposing to modify a telecommunications facility collocated on a wood utility pole located within a public right-of-way (ROW) at an approximate address 12051 Stonebrook Drive, Los Altos Hills, Santa Clara County, CA 94022 (Latitude 37° 21 07.62" N, Longitude 122° 07' 19.06" W). Associated support equipment will be routed to a new power pedestal mounted on a concrete pad and to a proposed concrete equipment pad placed within the right-of-way to the northeast of the utility pole. An underground fiber/utility easement is also proposed. Eocene Environmental Group is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking or with questions on the facility should contact Eocene, Attn: Telecommunications Department, 8951 Windsor Parkway, Johnston, IA 50131 or call 515-473-6256 (Ref. T-Mobile TrILA #2211-AM). (10-08-25)

**242-T**

### GOLDENLEAF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN720043

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: GOLDENLEAF, 780 Teatree Ct, San Jose, CA, 95128, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): QUICKBAR LLC, 738 Cutting Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/24/2025.

/s/ Ricky Ho / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/25/2025. (10-08,15,22,29-25)

**241-T**

### AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES R. DOTY CASE NO. 25PR200724

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MAN-WAH WANG YING. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARIA ZHDANOVICH-DOTY in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARIA ZHDANOVICH-DOTY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will

allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/29/2025 at 9:01AM in Dept. 1 located at 191 NORTH FIRST ST., SAN JOSE, CA 95113 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner JANET L. BREWER - SBN 74181 LAW OFFICE OF JANET L. BREWER 4 MAIN STREET, SUITE 20 LOS ALTOS CA 94022 Telephone (650) 325-8276 10/1, 10/8, 10/15/25 CNS-3971495# LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER (10-01,08,15-25)

**239-T**

### TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL

#### MOMENTUM RAGZ FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN719908

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MOMENTUM RAGZ, 10981 Acacia Way, Cupertino, CA, 95014, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: married couple. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Robert Murray, 10981 Acacia Way, Cupertino, CA 95014, Nicole Murray, 10981 Acacia Way, Cupertino, CA 95014. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/19/2025.

/s/ Robert Murray / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/19/2025. (10-01,08,15,22-25)

**237-T**

# Public Notices

**GAME SET PARTY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719375**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) GAME SET PARTY, (2) ACE AND OLIVE, 701 Vine Street, San Jose, CA, 95110, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Parija Maloo, 4355 Renaissance Dr., Apt 206, San Jose, CA 95134. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/01/2025. /S/ Parija Maloo / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/02/2025. (10-01,08,15,22-25)

**236-T**

**JOYROMANCE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719836**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: JOYROMANCE, 316 Costello Dr, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Kimberly Joy Silver, 316 Costello Dr, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Kimberly Joy Silver / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/17/2025. (10-01,08,15,22-25)

**235-T**

**VISTA DEVELOPMENT GROUP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719873**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: VISTA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, 4546 B10 El Camino Real #304, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SOLID STATE HOLDINGS, LLC, 4546 B10 El Camino Real #304, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/12/2017. /S/ Kurt Hetzel / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/18/2025. (10-01,08,15,22-25)

**234-T**

**UTILITY ASSET SOLUTIONS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719887**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: UTILITY ASSET SOLUTIONS, 1185 Audrey Avenue, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): KCCT INC, 1185 Audrey Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Kevin Salazar / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/19/2025. (10-01,08,15,22-25)

**233-T**

**SOCIAL THINKING PUBLISHING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719668**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) SOCIAL THINKING PUBLISHING, (2) SOCIAL THINKING, (3) THINK SOCIAL PUBLISHING INC., 1901 S Bascom Ave Ste 340, Campbell, CA, 95008, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): THINK SOCIAL PUBLISHING INC., 1901 S Bascom Ave Ste 340, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/11/2006. /S/ Pamela Crooke / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/11/2025. (09-24-25,10-01,08,15-25)

**231-T**

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
PETITION OF JOE QUANG  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
25CV475191**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Joe Quang filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name:  
a. Joe Quang

Proposed Name:  
a. Joe Kwong

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING 12/23/2025 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Altos Town Crier Date: 09/16/2025 /s/ LE Jacqueline Duong Judge of the Superior Court (09-24-25,10-01,08,15-25)

**230-T**

**SOLID DESIGN BUILDERS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719796**

The following person (persons) is

(are) doing business as: SOLID DESIGN BUILDERS, 2147 Newhall Street Apt 217, Santa Clara, CA, 95050, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Hameed Yunesi, 2147 Newhall Street Apt 217, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/16/2025. /S/ Hameed Yunesi / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/16/2025. (09-24-25,10-01,08,15-25)

**229-T**

**NSSRISE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719810**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: NSSRISE, 161 E Portola Ave, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): NSSRISE NEW STAGE SYNERGIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING LLC, 161 E Portola Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/10/2025. /S/ Sivapackia Ganapathiappan / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/16/2025. (09-24-25,10-01,08,15-25)

**228-T**

**KDM ENERGY, INC.  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719452**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: KDM ENERGY, INC., 43 Del Monte Avenue, Los Altos, CA, 94022, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): PARMAN & ASSOCIATES, INC., 43 Del Monte Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 09/03/2025. /S/ Joshua Parman / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/04/2025. (09-24-25,10-01,08,15-25)

**227-T**

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT  
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS  
BUSINESS NAME**

The following person(s) / registrant(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business name statement that was filed at the County Clerk's office. LORETZ HOMES, 1335 Grant Road, Los Altos, CA 94024 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 03/04/2021 Under File No. FBN673077 Full Name of Registrant(s): Thomas Michael Loretz, 1335 Grant Road, Los Altos, CA 94024 This business was con-

ducted by: an individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Aug. 11, 2025. Margaret Olaiya County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN718711 (09-24-25,10-01,08,15-25)

**226-T**

**7-SEAT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719634**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: 7-SEAT, 959 Sladky Avenue, Mountain View, CA, 94040, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): 7-SEAT LLC, 959 Sladky Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/20/2025. /S/ Jeff Baher / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/10/2025. (09-17,24-25,10-01,08-25)

**225-T**

**SMART CITY MOBILITY  
COUNCIL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719588**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) SMART CITY MOBILITY COUNCIL, (2) SCMC, 5532 Milligan Drive, San Jose, CA, 95124, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): SMART CITY MOBILITY COUNCIL, LLC, 5532 Milligan Drive, San Jose, CA 95124. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/14/2014. /S/ Paul Frederic Hoekstra / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/09/2025. (09-17,24-25,10-01,08-25)

**224-T**

**PRADERA TREE SERVICE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719488**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PRADERA TREE SERVICE, 3228 Coldwater Dr, San Jose, CA, 95148, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Mariela Jimenez Ciriaco, 3228 Coldwater Dr, San Jose, CA 95148. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Mariela Jimenez Ciriaco / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 09/05/2025. (09-17,24-25,10-01,08-25)

**223-T**

**BRANDCRAFTED  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. FBN719167**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: BRANDCRAFTED, 760 Peach Ave, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087, Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is (are): Jonathan Rios, 760 Peach Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/21/2025. /S/ Jonathan Rios / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/26/2025. (09-17,24-25,10-01,08-25)

**222-T**

# Datebook

*Datebook items are run on a space-available basis for entertainment, events, classes and groups run by nonprofits in our circulation area (primarily Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View). The deadline is noon Tuesday for the next week's paper. Submit notices via email to christinac@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable).*

## EVENTS

**Los Altos Main Library.** All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, unless otherwise indicated. **Monday Meditation & Mindfulness**, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Los Altos Main Library, 7 p.m., Woodland Library, 1975 Grant Road. **Poetry Community Hour Open Mic**, 7 p.m., first Monday of every month; **¡Viva! at the Library Featuring Singer/Songwriter Diana Gameros**, 7 p.m. Oct. 8. This intimate and up-close performance features original songs and melodies that celebrate the cultural richness and vibrancy of Mexico and Latin American countries. Diana Gameros immigrated to the United States as a teenager, has released two albums of original music in both Spanish and English, and has been recognized by NPR's Tiny Desk concert series. **Ballot Measure Pros and Cons**, 4:30 p.m. Oct. 19. The League of Women Voters will present an explanation of the California ballot measures. **Art With Drawn2Art**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 22. Join instructors from our local Drawn2Art studio at the Los Altos Library for a fun Halloween/fall-based art program. This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. Program will be held in the library's teen room. Registration is not necessary. Seating will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Program is free and open to the public.

## CLUBS/GROUPS

**Los Altos History Museum.** Love history and working with kids? Become a Los Altos History Museum school tour program education docent. Share local history with 3rd and 4th graders on weekday mornings this spring. Attending an orientation Oct. 23 is strongly recommended. Training begins in November. Must be 18 years old to apply. Information: losaltoshistory.org/education/student-tours.

**American Association of University Women - Silicon Valley Branch.** Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. Information: (650) 464-2830, siliconvalley-ca.aauw.net.

**Los Altos Hills Club.** Historic social club promoting friendship and social contacts among women with a Los Altos Hills mailing address. Activities include luncheons, book groups, bridge and card games. Information: (650) 948-5382, jensensylvia@hotmail.com.

**\$40**

is usually all it costs to publish your **Fictitious Business Name or Abandonment of Fictitious Business Name in the Los Altos Town Crier** Email **legals@latc.com** by 2pm on **Thursday**



# DATEBOOK

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**Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club.** Nonprofit organization, builds vibrant friendships in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills through special interest and social activities. Information: losaltosnewcomers.org.

**Assistance League of Los Altos.** Charitable organization benefiting youth of Santa Clara County. Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Located at Third and State streets. Information: (650) 941-2610, assistanceleague.org/losaltos.

**Kiwanis Club of Los Altos.** Service organization. Meets at noon every Tuesday at Neutra House Conference Center, 181 Hillview Ave. Information: (650) 735-1552, losaltoskiwanis.org.

**Peninsula Harmony Chorus.** A cappella chorus centered in Los Altos. Performs some “doo-wop” numbers from the 50s and 60s, plus show tunes, ballads, pop, folk, world music and holiday music at year end. Rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at Los Altos Lutheran Church. Information: peninsulaharmony.org.

**GreenTown Los Altos.** Nonpartisan group of citizens helping the communities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills become more sustainable. Information: greentownlosaltos.org.

**Foothills Amateur Radio Society.** Amateur radio club serving Los Altos and local area. Meets 7 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month. Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. fars.k6ya.org.

**HP Retired Employees Club.** Open to HP/Agilent retirees. Members can participate in activities.

**American Association of University Women, Los Altos-Mountain View branch.** Open to women (and men) with a college degree who are interested in equity for women and girls. Information: (650) 207-6625, lamv.ca.aauw.net.

**Los Altos Las Madres Playgroups.** Playgroups for moms and their babies 5 and under. Play dates in and around Los Altos. Expectant moms, new dads and other caregivers welcome. Information: (650) 917-9914, lasmadres.org.

**Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos.** Supports scholarships for hearing-impaired students. Noon, first and third Thursdays of each month. Michael’s at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View. Information: (650) 967-5404; quotamvla.org.

**Rotary Club of Los Altos.** Service group. 12:15 p.m. Thursdays. Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave. Information: losaltosrotary.org.

**South Bay Storytellers.** 7 p.m. third Sunday of the month. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. Information: (650) 494-1383, (650) 917-1920, southbaystorytellers.com.

**Sons in Retirement, Branch 5.** Small group of men who keep socially and mentally active, have lunch and hear speakers on a variety of subjects. 11 a.m. fourth Wednesday of each month. Michael’s restaurant at Shoreline Golf Course, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Information: (408) 391-1078.

**Morning Forum of Los Altos.** Celebrating its 75th year, the Morning Forum of Los Altos announces its spring program. **Oct. 21,** David M. Kennedy, Stanford University History Professor Emeritus, will speak on the arc of U.S. history from WWII to today. **Nov. 4,** Pulitzer Prize-winner Timothy Egan will speak on his years documenting the stories of Indigenous groups. **Nov. 18,** author, speaker and wilderness guide Jim Wilkens will talk about his adventures. **Dec. 2,** author Alka Joshi will talk about her new murder mystery novel. **Jan. 20,** Bertrand Patenaude, Stanford University History and International Relations lecturer, will discuss the history and current status of the Baltic States.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Midpeninsula Widows and Widowers Association.** Nonprofit volunteer group organizes activities for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Meets 1:30-3 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month and 7:30-9 p.m. the remaining Tuesdays at the Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos. Information: mpwwa1.org.

**Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing (GRASP).** Support group helping individuals and families suffering the loss of a loved one as the result of drug use. 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of the month. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave. Information: eshow818@gmail.com

**Vasa Order of America, Lindbergh Lodge.** Organization for Swedish culture, open to people of Scandinavian descent and their families. 6:30 p.m. second Friday of each month; supper 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 347 First St., Los Altos. (650) 948-7030; (650) 773-0199.

# OBITUARY NOTICE

## PATRICIA (ROEHRKASSE) REED



November 4, 1934 – September 6, 2025

Patricia (Pat) Reed passed away on September 6, 2025. She was born on November 4, 1934, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to Augusta and Leonard Roehrkasse.

Pat attended Lincoln High School and graduated from the University of Nebraska, where she met her future husband, Robert (Bob) Reed of Omaha. They were married on August 19, 1956, and later moved to Denver, Colorado, where Pat taught in the Denver Unified School System.

In 1963, Pat, Bob, and their two daughters relocated to California, settling in Los Altos in 1965, where she lived for the remainder of her life. Over the years, Pat worked at Pinewood Private School, the Los Altos Town Crier, and the Woodside Priory School.

Pat was deeply involved in the community, contributing to many local organizations including Los Altos NewComers, the Los Altos Bus Barn Club, and a local Corvette Club. She was honored with a lifetime membership in the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce for her dedicated service as an Ambassador. Pat especially enjoyed social activities and singing in her church choir.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Bob, and their daughters, Denyce and Joyce, of Vacaville, California.

A burial will be held at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.



## GAYNELLE GROVER



March 11, 1955 – September 22, 2025

Gaynelle died on September 22, 2025 at the age of 70 surrounded by family and loved ones after a seven-month battle with a very aggressive cancer. She was born March 11, 1955 in Springfield Massachusetts to Barbara and Horace (Bud) Grover.

Gaynelle was a member of the first class of women at Amherst College, majoring in both Fine Arts and Dramatic Arts. After graduation she spent several years working in professional theaters in New England before a move to California prompted a career change to graphic design. Ultimately deciding that she needed more formal design education, she returned East to pursue a Masters degree in Graphic Design at Yale University.

After Yale she returned to California, where she worked in

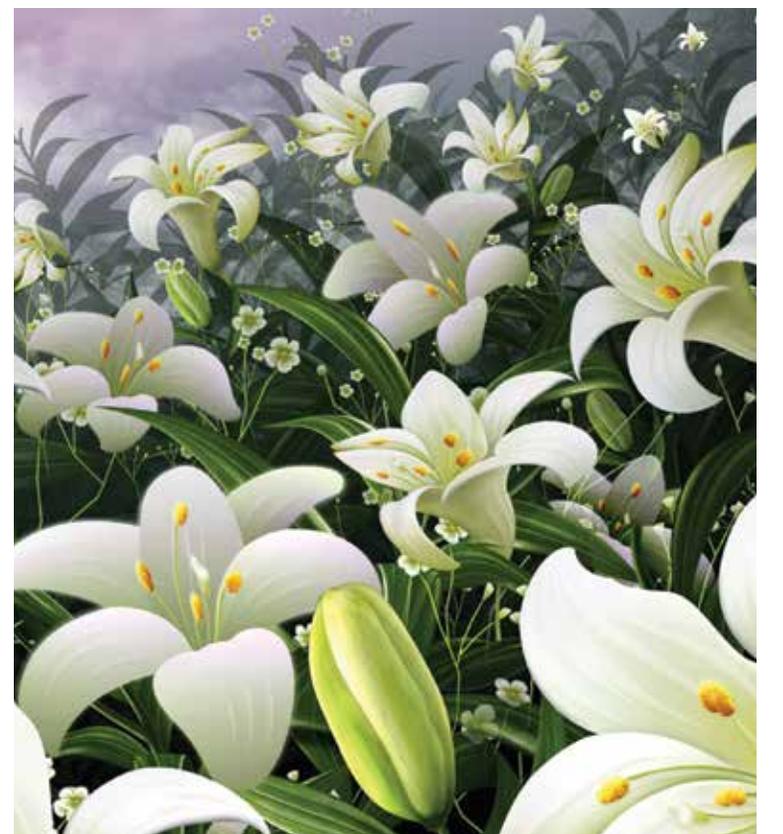
smaller design agencies before landing a job at Landor Associates, a global branding agency. Realizing that she enjoyed the business of brand building as much as brand identity design, she transitioned into a role as brand strategist.

Gaynelle went on to be a Creative Director at Apple, and later launched StealThunder, a branding consultancy, which she and her husband, Peter, ran for 30 years. She had just started a position as a Director at Ford Motor Company when she was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

In addition to her professional pursuits, Gaynelle was a cycling enthusiast. She spent one summer riding across much of the Western United States and Canada. More recently she enjoyed logging Strava miles and chasing “Queen of the Mountain” feats on Bay Area roads and trails. Among her Strava achievements was taking part in the Festive 500 cycling challenge—covering 630 kilometers in local rides during the week between Christmas and New Year’s.

But the biggest joy in her life—and her most fulfilling role—was as the mother to her identical twin sons. She was deeply involved in helping children on the autism spectrum. She mentored and built community with other parents, and created an online resource and support group for families pursuing biomedical treatments for ASD.

Gaynelle leaves her husband Peter Russert, her sons Andrew (Drew) and Skyler (Sky) Russert, and her stepson Brendan Russert and his wife Dr. Enanyeli Rangel.





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