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## 2021: The Year in Review

Reopenings, fresh starts mark a year of COVID recovery

Town Crier Staff Report

The year 2021 was a time of recovery and renewal in many respects, as local residents and businesses began to see fewer restrictions and more in-person meetups in the wake of a high COVID-19 vaccination rate (in Los Altos, well over 90%). Favorite annual events such as Fine Art in the Park and the Festival of Lights Parade returned after a dormant 2020.

Local schools resumed in-person classes as well, even as questions over vaccines and mask mandates lingered. The impact of the omicron variant remains to be seen.

The year also featured major unveilings: The new Los Altos Community Center officially opened in October, and downtown debuted the new high-profile food court, Los Altos Community Investments' State Street Market.

Los Altos and Los Altos Hills received fresh starts to their administrations with both communities hiring new city managers.

The year did not pass without some unfortunate – and unnecessary – political clashes. Charges of racism involving Los Altos City Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng and Black activist Kenan Moos prompted dozens of speakers to take sides at council meetings, pushing



**Clockwise from top left: Dogs run off-leash during a city pilot program at Hillview Baseball Field, a trial run that elicited support from dog owners and consternation from those living near the site; the city of Los Altos holds an elaborate grand-opening ceremony for its new community center, drawing approximately 350 people; and COVID-19 testing goes on at local schools as districts reopen for in-person classes, with the Los Altos School District rolling out weekly, pooled COVID testing in an effort to identify any potential outbreaks on campuses.**

most meetings well past midnight for the first five months of the year. The clashes drew the attention of national (Fox News) and international media, landing Los Altos some dubious publicity.

Following are month-by-



month summaries of news events in 2021.

### January

• The Los Altos Police Department begins collecting enhanced data regarding police stops that will enable the depart-

ment to be more transparent. The data is being collected in accordance with the Racial and Identity Profiling Act, passed into state law in 2016.

• A recent swell of residential burglaries in Los Altos Hills – and perhaps mounting pressure

from residents criticizing the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office on a social network – prompts the agency to address concerns at a virtual crime prevention forum hosted by Capt. Rich Urena.

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# Los Altos Town Crier Holiday Fund 2021

Grants from the Town Crier Holiday Fund support agencies in Silicon Valley that touch the real needs of people.

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### Community Services Agency's Food & Nutrition Program

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### Community School of Music and Arts Artistic Intelligence Program

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Connects day workers with jobs offered by homeowners and businesses.

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Matches at-risk youths with adult mentors, tutors in local schools.

### MERIT Program (Making Education Relevant and Interactive through Technology)

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# Around Town



Volunteers from Shinshin youth group, the Los Altos High School Green Team, Boy Scout Troop 37 and Girl Scout Troop 201 joined GreenTown Los Altos to plant oak trees around town this month to mitigate the Packard Foundation's removal of trees from its parking lot. At Redwood Grove, the volunteers had to dig down through several feet of chips and mulch from three recently removed eucalyptus trees to reach soil for the new saplings. Their work brings GreenTown to 223 in its campaign to plant 500 trees.

COURTESY OF GARY HEDDEN

## Online Comment

Longtime Stardust Lane resident Daniel DeBra is being remembered this month for his adventurous life in aerospace, teaching, tinkering and the outdoors. You can read about him at [losaltosonline.com/people](https://losaltosonline.com/people) and add your own reminiscence, as Thomas Pare did:

*My lasting memory of Prof.*

*DeBra would have to be sitting in an old classroom in the quad waiting for him to arrive. It was a day or so after the 1989 earthquake, and the safety status of these old buildings was still in question. All the other professors had canceled classes except Dan DeBra, and only 4 or 5 students had shown up. We were all about to take off, but in he comes in his biking gear, pedal-clip shoes and all, still sweating from the ride from Los Altos.*

*We expected him to dismiss the class, maybe with some assigned reading, but in he dove right into the lesson. The vibration from his shifting the blackboard immediately caused a large section of plaster to fall from the ceiling onto a desk. We all jumped up and were ready to bolt, but he still wanted to continue, claiming that it wasn't a structural element or something to that effect. He was the best, and will be remembered always.*



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Clockwise from top left: Members of the Rotary Club of Los Altos gather around the large fiberglass “California Bear” installed at Veterans Community Plaza, one of more than 50 bears that dotted Main and State streets through much of 2021 as part of the Los Altos Bears fundraising campaign, which raised nearly \$150,000; protesters at a demonstration in Mountain View rally against a spate of hate crimes against Asian Americans; controversial license plate readers go up in Los Altos Hills following city council approval; and a grand-opening celebration in June at Veterans Community Plaza marks the end of COVID-induced restrictions, with Los Altos Vice Mayor Anita Enander, left, and Kim Mosley, president of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, right, participating. (The freedom proved short-lived, as indoor masking requirements went back into effect Aug. 2.)



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- The Los Altos School District rolls out weekly, pooled COVID testing for sixth-graders in an effort to identify any potential outbreaks on school campuses. The testing eventually expands across local districts, which see isolated positive COVID cases popping up in students, but no cases of transmission within a classroom.

### February

- The Los Altos City Council votes unanimously to introduce an ordinance allowing dogs to run off-leash at Hillview Baseball Field. The ordinance, a six-month pilot program running April through September, allows dogs to roam off-leash in the park during designated hours.

- Los Altos Planning Commission members reject a city council-initiated effort to protect city land from sale by requiring a vote of the electorate, elements similar to those in a ballot measure defeated in 2018. Commissioners vote 6-1 to recommend that the council not pursue an ordinance that would create an “overlay” of zoning protection. The city council

later approves the ordinance.

- The Mountain View Los Altos High School District submits a plan to the state laying out how it intends to address the fact that it is overidentifying Latino students for special education. MVLA revealed three root causes: a lack of academic preparedness among entering ninth-graders, a lack of consistency in the practice and application of the district’s supports, and cultural dissonance and implicit bias impacting the experiences of Latino students.

- State officials assure residents at a Los Altos forum that new housing goals imposed on the city, though daunting, could be met. Colin Cross, a land-use representative with the state’s Department of Housing and Community Development, suggests the city could meet its targets of 1,958 new units (789 for very-low and low-income residents) by 2031, through strategies ranging from encouraging construction of accessory dwelling units to building more high-density housing in areas such as the El Camino Real corridor.

- More than 50 fiberglass bears decorated by local artists and residents grace downtown Los Altos, the result of a Rotary Club of Los Altos fundraising campaign. The bears are auctioned off in Oc-

tober, with proceeds benefiting the club’s community projects.

### March

- An estimated 100-150 demonstrators gather at the corner of Castro Street and El Camino Real in Mountain View to call for an end to hate crimes against Asian Americans.

- Buoyed by overwhelming support from residents, the Los Altos Hills City Council unanimously agrees to approve full-scale deployment of automatic license plate readers throughout the town, bypassing the option of launching a pilot program first.

- A plan promising to transform the North Bayshore area into a sustainable mixed-use community of new homes, parks, restaurants, services and jobs moves a step closer to realization following Mountain View City Council approval.

- The Los Altos Nursery property at 245 Hawthorne Ave. is sold to an undisclosed buyer after the Furuichi family ends its 72-year operation of a nursery at the site.

### April

- Local residents begin to escalate their protests against planned State Leg-

islature housing bills, particularly Senate Bill 9, intended to eliminate local zoning restrictions in single-family neighborhoods. By October, the bill becomes law; it takes effect Saturday.

- The COVID pandemic continues, and Santa Clara County opens vaccination access to all residents age 16 and over. Vaccine supply in the Bay Area is initially spotty, with appointment access tortuously confusing at first as residents navigate different booking systems for each health system and pharmacy. But by mid-April, bandwidth surges at local sites like the Mountain View Community Center.

- Adobe Systems Inc. co-founder and longtime Los Altos resident Charles “Chuck” Geschke dies, prompting celebration of a philanthropist who transformed the landscape of desktop publishing.

- A prolonged dispute between Los Altos City Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng and local activist Kenan Moos fails to go to mediation. The community and council struggle with how to address the gaps in perception and expectations that surface during the conflict, which centers on accusations of racial profiling

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TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTOS

Clockwise from top left: Newly installed speed tables on Cuesta Drive in Los Altos, part of a city traffic-calming project, generate complaints from motorists for their unusual height and praise from Cuesta residents noticing a decrease in traffic; flying-car company ASKA opens a showroom in downtown Los Altos, projecting a future with commuter travel via air; and financial troubles at Dutchints Development LLC lead to a loan default on the property at 5150 El Camino Real.

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and safety fears.

- Flying-car company ASKA opens a showroom in downtown Los Altos, envisioning a future where residents can travel to Lake Tahoe by air in an hour.

### May

- The Los Altos City Council passes a resolution in an attempt to curb the ongoing Moos-Lee Eng controversy. The action works, effectively ending the back-and-forth among large numbers of speakers at council meetings.

- Los Altos Hills City Manager Carl Cahill announces his retirement amid an attempt led by a group of residents to oust him from the role. He had worked for the town for 22 years.

- The Santa Clara County Board of Education warns Bullis Charter School that it may lose its charter if it doesn't address enrollment disparities. According to county officials, the school underserves English-

language learners, Hispanic students, economically disadvantaged students and those with disabilities.

- Within weeks of expanded vaccine access, 82% of eligible Los Altos residents receive at least one dose of a COVID vaccine, part of a trend of extremely high vaccination rates across the Bay Area.

- An approved housing project intended for 5150 El Camino Real falls into doubt when the Los Altos-based Dutchints Development LLC defaults on a loan. When the property, now in receivership, sells to Prometheus Real Estate Group for \$48 million, initial investors are dismayed to learn they will lose millions.

### June

- Movie director Jon M. Chu, filmmaking pride of Los Altos Hills, follows up his smash hit "Crazy Rich Asians" with a film adaptation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's "In the Heights," a musical about life in the Latino neighborhood of Washington

Heights in New York City.

- A multi-year drought continues to afflict the region, and local water providers declare shortage conditions and begin to mandate water use reductions. Even though heavier-than-usual rains do come by late fall, long-term water levels remain so impacted that use restrictions continue to tighten through the end of the year.

- The Los Altos City Council approves the hiring of Gabriel Engeland as city manager.

### July

- A construction crew working nearby helps save Los Altos resident Dorothy Meyer, 98, from a house fire on Doud Avenue. More than 20 firefighters and four Los Altos Police Department officers ultimately respond to the scene.

- Los Altos High School-bound Cami Thai wins a three-way playoff to capture the girls 13-14 division of the Junior World Golf Championship.

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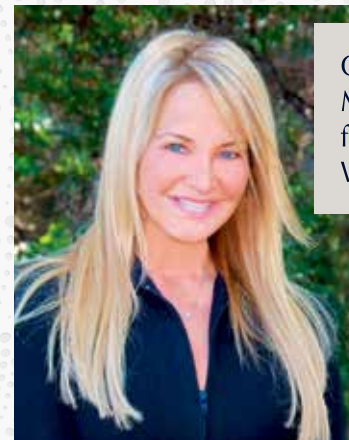
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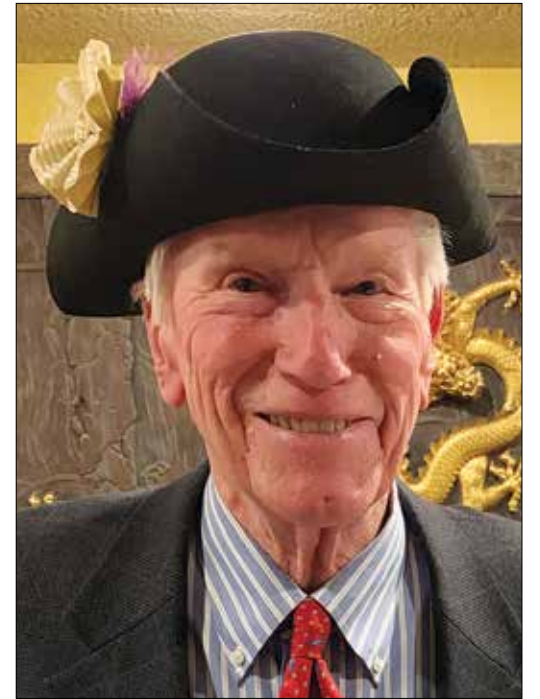
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State Street Market, left, opened in September, preserving its historical architecture. Former publisher Paul Nyberg, above, dons his Town Crier hat. Mr. Nyberg died in August.

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- A newly configured intersection at Foothill Expressway and El Monte Avenue raises the ire of cyclists (and cyclist-supportive drivers), who call it a severe hazard. The county ends up agreeing to modify a merge that required cyclists to veer across multiple lanes of automobile traffic.

- Newly installed speed tables on Cuesta Drive in Los Altos spark mixed reactions – residents along the street are relieved, while drivers are irate. The tables, intended to rise approximately 3.5 inches above the roadway, measure several inches higher at various points, spurring one dismayed resident to pull out a level and ruler to document “over-spec” dimensions that give vehicles a dramatic ride. Drivers on Cuesta do, however, slow down.

### August

- The community mourns the death of former Town Crier publisher Paul Nyberg, a longtime Los Altos resident who ran the paper for 26 years. Mr. Nyberg was 89.

- Public health officers from Santa Clara County and six other Bay Area counties mandate a return to mask requirements indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

- Visitors flock to the return of the Rotary Club of Los Altos' Fine Art in the Park event in Lincoln Park. This year's affair

features the usual array of fine art for sale, along with live entertainment and a “Bears' Lair” showcasing the club's decorated bears from its fundraising campaign.

- Pink Ribbon Girls holds its inaugural Bay Area Ignite the Fight fundraiser at the Marini House in Los Altos, highlighting inspiring stories from cancer patients and supporters.

### September

- The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors issues a “no confidence” vote in Sheriff Laurie Smith. By December, a county grand jury will echo the supervisors' finding with a report that details suspected political favoritism and other allegations of misconduct.

- The Los Altos City Council extends the lease for longtime local nonprofit Friends of the Library of Los Altos but rejects the group's proposal for a 10-year land-use agreement and suggests the group move off the civic center campus.

- After more than two years of dogged pursuit, Los Altos Hills residents seeking high-speed internet access secure official support for their mutual-benefit fiber association, which will allow the residents to run cables within public rights-of-way.

- State Street Market, the long-awaited food hall in the historical Mission-style building on State Street, opens for outdoor dining. By December, the hall will expand to indoor din-

ing, more open vendors and even a pop-up holiday market.

### October

- City officials and residents celebrate the opening of the new Los Altos Community Center with a dedication ceremony drawing 350 people.

- Los Altos High School is evacuated following a bomb threat. It is the first of three schools (followed by St. Francis and Presentation high schools) hit by bomb scares during the month – all false alarms. A 16-year-old male student is later apprehended in connection with the incidents.

- Los Altos City Council members approve a controversial “accountability policy” that would censure members who repeatedly violate city norms and procedures. Critics see the policy as fallout from the race-infused kerfuffle earlier in the year involving Councilmember Lee Eng.

- The Los Altos Hills City Council names Peter Pirnejad the town's city manager. Pirnejad succeeds the retiring Carl Cahill.

- One of 2021's more unusual local stories involves a 96-year Los Altos resident who kept a live, World War I-era grenade in his nightstand. County bomb squad members safely detonate the explosive in the resident's backyard.

- Citing the popularity of a pilot off-leash dog program at

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TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTOS  
The Festival of Lights Parade, left, returns to downtown Los Altos after a two-year hiatus. Adobe Systems Inc. co-founder Chuck Geschke, above, died in April.

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Hillview Baseball Field, Los Altos council members vote to explore dog park alternatives, including fenced-in options.

### November

- The city of Los Altos and developers of a controversial mixed-use housing and office complex at 40 Main St. agree to a \$1.2 million settlement related to legal attempts to thwart the project.

- Los Altos council members approve a memorandum of understanding between the Los Altos Stage Company and the city that would reserve a portion of a city parking lot for a possible new theater site. The controversial move passes on a narrow 3-2 vote.

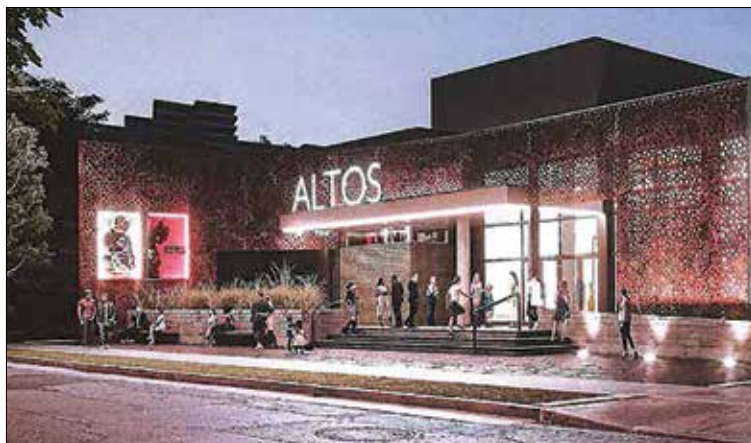
- Los Altos Hills capitalizes on its garbage hauler GreenWaste Recovery's change of ownership to negotiate more favorable terms for the town's residents.

- The Los Altos City Council approves a more permanent downtown parklet program that retains outdoor dining options for downtown restaurants indefinitely.

- The Festival of Lights Parade returns to downtown Los Altos after two years of cancellations, drawing thousands of spectators with an array of colorful floats, marching bands and costumed characters.

### December

- The changing of the guard for mayoral leadership sees



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTOS AND RENDERING  
At top, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills both hired new city managers in 2021 – Gabriel Engeland, left, and Peter Pirnejad, right, respectively. Above, the concept of a new performing arts center is floated before the Los Altos City Council, with mixed reaction.

the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills councils appointing Anita Enander and George Tyson, respectively.

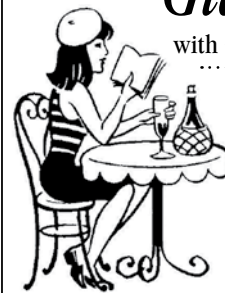
- Both Los Altos and Los Altos Hills approve objective design standards for residential properties in preparation for SB 9 becoming law in January. The law, intended to address the state's housing crisis, allows property owners to split lots in two and build new houses on each side.

- Even as the last of the "No Parking" signs go up in the wake of a law restricting oversized vehicles (read: RVs) from parking on most city streets, the number of Mountain View residents living in vehicles may have actually increased over the past year, observers say.

- The Town Crier names longtime residents Penny and Roy Lave its 2021 Los Altans of the Year for their committed and sustained community involvement.

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## Peek into the Past



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The New Year's Day Fun Run in Los Altos, originally held at midnight on New Year's Eve, started as a high school prank in 1960. Even though the temperature dropped to below 32 degrees, 50-60 frozen spectators showed up to cheer on these 1965 Fun Run finishers.

## Letters to the Editor

### There's no need for downtown theater

I very much agree with John Shoemaker's Dec. 1 letter to the editor about a downtown theater/performing arts center ("Theater not proper use of taxpayers' funds"). There is absolutely no need for it.

First: We already have the Bus Barn Theater, where there's lots of parking at the new Los Altos Community Center right nearby.

Second: Taking up an entire

parking plaza is ridiculous. It wasn't long ago that folks complained about insufficient parking downtown. And now with the outdoor dining areas, there's even less parking. If that parking plaza was not there, where would we park when we go to Walgreens or the post office?

Third: Reread John's letter in the Town Crier. Lots of good, solid information.

Last: Have Los Altos voters decide this. As John said, "A

performing arts center is not the proper use of community funds now or five years from now."

**Rita Held Cartalano**  
Los Altos

### Eradicate Christmas images on public land?

Ken Girdley, in his Dec. 15 letter to the Town Crier ("Menorah approved, how about Nativity?"), asks if a menorah was allowed to be displayed downtown on public land, why not a Nativity scene?

It is a question important enough to Mr. Girdley that he also wrote a public comment for items not on the agenda to the Los Altos City Council dated Nov. 18 on the same topic.

I agree with Mr. Girdley that there should be a separation of church and state but find it peculiar he doesn't notice the plentiful downtown Christmas decorations, which will be on display much longer than the menorah. With Hanukkah over, may I suggest Mr. Girdley focus his energies on eradicating the images of Christmas downtown on public land such as the Christmas trees in Veterans Community Plaza, the garlands with bows on street lights and lights strung on city-owned trees.

Next year he can focus on stopping events such as the Holiday Tree Lighting.

**Monica Waldman**  
Los Altos

## Holding domestic abusers accountable

By Ruthven Darlene

There is troubling legislation afoot to decriminalize domestic violence and to offer alternative solutions such as "diversion" and "restorative justice."

What's wrong with this picture? Consider this:

If someone robs or rapes you, we don't send the perpetrator to counseling – unless he's your husband and you share a child.

Our first priorities should be to protect the crime victim and to hold the perpetrator accountable, regardless of relationship status.

Domestic violence is a crime, not a communication issue – and no less a crime when committed against an intimate partner.

Unfortunately, the Violence Against Women Act, with its new provisions for "diversion" and "restorative justice," is poised to offer more protection to perpetrators than survivors. It has passed in the House and is now poised to be put to a vote in the Senate.

Domestic violence is not in the same camp as a DUI that results in a fatality. That's generally an isolated incident and often carries with it tremendous remorse on the part of the offender and a desire to make amends – and that's where restorative justice can be healing not only for the offender, but also for the victim's loved ones.

Domestic violence, on the other hand, is a pattern of behavior and, in many cases, a reflection of the perpetrator's character.

While it may be possible to lead some abusers toward a desire to make amends, with the 1,000 women WomenSV has served in the past 10 years, we have yet to witness it.

A hard-core domestic violence perpetrator, far from feeling remorseful, usually has only one regret: getting caught.

A hard-core domestic violence perpetrator, far from wanting to make amends, usually has one goal: to destroy his intimate partner – and by whatever means necessary. Usually it involves going after what means the most to her: her children.

To her, they are her most pre-

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cious treasures.

To him, they are simply possessions, pawns – and their sole purpose is to function as the trophies, the spoils of war.

How do you attempt "restorative justice" with someone who has no moral compass, no regard for what's right or wrong or in the child's best interests – whose sole intent is to exact revenge on his partner for the unpardonable sin of recognizing the truth of who he is: someone without conscience, moral compass or empathy? Someone intent on winning at all costs and destroying anything and anyone who gets in his way? – and usually that's his intimate partner.


WomenSV doesn't lobby, but we are compelled to comment when fundamental human rights are in danger of being violated as a result of legislation that protects domestic violence perpetrators and endangers survivors, particularly when those survivors are women and children. And not all of them survive.

How do diversion and restorative justice protect the 35% of WomenSV survivors who have experienced nonfatal strangulation at the hands of their intimate partner? Do we really want to "reunite" them with a partner who tried to murder them and who, with his power and money and influence, may drive them to the point of thinking that suicide is the only way out?

And now with state coercive control legislation (FC 6320), we are starting to understand there are so many more ways to destroy someone you are supposed to love and protect.

Could we please return to the original inspiration behind VAWA, which was to protect the fundamental human right of everyone, women and children in particular, to live in peace and safety in their own home – and to hold criminals accountable for violating that right, even if they happen to be intimate partners?

**Ruthven Darlene is founder and executive director of the nonprofit, Los Altos-based WomenSV. For more information, visit womensv.org.**



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# News

## Mtn. View adds housing in the face of accelerating inequality

By Eliza Ridgeway

Staff Writer/elizar@latc.com

The doors opened on a new, 100% affordable housing development in Mountain View last month, at the same time “No Parking” signs extended the ban on RVs used by those living along the city’s streets.

The 70 studios coming on the market at 950 W. El Camino Real can’t directly address the needs of the 200 or more families living in vehicles in the city, but the juxtaposition captures some of the push/pull in a city with pronounced ability to build, yet facing an uphill battle against enormous income disparity.

Mountain View’s move to ban the oversized vehicles used as dwellings from most city streets hasn’t occurred in isolation.

The city also has outpaced all of its neighbors in actively building new housing, including substantial developments reserved for families with lower-than-median income.

In a Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury report released Dec. 16, the jury juxtaposed Mountain View’s coordinated near-term planning with what it described as lackluster community involvement and scattered plans and policies in Palo Alto, which has had less commercial, residential and mixed-use development.

Los Altos faces a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) target of 1,158 new housing units by 2031. Los Al-



ELIZA RIDGEWAY/TOWN CRIER

**Construction on a massive market-rate housing development abuts the end of recently built affordable housing along Evelyn Avenue in Mountain View.**

tos Hills’ RHNA target is 489. Mountain View has been challenged by the state to build 11,135 units, nearly twice as many as Palo Alto and far more than any city in San Mateo County.

In a statement about the grand jury’s report, Mountain View Mayor Ellen Kamei said she appreciated the recognition of her city’s “long-time commitment and community support for building more affordable housing,” and pointed to two upcoming examples of continued momentum in plans to redevelop a down-

town parking lot and a former park-and-ride lot as two new affordable housing structures in the near future.

### Goals and eligibility

Each jurisdiction must plan for housing that meets a variety of local needs, from expensive market-rate rentals and condos to heavily subsidized housing. By the grand jury report’s calculation, a family breadwinner would have to make more than \$40 per hour to afford the county’s average rent, and rents are

higher than average in Mountain View. Minimum wage goes up 5% next month in Mountain View – to \$17.10.

As it defines housing goals and eligibility, the county works with benchmarks that define “low income” as making less than 80% of area media income, which in 2021 means \$117,750 for a family of four.

For families categorized as “extremely low income,” making less than \$49,700 (which is still substantially more than minimum wage), the region only has housing stock for approximately one in three households, a deficit the jury directly linked to local homelessness, which continues to increase.

The state has tasked Mountain View with building 2,926 below-market-rate units by next year, and city spokesperson Lenka Wright said approximately 600 prospective units are entering the pipeline, but many remain early in the project approval process. A total of 1,206 units appear on the city’s list of new and prospective developments with affordable and/or below-market-rate components, ranging from 50 affordable units under construction at 660 Mariposa Ave. to 65 below-market-rate units under construction at 1720 Villa St. If all were completed by 2023, that would almost double Mountain View’s income-sensitive housing stock.

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### Los Altos Library Highlights – January 2022

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#### Diabetes and Prediabetes Management

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Join Leah Groppo for an evening discussion on some healthy strategies for people living with prediabetes or diabetes and then some tips on how to start making a healthy change. Leah will cover healthy diets and how to make changes that will stick. Leah Groppo is a certified diabetes care and education specialist who works for Stanford Health Care. Leah is board certified in advanced diabetes management and she is passionate about food, eating and making health fun. *Register at [scclld.org/events](https://scclld.org/events) for a Zoom link.*



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## HOUSING

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The city council and city staff have broken down neighborhoods into 25 “precise plans” to identify areas amenable to future housing development and clarify which densities and design standards apply in each zone.

Mountain View has successfully moved a boom of construction – of all types – through the planning process and into reality, with work zones and construction netting visible this month along many of the city’s thoroughfares.

The city currently tallies 1,508 completed below-market-rate units, including relatively recent projects like the Evelyn Family Apartments, a 2018 development of 114 units at the intersection of Evelyn and Bernardo avenues that is fully occupied. Like other projects designated as “100% affordable developments,” that complex of one-, two- and three-bedroom apart-

ments is exclusively available to those making 60% or less of the county’s area median income.

The county uses a complex income calculation figure, updated each year, that adjusts for family size to determine eligibility. For the 70 studios just coming on the market at Luna Vista, the new building at 950 W. El Camino Real, local renters would need to make at least \$34,000 a year, the equivalent of full-time minimum wage, to qualify for one of the units, but can’t make more than \$81,000 as an individual, or \$92,820 as a family of two.

The apartment floor plans range from 380 to 420 square feet, and rent for the units ranges from \$1,382 to \$1,659.

Fifteen units in the building have been set aside for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Alta Housing runs the development, which in addition to a community room and computer lab includes a large roof deck with views of the bay and the hills that ring the region.

## Cal Water amps up Los Altos district restrictions

Town Crier Report

As part of its drought management and response plan, California Water Service moved into Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan Dec. 14 in the Los Altos District. Stage 2 restrictions include additional outdoor watering limits and increased water waste penalties.

Cal Water filed its application to move into Stage 2 with the California Public Utilities Commission in October and held a public meeting in November to educate residents and businesses about new irrigation restrictions, water-waste penalties and programs to help reduce water use.

Outdoor landscape irrigation is now limited to two days per week as follows, between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m., unless local ordinances state otherwise.

- Addresses ending with an odd number: Tuesdays and Saturdays

- Addresses ending with an even number or with no street number: Wednesdays and Sundays

Additionally, penalties for violating the prohibited uses of water have doubled. Some of the common restrictions include:

- All leaks, breaks or other malfunctions in a customer’s plumbing fixtures and/or irrigation system must be repaired within five business days of written notification by Cal Water.

- Vehicles may only be washed with a hose that has a shutoff nozzle or similar device.

- Water may not be used on driveways or sidewalks, unless for health and safety purposes.

- No watering of outdoor landscapes may occur during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

- Restaurants may only serve water upon request, and hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily.

“We have been preparing for these increasingly serious drought conditions, and Stage 2 of our Water Shortage Contingency Plan helps us conserve while continuing to support our customers and provide quality, service and value to them,” said Dawn Smithson, Los Altos District manager. “We offer Los Altos customers a variety of conservation programs and encourage them to take advantage of these resources to help save water every day.”

Cal Water’s conservation programs include:

- A lawn-to-garden rebate of \$3 per square foot of lawn removed and replaced with low-water-use landscaping.

- A spray-to-drip rebate of 50 cents per square foot of landscaping converted from standard spray irrigation to a drip system.

**For more information on conservation programs and for a full list of prohibited uses of water, visit [calwater.com/conservation](http://calwater.com/conservation).**



### TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ON STANDING COMMITTEES



Los Altos Hills encourages and welcomes residents to become involved in the local community, and contribute to the success of the Town. Being a member of a Town committee is a great opportunity to connect your passion with public service and use your unique skills to benefit the community.

Terms on the committees are four years. Specific information on the committees, including membership eligibility, meeting times/locations, scope of authority, current members and the application form is available on the Town’s website: [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov), under “Government/ Standing Committees.” The following committees currently have openings:

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| • <b>Emergency Communications (5)</b>              | • <b>Education (5)</b>                 |
| • <b>History (5)</b>                               | • <b>Senior Commission (1)</b>         |
| • <b>Environmental Design &amp; Protection (1)</b> | • <b>Environmental Initiatives (3)</b> |
| • <b>Open Space (2)</b>                            | • <b>Parks &amp; Recreation (4)</b>    |
| • <b>Pathways (1)</b>                              | • <b>Public Art (3)</b>                |

For more information, please contact Deborah Padovan, City Clerk (650) 947-2513 or [dpadovan@losaltoshills.ca.gov](mailto:dpadovan@losaltoshills.ca.gov). The appointments are scheduled for the January 20, 2022 City Council meeting. To be considered, please submit your application by **Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**



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Learn about **Civil Rights in Early Silicon Valley: The Chicana/o Experience**, in a free Zoom program Wed, Jan 12, 7pm – 8:30pm.



#### History Resource

Visit our YouTube Learning Channel to see the newly restored classic cable television series **Los Altos History Show**.



#### Exhibit

Browse apricot-themed works by ArtVenturers in **Community Orchard Art**, on display in the J. Gilbert Smith House exhibit gallery through Feb 20, 2022.



#### Volunteer Opportunities

Make a difference in your community and learn about local history by volunteering. Visit our web-site under “Support” to find our **volunteer** needs.



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The Museum staff and board wish to thank everyone for their support in 2021. We look forward to welcoming you with **new exhibits and programs** in 2022!

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# Community

## Mtn. View pollinator efforts extend to Shoreline, Cuesta Park

Town Crier Report

A collaboration of volunteers, city of Mountain View commissioners and staff, and Google Inc.'s financial help is creating opportunities for native plants and pollinators to flourish in sites around Mountain View.

A \$30,000 grant from Google supports three sites for native plants and pollinators. Phase 1 is a half-acre within the 9-acre North East Meadowland area. Phase 2 includes two sites: 2.7 acres near Pond 1 at

Shoreline Golf and 4.5 acres near Pond 2 on the golf course.

The projects are scheduled to wrap up next year.

Local residents began a pollinator park near Cuesta Park. Silja Paymer, organizer of the digging, planting and mulching, said there were others who shared her interest in integrating native plants in the Cuesta Park Annex.

According to Paymer, Howard Higley wanted to beautify a place to support pollinators, and Shani Kleinhaus, environ-

mental advocate for the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, wanted to restore habitat for wildlife. They shared a desire to plant in underused spaces including parks, curbside strips of land and planter boxes in street medians.

Support from a Happy Hollow Pollinator Grant paid for plant purchases. The city supplied mulch and water free of charge.

The organizers received approval and began to work with the city's Parks and Recreation Department in March 2020. The city required liability sponsorship

through an outside organization, Paymer said. Kleinhaus secured it through her relationship with the Audubon Society. Paymer credits city leaders for help crossing the "finish line," which entailed installing accessible water sources and completing contracts.

As Paymer, Higley and Kleinhaus reached out to the Cuesta neighborhood, they gained new participants, including Mary Dateo, a landscaper who designed the planting plan, and Betty Ward, a master gardener.

## Community Briefs

### Downtown galleries feature new displays

"Pandemic Travels," an exhibition of Suej McCall's watercolors, is scheduled for display Tuesday through Jan. 30 at Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos.

A reception for the artist is slated 1:30-4 p.m. Jan. 8.

Gallery 9 hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

For more information on the exhibition, call (650) 941-7969 or visit gallery9losaltos.com.

A group show is scheduled for January at Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays.

For more information on the show, call (650) 941-5789 or visit [viewpointsgallery.com](http://viewpointsgallery.com).

### Museum set to host 1920s-era fundraiser

The Los Altos History Museum is "puttin' on the Ritz" for its Roaring 20s-themed fundraiser, "Dancing through the Decades: Entertaining the 20s," scheduled 5:30-10:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road.

The museum, decorated with period artifacts from its collection, will be transformed with an art-deco-themed tent where a classic silent film will play and a red carpet rolled out to greet guests. Top Shelf Big Band will play tunes from the '20s, and dancers from Areté Dance Center will kick off the dancing with the Charleston. Guests may

bid on 1920s-themed auction items, sip wine and cocktails at the speakeasy, and dine on dishes provided by local caterers, supper-club style.

Proceeds will support the museum's general operating expenses for exhibitions, programs, events, collections, facilities and staff.

Guests are invited to dress in 1920s attire.

Tickets are \$185.

For tickets and more information, call (650) 948-9427 or visit [losaltoshistory.org/Decades20s](http://losaltoshistory.org/Decades20s).

### SV Reads returns with theme of 'hope'

The 19th annual Silicon Valley Reads program returns in 2022 with three inspirational

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# Community

## BRIEFS

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memoirs and related events scheduled throughout February and March.

The Silicon Valley Reads 2022 theme is “The Power of

Kindness, Resilience and Hope.”

The featured nonfiction books include “See No Stranger” by Valarie Kaur, “Enough About Me” by Richard Lui and “A Dream Called Home” by Reyna Grande.

Fiction books include “The

Girl with the Louding Voice” by Abi Daré, “The Authenticity Project” by Clare Pooley and “The Story of Arthur Truluv” by Elizabeth Berg.

During February and March, Silicon Valley Reads will offer free virtual and in-person public

programs for all ages, including author talks, panel discussions, educational events, demonstrations, performances, activities for students, story times and an art exhibition. The complete schedule of events will be published on the Silicon Valley Reads website in early January.

Silicon Valley Reads is presented annually by the Santa Clara County Library District, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the San Jose Public Library in conjunction with other public libraries, community colleges and universities, and community organizations.

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

### Museum displays art of Anna Knapp Fitz

The Los Altos History Museum is featuring the artwork

of painter Annie Knapp Fitz in an exhibition running through Feb. 6.

The exhibition, titled “Annie Knapp Fitz Paints: A Legacy in Art,” depicts the changing landscape from agricultural to the birth of Silicon Valley, as well as the events that were major turning points, such as the coming of the railroad, based on historical photographs. Many of her portraits and busts capture the likenesses of people who left their mark in the area.

Fitz, a self-taught artist, moved to Los Altos in 1921 as a child. She died in 1995.

The Los Altos History Museum is located at 51 S. San Antonio Road. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Admission is free.

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

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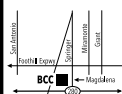


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# Sports

## Throng of local athletes earn all-league honors

Town Crier Staff Report

All-league honors were recently awarded to local varsity high school athletes participating in fall sports. Those who earned the accolades are listed below.

### Los Altos High Football

SCVAL El Camino Division  
*MVP Lineman:* John O'Sullivan  
*MVP Offense:* Cole Rafferty  
*First Team:* Jimmy Flynn; Zach Fagin; Tom Schumann; Fady Youssef  
*Second Team:* Greg Schumann; John Cisneros; Lance Kluge; Leo Goebel; Rafael Arce

### Girls volleyball

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*First Team:* Emma Symon; Carolyn Dormady; Kaitlyn Cuppett  
*Honorable Mention:* Megan Wong

### Boys water polo

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*First Team:* Aidan Mitchell; Paolo Iaccarino

### Girls water polo

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*First Team:* Sahra Sutaria  
*Honorable Mention:* Kayla Bistrain

### Girls tennis

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*First Team Singles:* Samantha Wallace  
*First Team Doubles:* Sophia Shao and Sofia Mujica; Miu Kikuchi and Madison Chin

### Field hockey

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*Sophomore of the Year:* Devi Shah  
*First Team:* Taylor Athens; Lauren Han  
*Second Team:* Anna (Baya) Damian; Sarah Zoglin

### Girls cross-country

SCVAL El Camino Division  
*First Team:* Fiona Bodkin; Riley Capuano; Lauren Soobrian; Maddy Randall; Jasleen Sidhu; Shelli Lewis; Ella Fadil

### Girls golf

SCVAL El Camino Division  
*Outstanding Senior:* Sophie Thai  
*Outstanding Freshman:* Cami Thai  
*Coach of the Year:* Abe Roof  
*First Team:* Sophie Thai; Cami Thai  
*Second Team:* Madison Woo; Kara Chou

### Mountain View High Football

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*First Team:* Leo Navarro; Min Kant; Joe Brown; Quinton Mastropietro; Jackson Steffen  
*Second Team:* Kevin Bautista; Aiden Gefken; Chris Barmore; Dillon Daniels; Kaleb Ecklund

### Girls volleyball

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*Outstanding Sophomore:* Lyric Manson  
*First Team:* Andi Turner; Tessa Hunter; Millie Kopp; Manson  
*Honorable Mention:* Lydia Weeks

### Boys water polo

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*First Team:* Quinlan Corsiglia  
*Honorable Mention:* Dylan Leahy

### Girls water polo

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*First Team:* Ana Nardelli  
*Honorable Mention:* Kristi Cambouris

### Girls tennis

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*First Team:* Penelope Wong

### Boys cross-country

SCVAL El Camino Division



Los Altos High's Samantha Wallace, left, competes in an early-season tennis match. She made SCVAL De Anza Division First Team Singles. At right, Los Altos quarterback Jimmy Flynn tries to throw a pass with Mountain View's Chris Barmore bearing down on him Sept. 10. Flynn earned SCVAL El Camino Division First Team honors; Barmore was selected to the SCVAL De Anza Division Second Team.

*First Team:* Emmanuel Leblond; Evan Markelz; Nicholas Trepanier

### Girls cross-country

SCVAL El Camino Division  
*First Team:* Julia Gentin; Eliana Montgomery; Carly Heltzel

### Girls golf

SCVAL El Camino Division  
*First Team:* Kaitlyn Hahn  
*Second Team:* Michelle Liou

### St. Francis High Football

West Catholic Athletic League  
*Player of the Year:* Viliami Teu  
*Tight End of the Year:* Dillon Golden  
*Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year:* Uluakinofa Taliauli  
*Linebacker of the Year:* Camilo Arquette  
*Co-Kicker of the Year:* Matthew Karic  
*First Team:* Teu; Arquette; Taliauli; Nico Andrighetto; Tim Netane; Paddy Casey; Jeffrey Xu  
*Second Team:* Golden, Michael Taliauli; Josh Perry  
*Honorable Mention:* Karic;

Tyler Evans; Esaia Vavao; Peyton Warford; John Williams

### Girls volleyball

WCAL  
*First Team:* Erin Curtis; Madison Pietsch  
*Second Team:* Lanuola Saulala; Lauren Scheffler  
*Honorable Mention:* Whitney Wallace

### Boys water polo

WCAL  
*First Team:* Terence O'Donnell  
*Second Team:* Nicholas Verstak; Andrew Blanco  
*Honorable Mention:* Brody Ghashghai

### Girls water polo

WCAL  
*First Team:* Mason Spencer; Hailey Multz; Tiffany Maguire  
*Second Team:* Alison Giusti; Sara Withers  
*Honorable Mention:* Hannah Multz

### Girls tennis

WCAL  
*Singles Player of the Year:* Emily Tan  
*Doubles Team of the Year:* Pramati Barath and Emily Williams

*First Team:* Tan; Barath; Williams; Jolie Wang

### Field hockey

SCVAL De Anza Division  
*Defensive MVP:* Madeline Vo  
*Goalie MVP:* Audrey Pace  
*Coach of the Year:* Nicole Ng  
*First Team:* Evelyn Yandle; Ella Scharrenberg; Jordan Reicher  
*Second Team:* Madison Ferraro; Sara Waddell; Hope Fordyce  
*Honorable Mention:* Avery Janosky; Emma Moran

### Girls golf

WCAL  
*First Team:* Sohini Pillay

### Boys cross-country

WCAL  
*First Team:* Jack Sloan

### Girls cross-country

WCAL  
*First Team:* Sabrina Zanetto; Hinako Yamamoto; Lillian Kaelber; Anna Fawcett; Caitlin Cilley

### Bellarmine College Prep

**Boys water polo**  
 WCAL  
*First Team:* Thomas Walker (Los Altos resident)



TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTOS BY MAL TAM (LEFT) AND R. ALAN HWANG

## Bobcats & Bears claw their way to top of respective football, volleyball leagues

Santa Rita School's third- and fourth-grade flag football team won the district championship last month. The Bobcats, coached by Alan McCall, won three straight games to claim the crown.



COURTESY OF JOSHUA PARMAN



COURTESY OF JANET WANG

Cupertino Middle School's sixth-grade boys volleyball team, which included Los Altos residents, won the Valley Junior High School Athletic League championship in the fall. The Bears rallied from a seven-point deficit in the fifth set to defeat Miller 17-15 in the title match. Cupertino finished the season undefeated.



# Puzzles Page

## Town Crier Crossword

By Myles Mellor

### Across

1. Revise a mistake
5. Titled British woman
9. Genre that developed from hard-core punk
12. Desire
13. Comply with
14. "I don't think so"
15. The "A" in A.D.
16. Tusked marine animals
18. Temperaments
20. Letter abbr.
21. Soccer shout in Spain
22. Empty
25. Supermarket suppliers
29. Tubular pasta
30. Benedict or Matthew
31. Local muralist Morgan
32. What Valley Water wants you to get rid of
33. Soup seasoning
34. A model wife to Bowie
35. Difficult weather condition
36. City in Brazil, briefly
38. Complete current path
43. A step up

46. Unattractive tropical fruit?
47. Pipe joint
48. Cast
49. What you used to be
50. Baseball great Campanella
51. Prefix with dextrous
52. Founded: Abbr.

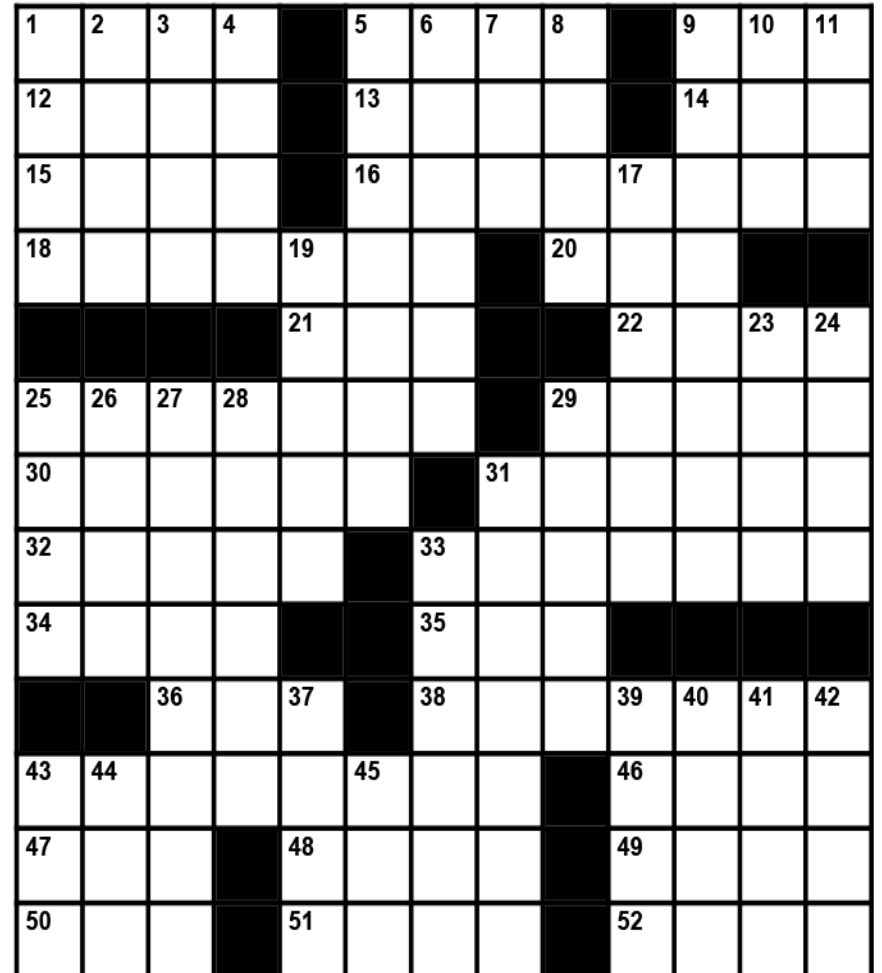
### Down

1. Obi-Wan actor
2. Actress Merrill
3. Ain't
4. 10 C-notes, for short
5. Used a wooden peg
6. Degrades
7. Actor Brooks
8. Bronte heroine
9. Settle snugly
10. West of "My Little Chickadee"
11. Expressions of surprise
17. Reveal
19. Makes muddy
23. Machu Picchu architects
24. \_\_\_\_ to the world
25. "The Persistence of

- Memory" artist
26. "My Name Is \_\_\_\_" (William Saroyan story collection)
27. Deep down
28. Presidential nickname
29. He snoops
31. Spore-producing bacteria
33. Antacid (abbr.)
37. Government safety org.
39. Nice looking
40. Cries of aversion
41. "Why should \_\_\_\_ you?"
42. Strapped
43. Word in a price
44. "All over the world" singers, for short
45. Stomach, slangily

— Los Altos clues bolded.

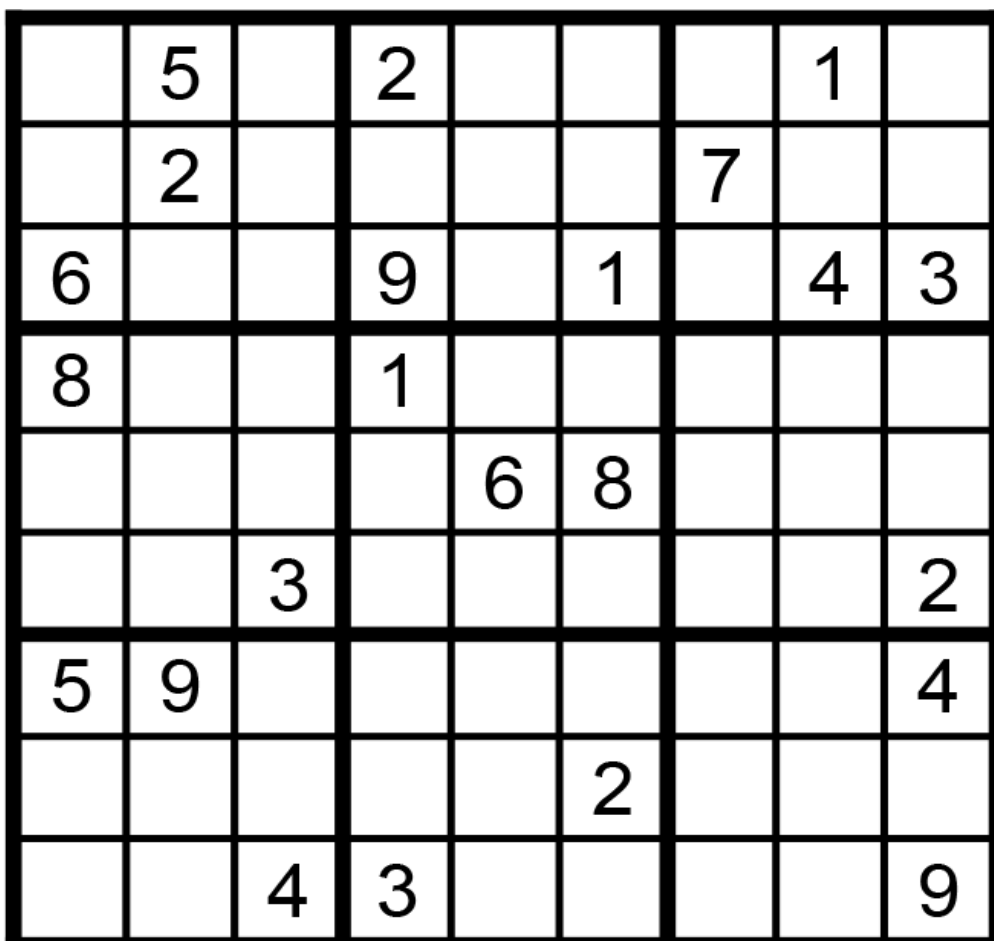
Answers  
on Page 27



## Sudoku

By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult. Level: Medium



## Find A Word



Fifteen words related to the outdoors are listed by this puzzle. They may go across, up and down or diagonally in the puzzle. Circle each one when you find it.

Acorns  
Birdwatching  
Campfire  
Climbing  
Fauna

Fields  
Flora  
Hike  
Jogging  
Night sky

Outdoors  
Stars  
Tents  
Trees  
Walking



# Stepping Out



KEVIN BERNE/SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

George (Moses Villarama, left) saves the day, and residents of Bedford Falls – played by Sarita Ocon, from second from left, Todd Cerveris, Luisa Sermol and Phil Wong – rejoice in TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play."

## TheatreWorks' 'Wonderful Life' transitions from live to streaming

Town Crier Report

In-person performances of TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" ended Sunday at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto, but the play lives on online. On-demand streaming is available through Sunday.

The holiday-themed production – adapted by Joe Landry from the screenplay by Fran-

ces Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra and Jo Swerling – offers the classic 1946 movie as a 1940s-era radio play, complete with live Foley-style sound effects.

The story of George Bailey's love, loss and redemption on Christmas Eve features five actors – Moses Villarama, Sarita Ocon, Luisa Sermol, Phil Wong and Todd Cerveris – who take on dozens of roles and provide

all of the live sound effects in the play. Giovanna Sardelli directs.

Streaming tickets are \$25; those who purchase them will be emailed a link to watch the program at home on their computer, smart TV or other streaming device.

*For streaming tickets and more information, call (877) 662-8978 or visit [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org).*

## Ragazzi Boys Chorus to hold SingFest Jan. 8

Town Crier Report

Ragazzi Boys Chorus invites young boys who enjoy singing to attend its annual SingFest, scheduled Jan. 8 in Redwood City.

Described by organizers as "zero-stress choral auditions," the free in-person event is for boys ages 7-10. Participants will take part in singing games and have an opportunity to get to know Ragazzi's faculty and chorus as they explore joining the group in the spring. No singing experience is necessary.

SingFest will be held 9:15 a.m. to noon at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 178 Clinton St.

Participants must provide proof of full COVID vaccination, including the two weeks after their second shot, or provide proof that they have started the COVID vaccination series and of a negative PCR test taken 48-72 hours before the

morning of SingFest.

Faculty and participants will wear masks throughout the full event.

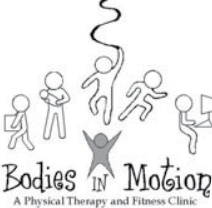
Preregistration is required online at [ragazzi.org](http://ragazzi.org) or via email at [ragoff@ragazzi.org](mailto:ragoff@ragazzi.org).

If a child is unable to attend SingFest but is interested in joining Ragazzi, the chorus is hosting online auditions for potential new choristers to learn about joining the group.

In these auditions, boys ages 5-18 as well as their parents and guardians will be introduced to Ragazzi digitally, meeting one-on-one with a Ragazzi chorus director to take part in singing games appropriate for their age level.

The appointments also give young singers and their families a chance to ask specific questions.

*To schedule an appointment and for more information, visit [ragazzi.org/join-us](http://ragazzi.org/join-us).*



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# Schools

## LAHS Students for Haiti Solidarity protest deportation of Haitians

By Angela Tam

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Los Altos High School students gathered on the corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road Dec. 16 to publicly demonstrate their support for the people of Haiti amid the Biden administration's deportation efforts.

The Students for Haiti Solidarity club at Los Altos High organized the protest, with an aim to show support for their sister school SOPUDEP in Haiti and to stand in solidarity with Haitians in their struggle for human rights.

"In the course of supporting our sister school, we've also been learning about the human rights crisis in Haiti, which has been in effect ever since the U.S. government did a coup in 2004," said Seth Connolly, faculty adviser for the club. "We've met with human rights activists, we've met with student activists."

Students stood on the busy corner waving to passing motorists and holding signs to protest the Biden administration's deportation of thousands of Haitian refugees over the past two months. Students for Haiti Solidarity also opposes the U.S.-backed dictatorship in Haiti,

which members hope comes to an expeditious end.

Connolly said the demonstration isn't the first for the club. Students annually sponsor a rally and candlelight vigil for the people of Haiti around Dec. 10 – Human Rights Day.

Although Connolly has traveled with students several times to Haiti, he said the current situation in the Caribbean nation is too politically unstable and dangerous for the club to make any trips.

Quetzalli Hernandez, a junior and member of Students for Haiti Solidarity, held up a sign that said, "USA Stop Funding Terror in Haiti."

"Haitians at the U.S. border are seeking asylum, and it's just so wrong because they're fleeing from a U.S.-backed dictatorship," Hernandez said. "When they come to America, they're being turned away and sent back. ... It's sad. It's a very gruesome, tragic story, and it's disheartening and it just needs to be stopped."

Charleze Berard, a junior, hoisted a sign that read "Stop Deportations." She believes the Haitian situation is important and needs to be addressed further.

"A lot of people might not know about this, so it's good to



ANGELA TAM / TOWN CRIER

Members of Los Altos High's Students for Haiti Solidarity club show their support for the Haitian people at a demonstration on the corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road Dec. 16.

protest and just to make people aware of this," she said.

Club co-president Han-Nha Tiet, a senior, said that prior to joining the club, she had no idea about U.S. political involvement in Haiti. She emphasized the

importance of educating people about the situation.

"We want to communicate the idea of what's happening in Haiti, and how it's our responsibility," Tiet said. "It's not just, 'Oh, they have their own problems, we

have our own.' We're trying to move away from that, and I want to show people what the U.S. is doing."

The Haiti Action Committee, a Bay Area-based network of activists, co-sponsored the event.

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## LAHS' Coral Reef Conservancy Project spreads word about coral bleaching

By Angela Tam

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Los Altos High School's Coral Reef Conservancy Project continues to collaborate with legislators and organizations in an effort to pass the federal Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2021.

Junior Medha Rajagopalan, founder and the co-president of the club, said the bill, H.R.241, has passed the U.S. House of Representatives and awaits action in the Senate. The club plans to lobby U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo while preparing for the outcome of the legislation.

"We're getting in contact with Anna Eshoo, and we're hoping that she can possibly work with us, because she's really involved in the environmental side of things – that's one of her

main things," Rajagopalan said. "We're hoping we can work with her to get it moving again ... and get it passed in the Senate."

### Spreading the word

Club co-president Simran Gupta, a junior, said the club is spreading the word about the bill, speaking to as many people and organizations as possible. Members have successfully secured support from organizations including the nonprofits Coral Reef Alliance and Amigos de las Americas.

"We have been trying to get support from other organizations, even if it might not be through endorsements, whether that be presentations where they talk about our club, through social media, just to get the word out about the bill," Gupta said.

The team leading the project

gives presentations to students. Some are local, like the one at Egan Junior High School for seventh-graders last March, but others have crossed time zones, including one for Shirayuri Gakuen Junior and Senior High School in Japan in late September.

Rajagopalan said not many people know about coral bleaching – a process that occurs when corals lose their vivid colors and turn white – but it affects people all over the world. Places like Japan are situated along major coastlines and along coral reefs, and they rely on seafood and products from the ocean. The club shares information on coral bleaching and how the government handles the situation.

Members explain how coral bleaching impacts marine and

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# Schools

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human life alike. One-quarter of current resources provided by coral reefs, such as seafood species, are expected to die in the next 10 years. As the coral reef is a keystone species, meaning many other species rely on it within the ecosystem, its deterioration exacerbates food shortages. Rajagopalan sees the effect presentations are having on students.

“It’s really important (to give these presentations) because they don’t really know about what’s happening, so we want to educate them about it,” she said of students’ response. “I think we brought in a lot of interest, because they know it exists, and they know that the species are there, but up until (the presentations), they didn’t know what was wrong with it, that it was deteriorating. ... Seeing them take interest in it was really exciting, because it’s something that we’re all passionate about.”

The club has faced some challenges as it pursues its mission. Junior Hannah Choi, club secretary, found the time-zone dif-

ferences especially difficult to work around. She recalls some of the team members having to stay up late to accommodate everyone’s schedules.

“The presentations went really well though,” Choi said. “We got a lot of interest, questions, and we also got emails afterward that asked for more information. There were audio issues, too, but everything went well in the end.”

### Future plans

As the Coral Reef Conservancy Project refocuses its efforts beyond H.R.241, members are tackling other initiatives related to coral bleaching. The club is planning a convention in hopes members can talk with people about small things they can do to effect change.

Rajagopalan also hopes they will be able to open chapters of the Coral Reef Conservancy Project at other schools.

“By hosting the convention and getting scientists, governmental officials, people to come in and talk, we hope that we can reach a larger demographic of people and inspire them to take part in similar things, whether



COURTESY OF CORAL REEF CONSERVANCY PROJECT

**Members of the Coral Reef Conservancy Project host an information table at Los Altos High’s recent holiday fair.**

it’s coral-reef-related or something else that’s really affected by climate change,” she said.

Choi added that the club is planning a speaker series that will give a platform to scientists and researchers who study coral reefs and coral bleaching. The club’s goal is to have several scientists speak with science classes at Los Altos High.

“Hopefully, that will spark a lot of interest,” she said. “It’s research done firsthand by these people; they know what’s going on and what efforts are being done.”

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# Your Home

## Realtor's perspective: Top home trends for the upcoming year

By Nicole Colclough  
Special to the Town Crier

As a local realtor, I get an inside look at how people are shaping and changing their domestic spaces. Over the past 19 months, through the challenging times of the pandemic, how we work, live and play has changed. I have witnessed a corresponding shift in the way we are living in our homes.

I see an increasing focus on the personal, functional and intentional. It makes sense to see this shift, as people have gone from having to be at home to wanting to be at home in an environment that expresses their personalities and individual tastes and caters to their current lifestyle needs.

Following is a roundup of the top home trends I expect to see in 2022.

### Multifunctional and versatile spaces

Carving out home offices and designated study areas were all the rage the past two years. This upcoming year, however, designers are seeing a shift toward making our homes more of an oasis where we want to spend time even if we don't need to as much – for example, bringing in natural materials, plants, light and airy designs.

Attention to how we use each space in the home, and how we use our personal items will continue to rule in 2022.

A coffee table may double as storage so you can quickly tidy up a room for guests yet still have the items easily accessible. Large windows and high ceilings are critical, as they enhance views to the outside and provide abundant daylight, promoting overall health and well-being.

### Room bars and carts

Designers are predicting that living room bars and beverage carts will be all the rage in 2022. This trend started during the lockdowns and will continue to gain momentum as we begin to entertain at home again.

Repurposing an unused alcove or built-in cabinet space is a clever way to provide a real purpose to our common and adult entertaining spaces.

### Black accents, neutral shades

Black accents and hardware add some edge and depth to more minimalist spaces. Choose light, neutral colors for the main elements of a space, such as paint colors and large sofas, and incorporate black accents for contrast. A black lamp in your living room or black hardware on your kitchen cabinetry will accent a room or area and add interesting depth. Interior and exterior black window frames, black lacquered entryway doors and black appliances are expected to grow in popularity in 2022.

Designers are also using a lot of brown, copper and earthy tones mixed with black and gray. Hammered metals are really trending – a hammered metal chair can add a contemporary element to any space.

We will see more gray, as well as beige, white and brown, with rich and warm undertones in paint colors next year. Earthy tones such as Cream Moonstone, Guacamole and Evergreen Fog were recently declared colors of the year by popular paint companies and forecasting firms.

Creating a more zen and peaceful spa-like environment has become a priority, and whether it is furniture itself or decorative elements, nature-inspired colors and textures will prevail in the new year.

### Sustainable materials

We will see a focus on natural materials used in common spaces indoors, such as plants, greenery and trees. Common spaces, such as the living room and family room, are being designed with longevity and timelessness in mind.

As individuals seek a more responsible approach to design, we will see elements such as natural wood mixed with marble and stone that encapsulate the surroundings to create a calming, natural ambience and balance.

Additionally, eco-friendly materials will be used more than ever as people are seeing the advantages of integrating energy-efficient products in their spaces to reduce heating and lighting needs.



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Black accents around neutral shades can be found popping up all over the Los Altos area – that trend may likely continue, but warm earthy tones may join the mix this year.



### Texture and scent

Maybe it is a reaction to a year and a half spent getting cozy at home, or a product of increased attention to detail, but Sherpa, velvets and yarns are the “it” fabrics coming out of 2021. Cozy fabrics not only feel amazing, but they look luxurious and upscale. They are also

predicting fringe will be a front runner on sofas and ottomans.

Scent took on new life during the pandemic, and people are using scents as a way of inhabiting space with all of their senses. Examples include burning sage in the home office to promote mental acuity, wafting orange blossom in the bedroom

to encourage calm and sleep, and the fragrance of a fire in the living room to embody a cozy feeling.

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## Inaugural Mini Holiday Market attracts shoppers



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The Los Altos Village Association's first Mini Holiday Market – held Dec. 16 at the new State Street Market – featured live music, warm seasonal drinks, food from Los Altos Farmers' Market vendors and holiday gifts for sale by local artists. There were also an array of offerings from pop-ups Cowgirl Creamery, Bao Bei and Shaka Brewing.

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## Transactions

### Los Altos

**267 Alta Vista Avenue**, K. & S. Loughlin to H. & H. Huang for \$4,550,000  
**163 Bridgton Court**, Albright Family Trust to Booth Trust for \$8,500,000  
**1379 Chelsea Drive**, R. Park to M. & P. Jagadishrasad for \$4,700,000  
**1 W. Edith Avenue Unit A204**, Shen Trust to A. & A. Hussaina for \$1,350,000  
**14 Fourth Street**, Ridgway Trust to 14 Fourth Street LLC for \$2,950,000  
**26 Fourth Street No. 11**, Field Trust to S. & P. Castain for \$1,485,000  
**625 Hawthorne Avenue**, Williams Family Trust to Lee Trust for \$5,650,000  
**1211 Heritage Court**, Klee Trust to R. & X. Chen for \$3,850,000  
**548 Shirlynn Court**, Statsky Family Trust to F. & Q. Yang for \$3,600,000  
**1453 Wessex Avenue**, Schoenborn Trust to T. & M. Brown for \$4,200,000

**211 Yerba Buena Avenue**, Brown Trust to N. & G. Miller for \$5,710,000

### Los Altos Hills

**28368 Christopher Lane Unit S**, B. Wong to K. & M. Cantele for \$3,320,000  
**10551 Magdalena Road**, Van-nice Trust to Tagare Family Trust for \$4,352,000  
**24603 Olive Tree Lane**, Bush Family Trust to J. & G. Achuthan for \$3,170,000  
**14735 Saltamontes Way**, J. Yu to L. & M. Xie for \$2,300,000  
**23958 Spalding Avenue**, Soetarmann Family Trust to Y. & X. Song for \$3,450,000  
**14210 Wild Plum Lane**, Palms Family Trust to Tendieman LLC for \$10,100,000

### Mountain View

**68 Centre Street**, PCG2 Holdings LLC to Milestone Investments Inc. for \$1,600,000  
**181 Del Medio Avenue No. 207**, K. & N. Kremer to Wang Living Trust for \$732,000  
**75 Devonshire Avenue No. 9**, J. Demartini to P. & C. Crawford for \$1,250,000  
**1349 Isabelle Avenue**, E. & P.

See TRANSACTIONS, Page 21



# Business & Real Estate

## TRANSACTIONS

### From Page 20

Wolf to Y. & J. Meng for \$10,800,000  
**1661 Lee Drive**, E. Katz to D. & L. Yang for \$3,475,000  
**380 Lily Court**, Y. Pan to Y. Chang for \$2,250,000  
**1928 Limetree Lane**, Hanson Family Trust to Zf 2021-1 LLC for \$2,800,000  
**885 Linda Vista Avenue**, Bay Home Investments to Phan Family Trust for \$1,620,000  
**745 Lola Lane**, Haspert Trust to L. & D. Wang for \$8,880,000  
**1445 Meadow Lane**, Liao-Stoertz Trust to L. & R. Mao for \$4,250,000  
**500 W. Middlefield Road No. 111**, M. Barton to J. Lim for \$615,000  
**1945 Mount Vernon Court No. 4**, D. Pham to Y. & J. Gao for \$780,000  
**550 Ortega Avenue Unit A207**, E. Guan to H. Wu for \$1,050,000  
**1963 Rock Street No. 6**, J. Bradley to S. Sangani for \$1,255,000  
**2322 Rock Street**, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to H. & Q. Jiang for \$1,756,000  
**2326 Rock Street**, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to D. & P. Davies for \$1,695,000  
**321 Scarlett Terrace**, Redwoods at Montecito LLC to R. & J. Luo for \$1,930,000  
**173 Sierra Vista Avenue No. 8**, Y. Wu to B. & Y. Jiang for \$1,435,000  
**1914 Silverwood Avenue**, F. Lin to W. Hou for \$1,050,000

**2357 Toledo Terrace**, MV Maravilla 2019 LLC to D. & R. Zhang for \$1,629,000  
**537 Victory Avenue**, Mark Bakalish Personal Trust to J. & M. Gucwa for \$2,200,000

### Cupertino

**7480 De La Farge Drive**, SF21G LLC to W. & D. Lau for \$2,650,000  
**10324 Dempster Avenue**, Dumas Family Trust to D. Tai for \$3,080,000  
**20637 Gardenside Circle**, Agrawal Trust to S. & P. Tripathi for \$1,680,000  
**10612 Gascoigne Drive**, Shiflett Trust to Unigate Ent. Inc. for \$1,950,000  
**21686 Noonan Court**, Private Trust Co. Na. to S. & Z. Gan for \$3,600,000  
**10913 Northfield Square**, R. Kambli to A. Booth for \$1,380,000  
**10929 Northshore Square**, J. Ma to M. & B. Madon for \$1,406,000  
**10960 Northsky Square**, Goldetsky Trust to S. & P. Dutta for \$1,570,000  
**21087 Red Fir Court**, N. Maniam to S. Wu for \$999,000  
**22581 Ricardo Road**, B. Wang to Yee Trust for \$3,700,000  
**7701 Robindell Way**, Lin 1987 Family Trust to M. & A. Jha for \$3,150,000  
**10531 Stokes Avenue**, T. Tan to R. & P. Prakash for \$3,510,000  
**10684 S. Tantau Avenue**, K. & H. Vallabhaneni to S. & P. Nagarajan for \$2,350,000  
**22117 Wallace Drive**, K. & P. Subrahmanyam to S. & S. Prasanna for

\$3,220,000  
**21066 White Fir Court**, Flood Trust to F. & G. Liu for \$850,000

### Overall

#### Los Altos

Total sales: 11  
Lowest sale: \$1,350,000  
Highest sale: \$8,500,000  
Average sale: \$4,231,400

#### Los Altos Hills

Total sales: 6  
Lowest sale: \$2,300,000  
Highest sale: \$10,100,000  
Average sale: \$4,448,700

### Mountain View

Total sales: 21  
Lowest sale: \$615,000  
Highest sale: \$10,800,000  
Average sale: \$2,526,300

### Cupertino

Total sales: 15  
Lowest sale: \$850,000  
Highest sale: \$3,700,000  
Average sale: \$2,339,700

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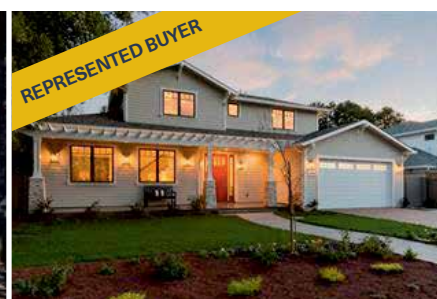
**13500 Country Wy, Los Altos Hills**  
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**18331 Lexington Dr, Monte Sereno**  
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**561 Fremont Ave, Los Altos**  
List Price \$2,895,000  
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**772 University Ave, Los Altos**  
List Price \$5,695,000  
**Purchased for \$5,100,000**



**1751 Cherrytree Ln, Mountain View**  
List Price \$2,899,000  
**Sold for \$3,250,000**



**4103 Clemo Ave, Palo Alto**  
List Price \$5,782,400  
**Purchased for \$4,985,000**



**580 Sunnymount Ave, Sunnyvale**  
List Price \$1,799,000  
**Sold for \$2,050,000**



**327 Cowper St, Palo Alto**  
List Price \$3,250,000  
**Purchased for \$3,250,000**



**2573 Park Blvd, U100, Palo Alto**  
List Price \$1,185,000  
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**26 4th St, #11, Los Altos**  
List Price \$1,625,000  
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## TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

### SUMMARY OF URGENCY ORDINANCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858, EXTENDING AN URGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 (ZONING AND SITE DEVELOPMENT) OF THE LOS ALTOS HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD ARTICLE 15 TO CHAPTER 1 ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF QUALIFIED SENATE BILL 9 PROPERTIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 16, 2021, the Los Altos Hills City Council adopted an urgency ordinance (Ordinance No. 599) that would extend the existing Urgency Ordinance No. 598, adopted by the City Council on November 18, 2021, adding Article 15 to Chapter 1 of the Los Altos Hills Municipal Code to establish regulations for properties eligible for subdivision and/or development under Senate Bill 9 (2021) ("SB 9"). Adoption of this ordinance would extend Urgency Ordinance 598 for an additional 22 months and 15 days pursuant to Government Code section 65858(b). Adoption of this urgency ordinance would allow additional time for the Town to consider, draft and adopt new and permanent regulations for SB 9 subdivisions and developments in conformance with state law. This urgency ordinance extension would avoid land use and site development conflicts with existing regulations and prevent incompatibilities including public safety, visual, privacy, acoustic and aesthetic impacts which would negatively impact the public welfare and the unique quality and character of the Town. Finally, adoption of this urgency ordinance will keep Urgency Ordinance 598 in full force and effect so that the City may continue to regulate SB 9 subdivisions and developments without state law wholly invalidating the local regulations.

Adoption of the proposed ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act under the general rule in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. For the reasons set forth in the urgency ordinance, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

This Ordinance Summary was prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 36933. The full text of the ordinance is available from the Town's City Clerk's Office at 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA, or on the Town's website at [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov).

This Ordinance was adopted on the 16th day of December 2021, and a certified copy of the full text, together with the names of the City Council members voting for and against the Ordinance, or otherwise voting, is posted in the Office of the City Clerk.

The vote was recorded as follows:

INTRODUCED: December 16, 2021  
PASSED: December 16, 2021  
AYES: Mayor Tyson, Vice Mayor Swan, Councilmember Mok, Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Tankha  
NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None  
ABSENT: None

ATTEST:  
/s/ Deborah Padovan, City Clerk

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS  
/s/ Mayor George Tyson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
/s/ Steve Mattas, City Attorney

Publish Date: December 29, 2021  
(12-29-21)

231-T

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

#### AN AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS PROHIBITING WASTEFUL WATER USE AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT

#### PURISSIMA HILLS WATER DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, the Purissima Hills Water District ("District") obtains all of its water from the City and County of San Francisco, acting by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission ("SFPUC") and is entirely dependent on the SFPUC source of supply for its water; and

**WHEREAS**, the District currently exceeds its water supply assurance by over 17%, and in the past has exceeded its water supply assurance by as much as 35%; and

**WHEREAS**, long-term weather forecasts for the winter rainy season, dire storage conditions of California's largest reservoirs, low moisture content in native vegetation, and parched soils, magnify the likelihood that drought impacts will continue in 2022 and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the increasing frequency of multiyear droughts presents a significant risk to California's ability to ensure adequate water supplies for communities, agriculture, and fish and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to expeditiously mitigate the effects of the drought conditions to ensure the protection of health, safety, and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has evaluated, and continues to evaluate, the augmentation of its water supply, including constructing wells and developing additional water service interconnections and additional sources of water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 2003, the District adopted Ordinance No. 2003-01 in order to prohibit the wasteful use of water, and in order to conserve the District's water supply for the greatest public benefit, and to reduce the quantity of water used by District customers; and

**WHEREAS**, in May of 2014, the District adopted Ordinance No. 2014-01 to amend and restate Ordinance No. 2003-01, providing additional prohibitions against the wasteful use of water; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2021, Governor Newsom proclaimed a statewide State of Emergency to exist in California due to drought conditions, which proclamation remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Newsom has called for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use for all wholesale and retail water customers; and **WHEREAS**, on November 23, 2021, the SFPUC declared a Water Shortage Emergency by Resolution No. 21-0177, which requires a 32% water use reduction for the District; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the statewide drought emergency, the Governor's request for a 15% voluntary reduction in water usage, SFPUC's request for a systemwide voluntary reduction in water usage, and ongoing efforts by the District to conserve water resources in order to avoid a water shortage, the District now desires to amend and restate Ordinance 2014-01 to prohibit additional wasteful uses of water within the District's jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the District hereby seeks to add prohibitions on wasteful water use pursuant to Water Code Sections 31026, 31027, and 375.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PURISSIMA HILLS WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

#### Section 1. Findings and Declarations

It is hereby declared by the Board of Directors that, in order to conserve the District's water supply for the greatest public benefit and to reduce the quantity of water unnecessarily used by the District's customers, the wasteful use of water should be minimized and, if possible, eliminated.

#### Section 2. Water Use Prohibitions

The following uses of water are declared to be unreasonable and to constitute waste and are hereby prohibited:

A Use of water through any broken or defective plumbing fixture, sprinkler watering or irrigation system on the customer's premises when the customer has been given written notice by the District to repair the leak and the customer has failed to effect such repairs within five calendar days after the District provides notice to the customer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in circumstances when there is a water leak in the customer's plumbing or water distribution facilities that may cause property damage ("Major Leak"), the District, after consultation with the customer, may require that the customer repair the Major Leak promptly, and the District may shut off the water until the Major Leak is repaired.

B. Use of water which results in flooding or runoff in gutters or streets.

C. Use of potable water for private washing of cars, buses, boats, trailers or other vehicles, except with the use of a positive shutoff valve or other similar device to control the flow of water.

D. Use of water in landscape irrigation which results in runoff into the street or pooling due to super-saturation of the ground.

E. Use of potable water in non-recirculating decorative fountains.

F. Use of water to irrigate land-

scapes exterior to newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the Town of Los Altos Hills, as applicable.

G. Use of water to irrigate outdoor landscapes, including turf and ornamental landscapes, during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall of at least 0.25 inches.

H. Use of potable water to irrigate ornamental turf on public street medians.

I. Use of potable water outdoors, or for any irrigation purpose, if outdoor or irrigation use is not separately measured from indoor use by a dedicated water service meter, by any new residential or institutional account connected to the District's system for water service after January 1, 2023.

J. Use of potable water by an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), if use is not separately measured by a dedicated water service meter, by any new ADU connected to the District's system for water service after January 1, 2023.

K Use of, opening or attempting to draw water from, or damaging or tampering with fire hydrants within the jurisdiction of the District without written authorization from the District or the Los Altos Hills County Fire District.

#### Section 3. Exceptions

A Any customer who believes that the application of this Ordinance would create an undue hardship or would cause a substantial risk to the health or safety of the customer may submit a written request for an exception to the requirements of this Ordinance to the District's General Manager.

B. The General Manager will review the written request and, if the customer will suffer an undue hardship or substantial risk to their health and safety, the General Manager may grant an exception to this Ordinance.

#### Section 4. Investigation

The District will promptly investigate all reports of uses of water that are prohibited by this Ordinance. This investigation will include at a minimum discussing the circumstance with the person making the report and with the customer alleged to have violated this Ordinance, if these people are available, and visually inspecting the property where the water is being used. The District may determine that further investigation is necessary to evaluate if this Ordinance has been violated and may conduct a further investigation if determined necessary.

#### Section 5. Enforcement of Water Use Prohibition 2.A-2.J

The following enforcement provisions apply to the water use prohibitions set forth above

Page 3 of 5  
Sections 2.A through 2.J, but not to 2.K.

A If the District believes that a customer has been or is using water in violation of this Ordinance, the General Manager will send a written notice to the customer that includes the following: (1) specifying

ing the nature of the waste and the time of occurrence, to the extent known by the District: (2) requesting that the customer cease such use; (3) informing the customer of the process to seek an exception based on undue hardship or substantial risk to the health and safety of the customer; and (4) informing the customer that failure to comply with this Ordinance may result in the termination of water service, fine and imprisonment ("Violation Notice"). The District will make a reasonable, good faith effort to contact an adult person residing at the premises by telephone or in person to provide the customer with the Violation Notice.

B. If the customer does not correct the violation within 72 hours of receiving the Violation Notice and the customer does not request an exception to the application of this Ordinance, the General Manager will post the Violation Notice on the property where the violation is occurring. If the customer does not correct the violation within 48 hours of the posting of the Violation Notice, the District may seek to enforce this Ordinance by terminating the customer's water service. In addition, if a customer has received multiple Violation Notices for violating this Ordinance, the District may seek to enforce this Ordinance pursuant to California Water Code Section 31029, which states that a violation of this Ordinance is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$600, by coordinating with the District Attorney's Office in Santa Clara County.

C. The customer shall be responsible for paying the District's costs incurred in enforcing this Ordinance, including terminating and restoring water service.

D. In unusual situations when circumstances beyond the customer's control prevents the customer from correcting or remedying a violation of this Ordinance, the General Manager may extend the time period for enforcing this Ordinance until the circumstances that prevent the customer from correcting or remedying the violation ceases.

#### Section 6. Enforcement of Water Use Prohibition 2.K

Pursuant to Water Code Section 31029, a violation of the prohibition against unauthorized use of fire hydrants in 2.K, shall both be a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days or by fine of not more than \$600, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

#### Section 7. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, or unenforceable in particular circumstances, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which shall continue to be in full force and effect, and the Board declares this Ordinance to be severable for that purpose.

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Section 8. Publication

Pursuant to Water Code Section 31027, the Secretary is hereby directed to arrange for a summary of this Ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District

within 15 days after this Ordinance is adopted by the District.

Adopted this 8th day of December, 2021, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Directors Holtz, Jordan, Stone, Glassman, and Ranganathan  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

Signed: Steve Jordan, Board President  
Purissima Hills Water District

Signed: Samantha Vu, Board Secretary  
Purissima Hills Water District  
(12-29-21)

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#### SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

The Board of Directors of the Purissima Hills Water District, at its meeting on December 8, 2021, adopted an Ordinance entitled:

#### AN AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS PROHIBITING WASTEFUL WATER USE AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT

In November 2003, the District adopted Ordinance No. 2003-01 in order to prohibit the wasteful use of water, and in order to conserve the District's water supply for the greatest public benefit, and to reduce the quantity of water used by District customers. In May of 2014, the District adopted Ordinance No. 2014-01 to amend and restate Ordinance No. 2003-01, providing additional prohibitions against the wasteful use of water. On October 19, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to drought conditions. Governor Newsom identified wasteful water uses that should be prohibited and acknowledged a need to reduce water use by 15%. The District is now proposing to adopt an ordinance updating and replacing Ordinance No. 2014-01 to prohibit certain wasteful water uses in order to expeditiously mitigate the effects of the drought conditions, and to advance ongoing efforts by the District to conserve water resources, all with the goal of avoiding a water shortage, to ensure the protection of health, safety, and the environment. At its regular meeting of December 8, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Purissima Hills Water District adopted the Ordinance prohibiting certain wasteful water uses. Board President Steve Jordan, Board Vice President Essy Stone, Lucille Glassman, Brian Holtz, and Anand Ranganathan voted in favor of adopting the Ordinance. This Summary was prepared by the District's General Counsel who is the official designated by the Board of Directors to prepare summaries of ordinances in accordance with Water Code Section 31027(b)(1).

Dated: December 8, 2021  
Signed: Samantha Vu,  
Board Secretary

Purissima Hills Water District  
(12-29-21)

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#### Purissima Hills Water District Declares Water Shortage Emergency

Certain mandatory water restrictions are now in effect for Purissima Hills Water District (PHWD) in Los Altos Hills following PHWD's declaration of a water shortage emergency.

PHWD's board unanimously voted on a new resolution Wednesday, December 8 declaring a water shortage emergency and adopting new water use restrictions, aimed at reducing water usage area by 32%.

"PHWD is supplied 100% by San Francisco Public Utility System Regional Water System; record low precipitation in the Hetch Hetchy Watershed over the last two years has led the State Water Board to reduce the water SFPUC can obtain from the system. On November 23, 2021, the SFPUC declared a Water Shortage Emergency calling for a systemwide reduction in water usage, including a 32% water use reduction from Fiscal Year 2019-2020 baseline for the District. PHWD needs to conserve 32% because our customers have such high outdoor use. Reducing outdoor use for landscaping is the first place the Regional Water System needs to achieve savings so that water can be preserved for human health and safety. PHWD customers can achieve significant savings by reducing outdoor watering, especially for lawns" according to Steve Jordan, PHWD Board president.

Effective immediately:

- Outdoor watering (excluding drip irrigation) with potable water is restricted to two days a week, no more than 20 minutes a day, and only after 8:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.

- All outdoor residential pools must be covered with a suitable pool covering when not in use.

- The use of potable water for decorative fountains or the filling or topping-off of decorative lakes or ponds is prohibited, with the exception for those decorative fountains, lakes, or ponds which utilize recycled water or other non-potable water.

- All residential and institutional customers must make best efforts to reduce their potable water use during the emergency by 32% as compared with the customer's usage during each month of Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

- All organizations watering horse arenas, recreation fields or athletic fields with potable water must ensure that irrigated horse arenas or fields are not overwatered or saturated.

- Use of water to irrigate outdoor landscapes, including turf and ornamental landscapes, during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall of at least 0.25 inches. In July, Gov. Gavin Newsom called for a statewide 15% water use reduction, and on Nov 23 SFPUC called for a 14% water use reduction by its suburban customers.

The District saw an increase of about 3% in comparison with Fiscal 2019-2020 water use in July, August, September quarter. When



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the first rain of the season arrived in October, PHWD alerted its customers to turn off outdoor watering. Our customers have responded well achieving a reduction in October of 25% and in November of 37%! Continued reduction in outdoor watering will be required to achieve the target 32% reduction for the entire fiscal year. Sometime in the first half of 2022, SFPUC will evaluate how well the entire Regional Water System is conserving and may need to institute additional measures.

District General Manager Phil Witt added: "With our large lot sizes, PHWD customers can achieve dramatic savings by efficiently reducing outdoor water. Our customers are encouraged to consider landscaping modifications to achieve the 32% target. PHWD offers a free water management tool called "Eye On Water" that can be installed on your mobile device. The tool obtains actual meter readings from your water meter, is easy to use and offers customizable notifications to help you identify both water usage and leaks. Our staff is available to assist customers to sign up for Eye On Water, analyze their usage, identify leaks, and discuss methods to save water. Save 32% and make every drop count!" (12-29-21)

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## Sia Independent care home FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN681146

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Sia Independent care home, 2450 Alvin Ave, San Jose, CA, 95121 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Sia Moigua, 2085 McLaughlin Ave, San Jose, CA 95122. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (12-29-21,1-05,12,19-22)

**227-T**

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF CHLOE SIMONE SIEM ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390311

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

Proposed Name: JASPER SIMONE SIEM

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.

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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: 11/15/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (12-29-21,1-05,12,19-22)

**226-T**

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(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. CADLOOK, 2790 Louis Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303 Filed in Santa Clara County on: 01/17/2020 Under File No. FBN662663 Full Name of Registrant(s): Ching-Fen Chou, 2790 Louis Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303 This business was conducted by: An Individual This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Santa Clara County on Dec. 10, 2021. Regina Alcomendras County Clerk-Recorder Santa Clara County File No. FBN680960 (12-29-21,1-05,12,19-22)

**225-T**

## CADLOOK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680961

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: CADLOOK, 2790 Louis Rd, Palo Alto, CA, 94303 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Jin J. Chou, 2790 Louis Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 05/17/1999. (12-29-21,1-05,12,19-22)

**224-T**

## TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**SEALED** proposals will be received at the office of the City Clerk, Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los

Altos Hills, California 94022, until 2:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 26, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room of said building, for construction in accordance with the project plans and specifications to which special reference is made, as follows:

### Title: EAST SUNSET DRIVE ROADWAY WIDENING PROJECT

**Project Description:** The work consists of drilling and installing soldier pile piers, concrete laggings retaining walls, A.C. pavement widening, metal beam guard rail, micro-surfacing, and all associated work.

The work is to be completed within **FORTY (40)** working days. At the time this contract is awarded, the Contractor shall possess a Class **A** license.

A bid submitted by any Contractor who is not licensed to engage in business or act in the capacity of a contractor shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected, except for those exceptions governed by Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code.

The Town of Los Altos Hills hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, place of birth, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability in consideration for an award.

Each bid must be accompanied by certified or cashier's check, or bidder's bond duly executed by a responsible corporate surety authorized to issue such bonds in the State of California, made payable to the Town of Los Altos Hills for an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the amount bid.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Labor and Materials Bond and a Faithful Performance Bond.

Pursuant to Section 1770 of the Labor Code, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages applicable to the work to be performed, which rates are filed in the office of the City Engineer, and copies of which are available to any interested parties on request.

The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the contract from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payment by the Town, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the Town in accordance with the provisions of Sections 22300 of the Public Contract Code. All expenses of such substitute deposit shall be borne by the Contractor. Securities eligible for investment under the section shall include those listed in Section 16430 of the California Government Code or certificates of deposit of a bank or savings and loan association. The Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for monies withheld and shall receive any interest thereon. Such securities, if deposited by the Contractor, shall be valued by the City's Administrative

Director, whose decision on valuation of the securities shall be final.

Alternatively, upon the Contractor's request, the Town will make payment of retentions earned directly to the escrow agent. The Contractor may direct the investment of the payments into securities, and the Contractor shall receive the interest earned on the investments upon the same terms provided for securities deposited by the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the Contractor shall receive from the escrow agent all securities, interest and payments received by the escrow agent from the Town, pursuant to the terms in Section 22300 of the public Contract code.

Bidders may purchase the project specifications with reduced plans and proposal forms by visiting or writing to:

**City Engineer's Office  
Attention: John Chau**  
Town Hall of Los Altos Hills  
26379 Fremont Road  
Los Altos Hills, California 94022  
(650) 941-7222

For a non-refundable fee of \$30 per set if picked up; or \$40 per set if mailed by regular mail with the U.S. Postal Service. Any other form of delivery will be at a cost to include the cost per set plus the delivery carrier's cost. They may also be reviewed at the various Builders Exchanges and construction service offices throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Full size plans are available for **\$5.00** per sheet.

Deborah Padovan  
City Clerk  
December 29, 2021  
(12-29-21)

**223-T**

## HELP HOLISTICS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680976

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: HELP HOLISTICS, 1326 Lakeshore Circle, San Jose, CA, 95131 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Beatriz Diaz Juarez, 1326 Lakeshore Cir, San Jose, CA 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 03/15/2021. (12-22,29-21,1-05,12-22)

**222-T**

## NEXT MEATS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680968

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: NEXT MEATS, 649 Sobrato Lane, Campbell, CA, 95008 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file

in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, ASA PROTEINS CORP., 649 Sobrato Lane, Campbell, CA 95008. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/06/2021. (12-22,29-21,1-05,12-22)

**220-T**

## CRAVE YOGA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680345

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: CRAVE YOGA, 257A Moffett Blvd., Mountain View, CA, 94043 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, CRAVE YOGA, 257A Moffett Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/15/2021. (12-15,22,29-21,1-05-22)

**219-T**

## PT Works FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680848

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: PT Works, 794 Altos Oaks Drive, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, Shadduck - Physical Therapy Works, Inc., 794 Altos Oaks Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/15/2016. (12-15,22,29-21,1-05-22)

**218-T**

## OXOMOHCO BIRTH AND BODY- WORK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680755

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: OXOMOHCO BIRTH AND BODYWORK, 4546 El Camino Real Suite 207, Los Altos, CA, 94022 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because

the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Jasmin Olvera Dena, 1340 Foxdale Loop Apt 421, San Jose, CA 95122. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (12-15,22,29-21,1-05-22)

**217-T**

## CHILDREN'S HOUSE OF LOS ALTOS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680748

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: CHILDREN'S HOUSE OF LOS ALTOS, 770 Berry Avenue, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a corporation, E.M. EDUCATION LTD., 1595 Kensington Circle, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/18/1983. (12-15,22,29-21,1-05-22)

**216-T**

## Cortes Electric FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680417

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Cortes Electric, 48 Saron Ave, San Jose, CA, 95116 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Eduardo Cortes, 48 Saron Ave, San Jose, CA 95116. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 10/03/2016. (12-15,22,29-21,1-05-22)

**215-T**

## FLIPFLY USA FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680696

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: FLIPFLY USA, 1914 Waterloo Ct, San Jose, CA, 95132 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Hasher Khan, 1914 Waterloo Ct, San Jose, CA 95132. Registrant began transacting business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/30/2021. (12-08,15,22,29-21)

**214-T**

## BOUND FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680716

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: BOUND, 828 Onyx Ct., San Jose, CA, 95117 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: an individual, Montserrat Llaurodd, 828 Onyx Ct., San Jose, CA 95117. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (12-08,15,22,29-21)

**213-T**

## JUNKAWAY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680337

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: JUNK-AWAY, 1524 W. San Carlos St, San Jose, CA, 95126 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: married couple, Guillermo Quiroz, 1059 Leith Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95054, Adriana Uribe, 1059 Leith Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 11/02/2021. (12-08,15,22,29-21)

**211-T**

## Critter Care of Silicon Valley LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680301

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Critter Care of Silicon Valley LLC, 4861 Blue Ridge Dr., San Jose, CA, 95129 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a limited liability company, Critter Care of Silicon Valley LLC, 4861 Blue Ridge Dr., San Jose, CA 95129. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. (12-08,15,22,29-21)

**210-T**



# Public Notices

## Cooper Service Company FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN680551

The following person(persons) is(are) doing business as: Cooper Service Company, 1023 Parma Way, Los Altos, CA, 94024 Santa Clara County. If the principal place of business identified above is not in Santa Clara County, a current fictitious business name statement for the fictitious business name(s) being filed at this time must be on file in the above-identified County that is the principal place of business before the statement can be filed. Does not apply because the principal place of business is in Santa Clara County. The business is owned by: a trust, Patricia Nancy Grimm, Successor Trustee, 232 Parma Way, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 04/01/2016. (12-08,15,22,29-21)

209-T

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF JIE CHEN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390892

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

Proposed Name:  
Nina Jie Chen

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 02/22/2022 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: 11/24/2021 /s/ Julie A. Emede Judge of the Superior Court (12-15,22,29-21,01-05-22)

208-T

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF MANGALA SAVADI ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390685

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

Proposed Name:  
ANITA KINAGI

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 03/01/2022 at 8:45 a.m. Room: Probate (b) The address of the court is: 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

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202-T

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF SANJANA ARORA AND SWAPNIL L SHAH ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 21CV390276

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Sanjana Arora and Swapnil L Shah filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name:  
Siddharth Swapnil Shah

Proposed Name:  
Nick Shah

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.

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201-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 peteb@latc.com and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable). Note that some items may be postponed or canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.*

## EXHIBITS

**“Bamboo, Lotus, Orchids and Wisteria.”** Paintings by artist and instructor Susan Chan and her students Novey Chou, Bonnie Chung, Christine Law and Spring Zhang. Through Friday. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. (650) 941-8073.

**“Culture, Color and Light.”** Artwork by students and instructor Deepti Nanawati of Art Circle Studio in Sunnyvale. Some pieces will be part of a fundraiser, with a QR code for online bidding. Jan. 3-31. Los Altos Main Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road. (650) 941-8073.

**“The Art of Living History.”** Fine art exhibit by local artist Robert Schick that records the transformation Santa Clara Valley went through in front of his eyes. Art walk and talks 3:30-4:30 p.m. Feb. 4. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Free. (650) 941-7222.

## AUDITIONS

**Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale.** Sing varied repertoire with the symphony. Most rehearsals Tuesdays. Auditions for all sections ongoing by appointment. chorale@symphonysiliconvalley.org.

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Jazzercise Dance Mixx and Body Sculpting.** Live on Zoom seven days a week. Free trial class. First 10 consecutive classes \$39. Full-time members also have free access to Jazzercise Live on-demand. (408) 505-2048; Nisaleone@sbcglobal.net.

**Adult Ballet Class.** Led by Leslie Friedman over Zoom. 4 p.m. Tuesdays. \$48 for four classes; \$15 drop-in. livelyfoundation@sbcglobal.net.

**Square Dance.** Led by Bows & Beaus Square Dance Club. Open to adult singles and couples. 7-9 p.m. Mondays. Loyola School, 770 Berry Ave. (408) 219-4239; bowsandbeaus.org.

**Garden Club of Los Altos.** Garden or floral expert speaks at each meeting. 1:20 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, November and December). Virtual meeting on Zoom. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte. Guests \$5. (650) 391-4654; thegardencluboflosaltos.org.

**Gym Ventures.** Parent-child classes. Offerings include youth sports, swim lessons and more. El Camino YMCA, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. 969-9622.

**Fitness Boot Camp.** Sixty sessions of exercise. 6-7 a.m. weekdays or just Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Shower facilities available. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Less than \$4 per class. Registration: foothill.augusoft.net.

**Morning Flow Yoga.** Led by Duanni Hurd. 7-8 a.m. Saturdays. Yoga of Los Altos, 377 First St. \$13.50-\$18; Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. (650) 600-8108.

**Retreats.** Weekend of reflection, prayer and discernment. The Jesuit Retreat Center, 300 Manresa Way, Los Altos. \$280/weekend. jrclosaltos.org.

**Parent-Child Gym, Swimming, Drama, Sports, Art, etc.** YMCA

of the Mid-Peninsula El Camino Branch, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. (650) 969-9622.

## CLUBS/GROUPS

**Meditation group.** Meditations drawn from Buddhist teachers, including Thich Nhat Hanh and Jack Kornfield. Susan Murphy at somurphy@earthlink.net for Zoom login. Free.

**Sons in Retirement (SIR) Los Altos Branch 35.** Active mature men who meet for lunch to socialize, enjoy food and listen to speakers. Third Wednesday of each month. Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real. (408) 313-6852; pschutz3@comcast.net; sirinc2.org/branch35.

**Los Altos & Los Altos Hills Newcomers Club.** Helps new residents become better acquainted with their neighbors and new community. Activities include programs, luncheons, hiking, bridge and book clubs. (650) 948-3421; losaltosnewcomers.com.

**InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room.** Healing service for those battling an illness or injury, or feeling discouraged. Mantra: With God, there is hope. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Union Church campus, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. Interdenominational ministry, member of the International Association of Healing Rooms. InSpiritPrayer@yahoo.com.

**Duplicate Bridge Club.** All levels of play. Classes and lectures available; lunch included. Bring a partner or be placed with one. 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday; noon Saturday. 432 Stierlin Road, Mountain View. First time free; \$15 afterward. (650) 940-1824; paloaltobridge.org.

**Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area.** Organization promotes peace, friendship and understanding around the world through home-stays. Meets in various Bay Area locations. (650) 961-3539; ffsfba.org.

**Assistance League of Los Altos.** Nonprofit volunteer group that develops and runs programs benefiting children and others in need in nearby communities of Santa Clara County. Year-round volunteer opportunities for adults and teens. 169 State St., Los Altos. (650) 941-2410; losaltos-assistanceleague.org.

**Glass and Decorative Arts Club.** Speakers and light lunch. 11:45 a.m., fourth Monday of the month, October through May. Foothills Congregational Church Parish Hall, 461 Orange Ave., Los Altos. Free for newcomers. gbcristal@sbcglobal.net.

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12	W	13	I	14	S	15	H	16	O	17	B	18	E	19	Y	20	N	21	A	22	H
23	A	24	N	25	N	26	O	27	W	28	A	29	L	30	R	31	U	32	S	33	E
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133	R	134	O	135	Y	136	A	137	M	138	B	139	I	140	E	141	S	142	T	143	D

## Sudoku Answers

3	5	9	2	7	4	8	1	6
4	2	1	8	3	6	7	9	5
6	8	7	9	5	1	2	4	3
8	4	5	1	2	3	9	6	7
9	7	2	5	6	8	4	3	1
1	6	3	7	4	9	5	8	2
5	9	8	6	1	7	3	2	4
7	3	6	4	9	2	1	5	8
2	1	4	3	8	5	6	7	9

## Find A Word Answers

G	L	J	F	D	S	G	Z	T	G	F	C	P	I	O
N	W	G	X	S	Y	U	M	O	N	N	A	N	L	D
I	U	X	P	I	P	P	K	U	I	I	C	U	D	A
B	I	Q	S	D	L	E	I	F	H	G	A	P	N	U
M	S	T	N	E	T	J	K	G	C	H	M	H	V	A
I	G	H	X	Y	O	M	N	J	T	T	P	H	E	G
L	D	O	X	G	B	I	W	T	A	S	F	H	S	L
C	P	G	G	N	K	D	A	E	W	K	I	U	P	O
E	K	I	H	L	T	C	S	F	D	Y	R	X	U	H
W	N	J	A	R	A	M	N	G	R	F	E	T	H	V
G	Z	W	E	H	P	F	R	Z	I	R	D	U	H	G
S	N	E	M	W	B	L	O	K	B	O	I	D	A	T
B	S	P	Y	Q	K	O	C	M	O	X	M	H	I	E
C	S	T	A	R	S	R	A	R	F	H	P	S	G	G
B	X	E	A	R	I	A	S	T	P	G	P	H	A	F



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