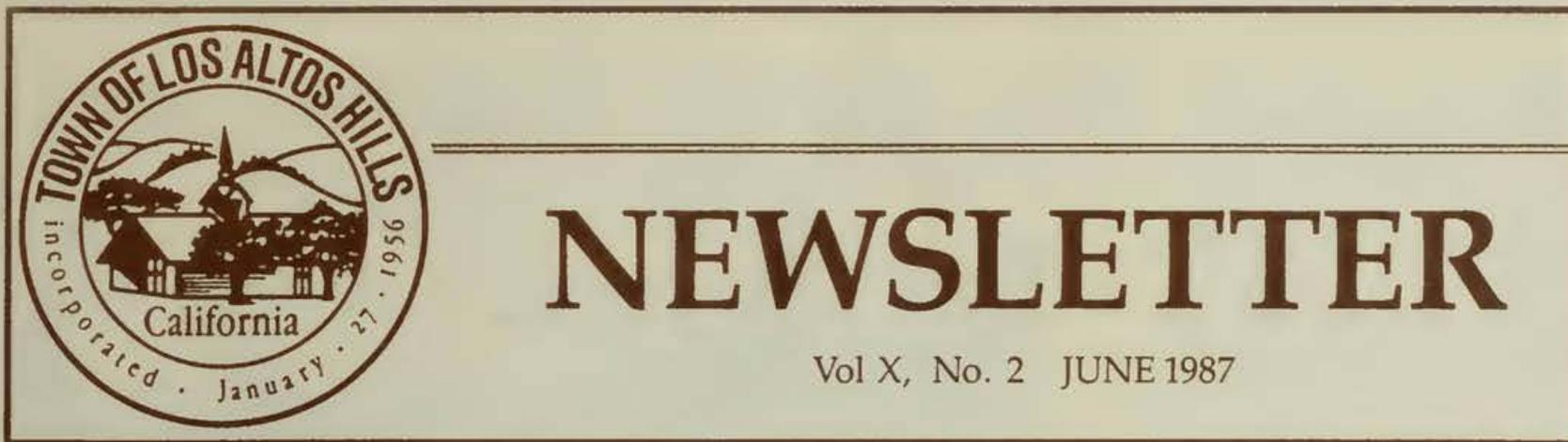


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# Cable Television To Serve Most Hills Residents

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obtain service.

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# Most Hills Residents

Construction is expected to begin in Los Altos Hills before the end of this year on a 35- to 36-channel cable television system with a wide range of basic services and premium services like HBO and the Bravo arts channel.

The system would be operated by Sun Country Cable of Pleasanton, which owns several small television systems.

The Los Altos Hills City Council selected Sun Country as the applicant with whom final negotiations should be conducted. Among the items to be negotiated was just how much of the town would be served. Sun Country had already agreed to pay five percent of gross revenues to the town.

Lyn Simpson, Sun Country Vice President, said the approval process for permits from various governmental agencies and agreements to hang cable from utility poles would take six months and probably would be completed late this fall.

Who gets cable television service is determined by the

ground. Ms. Simpson estimated 70 percent to 80 percent of homes in the town would be served by the basic system.

Burying the cables is five times more expensive than hanging them from existing utility poles and would require 60 homes per mile to be feasible, Ms. Simpson said. If density is lower than that, homeowners may be able to

In areas served by overhead utility wires, the television cables would be strung between the existing telephone and power lines.

The basic fee for cable television would be \$16.95 per month. In addition to receiving commercial television station broadcasts, residents would also receive arts and other cultural programs, financial and general news and classic movies. The premium services would cost an additional \$9.95 per month.

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## Barbara Tryon Elected Mayor

Barbara Tryon has been elected Mayor of Los Altos Hills by her fellow council members.

She succeeds Mary van Tamelen, who has served two one-year terms as Mayor.

Mrs. Tryon had been Mayor Pro Tem.

The Council elected Bill Siegel, who was appointed to the Council last October, as mayor pro tem. Mr. Siegel, a retired Administrator of Santa Clara County, had served on the Planning Commission before being appointed to the City Council.

committees and groups before joining the Council, and she had been instrumental in establishing the neighborhood emergency network in Los Altos Hills. She had chaired the town Safety Committee, served as the town's Emergency Services Coordinator, and represented the town on the county Emergency Preparedness Council, Transportation Commission and Traffic Authority Policy Advisory Board.

Since joining the City Council, she has been appointed by the League of California Cities to its Transportation and Public Works Committee and by the

number of homes per mile in the neighborhood and whether utilities are overhead or under-

Mrs. Tryon had been active in many city and community

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to its Justice System Advisory Board.

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TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

NEWSLETTER

# Three New Houses Win Design Awards

*Photos by: Marjorie Kellogg—Van Rheeden*

The Town has awarded its first annual design awards to three new houses that fit in well with the topography and existing homes in the neighborhoods.

The winning houses are:

- 25857 Westwind Way, designed by Gary Tucker and selected "for its innovative and creative design applied with a minimum of impact to the site." (top)
- 13535 Country Way, designed by Triangle Associates and Paul Lombardi. This "country-style" house retained the natural amenities of the lot, particularly the riparian corridor, allowing the siting of the house in an inconspicu-



ous space. (middle)

- 12105 Hilltop Drive, designed by Triangle Associates and Alan and Beatrice Swanson. This house was selected for use of natural materials, shaping of the house to the slope and the incorporation of drainage into the landscape plan. (bottom)

The winning designs were selected from among 36 homes completed during 1986. Members of the City Council and the Planning Commission acted as judges.



## Town Improves Pathways

As everyone who uses pathways in town may have noticed, the town crew has done a wonderful job this spring upgrading roadside paths. Fine rock has been spread and rolled at the top of Black Mountain Road and along most of Natoma and on parts of Elena roads.

Bob Stutz, a horseman and a Town Planning Commissioner, has overseen building of a bridge connecting town paths with Foothill College pathways. The bridge was designed by resident Sid Hubbard, and labor was supplied by the Los Altos Hills Horsemen's Association. The new, improved path through the campus is now completed.

The Horsemen's Association has also cleared a new path at the top of Lupine Road and moved a fence over to accommodate the new alignment. Volunteer path clearing will continue through spring and summer, so if you enjoy the pathways, come and join us. It's fun! Just call Fran Stevenson, 493-0464, for the next work party.

# Los Altos Hills Adopts Road Maintenance, Drainage Plans

The City Council has adopted a seven-year, \$2 million plan for road maintenance and a five-year \$800,000 plan for improving storm drainage.

The two major engineering studies, both performed by consulting firms, create the first, long-term, systematic plans for improving roads and drains.

The road maintenance study was performed by Harris & Associates, and it creates a computer model covering every public street in the town. It recommends types of improvements, such as asphalt overlay, slurry seal and chip seal, for each street and recommends the year in which the work be performed.

The first major projects it recommends are asphalt overlays on Elena and Moody roads, and the work will be

extremely successful here where there has been such a great deal of difficulty in establishing long-term programs."

The drainage study was completed by consulting engineers Creegan & D'Angelo and consists of taking a complete inventory of drainage facilities and recommending improvements.

The study divided the town into drainage basins and prioritized improvements in each. The plan lists numerous small projects to be performed over five years. Many of the recommended improvements would increase the size of culverts.

Among the larger projects given a high priority are:

- Storm drain replacement along Magdalena, Stonebrook and Prospect roads, including

## Volunteers Rebuild Horse Shelter

Volunteers have been rebuilding the horse shelter used by the Westwind 4-H Club Riding for the Handicapped program.

The shelter for three horses had a metal roof on old posts and was virtually ruined during storms last winter. A fencing contractor has constructed a new frame, and volunteers are doing the siding and finishing. The new shelter will cost \$5,000.

The new horse shelter is near the four-stall Josephine Duveneck Barn built in 1980 with \$14,000 in donations.

Both the barn and shelter are located near the 34-stall Westwind Barn on Altamont Road. The town owns the barn and property, and it is operated by the non-profit Friends of Westwind Barn.

The riding program for handicapped children was started in 1978 as an organization of Santa Clara County 4-H. It serves 20 to 30 children, who usually ride from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. People interested in helping with the program may telephone 941-4808.

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Duveneck Exhibit

performed as part of \$125,000 in road work this fiscal year.

In the 1987-1988 fiscal year, the plan recommends spending \$303,000 on road repairs. For the subsequent years, the recommended expenditures are: \$315,000, \$270,000, \$277,000, \$326,000 and \$394,000.

"This pavement management system based on computer modeling is a substantial change in the direction of the town," City Manager George Scarborough said. "Such a major emphasis on preventive road maintenance has not been done before. It has been very successful in other communities, and we expect it to be

some paving, \$80,000.

- Enlarging the culvert underneath Page Mill Road from above Alexis Road to Madero Creek, \$30,000.
- Upgrading the culvert under Fremont Road near Arastradero Road, \$60,000.
- Scarborough called the study "strongly rural-oriented," as opposed to a 1969 drainage study that recommended such major projects as lining stream banks. The new plan recommends minimal alteration of existing streams and drainage channels and was found by the City Council to be realistic about what the town could afford to spend.

## Duveneck Exhibit Continues

An exhibit commemorating the life of long-time Hills resident Frank Duveneck continues in the Town Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Road. Exhibits assembled by Town Curator Marjorie Kellogg include 19th Century toys and photographs Duveneck took of the Panama Canal during its construction. Duveneck died two years ago at the age of 98.

## The City Council of Los Altos Hills

Barbara Tryon, Mayor  
William Siegel, Mayor Pro Tem  
Louise Dronkert  
James L. Plummer  
Mary van Tamelen

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TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

NEWSLETTER

## Town Seeks Stegner Books

A book collector in Town has suggested the History Room should have copies of the works of famous authors who live in Los

# Crime Rate Drops 35% This Year

Altos Hills. Wallace Stegner, a resident for 42 years and a Pulitzer prize winner, certainly would be a great beginning! If you have any Stegner books to donate, please bring them to the History Room at Town Hall Tuesdays, between 1 and 5 p.m. Or call 948-5970, and I will gladly pick them up. Donations are tax deductible.

Rosemary Meyerott,  
Town Historian

## Dry Grass Must Be Removed

Hills property owners are required by law to remove dry, wild grass in order to eliminate a potential fire hazard.

The Los Altos Fire Protection District recommends grassy areas be rototilled or disced. Cutting and removing the grass also lessens the fire hazard, but it is not as effective as rototilling or discing.

If residents fails to remove wild grass as specified by both Town and County ordinances, the Town or County may do it themselves and add the cost to the landowner's property tax bill.

Figures released by the Sheriff's Office show crime in Los Altos Hills was down by 35% in seven major categories over the past twelve months. Led by a 75% reduction in motor vehicle theft and a 75% drop in burglary, the overall improvement was attributed to neighborhood awareness and involvement, as well as law enforcement activities.

Total crimes in the categories of homicide, robbery, rape (including all sex crimes), aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft were 148 in 1985/86, and the projection for 1986/87 (through this month) is 96. Mayor Barbara Tryon complimented both the citizens of the Town and Sheriff's officers for making Los Altos Hills a safer place to live.

## Recent City Council Actions

1. Renegotiated a new contract with the Los Altos Garbage Company that retains the 20 percent interim rate increase granted last year. The new contract also provides for four days annually of free collection at designated points in the town.

The last rate increase was in 1982.

2. Authorized an agreement for an environmental impact report in connection with the application of De Anza Properties for annexation and residential development of 360 acres of land southwest of the Town that includes the Neary Quarry. The environmental impact process is expected to take six months. It is the beginning step in a long study procedure that will include numerous public hearings on the proposal.

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