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## Los Altos staff breaks down impacts of Measure D



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Los Altos Mayor Sally Meadows had a full agenda at the Sept. 8 City Council meeting, including a staff report on the impacts to the city should the citizens' initiative Measure D pass in November.

**By Giovanni Albanese Jr.**  
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

City staff at the Sept. 8 Los Altos regular council meeting broke down the impacts the city will face as a result of the passage of Measure D at the Nov. 3 General Election.

The presentation, put together by City Manager Gabe Engeland and Development Services Director Stephanie Williams, was purely informational per the council's direction dating back to a June council meeting when the Measure

D initiative was approved for the ballot.

Engeland and Williams highlighted the major impacts on the city should the initiative pass in November, pointing to an Aug. 28 letter from the state Housing and Community Development Department stating the city would be out of its housing element and a letter from YIMBY Law stating the city would be in violation of SB 330.

"We believe this YIMBY Law litigation theory is a credible threat," Engeland said.

"This is separate and distinct from the HCD letter. They say we'll be violating SB330 and there will be 1,000 units that we will have to comply with."

The Los Altos Housing Element goes through 2031 with plans for 1,958 housing units. There is a surplus of 640 units, which helps for sites that may become unavailable or constrained. Without the buffer, there could be shortfalls which would lead to housing element amendments, Williams noted

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## Los Altos Police investigating string of vandalized cameras



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Automatic license plate recognition cameras, found throughout Los Altos, including here on the corner of Main and First Streets, have been targeted locally and nationally.

**By Giovanni Albanese Jr.**  
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Police in Los Altos are investigating multiple incidents that left several automated license plate reader cameras vandalized.

The two incidents happened last month, with one camera on the south side of the city vandalized on Aug. 5 and two cameras on the north side of the city vandalized on Aug. 22, Los Altos spokesperson Danielle Kang said.

"At this time, we do not have any suspects or investigative leads related to these incidents," Kang said. "We are actively investigating the cases and encourage anyone with information to contact the Los Altos Police Department."

Kang said that this vandalism is a widespread concern nationwide, with countless

cases being reported in recent years as "these systems have become valuable tools for investigating crimes, locating stolen vehicles and identifying vehicles associated with criminal activity."

The crime of vandalizing these city-owned cameras is punishable as either a misdemeanor or a felony depending on the amount of damage caused, Kang said, noting that if the damage is less than \$400, the offense is generally punishable by up to one year in county jail with a possible fine of up to \$1,000. If the damage reaches or exceeds \$400, the offense can be charged as a felony and may result in imprisonment, significant fines and restitution for the cost of repairs or replacement, Kang said.

The city has repaired or is in the process of repairing the damaged cameras, Kang said.

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# Sidewalk Talk

## Does your pet do anything interesting?

Interviews and photos by Max Asmar, Town Crier Editorial Intern

This week, we met up with folks at the Downtown Los Altos Farmers Market to ask: Does your pet do anything interesting?



"She goes to all the dog parks... (and) likes to spin and spin with some of her friends."

– Barbara Doherty, Los Altos



"She will, for a treat, jump between your arms. When you make a little hoop, she will leap through your arms, and she's a 65-pound sheepadoodle."

– Brad Cole, Los Altos Hills



"I have a pet dog and she is a pitbull mix. She gets a little anxious. She grabs some of her plushy toys and she carries them and puts them in a little pile. That comforts her and she just has a lot of little plushy toys around."

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# News

## Los Altos City Council candidates' forum

Town Crier Staff Report

This is the first in a series of questions we put to the candidates running for Los Altos City Council. This week: Do you support or oppose Measure D (the Parking Plazas Initiative)? Why?



"No, I oppose Measure D. It could have focused just on parks and plazas – the question motivating most signers – but proponents extended the language to require ballots before the city meets its housing obligations under state law. If it passes, Los Altos faces multimillion-dollar lawsuits and unconstrained Builder's Remedy projects."

– **Larry Lang**, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 4



"Measure D replaces thoughtful, transparent decision-making by elected representatives with costly citywide elections. Representative government gives residents a powerful voice enabling decisions to be made publicly with professional analysis, accountability and flexibility to meet changing needs. No on Measure D."

– **Anky van Deursen**, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 2



"Measure D gives our community a meaningful voice in decisions affecting our public lands. Democracy depends on transparency, public engagement, an informed electorate and protecting the right to vote. Accountability ensures our community resources are managed thoughtfully. Every voter deserves the opportunity to exercise their vote in this community decision."

– **Lynette Lee Eng**, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 2

## Candidate Bios

### Larry Lang

Larry Lang has served on the Los Altos City Council for the past two years, currently as Vice Mayor. His work has focused on improving housing availability, advancing environmental priorities, especially decarbonization and strengthening public safety with particular attention to fire preparedness. A technology entrepreneur by background, he brings a practical, problem-solving approach to city government. He also serves on the board of Hidden Villa, the 1,600-acre educational land trust in Los Altos Hills, and previously served as board president of the Los Altos History Museum. He and his wife Katherine have lived in Los Altos for decades, raising three daughters who attended local schools. Larry remains deeply committed to Los Altos as a place where families, businesses and community life can continue to thrive.

### Anky van Deursen

More than 35 years ago, my family and I came to this area for a high-tech job opportunity. Like many of you, Los Altos became home. We raised our two children here, and through them, I became deeply involved in our schools and community. I served as: Education Chair at the PTA of Oak Elementary, Chair of the PTSA of Mountain View High School, and President of the PTA MVLA PTA Council.

I also co-founded the Dutch School Silicon Valley, and served as community mediator with the LAMVCF.

My professional career has given me a unique perspective that I believe would be valuable for our City Council. I studied law in the Netherlands and began my career as a corporate attorney in the high-tech industry. Today, I work in local government, with experience as a housing manager for the City of Mountain View.

These experiences have shaped my collaborative, service-oriented leadership style. They taught me the importance of listening, building consensus, communicating clearly and working collaboratively to achieve meaningful results.

### Lynette Lee Eng

Los Altos City Council – Two terms (2 terms – 8 years), including Mayor. Launched the Grant Park Senior Center and instrumental in the Los Altos Summer Concert Series.

Recognition – Named "Asian American Hero" by Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury – Two terms

Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission – 11 years

Community/Civic – Initiated Cupertino Union School District's Mandarin immersion program (2002), Board-member/Mediator, Los Altos Dispute Resolution Service

## Mountain View launches AI translation pilot

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Mountain View is introducing a new artificial intelligence translation service for several public meetings, providing real-time audio and text translations in more than 60 languages.

The city is piloting Wordly, a service that lets residents use their own phones or other devices to access live transla-

tions. The technology was first tested at an Environmental Planning Commission meeting last month, then used for the first time at a Sept. 8 City Council meeting.

The free service will be available at City Council, Environmental Planning Commission and Rental Housing Committee meetings. At meetings, residents can scan a QR code to access the service, while city agendas also

include direct links.

Wordly also provides transcripts and summaries after meetings in its available languages. The city will continue providing in-person Spanish and Chinese interpretation upon request.

The pilot will cost the city \$58,367. Of that amount, \$43,750 is for a Wordly contract covering 300 hours of live translation. The remainder was spent upgrading the Council



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Staff testing the Wordly translation service during the Sept. 8 City Council meeting said it was working perfectly.

Chambers' technology to support the service.

During the pilot, the city plans to collect feedback from residents who use Wordly and

evaluate the accuracy of the translations. The feedback and accuracy review will help the city decide whether to continue or change the program.

# News

## No on Measure D group holds kickoff event



COURTESY OF NO ON MEASURE D

**By Maria Crowder**  
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

A campaign kickoff event opposing Measure D was held Sunday at the home of Tamara and Stuart Fagan in Los Altos. More than 50 Los Altos residents gathered to voice their opposition to the measure, with several current and former city

officials also in attendance.

Speaking at the event and as an individual, not as the mayor, Los Altos Mayor Sally Meadows said voters elect City Council members to study the issues, consider the community's needs and make informed decisions on behalf of Los Altos. She questioned why residents should have to make deci-

sions that are the responsibility of their elected representatives.

The Measure D opposition group says they encourage Los Altos to learn exactly what the measure would do, consider its potential repercussions and have a transparent discussion about its impact on the community before casting their votes.

## City holds 50th downtown park community input event

TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT

Saturday, the city of Los Altos held its 50th community outreach event at the Los Altos Community Center's Grand Oak Room to bring a preliminary downtown park design to the public and seek feedback from the community.

At issue is a series of proposed designs to transform downtown parking plazas one, two and three into a public park and an above-ground parking garage. The designs themselves are a step in the process to define what a park could look like should one be built. Previously considered plans to include underground parking were withdrawn from the planning process in February and are no longer under consideration.

Attendance was sparse at the midday event, likely because those wishing to weigh in on the park's design elements or location had 49 previous opportunities. However, those still in-



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Community members spoke with members of the design team, weighed in on potential design elements and tried out different configurations with the scale model of downtown's parking plazas at the city's 50th downtown park community input event on Saturday.

terested in having their say on the proposed project designs will have a 51st opportunity on Thursday, Sept. 17, 5-7 p.m., when the city again hosts another commu-

nity open house at the Community Center's Grand Oak Room.

*For more information, see [losaltosdowntownpark.org](http://losaltosdowntownpark.org).*

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in the presentation. The surplus is broken down to housing affordability categories – extremely low, very low, low, moderate and above moderate. The surplus can not be bundled as a whole and must be based on its category, she said.

Engeland used the presentation to answer some questions

that have percolated throughout the community and advocacy groups circling around Measure D and what its passing would do to Los Altos' compliance within the Housing Element law.

"A lot of people are looking into Housing Element for the first time or looking into it deeper than they have before," Engeland said at the meeting. "We hear a lot of declarative

statements that I think underweigh the interplay of the housing, enforcement apparatus and state laws. Generally, making one change impacts other areas."

The Housing Element credits 10 downtown parking plazas with 124 units – 63 moderate income and 61 above moderate income. If Measure D passes, HCD is requiring the city to determine whether the plazas

remain appropriate housing element sites. Any replacement analysis would begin with the 124 units. Not just by total unit number, but also by the category of income, Engeland said.

"The primary thing that comes out of the HCD letter is that the city must amend its Housing Element," Engeland said. "It doesn't put the city into Builders' Remedy, it puts the city in a process to amend the housing element with the state. HCD can revoke the compliance if it's not amended."

Engeland conceded that it's hard to determine what's going to happen, but said they are trying to give the best framework for potential outcomes with the presentation.

Essentially, if Measure D passes, the city will have to prepare an amendment, which will get a public review, followed by the city drafting a submittal to HCD at least 60 days before city adoption. It then goes to an HCD review, leading to the city addressing the HCD findings and adopting the amended housing element and resubmitting to HCD for them to confirm compliance.

"Once you're not substantially compliant," Engeland said, "that's when action can take place (putting the city into Builders' Remedy)."

If the housing element needs to be amended, replacement capacity would need to be found elsewhere. Some sites being considered would be the downtown area, El Camino Real, commercial corridors, multi-family areas and other suitable sites. It could add additional sites, up-zoning (from single-family residential) and increasing capacity. Zoning text amendments would potentially see more stories, reduced setbacks and reduced lot coverage.

A number of things remain uncertain, according to Engeland, including whether downtown housing element is appropriate any longer, the replacement capacity, where the required replacement capacity would be, whether a court would accept YIMBY Law's theory, how the exception for plazas 7 and 8 applies to specific projects and ultimate parking, operational, permitting, litigation and financial impacts.

"There are a lot of unknowns and a lot of items that are inter-related," Engeland said. "But this relies on actions from state, private actors and advocacy groups, and it's difficult to determine with certainty which path we would likely go."

*The city's presentation is available at [LosAltosCA.gov/MeasureD](http://LosAltosCA.gov/MeasureD).*



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## Los Altos council tables disbanding LA-LAH Joint Volunteer Awards Committee

By Giovanni Albanese Jr.  
TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The Los Altos City Council at its Sept. 8 regular meeting decided against disbanding the Los Altos-Los Altos Hills Joint Volunteer Awards Committee for now after many Los Altos Hills residents voiced their dissatisfaction with the communication regarding the resolution.

“We’d be willing to consider a constructive approach to revitalize a joint awards event,” Mayor Sally Meadows said in response to the council closing the discussion on the resolution, which had been slated to nix the joint committee in favor of Los Altos having its own volunteer award committee.

According to many public speakers from Los Altos Hills, including Mayor Rajiv Bhateja, Vice Mayor Linda Swan, councilmembers Stanley Mok and George Tyson, among others, there was no warning by Los Al-

tos about this would-be change, which Bhateja said left him and the city “flummoxed.”

Bhateja said there have been misconceptions, including at the last council meeting where someone had said that Los Altos Hills recently funded its own nonprofit, which is inaccurate. He said there are 38 nonprofits in Los Altos Hills, and he found it odd to take exception to one and blame the town. Bhateja says Los Altos has claimed that Los Altos Hills residents don’t contribute to the city as much as others, which he countered, pointing to the library and downtown revitalization projects.

“We’re neighbors. We’re one community,” Bhateja said. “Please don’t treat us like an ugly stepchild.”

Los Altos Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg, the council liaison to the committee, said the council had approved actions last year to remove the

committee and wondered why no one from Los Altos Hills took action. Bhateja said they were not alerted.

“I think this probably should have started with a conversation with all nine of the (JVAC members),” Weinberg said. “I assumed that had happened. Everything I’ve been told is that there was no interest in moving forward with this committee.”

Weinberg said he was willing to let this lie and hopes the committee comes back with an adjusted reality of what the committee is. Many members of the Los Altos council admitted that the communication between the two cities could have been better, and confusion was elevated due to that. Meadows said it was “frustrating” to hear about communication failure, citing a number of instances where decisions were clearly made.

The Los Altos Hills council speakers had said the hope would be for the two cities to



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Addressing the Los Altos City Council at the Sept. 8 meeting on the topic of the Joint Volunteer Awards Committee, Los Altos Hills Mayor Rajiv Bhateja pulled a Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation hat from his pocket, gave a thumbs up and declared, “Let me be clear – We continue to support the Community Foundations.”

continue to work together to maintain the 43-year relationship they have had through the joint volunteer awards committees. Weinberg and the council decided to pull the resolution and keep the discussion about the committee’s existence open.

Vice Mayor Larry Lang ad-

mitted that “It feels like we need couples counseling” and that the city should table the discussion and potentially resolve the issues. Councilman Pete Dailley added, “I’m open to some changes.”

This year’s event is going to be cancelled.



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## Letters to the Editor

### Simple remedy

The voters' remedy to the Builder's Remedy is simple – replace our elected representatives in Sacramento. Both of them are more interested in limiting city council authority than in preserving our town's character.

**Jerry Clements**

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### Gas leaf blower enforcement not working

Regarding "Clean air advocates implore the city to cite scofflaws" (Aug. 25), I spent years dutifully reporting gas leaf blower use – including addresses, dates, times and photographs – to Gabriel Engeland. Two years ago, I told Engeland it was clear that his approach to enforcement was not working, and so I would not bother reporting anymore. I would very much like to know why Gabriel Engeland believes he is able to perform his job and lessen the number of code violations, when all of the data shows the exact opposite.

**Elaine Haight**

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### Darby piece nailed it

Your piece on Jim Darby ("Los Altos resident Jim Darby to enter College Baseball Hall of Fame," Town Crier, Aug. 5, 2026), his career and influence, nailed both his impact on the game of baseball (and) his enthusiastic approach to life, family and relationships.

The energy he brought to nurturing baseball interest was matched by his approach to ice hockey. His attention to the regional hockey community during the early years of the San Jose Sharks in the 1990s played an important role building a foundation of interest that makes the Bay Area/NorCal amateur hockey universe one of the most robust in the nation.

## Peek into the Past



COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM

These men are drilling a new water well or deepening an existing one on J. Gilbert Smith's Los Altos property in the 1940s. Orchardists irrigated their trees typically twice a year to keep them productive. Pumping water for in-home use and irrigation led to the local water table subsiding alarmingly during the 1920s and 1930s.

I know this first hand, having been employee #2 of the Sharks and the franchise's head of marketing and sales.

**Matt Levine**

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### Adults, not kids, cause road safety problems

The article "Bike crashes rise one year after ordinance" (Aug. 26) makes it sound like "juvenile bicyclists" are the source of the increase in bike collisions in school zones. While I have no first-hand knowledge of these specific incidents, this assessment does not match what I have observed while walking and driving my kids to school. The kids I see biking in the morning are cautious and follow the rules of the road. By contrast, I regularly notice adult drivers being irresponsible, inattentive and dis-

regarding safety. There are drivers using their phones and making right turns at intersections or pulling into school driveways without checking for kids crossing the road or for cyclists in the bike lane. On Truman Avenue, I often see cars drive for several blocks on the right shoulder of the road, passing the line of waiting cars. Interestingly, the problem drivers seem to be predominantly parents driving their kids to school or other adults, rather than high school students.

Educating our kids in bike safety is great. If we truly want to reduce the number

of accidents though, we also need to improve traffic enforcement for drivers and hire more crossing guards. LASD and MVLA should work together to stagger school start times. In addition, busy streets like Truman need sidewalks and bike lanes. Some people claim that sidewalks would ruin the "semi-rural character" of Los Altos, but I would argue that our town would be significantly more bucolic if kids could walk or bike to school safely.

**Christina Selle**

LOS ALTOS

### Correction

The Sept. 9 article "Town Torchbearers: A look at Larry Nelson's legacy of service and business" incorrectly identified Nelson's pharmacy as once being at 303 Second St., the site of the current Walgreens. It was never at that location. It was always located on Main Street.

# Community

## Los Altos native opens art gallery in downtown Mountain View

By Olivia Levesque Ouellettet

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Looking for new ways to implement communal experiences into Mountain View, Los Altos resident Mishal Junaid has launched an art gallery on Castro Street.

Named 25 West Gallery, it opened Aug. 7 as the lone art gallery in downtown Mountain View.

“I’ve always loved curating, and (having) studied in New York – which is one of the biggest art scenes in the world – when I came back, I was like, ‘Maybe there really isn’t that much art in Mountain View and Los Altos,’ the 22-year-old Junaid said. “There are definitely pockets (of art) that exist, and those are great, but we always need more

– especially in this area. So, I said I would love to create a space in Mountain View.”

Exhibits change every one to two months, showcasing different mediums of art and topics, Junaid said. The gallery hosts open calls where artists can submit their work to be displayed. The gallery also offers a variety of free classes to the public, such as bi-weekly Sip N’ Paint classes and weekly sketching classes taught by Junaid or interns.

“I hope the gallery can grow (to be) a community space where people feel comfortable walking in, making art and doing all that,” Junaid said. “I hope we can grow our classes, and just keep having an inclusive model where everyone feels like they can make art.”

Although she is the only full-time employee, Junaid said her



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### 25 West Gallery in downtown Mountain View.

family has been helpful with the logistical and financial aspects of the gallery. Additionally, the Mountain View High School graduate said she has been working with co-curators and interns to plan upcoming exhibits.

Diya Khan is the co-curator of the exhibit “Large Language Model,” opening Oct. 11. She said her passion for art inspired

her to intern at the gallery, working with Junaid to create a display on the effects of AI in the daily lives of high school students.

“I feel like the art world can be overlooked in our area specifically just because there’s so much tech and AI,” the Mountain View resident said. “I think it’s really important that we have this gallery, especially in Moun-

tain View, for everyone to be able to walk and see the (displays).”

As a high school student at Khan Lab School, the sophomore said she has been promoting the gallery through her school’s art clubs and programs, hoping to recruit more artists for the display. Khan said she en-

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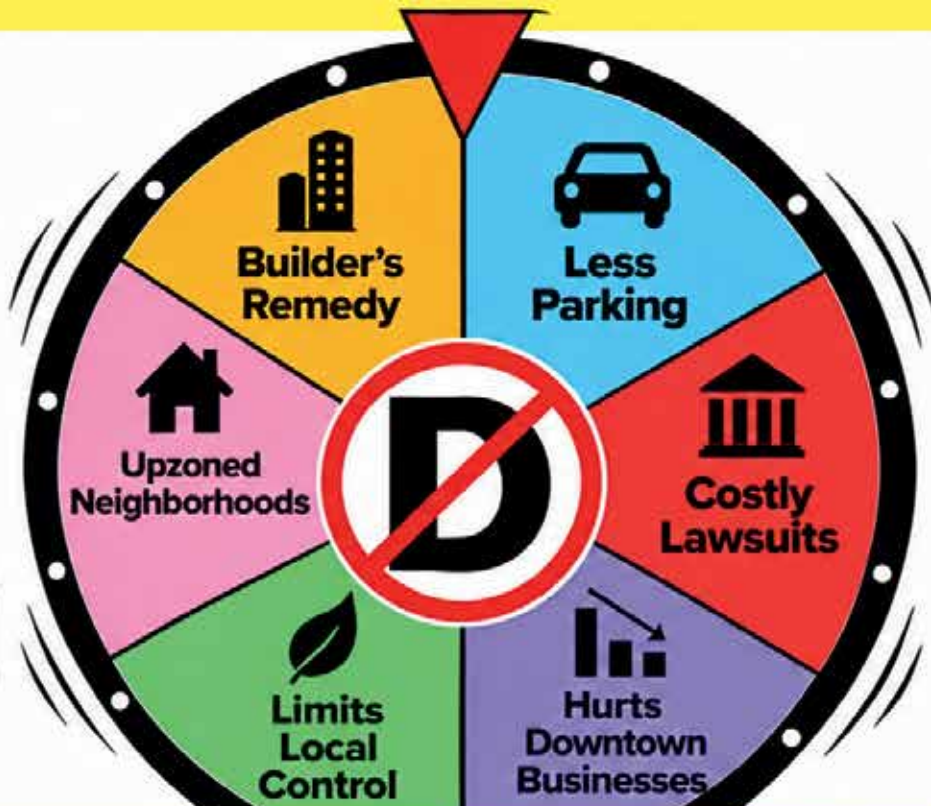
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## Poet's widow swims into history with private pool

By Robin Chapman  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY LIVES

Frances "Fanny" Van de Grift Osbourne Stevenson did not live a conventional life. Today she seems especially modern for a woman born in 1840. And when the high temperatures of a Santa Clara Valley autumn make you want to cool off in a swimming pool, you may want to thank her for being such an innovator.

Fanny was born in Indiana. The writer Robert Louis Stevenson was from Scotland. The two met in France in 1876, where she was studying art to escape her unfaithful husband,

Sam Osbourne of San Francisco. Stevenson and Fanny fell in love and when she returned to California, he followed her in 1879.

They reconnected in Monterey, where she had once again retreated. Stevenson convinced her to leave her husband and marry him, though she still had a child at home and divorce was very uncommon then.

Stevenson was 29 and not yet famous. Fanny was 40. They married in San Francisco in 1880. With Fanny at his side, he wrote some of his best-known works including "Treasure Island" and "Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Seeking a



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Four young guests at Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson's Santa Clara Valley ranch get ready to dive into her pool. The photo was taken by her nephew, Louis Sanchez, about 1902.

healthier climate for his lungs, they settled in Samoa where he died in 1894 at the age of just 44.

The couple had never been good with money. But after Ste-

venson's death, Fanny got help investing her husband's royalties and her outlook improved. She built a house on San Francisco's Russian Hill and while that was under construction,

visited the Redwood Retreat Inn, a bohemian resort in the foothills of the Santa Clara Valley, just above Gilroy. Fanny fell

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### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.  
In Person

*Note- This is not the Final Agenda*

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

### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Addendum No.14 to the Regional Water Quality Control Plant Basic Agreement between the City of Palo Alto, the City of Mountain View, and the City of Los Altos
2. Approve Generator Replacement for the Police Department

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Receive presentation on the Grant Park Community Center Solar Photovoltaic + Battery Energy Storage System Feasibility Study, accept the feasibility study as a planning-level document, and provide direction to staff on whether to proceed with the next phase of project development
4. Discuss Non-Profit and Civic Organization Policy

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GALLERY

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joys the community it brings to Mountain View.

"I love when we're sitting in the gallery and we see some of these friendly faces I've been seeing around Castro since I've been little, and they walk in and gasp, excited to see all the art and creativity, especially on Castro Street," Khan said.

Another upcoming exhibit, "Firework Blues," is scheduled to open Oct. 24. It explores the interpretation of contradictions in American society, co-curator Prometheus Brer said. The open-

ing night will include live poetry performances, a mixed-media film and other forms of art, Brer added.

"My hope for this exhibit is for people to get involved," Brer said. "I think the role of an artist is to raise people's consciousness of the situations happening outside their windows and the consciousness of how they can get involved. Any great piece of art should remind people that they're not just spectators, but participants."

Drawing inspiration from a poem he wrote in 2024, Brer said he hopes the exhibit encourages the public to speak out against

social issues and advocate for their community through art.

"I believe that the people who will be attending my exhibit and other exhibits are the perfect people to pull other people into action," Brer said. "The attendees, as much as the artists, play a very big role in this exhibit. When we're watching the short film, when we're listening to live musical performances, or reading the poetry, looking at the art on the walls, we are all taking part in a much larger composition."

For more information, see [25westgallery.com](https://25westgallery.com).



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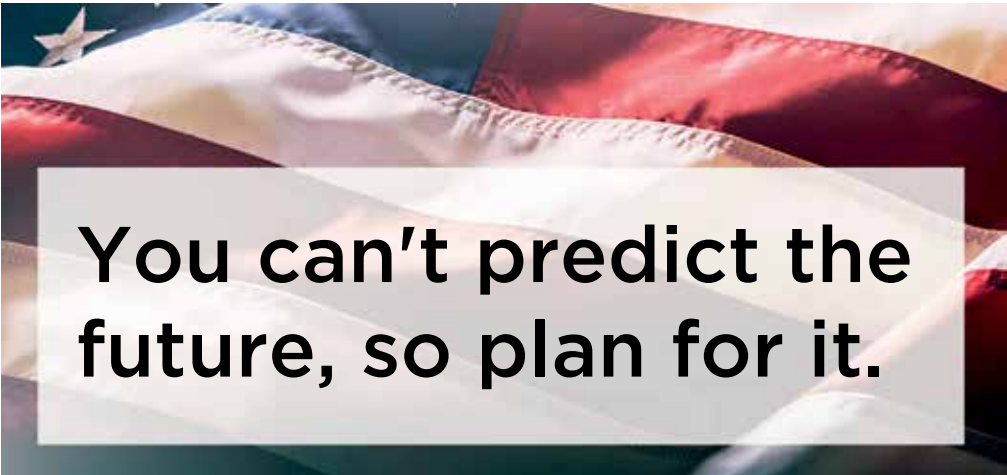
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## Community

### FANNY

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in love with its beauty and in 1899 bought 120 acres from the resort's owner, Charles Sanders, for a ranch of her own next door. She called it Vanumanutagi, Samoan for "vale of the signing birds."

On a research project for the Robert Louis Stevenson Club, a friend and I sorted through a collection of early 20th century photographs of Vanumanutagi in the archives of the City of Monterey Library, taken by Fanny's nephew, Louis Sanchez. We were especially intrigued by photos that showed guests at Fanny's ranch enjoying a modern-looking swimming pool with changing rooms at one end and a fireplace at the other. I suspected the pool belonged to the resort next door.

The Redwood Retreat property is still in the hands of the descendants of its original homesteaders and realtor Linda Pond, its fourth-generation owner, knows its history. "Yes, the Redwood Retreat had a pool, the first in Northern Cali-

fornia," she said. "But Fanny had the second. She liked ours so much, my great-grandfather Charles and my great-uncle built it for her." Family lore has it that Fanny often walked her property in her bare feet, wearing a flowing tropical dress and smoking a corn cob pipe.

If you are counting pools, historians believe the first in-ground pool in the state was in Los Angeles. Redwood Retreat lays claim to the second – the first in Northern California. Fanny Stevenson's pool, built about 1902, was the first in-ground swimming pool at a private residence in the Santa Clara Valley, definitely making her an early influencer.

We don't have a photo of her swimming there. All the photos show only her family in the pool. Fanny was 62 years old then and may have sought privacy. But it is nice to picture her there, after all the struggles of her life: a woman born into the restrictions of her era, who so often cast them off. We can see her jumping with abandon into her very own pool, just as we do today, floating about and look-



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**Frances "Fanny" Van de Grift Stevenson married Robert Louis Stevenson in 1880 in San Francisco.**

ing up at the clouds and dreaming in the California sunshine.

*Robin Chapman is a longtime journalist and the author of three books about California published by The History Press. Thanks to the Robert Louis Stevenson Club of Monterey for their help in researching this article.*

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# Sports

## Los Altos High football runs over Cupertino



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Senior Ethan Ling (No. 5) weaves past a defender as Los Altos slams Cupertino in Friday's game.

By Curtis Driscoll

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

From its very first drive, the Los Altos running attack was in control against Cupertino.

Six of its first seven offensive plays were on the ground, culminating in a six-yard touchdown run from running back Charles Ott as the Los Altos running game rushed for 264 yards as it overpowered Cupertino en route to a

43-0 win Friday night.

"Our linemen work really hard to create these holes, and it was just open every time," Ott said.

Ott was also active on defense and followed up his touchdown run with an interception on Cupertino's next offensive drive. The Eagles then ran a nine-play drive entirely on the ground and mostly behind Ott (No. 6), with the junior running it on from 11 yards out with nine

minutes left in the second quarter, with Los Altos adding a two-point conversion to make it 15-0. Ott finished with 100 yards rushing on 15 carries. Los Altos head coach Mark Adams praised Ott for his willingness and energy in practice and in games.

"Last week we saw it too in the win down at Gunder-son. He runs north and south well," Adams said of Ott.

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## MVLA Soccer sends off 2026 collegiate soccer class



COURTESY OF MVLA SOCCER CLUB

This past May, MVLA Soccer Club celebrated its 2026 high school seniors who are playing collegiate soccer this fall, with 24 committed to play in college this year.

Bottom row from left: Bianca Putanec (Brown University), Stella Monberg (Princeton University), Jennifer Montes (Prairie View A&M University), Saara Lahtela (Class of 2027 Santa Clara University), Sadie Leal-Schuman (Stanford University), Maddie Lund (United States Air Force Academy), Taylor Bellotti (California State University, Long Beach)

Row two from left: Angie Cao (Columbia University), Cora Bryant (University of Hawaii at Manoa), Eva Martinez (University of Utah), Areet Rao (Wellesley College), Eva Awoyinka (Pepperdine University), Maggie Currie (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)

Row two far right: Ella Anguiano (Southern Oregon University)

Row three: Blaisen Kehr (University of San Francisco), Ben Fair (Swarthmore College), Dylan Rossen (University of Washington), Cyrus Shafie (Saint Mary's College of California), Jaden Peercy (Bates College), Nicholas Garzino (University of California, Davis), Nathan Juillard (Santa Clara University), Nolan Hunt (Pacific University)

Also committed but not in photo: Hannah Casale (Stevens Institute of Technology), Kaylin Yip (MIT), Maddie Neier (University of California, San Diego), Thea Perry (University of California, Los Angeles)

## MV girls volleyball starts league play with win

By Curtis Driscoll

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

The Mountain View girls volleyball team opened league play with a 3-0 win over Fremont Wednesday night, building on its early season momentum.

Mountain View assistant coach Lisa Pattisson said the team and coaching staff are happy with how the season has started, which includes the Fremont away win and a win over rivals Los Altos Sept. 3.

"I feel like our team has really good chemistry and positivity, and it's been going really well," Pattisson said.

Mountain View played in its first league game in the SCVAL

El Camino Division and won each set comfortably (25-11, 25-10 and 25-21). The Spartans relied on strong serving from outside hitter Vedika Raman (No. 2) to widen the lead from 11-7 to 16-7 in the first set, with Raman recording five aces in a row and six overall during the set.

"I was happy that we were able to keep it to three sets," Pattisson said. "We ran the middle well. I thought we served well, got a lot of aces, and a lot of kills."

The strong start continued in the second set as Mountain View jumped out to an 11-3 lead thanks to kills from Nathalie Zhang (No. 10) and aces from Juliette Lau (No.

11). Fremont started strong in the third set with a 5-2 advantage to keep it close and eventually tied it at nine. However, the Spartans went on a 12-4 run to make it 21-13 to earn the sweep over the Firebirds.

Mountain View is 2-1 overall and is in its first season in the lower-league El Camino Division after a tough year previously when it finished last in the De Anza Division. However, the Spartans have set a goal of winning the league and getting back to the De Anza as it gets to know the new league.

"We've never played any of these teams in this division, so we are just going to focus on

each game and work hard and hopefully win," Pattisson said.

"I feel like our team has really good chemistry and positivity, and it's been going really well."

Lisa Pattisson, MOUNTAIN VIEW ASSISTANT COACH

Momentum has been building this year after the team's win over defending SCVAL De Anza Division champion Los Altos last week in a non-league game, 3-2.

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# Los Altos vs. Los Altos Hills softball game



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The cities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills held their annual softball game Aug. 22 at Rosita Park, bringing together players and fans to watch a 13-5 win for Los Altos. Over 30 players took part in what has become a fun tradition for the two towns. Los Altos High School's Mazie Reidy sang the national anthem. Los Altos got revenge on Los Altos Hills for last year's 17-1 loss. The game has happened every year since 2018, aside from 2020.

## VOLLEYBALL

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"Huge confidence booster. The girls felt so good about that win as did coach Jen (Carroll) and I," Pattison said. That was amazing. We are very proud of them."

Mountain View has a younger team this year, with only four seniors but seven sophomores and one freshman. The team emphasis has focused on development and growing as the year goes on. Sophomore middle blocker Lana Hadaya (No. 19) has emerged as a force in the middle, while opposite hitter Larkin Green (No. 14) has come in as a freshman and earned playing time.

"She has already gotten us a ton of kills as an opposite (hitter), so it's been fun to watch her come in and start off her year as a freshman," Pattison said of Green.



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Mountain View setter Juliet Kao readies the ball for her teammates during the Sept. 9 game against Fremont.

Mountain View's next league game is 6:45 p.m. Monday against visiting MacDonald.



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FOOTBALL

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“We’re now a running back by committee type of situation.”

Ott, along with Ethan Ling (No. 5), Caleb Bren (No. 8), Kyle Jesensky (No. 15) and Rodrigo Aragon (No. 22) picked up yards at will for the Eagles throughout the game, controlling the clock and tempo. Bren had 61 yards rushing, while Ling had 47 yards and Jesensky 24 yards.

“It’s a great win for the boys; everybody is super excited,” Ott said. “We were able to have a lot of our guys get in. It’s great to see everyone succeed.”

Although Los Altos threw only four passes in the game, and none in the second half, it had success when it did, thanks to wide receiver Carter Leban (No. 11).

Up 15-0 in the second quarter, Leban ran a go route and caught a 43-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Giancarlo Mendoza (No. 7) to make it 22-0 and followed it up with a spectacular 68-yard touchdown catch not long before the end of the first half. The senior was still 50 yards from the end zone when he



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Senior Carter Leban (No. 11) rushes past Cupertino in Friday’s game.

caught the ball, juking a cornerback and refusing to be tackled by multiple Cupertino defenders, eventually running through most of the defense for his second touchdown of the game en route to a 29-0 lead at halftime.

“He’s pretty good,” Adams said of Leban. “He’s got special hands, and he’s good with the yards after the catch. Nothing surprised me; he kept going, and then he sprung loose.”

Los Altos kept up its efficient running game in the second half, with Ethan Ling scoring a 30-yard touchdown in the third, while Kyle Jesensky added another early in the

fourth.

Los Altos is now 2-1 on the season after the non-league win and is starting to get ready for play in the PAL El Camino Division, as it hopes to improve on its third-place finish last year.

“I think we are going to be competitive,” Adams said. “It’s going to be a good season for the conference because all the teams are pretty even.”

Los Altos next travels to play Aragon Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. before starting league play Oct. 2 at home against Terra Nova. Cupertino is now 1-2 and hosts MacDonald Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.



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## Pilates made for pups and people

By Deeksha Venkat

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Downward dog has a new meaning in DogmaFit's weekly Pup Pilates classes.

Every Wednesday, since May of 2022, veterinary chiropractor Jamie Lucia has opened up her downtown Los Altos studio to host Pilates classes for humans and their four-legged friends. She said the lessons have quickly become DogmaFit's most popular.

"People love to do everything with dogs," clinic director Lucia said. "They like to eat with their dog, like to sleep with their dog, they shop with their dog (and) they rest on their dog. Why not exercise with their dog?"

It's this logic that Lucia said inspired her to think unconventionally and dream up the idea for Pup Pilates. The class is part of DogmaFit's greater mission to expand conditioning for dogs, with a special focus on keeping the dog's core strong. She added that this allows them to reinforce the dog's spine and keep its nervous system solid.

"When a dog or any animal is on four legs, they have gravity working against them," Lucia said. "You see a horse with a sway back: When they age, the same thing can happen to a dog."

According to Lucia, treatment, chiropractic care and Reiki are all helpful to a dog, but without strong core conditioning, the kind the dogs get at Pup Pilates, none of it will hold.

And it's not just for dogs, Lucia said; humans face the same back pain as dogs do, and Pilates-based core exercises can help the problem for owners and pets alike.

"I think also what's nice about Pup Pilates, (is that) it gives the owner tools that they can do at home to help keep their dog strong," Lucia said. "It makes it easy for them to help keep the dog in tip-top condition, as well as themselves."

Pup Pilates starts with 20 minutes focusing the dogs' attention, posing them and teach-

ing the owners how to replicate the poses at home.

"Believe it or not, there are actually Pilates routines for dogs," Lucia said. "They can do a down dog, which is a yoga pose. They can do a sit and stay. They can reach up with each paw, alternating shaking the hand. There's also just trotting over little like cavalletti or little agility poles."

To teach poses and tricks, the attendees need to tie into the natural behaviors and body mechanics of the dogs, said Cheryl Walterskirchen, a 60-year-old longtime attendee who occasionally assists Lucia with dogs when asked.

"When they start to do (the poses) right, you want to let them know," Walterskirchen said. "You don't necessarily have to feed them right then, but they need to know 'this is the behavior I want' and then you kind of build on it."

Afterward, Lucia moves on to the people and runs a classic mat Pilates course aiming to be both approachable for beginners and challenging for seasoned experts.

Gina Lobito, a 49-year-old sound therapist and practitioner of the healing arts, has been attending Pup Pilates on-and-off for around four years with her English sheepdog and poodle mix, Gus.

"It gives me a group environment because doing healing work can be isolating," Lobito said. "And then just physical well-being is always nice. My body always feels energized, more open, and a little bit stronger each time I come."

The class serves as a social place for dogs and humans, as well as a space for de-stressing. Lucia said that most owners say they can do the class at home but prefer to come in person for the community aspect.

"(Dogs are) spontaneous, energetic, unconditional love little creatures that want to be close to us," Lucia said. "They get very excited and happy when they see their owners taking care of

themselves because their role in life is to take care of us, and they get very excited to see each other in here."

"(My dog) has a little lower back thing that happened a few years ago," Lobito said. "But then he meets other dogs that he's seen before, and he knows he's in a good place, and that's what matters to me."

Walterskirchen, who owns rough collie Smokey, can also attest to the importance of connection for the dogs.

"You're focusing specifically on your animal, you're building a bond and strengthening that bond, and I think that's really important," she said.

Pup Pilates has become routine for many of the dogs, who themselves are habitual creatures, so much that Lucia said some of the neighboring dogs come to classes on their own if their owners are late.

"There was one client, she had two toy poodles. She lost her keys and the dogs just left," Lucia said. "They came walking in. I'm like, 'Joey and Zoe are here, but Donna's not here.'"

For Lobito, Pup Pilates is a place where her dog feels safe and can calm down.

"If I'm anxious or nervous, he's going to feel that," Lobito said. "Other dogs are gonna feel it, but here that seems to all go away when you walk through the door."

Calming energy is important to the class, Lucia said. She does feng shui energy work to set the energy of the room, so the dogs are comfortable and happy when they enter.

"It's good to be in an environment where you can be calm and the animal can be calm," Walterskirchen said. "Rather than, 'Let's go play at the park,' sometimes teaching them to be calm is important too."

Pup Pilates is held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at DogmaFit, 149 Second St. The class costs \$25.

For more information, see [dogmafit.com/pup-pilates](http://dogmafit.com/pup-pilates).



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Top: Learning to focus deserves some positive reinforcement. Below: Dogs and their people enjoy DogmaFit's weekly Pup Pilates class.



  
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## Fur friends lead to family friends

By Mia Scott

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

For many pet owners, a dog is more than a companion – it's family. Sometimes, dogs from different families become friends – and so do their owners.

That's exactly what happened with two local dogs that became fast friends after meeting in public three years ago. It didn't take long for the families who own these dogs to become close friends as well. They said the dogs have developed an unbreakable bond, capturing the hearts of their two families.

Taffy, an almost 6-year-old Coton De Tulear, and Cece, a part Yorkie, part poodle rescue of an undetermined age, met three years ago on the field at Egan Junior High School. Their schedules often aligned, so that when one family went to the field, the other was already there.

"It was the first dog that I

felt Taffy had such a strong level of comfort and connection with," said Taffy's owner Alan Grebene, who added that his family's dog typically struggles with anxiety but isn't that way around Cece.

The dogs' bond seems as tight as the friendship the families have formed.

Over the years, regular meet-ups at the Egan field turned into a routine. Whether they were sprinting side by side through the grass or getting covered in mud on rainy days, the pair became inseparable.

"It's the most unbridled joy seeing them run on the Egan field and getting completely destroyed (in dirt and sand)," said Lisa Sung, whose family owns Cece. "I'll wash them in a bucket of water, and the water will be totally brown."

Beyond their outdoor ad-

ventures at the field, the two dogs visit each other's Los Altos homes once or twice a week, according to the families. The dogs' bond seems as tight as the friendship the families have formed.

"It's not just Cece; it's Cece and family. They have all become a part of Taffy's pack, and we've grown so close," said Alan's daughter, Aisha Grebene. "I've had a chance to see their family grow with ours."

At such visits, the families said Taffy often gets into mischief that includes stealing hats – especially Alan's. But when Cece finds Taffy doing such things, she intervenes in an effort to protect the hat.

Their connection is so strong that Taffy always knows when a visit is near, according to Alan. As soon as her name is mentioned or the sound of a text message alert comes through, Taffy eagerly recognizes what is happening. She runs straight to the front



PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA SUNG

### Fast friends, Taffy and Cece.

door, stationing herself by the entryway to sit patiently and wait for Cece to arrive.

Even after life changes led the Grebenes to move a few miles away, the dogs' friendship remains as strong as ever.

"When we walk past the old house, Cece pulls the leash toward the house," Lisa said. "She insists on going to

the doorstep."

Whenever the families reunite, Aisha said both dogs instantly recognize each other and revert to their joyful, energetic selves. The friendship even culminated in Taffy's 5th birthday celebration, complete with a dog-friendly cake and Cece right by her side.



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## Inside the local program protecting unhoused cat populations

By Ava Acharya

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Every year, throughout the spring and summer months, stray and feral cat populations birth new kittens. But without proper care, a majority of these kittens do not survive.

It may be unrealistic to find homes for every cat in need, but shelters and rescues are avoiding this issue altogether through trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs.

“There’s just not enough resources to be able to care for all of these cats being born outside,” said Sophie Scrivens, TNR specialist with the Community Services Department at the Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV). “The reason why TNR is so valuable is because it’s a proactive approach to rescue.”

Scrivens added that rescue efforts often focus on

removing a cat from a negative or unsafe situation. But shelters lack the resources to rescue every cat, and many cats that live on the street are unadoptable because they have not been socialized with people.

By preventing more cats from being born into unstable circumstances, TNR programs eliminate the need for this kind of rescue within these populations, Scrivens said.

“We do intake for the community, and if you look at the intake numbers ... there are so many kittens being born outside and studies show that very few of those actually survive to adulthood,” Scrivens said. “We would rather prevent them from being born in the first place because there’s just not enough resources available.”

Scrivens’ position with HSSV involves coordinating

efforts to identify and track unhoused cat colonies across Santa Clara County.

Often, these colonies are being fed by members of the surrounding community. Scrivens said that HSSV relies on these community cat caretakers to reach out in order to receive assistance for the animals under their care.

“Feeding them without doing the work of getting the cats fixed can actually grow the population ... if you feed them you need to fix them,” Scrivens said.

Unmitigated growth within stray and feral cat populations can have negative consequences for the health of the colony as a whole, Scrivens added.

After locating a population in need of medical care, they can begin the TNR process, often in collaboration with other local rescues.

“It is a program designed



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### Unhoused cats receiving sterilization surgery.

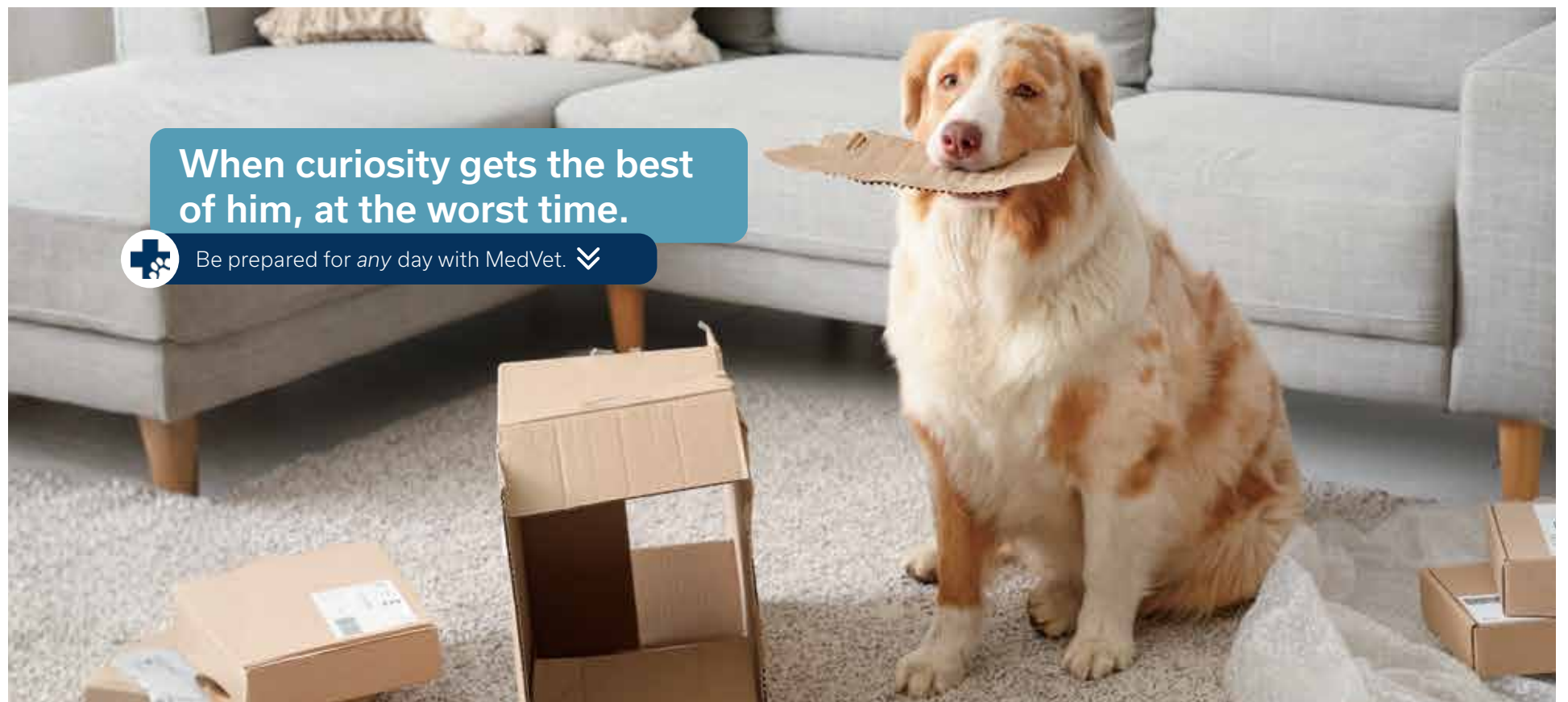
to help reduce populations of community cats,” Scrivens said. “People in the community trap the cats ... they get spayed or neutered and vaccinated, then held for recovery and returned back to where they were originally trapped, back in the community.”

Scrivens said that the ultimate goal is to sterilize the entire colony, so it is important to keep track of how

many cats live in these areas.

“It’s really a community effort to be able to be successful in TNR,” Scrivens said. “I always like to just shout out all of the trappers that work so hard. It’s really one of the most selfless things that you can do in rescue because it is so proactive.”

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# Schools

## Bullis puts new spin on literacy curriculum

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Bullis Charter School (BCS) has taken a different approach to teaching English language arts, replacing traditional reading lists with a curriculum built around diverse literature, critical thinking and connections to the wider world.

The Los Altos school recently adopted FishTank ELA+, a TK-8 literacy program that uses culturally diverse and globally inclusive texts as the foundation for reading and writing instruction. The change also brought more than 5,000 new books into Bullis classrooms and libraries.

Principal Maureen Israel told the Town Crier that the decision grew out of BCS' emphasis on innovation and its goal of preparing students to apply what they learn to real-world situations.

"We want our students to leave here able to apply academic concepts to real-world problems," Israel said.

Rather than just teaching students about other cultures, the curriculum asks them to con-



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCS

A sample of the more than 5,000 new books brought into Bullis classrooms and libraries under the recently adopted FishTank ELA+ program.

sider how their own experiences and perspectives shape the way they understand what they read, Israel said.

That approach has also changed the role that literature plays in the classroom, according to Erika Fredrickson, director of academics.

"Students ... aren't simply

learning how to read and write; they're reading to understand the world," Fredrickson said.

The curriculum combines reading, writing, speaking and listening with discussion and interdisciplinary activities, she said. Students are encouraged to examine texts from multiple perspectives and apply what

they learn to broader questions.

Both women said they've seen students become more engaged with both the texts and writing assignments since the program was implemented. Classroom discussions and writing prompts encourage students to develop their own viewpoints and engage respectfully with

those of their classmates and teachers, she said.

The school also points to its performance on the 2024-2025 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, as an early indicator. According to BCS, 95.45% of its students met or exceeded the state's English language arts standard, while 77.55% exceeded the standard.

Israel cautioned that the testing results represent early data, rather than proof that the new curriculum alone produced the scores.

For BCS, however, the goal extends beyond test performance.

"We want to go deeper than covering standards and passing tests," Israel said.

Fredrickson said the school ultimately wants students to graduate with "a sense of mutual respect, civic responsibility and that lifelong love of learning."

"That's what makes this curriculum unique," Fredrickson said. "You're able to take these concepts and apply them in a way that's so exciting and so joyful and fun."

## MVLA partners with Pacific Clinics to support students' mental health

By Julia Baum

TOWN CRIER STAFF WRITER

Students in the Mountain View-Los Altos (MVLA) High School District will soon have access to a new range of mental health and wellness services through a partnership with Pacific Clinics.

The nonprofit behavioral health provider is expected to begin serving students at all three MVLA campuses – Mountain View High School, Los Altos High School and Alta Vista High School – within the next couple of weeks, according to district Wellness Coordinator William Blair.

The district expects about 10 to 15 students to participate during the first year.

Services will include individual and group counseling, family counseling, mental health screenings and assessments, wellness education,

peer groups, case management and help coordinating care.

Students won't necessarily have to receive those services at school. Pacific Clinics can provide care on campus, at its offices, in students' homes or elsewhere in the community. Services can also be offered after school, during school vacations and over the summer.

The partnership comes at no direct cost to the district. The agreement says Pacific Clinics will use existing state and county funding to provide the services. The state-funded portion comes through California's Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), while other services are supported through Pacific Clinics' contract with Santa Clara County.

Blair said the district's decision to enter the partnership was not driven by data showing a shortage of mental health

services for MVLA students. In an email, he said there are "no unmet student mental health needs," describing the partnership instead as part of Pacific Clinics' expansion as a CYBHI statewide affiliate and its acquisition of services at all-cove.

The partnership is nevertheless designed to make behavioral-health care easier to access and connect students with support in a variety of settings. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) lists goals including improving access to care, supporting student engagement, fostering a positive school climate and promoting overall student wellness.

Pacific Clinics and the district will also coordinate on student referrals, confidentiality, suicide management, child-abuse reporting and training for school staff.

Student privacy is ad-

dressed through both federal health and education privacy laws. The agreement requires compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and says information about a student's treatment can be shared with school personnel when the appropriate authorization has been obtained.

The district will refer students to the program, while

Pacific Clinics will conduct screenings and provide treatment and related services. The MOU also requires Pacific Clinics staff working with students to meet fingerprinting and other clearance requirements.

The agreement has an initial two-year term and will automatically renew for additional two-year periods unless either side ends it. Either party can terminate the agreement with 30 days' written notice.

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# Stepping Out

## Head 'Into the Woods' with Sunnyvale Community Players

By Kate Rose

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

"Into the Woods" – a 1986 musical written by Stephen Sondheim – is an exploration of the temptations and consequences of selfish wishes. But beneath its complex themes, what's the show's backbone?

The magic of fairy tales.

That childlike wonder is exactly what director Thomas Times is trying to capture in

his recently opened interpretation of "Into the Woods" with Sunnyvale Community Players (SCP), which runs through Sept. 27.

"We're really focusing on what it was like to hear these stories as a kid because the world is so crazy right now," Times said. "As a society, we just need more lighthearted fun."

To bring such an energy to the stage, he's changed some roles to be played by youth ac-

tors – ranging from elementary students to teens – instead of adults. The role of Jack is played by a youth actor, and both Little Red Riding Hood and the Narrator are split between two youth actors.

Traditionally, the Narrator speaks directly to the audience, walking them through the interwoven storylines of familiar characters like Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Rapunzel. Now, the two Narra-

tors tell such tales to each other, bringing them to life by playing with their toys. One of the Narrators is Owen Waggenspack, a student at Egan Junior High School.

"Being Narrator is a team effort," Owen said. "I have a younger brother, so it's a lot of the brother dynamic. ... I was a little intimidated because everyone was really good. But it's become more of a family, so we've been able to learn and grow together."

Such a willingness to learn is especially important when considering the show's demand. There's the typical Sondheim-style obstacles – overlapping lyrics and time signature changes – but cast members have also had to learn something completely foreign to most of them: Folklórico-inspired formations.

Folklórico is traditional Mexican folk dancing that employs a wide variety of formations, using people to create geometric shapes and patterns. Formations can convey emotion, draw attention somewhere or, in this case, signify moving through the woods.

Times wanted to include

this element after he watched choreographer Megan Spoelstra's Folklórico show at Lincoln High School. Spoelstra teaches at the school and heads its Folklórico program.

"I noticed how many formations there were, and how they would move, looking so fluid when they did," Times said. "Watching that, I was like, 'Oh, I'm stealing that for the show.'"

According to Times, implementing them has felt daunting at times. However, it's a challenge that the cast has wholeheartedly accepted and seen through.

"It really is beautiful how we've taken two pieces of art that shouldn't necessarily work together, and managed to make them work together in a really beautiful and unique way," Times said. "It's been really inspiring to watch."

"Into the Woods" is being staged in the Sunnyvale Theatre at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. Tickets are \$29.70-\$59.42.

For more information, see [sunnyvaleplayers.org/into-the-woods](http://sunnyvaleplayers.org/into-the-woods).

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Sunnyvale Community Players' "Into the Woods" runs through Sept. 27. At right is Egan Junior High School student Owen Waggenspack, who plays one of the narrators.

# Business & Real Estate

## SVCE and the city of Los Altos offer electrification rebates

By Ananya Kota  
TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Los Altos has the highest number of electric household appliances installed per 1,000 housing units among the 13 cities that are part of Silicon Valley Clean Energy, according to Nupur Hiremath, SVCE’s manager of decarbonization programs. A contributing factor to this accomplishment is the city’s rebates for cleaner appliances.

The city of Los Altos approved an electrification rebate plan in March. Residents who are renovating their homes to switch from gas water heaters, heat pump heating and air conditioning to electric are eligible for a rebate of up to \$1,000 from the city.

The money comes from a \$75,000 grant from the city of Los Altos, approved by the City Council. Nonprofit SVCE manages the rebate program and offers additional rebates ranging from \$500 to \$3,000.

“SVCE was formed to help its communities achieve their climate goals,”

Hiremath wrote in a document provided to the Town Crier. “Each community we serve has varying needs.”

Los Altos officials encourage residents to switch to electric appliances to achieve cleaner air, fight climate change and save money, according to the city website.

“Costs to go all electric vary greatly depending on factors including: existing appliances in a home, existing electrical panel and desired appliance brand,” Hiremath wrote. “SVCE research has found that most homes with existing 100-amp service can go all-electric without requiring a panel upgrade, which could be an added cost.”

According to Hiremath, switching to electric appliances can provide an array of benefits. Along with fewer pollutants and better air quality, electric equipment tends to be more efficient than gas. This can help with overall energy costs and increase comfort. Further, Hiremath noted that 18% of emissions in SVCE cities are from residential buildings.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SVCE

A heat pump on a residential home.

“Replacing these (gas) appliances with efficient, electric versions eliminates that pollution source – improving the air quality that we breathe,” Hiremath wrote.

Overall, SVCE has noticed a positive impact with the rebates, according to Hiremath. Local pollution is decreasing as more Los Altos residents switch to electric through SVCE’s programs.

SVCE plans to continue offering re-

bates to residents and encouraging environmentally friendly appliances.

“Los Altos citizens are already making an impact by using clean electricity from SVCE,” Hiremath wrote. “In switching from gas to clean, efficient electric equipment in their home and on the road, residents can make an even bigger impact.”

For more information, see [tinyurl.com/ElectricRebates](https://tinyurl.com/ElectricRebates).

## California works toward smoke-damage standards

By Levi Sumagaysay  
CALMATTERS

*This story was originally published by CalMatters.*

Two smoke-damage bills awaiting the governor’s signature address a longstanding issue brought to the fore by the Los Angeles County fires: When is it safe for wildfire survivors to move back into their homes?

After the deadly January 2025 fires, which destroyed more than 16,000 structures, the state Insurance Department estimates that more than 13,000 out of 40,000 claims involved smoke damage.

The fires burned for nearly a month. Debris and emissions contained a mixture of trees, brush and manufactured materials made up of plastics, metals and more – raising concerns about toxic contents left in homes that are still standing but may be dangerous to live in.

Many survivors with homes that did not burn down have yet to return to them 21 months later. Their homes reeked of smoke and they found ash, soot and char inside. They await test results for things such as lead and asbestos. They wait for homes to be repaired, cleaned up and cleared of toxic materials after months of back-and-forth with their insurance companies. Along the way, fire survivors, experts and insur-

ers have all pointed to the lack of standards around smoke damage.

Assembly Bill 1642 will set “a first-in-the-nation standard for testing and remediation,” said Assemblymember John Harabedian, a Pasadena Democrat, about the bill he authored. Remediation is the removal of contaminants or hazards, and fixing possible ill effects.

The bill passed in conjunction with Assembly Bill 1795, authored by Assemblymember Mike Gipson, a Gardena Democrat. Gipson’s legislation will incorporate the new standards and require insurance companies to abide by them. The governor has until the end of the month to sign both bills; one cannot become law without the other.

“We were hearing from survivors that they weren’t getting a fair shake from their insurance companies,” Harabedian told CalMatters. “Kudos to survivor groups that worked with us on this. We hope others don’t have to go through what they went through.”

The bills are just two of several pieces of legislation to come out of the Eaton and Palisades fires meant to set clearer standards, hold insurers accountable and improve the recovery process after a wildfire.

For the full text of this article, see [calmatters.org/economy/2026/09/smoke-damage-insurance-bills](https://calmatters.org/economy/2026/09/smoke-damage-insurance-bills).

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Have you invested in any tokens recently?

By Artie Green  
NEST EGG BRIEFS

When I was a youngster living near New York City, I regularly bought subway tokens. They were small metal coins with a distinctive Y-shaped cutout in the center. Back then they cost 20 cents and enabled you to travel almost anywhere within the primary four boroughs of the city. Was that a great deal? You bet!

Today there is a new kind of token in which people can invest. But you can't hold it in your hand. A client recently asked my opinion about one that she said was trending on social media. It's called US Water Resources (symbol \$USWR). The promoters assert that the use of data centers for artificial intelligence (AI) will require huge amounts of water for cooling. They imply that by investing in \$USWR you will be able to capitalize on the scarcity of water supplies in the U.S. as the data

centers are built. Trading is managed using a cryptocurrency blockchain ledger similar to the ones used by Bitcoin and Ethereum.

Sound interesting? There's just one problem with it. Despite its name, it has no connection with the U.S. government and does not own any water resources. As such, it has absolutely no intrinsic value. Why would anyone want to pay money for something that is not anchored to any asset and has no value other than what the originators and social media promoters claim it's worth?

Evidently, some people do. According to Coinbase.com, as of this writing, there are around 1 billion \$USWR tokens in circulation at a price of \$0.0008027. That means investors are holding over \$800,000 worth of this token. I cannot find any reliable sources that can tell us how many individual investors actually paid money for it,

nor how much of that \$800K remains in the hands of the originators or early investors in the token. After all, they're the ones who stand to gain the most if they can convince others to buy it.

... there's nothing supporting the value of any of those so-called tokens except good storytelling.

If \$USWR doesn't sound like the kind of investment you'd go for, how about a token that was originally conceived as a joke? Dogecoin (DOGE) was created by two software engineers as a parody of Bitcoin. As a cryptocurrency token, it's no different than \$USWR. DOGE investors own nothing but a piece of digital paper. Yet its popularity wildly surpasses that of \$USWR. Investors today hold over \$10 billion worth

of DOGE according to Coinbase.

What about Bitcoin itself? Is there any difference between the three? Not much. What is common to all cryptocurrency tokens is the blockchain methodology for keeping track of them. While the value of cryptocurrencies may be dubious, blockchain technology is highly innovative. Today, blockchain is being used far beyond cryptocurrencies to improve security, transparency and oversight in industries such as logistics, healthcare and banking. Could it be the cachet associated with blockchain that encourages people to invest in tokens that don't represent anything of tangible value?

There's nothing new about the media promoting investment schemes beyond traditional stocks and bonds. That's been occurring long before social media existed. But in the cryptocurrency space, we

now have large financial institutions and even politicians (read: \$TRUMP) getting involved. That conceivably adds a layer of respectability to the crypto marketplace. But it doesn't change the fact that there's nothing supporting the value of any of those so-called tokens except good storytelling.

It's prudent to clearly understand how an investment works before putting your money into it. Which is why I'm sticking only to subway tokens\*.

\*Alas for me, the NYC Transit Authority no longer utilizes those cute metal tokens. Perhaps they're still worth investing in as a collector's item?

Artie Green is the founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors dba Perigon Wealth Management, LLC, a registered investment advisor. For more information, see cognizant-wealth.com.



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## Transactions

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653 Rosewood Court, Malmgren Family Trust to Zhang Living Trust for \$5,200,000

1901 Quail Meadow Road, Hau 1983 Family Trust to Z. & H. Zeng for \$6,550,000

743 Edge Lane, S. Torabi to Prendergast Family Trust for \$7,800,000

### Los Altos Hills

27690 Central Drive, D. Patmore to Kuhlmann Living Trust for \$4,350,000

11270 Page Mill Road, Toms Trust to Gould Trust for \$4,900,000

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421 Burgoyne Street, Deleon Trust to R. & X. Dong for \$1,800,000

692 McCarty Avenue, Crut Trust to Poddar & Verma Living Trust for \$2,465,000

105 Savannah Loop, Kamrin Living Trust to A. & H. Watenmaker for \$2,500,000

1690 Nilda Avenue, Fonda Family Trust to R. Tarrazo for \$2,500,000

990 Gest Drive, H. & J. Danzenbaker to Tzeng Family Trust for \$4,145,000

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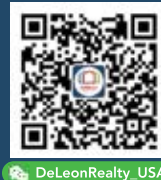
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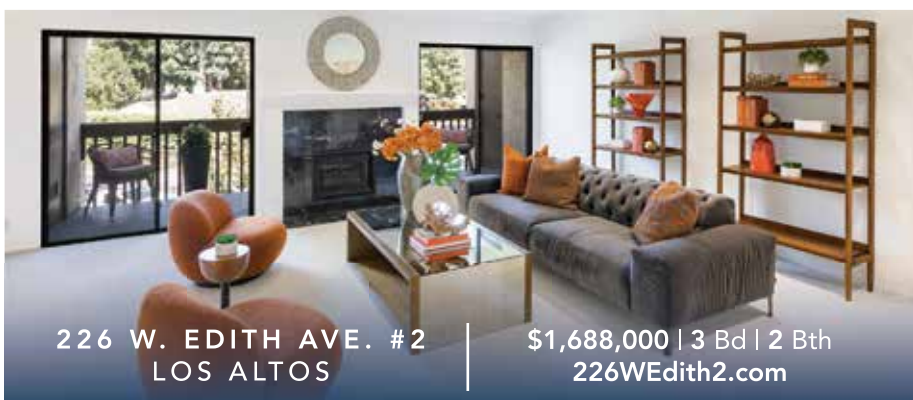
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## Request for Proposal - Geotechnical Engineering Services San Antonio Road Complete Streets Project STPL-5309(020)

You are invited to submit a proposal to provide geotechnical engineering services as delineated in the Scope of Services. The proposals are due electronically on the City's Bids/RFP Portal hosted by PlanetBids at <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/71685/portal-home> **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2026.** The deadline to submit questions regarding this project is Thursday, September 24, 2026 before 4:00 p.m.

**PROJECT PURPOSE:** The City has received OBAG 3 funding for the San Antonio Complete Streets Project STPL-5309(020). The project consists of protected bikeways along North San Antonio Road connecting key commercial areas, residential areas, Civic spaces, schools, the Community Center, the Library, Downtown Los Altos, new high-density housing, Caltrain, and El Camino Real transit lines. This project also includes pavement rehabilitation to restore and maintain the existing roadway network, as well as streetscape improvements, such as streetlights.

As a part of this project, the geotechnical consultant will be responsible for the following:

A geotechnical investigation of the road, which shall consist of:

- Core samples of the road will be taken to determine the existing structural section of the road
- Investigation to determine if there is any possible contamination of the road
- Provide a recommended structural section of the road that will handle a traffic index (TI) equal to 9
- During construction, the Geotech will conduct compaction testing, asphalt and material testing as required by Federal Highway Administration on Federally Funded project. The fee for construction support will be negotiated in the future.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE** The preliminary schedule for this contract will be as follows:

- All submitted proposals will be reviewed no later than October 15, 2026.
- Agreement will be executed no later than October 29, 2026.
- Notice to proceed will be sent out by November 12, 2026.

**SUBMITTAL** The following items shall be included in your proposal:

- In the proposal, the consultant must demonstrate prior experience on a project similar in scope within the last 5 years. The client information, including name and phone number, must be provided.
- Main Principal point of contact as well as the individual who will be working on the project.
- Information about the individuals who will be doing the day-to-day work on the project and their contact information.
- The fee schedule shall be submitted separately from the proposal. Failure to provide a separate fee schedule from the proposal shall be grounds for disqualification.** The project fee schedule shall clearly show the amount of anticipated hours, and the cost associated.

**CITY AGREEMENT**

The consultant must be able to execute the standard City agreement **without** any modification. The City may consider minor modifications to the agreement, but this will be at the City's sole discretion. **Any modification request must be submitted and agreed to before the proposal deadline.** Unless modification has been agreed between the parties before the proposal date, the submission of a proposal by the consultant is acceptance of the City's standard agreement with no modification. Failure to comply with this provision will result in disqualification of the proposal. The request for modification of the agreement does not extend the submittal deadline.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS** During the course of the agreement, the consultant will be required to maintain all insurance coverage requirement. The City of Los Altos must be named as "Additional Insured" in the insurance certification. The City will also require Professional Errors and Omissions insurance acceptable to the City Attorney. See attached Exhibit B in the Sample Agreement for further information on insurance requirements. The consultant shall obtain a City of Los Altos Business License.

**FEESCHEDULE** Not-to-exceed fees should be listed in the Fee Schedule for each task for each project. Payment for work completed will be based on progress to date for each task as described in the Scope of Services. The consultant should include costs for site visits and travel.

**PROPOSALS** Please submit an electronic copy of the proposal incorporating all requirements set forth in the RFP. The electronic copy (i.e. PDF) should be submitted via PlanetBids **only**. Please define the proposed work, your approach, and completion schedule in the form of Exhibit "A" to your proposal. The consultant's fee proposal shall be submitted in a separate electronic file via PlanetBids in the form of Exhibit "B".

The City will review all submitted proposals. The City may elect to negotiate an agreement fee different then the submitted proposal to align with City's budget. The consultant must be ready to execute a standard Agreement for Consultant Services (draft version is attached) within ten (10) working days of the award of the project. The proposal submitted in response to this RFP will be included in the Agreement with the selected consultant.

If you need assistance or have questions, please call me at (650) 947-2614 or email me at [sson@losaltosca.gov](mailto:sson@losaltosca.gov).

Sincerely,

Steven Son, P.E.  
Transportation Manager

Enclosures:  
1. Scope of Services  
2. Project Vicinity Map  
3. Professional Services Agreement (Draft Version)

Date: September 1, 2026  
(09-09,16-26)

**227-T**

## PARKPAWS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729944

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PARKPAWS, 302 Toyon Ave, San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): BAY ROOTS LLC, 302 Toyon Ave, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/28/2026. /S/ Sergio Castillo-Curiel / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/28/2026. (09-09,16,23,30-26)

**226-T**

## SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:  
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):  
Stephen Finn, an individual

YOU ARE BEING  
SUED BY PLAINTIFF:  
(LO EST DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):  
Richard Avelar & Associates

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The courts lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue

una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA 191 NORTH FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95113 CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso): 25CV475023

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): William L. Coggs hall (619) 696-6700 Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP 101 W. Broadway, Ste. 2000, San Diego, CA 92101 DATE: 9/11/2025 3:47 PM (Fecha) L. Quach-Marcellana, Clerk of the Court, Deputy (Secretario) (Adjunto) (09-09,16,23,30-26)

**224-T**

## IKIGAI GYLD FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729886

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: IKIGAI GYLD, 500 Benvenue Avenue, Los Altos, CA, 94024, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): IKIGAI GYLD, LLC, 500 Benvenue Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024. Registrant began transacting busi-

ness under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. /S/ Tami Shidawara / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/27/2026. (09-02,09,16,23-26)

**223-T**

## Gold Standard FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729512

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Gold Standard, 2601 Nuestra Castillo St Apt 6177, San Jose, CA, 95127, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: an individual. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): Aracelys Rodriguez Flores, 2601 Nuestra Castillo Ct apt 6177, San Jose, CA 95127. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 08/14/2026. /S/ Aracelys Rodriguez Flores / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/14/2026. (09-02,09,16,23-26)

**220-T**

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/27/2025. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On 9/23/2026 at 10:00 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 2/28/2025 as Instrument No. 25771761 in book *////*, page *////* of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, executed by:

NAVNEET ARON, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor  
YOU LAND INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as Beneficiary

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the Gated North Market Street entrance of the Superior Courthouse, 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA,

all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: PARCEL ONE: PARCEL A, IN THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON THAT MAP ENTITLED, PARCEL MAP, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON FEBRUARY



# Public Notices

8, 2024, IN BOOK 959, AT PAGES 54 AND 55, OF MAPS. P A R C E L T W O : AN EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF PARCEL A OVER A PORTION OF PARCEL B DESCRIBED ON THE PARCEL MAP ("EASEMENT AREA"), FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE INSTALLATION IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, HARDSCAPING, SOFTSCAPING, TREES, PLANTS, IRRIGATION SYSTEM, POOL, SPA, BARBECUE, FENCING, PERGOLA, GAZEBO, TRELIS, SPORTS COURT, FIREPLACE AND STORAGE SHE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL B; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL B, 64.00 FEET TO THE N O R T H E A S T C O R N E R OF SAID PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL B, 26.50 FEET; THENCE WEST, 54.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 10.00 FEET; THENCE WEST, 10.00 FEET; THENCE WEST, 10.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL B; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 16.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 166 LYELL ST LOS ALTOS, CA 94022.

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$5,597,822.41 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale.

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation.

D A T E : 8 / 2 4 / 2 0 2 6

CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: <https://prestigepostandpub.com> CALL: 949-776-4697 PATRICIO S. INCE', VICE PRESIDENT P P P # 2 6 - 0 0 9 3 3 2

CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS IS

A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid on a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of the outstanding lien that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfer. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and [https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#d\\_5](https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#d_5) NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 949-776-4697, or visit this Internet Web site <https://prestigepostandpub.com>, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 88986. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to ex-

ercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 949-776-4697, or visit this internet website <https://prestigepostandpub.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 88986 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. D i s c l o s u r e In compliance with CA civil code 2924f(F), the opening bid for the foreclosure sale is based on a valuation provided t the trustee by the lender of the lender's representative. The trustee does not determine, verify , or opine on the accuracy of this valuation and makes no representation regarding the market value of the property subject to foreclosures (the "Property"). The trustee's compliance or non-compliance with CA civil code 2924f(f) shall not be construed as an opinion, warranty, or representation regarding (i) the priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, (ii) the condition of title to the Property, or (iii) any other matters affecting the Property, including the value of the Property. The trustee relies solely on the trustee's sale guaranty and/or information provided by the lender regarding the lien priority and title condition and does not independently verify such information. All bidders are solely responsible for conducting their own independent due diligence regarding the loan, the Property, its value, the lien priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, and the condition of the title to the Property. The trustee assumes no liability for the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by third parties, including the lender. The valuation used to determine the minimum opening bid applies only to the initially scheduled sale date. Any postponement or continuation of the sale does not obligate the trustee to obtain or rely upon a new valuation, nor does it alter the trustee's limited role in the process. (09-02,09,16-26)

**219-T**

## SUN-NET CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729584

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1) SUN-NET CONSULTING, (2) SUN-NET INC, (3) SUN-NET INTERNATIONAL LLC, (4) SUN-NET INTERNATIONAL, 2150 North First St, Suite 550, San Jose, CA, 95131, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a corporation. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): DANIEL L. SUN INC., 2150 North First St, Suite 550, San Jose, CA 95131. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 06/13/2016. / S / J o a n n a S u n /

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/18/2026. (09-02,09,16,23-26)

**217-T**

## PitLane Moto FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. FBN729517

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: PitLane Moto, 1765 Ravizza Ave, Santa Clara, CA, 95051, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a limited liability company. The name and mailing address of the registrant(s) is (are): PitLane Technologies LLC, 2108 N St Ste N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: N/A. / S / B r i a n L. H a r k n e s s / This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on 08/14/2026. (08-26-26,09-02,09,16-26)

**216-T**

## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PETITION OF ANGELINA HA MONTECITO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME 26CV500684

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Angelina Ha Montecito filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name:

- a. Angelina Ha Montecito
- b. Angelina Ha Nguyen
- c. Ai Thi Le Ha

Proposed Name:

- a.
- b. Angelina Ha Montecito
- c. Angelina Ha Montecito

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 10/20/2026 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: 08/12/2026 /s/ Daniel Nishigaya Judge of the Superior Court (08-26-26,09-02,09,16-26)

**215-T**

**\$40**  
is usually all it costs to  
publish your Fictitious  
Business Name in the Los  
Altos Town Crier

# Datebook

*Datebook is a free listing of events, groups and meetings in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View run by nonprofits. It is always available online and runs on a space-available basis in our weekly print edition. To be considered for inclusion, send your notices via email to [avaa@latc.com](mailto:avaa@latc.com) and include a contact name, phone number and fee to participate (if applicable).*

## EVENTS

### The Community Women's Chorus.

Mondays (started Sept. 14), noon to 2:15 p.m. Mountain View Community Center, Cedar Room, 201 S. Rengstoff Ave. The Community Women's Chorus is looking for new singers! We are a non-audition chorus, sponsored by the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation's Local Impact Collective. Tuition for the fall quarter is \$210. New singers should arrive 15 minutes early. Come try us out to see if we are a good fit for you. For more information, visit [communitywomenschorus.org](http://communitywomenschorus.org).

**Curating America's 250th.** Sept. 16, 5:30-7 p.m. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S San Antonio Road. How do museums decide which stories to tell, which artifacts to display, and how to interpret history credibly? Curator and Director of Exhibitions Dr. Amy Ellison will offer a look at the creation of The Spirit of '76: Reflecting on America's 250th. Learn how research, artifacts, and historical perspectives come together to shape an exhibition—and why thoughtful, transparent curation matters. Held in person and on Zoom. Admission is free for members, \$15 for non-members. Register at <https://www.losaltoshistory.org/events/curating-americas-250th/>

### UC Master Gardeners: Gardening With Mediterranean Ornamentals.

Sept. 16, 7 p.m. Los Altos Library Orchard Room, 13 S San Antonio Road. Join UC Master Gardener Martha Carpenter to learn about beautiful, hardy, ornamental plants from other Mediterranean climates, as well as some California natives, that would be great additions to your waterwise garden. Program is free and open to the public. No registration necessary.

### Talk of the Town: Yehudi Menuhin.

Sept. 17, 11-11:45 a.m. New Museum Los Gatos, 106 E. Main St., Los Gatos. Did you know Yehudi Menuhin, the world-renowned violinist, lived in Los Gatos? The New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) will host a talk by musician Robert Huguener on Menuhin's life and music. Free with registration at <https://www.numulosgatos.org/events/yehudi>.

### The U.S. Constitution - Then and

**Now.** Sept. 18, noon. Sequoia Room, Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. The Los Altos Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution invites community members to attend a free talk by The Honorable Leslie C. Nichols, Retired. This talk is part of the Los Altos Chapter, DAR's celebration of Constitution Week, an annual American observance held in September to commemorate the adoption and signing of the United States

Constitution in 1787. Judge Nichol's presentation will explore the Constitution in general, as well specific topics such as the Constitution's antecedents, the Founding Story leading to the Miracle at Philadelphia in 1787, and current challenges. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/18-Judge>

### American Sketches: Tales of a Continent – Community School of Music and Art Fall Concert series.

Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Gabriela Calderón and Astrid Morales Torres celebrate the musical landscapes of North, Central, and South America in the vibrants program of piano for four hands, featuring both well-known and lesser-known composers. Reserve tickets at [arts4all.org/events](http://arts4all.org/events).

### Parent Friends of CSA kickoff.

Sept. 20, 10-11:30 a.m. Landels Elementary School Blacktop, 115 W. Dana St., Mountain View. Parent Friends of CSA is a new group for families who want to teach their children the value of service while supporting CSA (Community Service Agency) together. Members connect with like-minded parents through family-friendly volunteer opportunities, service projects, and events that make giving back a shared experience. Join us for a kickoff event for families to pack snack bags for kids accompanying their parents to appointments. Families with children of all ages are welcome to participate, coffee and bagels will be provided. RSVP or add yourself to the email list for future events here.

**Happy Birds.** Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. Get ready for a feather-filled morning at Happy Birds, presented by the Los Altos Library Commission. Meet incredible parrots, decorate book bags and hats, and enjoy a fun, family-friendly experience.

### Mid-Autumn Festival.

Sept. 20, 1-4 p.m. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S San Antonio Road. Dating back more than 3,000 years, this cherished Chinese tradition is rooted in ancient harvest traditions and inspired by the legend of Chang'e, the Moon Goddess. Today, it is a joyful time for family, gratitude and wishes for health and happiness. Celebrate with lanterns, traditional foods, live music and hands-on activities for all ages. Presented in partnership with the Greater Los Altos Chinese Association (GLACA). Admission is \$10 per person or free for museum members, children 12 and under, and seniors 65 and up. Pay at the gate. For more info, visit [losaltoshistory.org/events/mid-autumn-festival-3/](http://losaltoshistory.org/events/mid-autumn-festival-3/)

## Datebook

**Wednesday Travel Nights – Brazil: Land of Samba & Soccer.** Sept. 23, 7 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 S San Antonio Road. Trek the cities and wild lands of beautiful Brazil. From the beaches of Rio, to canoeing with the caimans of the Amazon, to ogling the architecture of Brasilia, and camping with the birds and piranhas of the Pantanal, join presenters Jim and Megan Allen at the library for this wonderful photography presentation. Program is free and open to the public. No registration necessary.

**Fall in Fabric.** Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 S San Antonio Road. Join sustainable artist Leila Ghasempour for a hands-on fall craft workshop. Learn how to transform upcycled fabrics and natural materials, such as pinecones, into charming autumn décor. Choose to create a pumpkin wreath, festive bunting, or a charming pumpkin ornament for your bag or to gift to a loved one. This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary.

**K-Pop Dance Night.** Oct. 2, 7 p.m. Peterson Middle School, Sunnyvale. A space to connect in person, perform, and celebrate Korean pop culture together. The event will include live dance performances, a random play dance, and free K-pop merch raffles sponsored by KCloud. Admission is free.

**FabMo 15th Annual Artisans Market.** Oct. 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave. The event will showcase the work of nearly 40 local makers offering uniquely beautiful, sustainably-handcrafted fine art, fashion accessories, home decor items, jewelry, toys, gifts, holiday items and even pet accessories. All of the items sold will be crafted from the roughly 70 tons of discarded designer textiles, leather, wood and other materials FabMo diverts from the landfill each year.

**Bookmark Stories.** Oct. 4, 4:30 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 S San Antonio Road. Bookmark Stories is a community art project sponsored by Stanford School of Medicine that invites people to share their immigration journeys, whether their own or their family's, through a simple, powerful medium: a bookmark. By writing or drawing on a small piece of paper, participants capture moments of transition, memory and identity. Your bookmark will join the community collection displayed at the Stanford Health Library, Hoover Pavilion.

**Backroads and Crossroads – Community School of Music and Art Fall Concert series.** Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Local duo Bagwell & Troy present a lively program of foundational blues and country music by musicians such as Elmore James and Johnny Cash, as well as their own stir-

ring, original songs. Reserve tickets at [arts4all.org/events](https://arts4all.org/events).

**Colors of Sound: And Evening of Piano Imagery – Community School of Music and Art Fall Concert series.** Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Naoko Kasai transforms the piano into a storyteller, revealing the distinct voices of four composers: Haydn, Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin. Through them, she explores the full spectrum of human emotion - joy, sorrow, passion, and comfort. Reserve tickets at [arts4all.org/events](https://arts4all.org/events).

**CSMA Merit Scholars Winter Concert – Community School of Music and Art Fall Concert series.** Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Emily Levin, Principal Harp of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and Colin Davin, Director of Guitar Studio at Shenandoah Conservatory, present a unique instrument combination in a memorable and dynamic chamber music experience. Reserve tickets at [arts4all.org/events](https://arts4all.org/events).

**Coffee Together.** First Tuesday of every month, 1:30 p.m. Red Berry Coffee, 145 Main St. Group for windowed and divorced folks over the age of 60. Combat the loneliness epidemic by taking a small step in connection. Meet others navigating life after 60 without a partner. For more information, check out [instagram.com/coffeetogetherlosaltos](https://instagram.com/coffeetogetherlosaltos).

The following are ongoing programs at the Los Altos Main Library. All events held in the main library, 13 S. San Antonio Road.

**ESL Classes.** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills with a professional ESL instructor. This class session is for beginner and intermediate ESL students (must have basic conversational skills). Register at [scll.bibliocommons.com/events/6a039e72f56bd86e00af45e6](https://scll.bibliocommons.com/events/6a039e72f56bd86e00af45e6).

**Monday Meditation & Mindfulness.** Mondays, 10:30 a.m. at Los Altos Library, 7 p.m. at Woodland Branch Library. Practice meditation for 20 minutes and ask questions for 10 minutes.

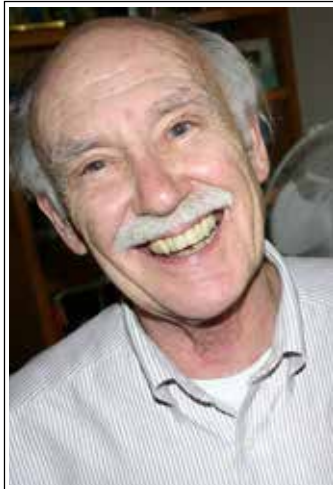
**Poetry Open Mic.** The first Monday of the month, 7 p.m. Hear and share poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend. Presented by Poetry Los Altos.

**Classical Guitar Open Mic.** Second Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 p.m. Sign up to perform up to 10 minutes of freestyle guitar and watch performers during this open mic section.

**Bay Area Games Day.** The third Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Join a full day of convention-style open gaming at the library. Learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite.

## Obituary Notice

### ROBERT “BUZZ” E. SLYE



November 27, 1934 –  
August 8, 2026

Robert “Buzz” E. Slye Sr. passed away on August 8, 2026, at the age of 91. He was born November 27, 1934, in Burlington, Vermont, to Albert and Doris (Mansfield) Slye, and grew up in Dalton, Massachusetts.

He received a B.E. in Mechanical Engineering from Yale University in 1956, where he also served in the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps. He then earned an M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from Stanford University in 1957. He joined NASA Ames Aeronautical Laboratory in Moffett Field, California, in June 1957 as a summer student, and was then assigned to Air Force duty on the Ames campus in the fall of 1957. In 1958, he became a permanent research scientist at what was then the NASA Ames Research Center.

Slye’s career at Ames spanned more than half a century. He made important research contributions across a wide range of disciplines; including aerodynamics of lifting bodies, such as the space shuttle orbiter, as well as rockets and re-entry capsules; trajectory and payload analysis; and analysis and display of computer information, including remotely sensed images.

He received the NASA Ames

Special Achievement Award in 1988. At the time of his retirement in December 2007, he was the longest continuously employed person at Ames.

In his younger years, Buzz enjoyed skiing, hiking, climbing, autocrossing, and traveling. In his later years and into retirement, he enjoyed gardening, reading scientific articles, sharing his knowledge with those close to him, working on projects around the house and yard, playing bridge at the community center, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Buzz is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sharron Slye; his children, Laura Haythornthwaite (Mark), Christopher Slye (Christy), Sandra Slye-Hittle (Jeremy), and Robert Slye Jr; his grandchildren, Akayla and Haylee Hittle; his sister-in-law, Gail Ford; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Susan Taylor.

### STUART FARWELL



August 13, 1938 –  
August 11, 2026

Stuart “Stu” Farwell, 87, of Los Altos, California, passed away peacefully on August 11, 2026. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Stu was the son of Arthur Farwell and Ruth (Swanson) Farwell. He grew up in Willow Glen before moving

to Los Altos, where he graduated from Mountain View High School. He was a proud Eagle Scout. While in high school, he met Jeanne (Ransom) Farwell. They married in Los Altos and remained devoted partners for nearly seventy years.

Stu dedicated more than 40 years to serving the Los Altos Fire Department and Los Altos Hills County Fire District in fire safety. He began as a volunteer firefighter and went on to serve as Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Chief, later continuing his work as a fire protection consultant. He was proud of his work and deeply connected to the community he served.

Stu was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Los Altos and volunteered at church events. He also volunteered with the Los Altos Art & Wine Festival for 45 years and the Bear Valley Music Festival for close to 15 years, where he and Jeanne provided accommodations and meals for visiting musicians.

Stu loved the outdoors, especially hiking, swimming, fishing, and skiing. He and Jeanne owned a cabin in Bear Valley, where they enjoyed boating on Lake Alpine in the summer and skiing at Mount Reba in the winter.

Stu and Jeanne hosted an annual themed Christmas “tree decorating” party at their home in Mountain View, bringing together people from all walks of life. Stu was well known for making his signature Irish Coffee for the occasion.

Stu is survived by his wife, Jeanne; his son, John Farwell and his wife, Kim; his grandchildren, Kelsey, Corey, and Jason; and his brother, Ned Farwell. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Debbie.

Stu will be remembered as dependable, kind, and trustworthy. He was someone who brought people together and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Los Altos on Sunday, September 27, at 1:00 p.m., with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to submit an obituary to run in the Town Crier,  
please email [obits@latc.com](mailto:obits@latc.com).



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