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Election Winners Take Seats on Council

William Siegel

Toni Casey

Toni Casey, Robert Johnson, and William Siegel have taken the seats on the City Council to which they were elected last April.

Traditionally the mayor pro tem has been elected to serve as the next mayor, but Siegel, who has served on the council since 1986 and was mayor pro tem, asked not to be considered for mayor for personal reasons.

Until the early 1980s, Los Altos Hills' mayors had generally served two-year terms, but one-year terms have become the recent pattern. When Siegel asked not to be considered for the position, the City Council unanimously re-elected Mayor Barbara Tryon until the first meeting in September, at which time the City Council will again consider the issue.

The City Council also unanimously elected Johnson mayor pro tem.

Tryon and Johnson had served together on the Safety Committee several years ago, and both said they look forward to working together again.

An Evening at the Theatre

You're invited to join your friends and neighbors at a special Los Altos Hills evening at the Performing Arts Festival at Foothill Community College. On Sunday, July 10, residents of the Town can participate in a box supper on the lawn at Foothill and then attend together the 7 p.m. performance of "The Boyfriend," a musical classic of the Jazz Age.

Sponsored by the City Council, this special summer event is a chance to enjoy high quality entertainment within our Town's boundaries. The production is one of many offered by the 5th Annual Performing Arts Alliance-Summer Festival at Foothill Community College. The Community Relations Committee is making the arrangements and will be selling tickets in the near future. Those interested in attending may call Town Hall at 941-7222 and leave their name and number. The cost is $16.50 per person and includes both the supper and the performance.

The 5th Annual Performing Arts Alliance-Summer Festival at Foothill is the largest festival of its kind in the Bay Area. From May through September, 30 music, dance, opera, and theatre companies will be giving 100 performances in our Town. Notable guest artists will appear, including Seattle Mime Theatre, Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, Andy Narrell and Pan Attack, Khadra International Folk Ballet, Nuclear Whales, Santa Cruz Shakespeare Festival, and Paul Horn with guest David Friesen.

Full brochures listing all performances are available from Foothill Community College, 12345 El Monte Avenue. Many of the shows are family entertainment to which parents can bring children and feel assured of seeing material suitable for all ages.

The Council hopes that citizens will support this local festival and is especially eager to welcome residents to the special evening on July 10. Please make reservations by July 1.

Robert Johnson

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Some Homes Have Ample Water, Others May Lose Landscaping

Drought has created a geographical split in Los Altos Hills, with people in the north facing a severe water shortage and those in the south only being asked to cut back a little bit.

Approximately two-thirds of the Town's homes face mandatory cutbacks in water usage of as much as 45 percent this summer. These are homes served by the Purissima Hills Water District, which is based in Los Altos Hills.

The other one-third of the Town's homes are served by the California Water Service Company of San Jose, which has asked for a voluntary 15 percent reduction in water usage.

The difference in the availability of water is due to the source.

Purissima Hills buys its water from the San Francisco Water Department. The source is the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir on the Tuolumne River in Yosemite National Park.

The fate of Purissima Hills customers rests with San

Keeping Track

Here is a guide to water conservation prepared by the California Water Service Company:

	Normal Use	Conservation Use
Shower	30-40 gallons for 5 minutes	Reduce length of shower
Brushing Teeth	Tap running 2 gallons	Wet brush, rinse briefly 1/2 gallon
Tub Bath	Full 36 gallons	Minimal water level 10-12 gals.
Shaving	Tap running 5 gallons	Fill sink or basin 1 gallon
Dishwashing	Tap running 30 gallons	Wash & rinse in sink 5 gals.
Automatic Dishwasher	Full cycle 25 gallons	Wash full loads short cycle 12 gals.
Washing Hands	Tap running 2 gallons	Fill basin 1 gallon
Toilet Flushing	5-7 gallons/ flush	Bottles or Bar dam in tank 4-1/2 to 6-1/2 gallons
Washing Machine	Full cycle, tap water level	Wash full loads short cycle

The fate of Purissima Hills customers rests with San Francisco water officials. Bill McCann, manager of the Purissima Hills Water District, says the San Franciscans view Los Altos Hills and Hillsborough with a Robin Hood-type attitude of stealing from the rich to give to the poor. Hillsborough is being ordered to cut back even a little more than Los Altos Hills. San Francisco officials respond that water for cooking and cleaning has a higher priority than water for landscaping. San Francisco residents, who have limited or no landscaping, may be asked to cut use only 14 percent.

The California Water Service Company, on the other hand, has secured water from a variety of sources, none of them in San Francisco, reports Ken Roed, Vice President for Corporate Communications.

Approximately 40 percent of the Company's water comes from deep wells, many of them in the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills area.

The other 60 percent of the water comes from state and federal water systems. Some of the water may come from San Luis Reservoir via the recently completed San Felipe aqueduct project. The company also draws on water stored behind Oroville Dam and on the greatest source of all, Shasta Lake and the Sacramento River.

"We will be extremely concerned should we suffer a third year of drought," Roed said, "not because we would run out of water, but because of possible subsidence in the Santa Clara Valley floor. Currently, percolation is maintaining the water table and preventing subsidence."

	30-35 gallons	minimal water level 15-17 gallons
Outdoor Watering: 1. Hose	Water 5 minutes 40-50 gallons	Water in morning 20 gallons
2. Lawn Sprinklers	5 minutes, daily 1200 gals./week	Water as needed

Small Tax Levied for Vector Control

The Los Altos Hills City Council has voted to join a countywide Vector Control District that will combat such disease-bearing pests as rats, mosquitoes and ticks.

The cost is expected to be $3.36 a year per household, which will appear as a levy on property tax bills.

North County Library Tax Reduced

The North County Library Authority, whose members represent Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and adjacent unincorporated areas that also use the two Los Altos libraries, has lowered the special library assessment for the coming fiscal year by $9 per household.

Two years ago, voters in the area approved a maximum tax override of $35 per household to maintain and improve library services. The authority levied a tax of $29 the first year and $33 this current year. In the year starting July 1, the tax will drop to $24.

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Sheriff's Corner

Vacation Safety

The approaching summer months inevitably make tourists out of many of us. Vacations are a time for family fun and relaxation.

Becoming a crime victim away from home or returning to a burglarized home, though, can sour the best of memories. Here are a few tips to reduce the risk of someone's entering your home while you are gone:

- Lock all doors and secure all windows.
- Make the home appear lived-in by installing inexpensive timers for lights, radios and other appliances.
- Have a trusted neighbor or friend pick up mail and newspapers. Stopping regularly scheduled services such as newspaper delivery, gardening and pool maintenance merely signals your absence.
- Leave an itinerary with a friend or neighbor so that you may be reached in an emergency.

While you are on the road, don't carry large sums of money. Maintain traveler's checks and credit card numbers in a safe place and carry the phone numbers to call in the event checks or credit cards are lost or stolen.

If your vehicle becomes disabled, don't hitch a ride to the nearest service station. Instead, raise your hood and tie a white handkerchief to the antenna. Stay in your locked car and ask a helpful motorist who might stop to telephone the police or a garage.

Before leaving the hotel for sightseeing tours, ask for directions to those attractions you wish to visit. Find out which areas of town you should avoid and stick to well-lighted streets and public areas. Looking lost may make you an easy target for crime.

Lt. Mike Lombardo
Assistant Commander
Westside Patrol

Many Landowners Subdivide This Year

Los Altos Hills expects to consider subdivisions this year that if approved would create 110 lots for homes.

The two largest subdivisions are both located off Stonebrook Drive.

The largest, Quarry Hills, would include the Patton Brothers Quarry as well as the ridge southwest of the Town limits and is currently planned for 43 lots.

A smaller parcel at Stonebrook and Prospect abutting Interstate 280 is proposed to have 32 lots.

A proposal has been filed to subdivide the Adobe Creek Lodge property into 10 lots, and another proposal would divide the adjacent Gaither property into three lots.

Other subdivisions of from 2 to 5 lots are on Stonebrook Court, Priscilla Lane, Prospect Avenue, Hilltop Drive, Miraloma Way, Altamont Road, Elena Road, and Gerth Lane.

Bids Sought for Roads, Sewers, Drains

The Town expects to seek bids in August for repairs and improvements to 33 roads scattered through the

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Once you have reached your destination, always remember to lock your car both when leaving and entering it. Park in well-lighted, busy areas and secure valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Check the back seat before getting back into your vehicle. Don't advertise that you are a tourist. Store maps and travel brochures in the glove box.

If your travel plans include staying at a hotel or motel, here are some tips:

- Determine the most direct route to and from your room, and the locations of fire exits, elevators, telephone and extinguishers.
- Unpack and place belongings in the closets and dressers to prevent someone's stealing a filled suitcase. Arrange your belongings so you'll recognize that something is missing.
- Lock the emptied suitcases so they cannot be easily used to carry away your belongings.
- Place extra cash and jewelry or other valuables in the hotel safe. Never leave money, car keys or credit cards unattended in your room.

and improvements to 55 roads scattered through the Town.

Among the projects will be resurfacing on Elena Road between Natoma Road and La Barranca and on Fremont Road between Burke Road and Robleda Avenue. A section of Corbetta Lane is to be reconstructed.

Bids are being sought to build three sewer lines to serve 42 houses in an assessment district that includes O'Keefe Lane, Dianne Drive, La Rena Drive and Vista Serena.

Upon completion of this project, approximately 1100 of the Town's 2,700 homes will be connected to sanitary sewers rather than septic tanks. Approximately half of the homes with sewers are connected to the Los Altos sewage system and half to Palo Alto's system.

The Town also has advertised for bids on increasing the capacity of storm drains along nine streets, Page Mill Road, Fremont Road, St. Francis Drive, La Paloma Road, Alto Verde Lane, Roble Veneno Lane, Viscaino Road, Corte Madera Lane and Concepcion Road.

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Westwind Schooling Shows Scheduled

Schooling shows are to be held June 26, July 31, August 21 and October 2 at the Westwind Barn.

Horse owners who have been enrolled in classes at Westwind demonstrate during these shows what they

Lithographs, Murals on Display

Mary Henry, whose art career blossomed when she was a teenager in Los Altos Hills, is currently the featured exhibitor in the City Council Chambers gallery, 26379 Fremont Road.

Early lithographs from the Depression years, original preparatory drawings for the monumental mosaics

and their horses have learned. The shows are free and open to the public and last from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Both jumping and equitation will be featured at the shows in June and July. Dressage and jumping will be featured in August, and the October show is planned as a more relaxed demonstration held in conjunction with the Westwind 4-H Club.

The Annual Westwind Barn Hoedown will be held September 10 and also is open to the public.

The Westwind Barn, 27210 Altamont Road, has a never-ending supply of free manure for gardens and will load pickup trucks for the owners on Monday through Saturday. People wishing to arrange a time for pick up should call Kelly at the Barn, 941-9952.

People willing to load their vehicles themselves may do so any day between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Disintegrating Delineators No Problem

Many of the orange plastic flaps marking the center of newly paved roads are being destroyed by cars driving over them. That's exactly what is supposed to happen.

The plastic delineators were placed under and through the new surface merely to guide workers repainting the center stripes. Experience has shown that placing delineators during paving is the most economical way to track the new center lines. In the future, use of these delineators is likely to become common during road improvements throughout the state.

and murals she executed in the 1950s, and preparatory drawings for her most recent large acrylic canvases are on display.

Henry graduated from Palo Alto High School, then received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1938 at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland.

Later she studied for her Master of Fine Arts degree at the Institute of Design in Chicago, where she became a disciple of instructor Laszlo Maholy-Nagy, the Hungarian constructivist artist.

Henry, who now lives on Whidbey Island, Washington, will be present at the closing reception on Sunday, July 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Community Mixer Planned

The Los Altos Hills Community Relations Committee and the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce will co-host a community mixer at the Los Altos Hills Heritage House at Town Hall on July 21 from 5:30 to 7:30.

The Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, serving Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, co-hosts periodic mixers to promote chamber and community involvement and to afford members and non-members the opportunity to get acquainted.

Los Altos Hills residents and business and professional people are cordially invited to attend.

For further information, call the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce at 948-1455.

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