

# Los Altos Hills Town Newsletter - March 1986

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TOWN RESIDENTS GET INVOLVED

## TOWN RESIDENTS GET INVOLVED IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Los Altos Hills residents have responded enthusiastically to the town's plan for emergency preparedness organized around 35 designated neighborhoods.

Many neighborhoods have already held meetings to make their plans, according to **Barbara Tryon**, chairman of the Town Safety Committee. Several other neighborhood meetings have been scheduled through February, and arrangements are being made for meetings in every one of the 35 areas.

City Manager **George Scarborough** wrote residents last November seeking their participation in a *Neighborhood Emergency Network* to augment the town's basic emergency plan. Attached to his letter was a map showing the 35 neighborhoods and each lot within them.

Each neighborhood is to develop a communication plan, so residents will know what to do in an emergency such as a major earthquake or large fire. The town will provide the basic framework for the organization, but it needs volunteers to make it work.

One or more residents in each neighborhood will host a meeting for their neighborhoods at which speakers from the town, Fire Protection District and Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services will share information and



*City Manager George Scarborough checks a wall map at Town Hall where flags indicate which neighborhoods have held emergency preparedness meetings.*

At the meetings, the residents select a neighborhood coordinator and alternate. During an emergency, Town officials would contact these coordinators to locate residents with medical or law enforcement training or who own equipment that could be used to clear roads and rescue people from collapsed buildings.

"The town is facilitating neighborhoods organizing for their own benefit," Mrs. Tryon

distribute pamphlets. Representatives of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department may also attend, particularly if the neighborhood has or is interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch program.

said. "All the town wants is a method of communication and to provide assistance. We supply all the brochures, and, if needed, I will even supply the coffee. It's up to the people  
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in the neighborhoods to keep the list of skills and resources. The neighborhood keeps this information private until it's needed."

The focus of the neighborhood meetings has varied according to local concerns, Mrs. Tryon said. Some neighborhood representatives asked for Sheriff's deputies to talk about crime prevention; others want to consider only fires and earthquakes.

For many people, the meetings have been a welcome social occasion and a chance to meet

new neighbors and renew contacts with old friends. Most meetings take place in private homes, but Neighborhood 11 met at Hidden Villa, and Neighborhood 12 was fortunate to have the Daughters of Charity of Seton Provincialate offer a meeting area and hospitality.

For further information about the Neighborhood Emergency Network, residents may contact **George Scarborough** at the Town Hall, **941-7222**, or **Barbara Tryon** at **941-6330**.

## TOWN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PLANNED

The 30th anniversary of the founding of Los Altos Hills will be celebrated this spring

Los Altos Hills will be celebrated this spring in conjunction with the dedication of the Heritage House adjacent the Town Hall.

The date and details of the celebration have not yet been determined, but the City Council has asked the Community Relations Committee to organize the affair.

**Ed Barnes**, chairman of the committee, said details of the celebration, which would be open to all town residents, will be publicized in newspapers serving the community. Los Altos residents, who contributed to the house's preservation and restoration, also will be invited.

The Heritage House was moved to Los Altos Hills last year from Second Avenue in downtown Los Altos, where it had stood for 76 years. It was constructed in 1909 by **Billy Eschenbruecher**, a store owner. Contributions to preserving the house have been made by the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of Los Altos, the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, individuals and businesses.

At its new site in the Los Altos Hills Heritage Preserve on Fremont Road, the house has received a new foundation, front porch and roof. Electricity, plumbing and telephone lines have been installed. Work is underway on restoring the interior woodwork and repainting the walls.

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*The Heritage House has received a new foundation, new roof and new porch.*

Once it is completed, the Heritage House will provide the Town Hall with badly needed office, staff lounge and meeting areas.

The town's Heritage House Committee seeks donations or the loan of antiques to furnish the house, specifically parlor furniture, three chairs, tables, a dining room table seating 10 to 12 people, a small breakfast set, desk and a day bed. Donors should contact Town Historian **Rosemary Meyerott** through the Town Hall, 941-7222.

## TAX OVERRIDE ALLOWS LIBRARIES TO EXTEND OPENING HOURS

The opening hours of the Los Altos main library and Woodland branch library were extended this month even though the libraries won't get funds from the voter-approved tax override until July.

The extended hours have been paid for by a combination of gifts and borrowing against future income from the tax increase approved by voters last November.

Starting February 1, opening hours at the main library at 13 South San Antonio Road were extended to include Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The library had been closed both days.

The Woodland Library, at 1975 Grant Road, was opened an additional two hours on Monday and Tuesday evenings and an additional three hours on Fridays, including Friday morning.

The libraries will spend \$28,855 to extend the open hours through the end of June.

Most of the money came from an \$18,000 donation from the Friends of the Los Altos Library, which raised most of the funds through book sales. Santa Clara County provided a

### Main Library hours until July 1:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 9 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

### Woodland Library hours until July 1:

Monday and Tuesday, 2 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 2 to 6 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## COUNCIL NAMES KAUFMAN TO PLANNING COMMISSION

**Marc Kaufman**, a computer consultant who has been a leader in public safety activities in the town, has been appointed to the Planning Commission by the City Council.

Kaufman succeeds **Michael Kuranoff**, who resigned from the commission because he is moving to Japan.

Kaufman has been a member of the town Safety Committee and Chairman of its Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee. He also is President of the Los Altos County Fire Protection District, which covers Los Altos Hills and

grant of \$3,982.

In addition, the Los Altos City Council approved a no-interest loan of \$5,533, and the Los Altos Hills City Council approved a no-interest loan of \$1,340, the loan amounts being based on population.

The tax measure, approved by 70% of the voters, provides for up to a \$36 per household library tax, but at least initially it will be \$19 per year.

On July 1, the library will extend its hours once again, to the levels of 1977. The main library will be able to open at 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday and each evening Monday through Thursday, and Woodland will be open at least three evenings during the week.

Also in July, the library will purchase more books with funds from the new tax. The library has been spending 10% of its budget on new books and plans to increase that to 15%.

District, which covers Los Altos Hills and adjacent unincorporated areas.

Kaufman has resigned from the Safety Committee, but he will continue to work with the Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee through his position as Amateur Radio Coordinator for Los Altos Hills.

The City Council has appointed **Betsy Bertram** and **Ruth Buneman** to vacancies on the Safety Committee. Both women have strong backgrounds in safety, and both are emergency preparedness neighborhood coordinators. In addition, Mrs. Buneman is a registered nurse who teaches CPR training through the Red Cross.

### Committee Openings

There are presently vacancies on the Safety, Pathways, Community Relations, and Recreation and Parks committees. Interested town residents should contact Town Clerk **Pat Dowd** for information and application forms, 941-7222.

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UNCONTESTED CITY COUNCIL SEATS



Mary van Tamelen

A City Council election will not be held this spring, because incumbent **Mary van Tamelen** and **Barbara Tryon**, Chairman of the town's Safety Committee, were the only two persons to file for two seats up for election.

The City Council chose to waive the election to save the expense of holding it, about \$6,000.

Mrs. van Tamelen will serve a second four-year term. Because she was traveling abroad during the period proscribed for filing for nomination, Mrs. van Tamelen filed her papers through the U.S. Embassy in New Zealand.



Barbara Tryon

Mrs. Tryon will fill the seat vacated by Andrew Allison, who chose not to run for re-election.

Mrs. Tryon has been active in many city and community committees and groups, and has been instrumental in setting up a neighborhood emergency network in Los Altos Hills. She has been attending meetings in 35 designated neighborhoods, advising residents on how to prepare for a severe earthquake or other emergencies.

In addition to chairing the Safety Committee, she is the town's Emergency Services Coordinator, and she represents Los Altos Hills at the county Emergency Services

"Most of what I ran for in 1982 has been accomplished," Mrs. van Tamelen said in a nomination statement, "but there still are areas that need work. I'd like to see the town running really smoothly, with adherence to the principles on which we were founded -- preservation of open space, country living, minimal government."

Mrs. van Tamelen was mayor in 1983-1984, and she served five years on the Planning Commission before election to the Council.

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Los Altos Hills at the County Emergency Services level.

"I look forward," she said, "to continuing my work with town government in this new and challenging role. I hope to fully represent the many neighborhoods in our town and to serve all the residents."

Tryon and Van Tamelen are planning to host a coffee at Town Hall on **March 11** at 7:30 p.m. to meet with the residents and share their views on Town issues.

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### TOWN COMMITTEE SEEKS LANDSCAPE DESIGN EXPERT

The newly created Environmental Design and Protection Committee seeks the assistance and advice of a town resident knowledgeable in landscape design and horticulture.

Volunteers should contact the committee chairwoman, **Doris Fondahl**, through the Town Hall, **941-7222**.

The City Council created the new committee by combining the Environmental Design, Parks and Recreation Committee with

### SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY SCHEDULED

The Los Altos Garbage Company will sponsor a spring clean-up program from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, May 10.**

For its customers only, the company will provide trucks or debris boxes for free pickup at five sites.

the Pollution Control Committee and transferring the parks and recreation duties to the Pathways Committee.

The new committee's charges include advising the city on landscaping plans for new and remodeled structures and on noise and other pollution, and checking to see that the landscaping is completed according to plan. The other members of the committee are **Nancy Bavor, James Flack, James Jenson, Betsy Leight, Leda Patmore** and a representative of the Pollution Control Task Force.

## SCATTER FIREPLACE ASHES

Fireplace ashes should be scattered in safe areas rather than bagged and placed in trash cans, advises Marc Kaufman, president of the Los Altos County Fire Protection District. While the ashes may be cold on the outside, inside they may be hot enough to start a fire.

The Fire District, which serves Los Altos Hills, also advises residents to:

- Clean out fireplace flues and chimneys this spring or summer.
- Mow or disk large areas of weeds before they dry out. May to early June is usually a good time to disk weeds.
- Remove dead trees. They are both fire

Truck stations will accept only debris that is boxed, bagged or bundled and easy to handle or cuttings that are bundled no larger than 3' X 4'. Truck stations will be at these locations:

- Town Hall lot, 26379 Fremont Road
- Altamont Road at Black Mountain Road
- Page Mill Road at Arastradero Road West

Larger loads of cuttings or debris, furniture, appliances and the like are to be unloaded by the resident at debris boxes. The debris box stations will be:

- Magdalena at Freeway 280
- Moody Road at Altamont Road

## COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW CONTROLS ON CONSTRUCTION

The City Council has passed new regulations that will place more restrictions on people building new homes and remodeling older ones, but will speed up the building permit process.

The new ordinance requires a special land use permit for new construction or conversions of structures with a height above 15 feet. Through it, the city can restrict maximum allowable floor area. The size of the house will depend on the size of the lot and the slope of the land.

Town officials acknowledged that previous formulas for maximum building site were extremely complex. With the new guidelines,

and safety hazards.

they say, the staff can immediately determine maximum allowable building area once a person supplies his lot size and average slope.

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### FLEA MARKET OPERATIONS MONTHLY

The Foothill College Flea Market is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. It features dozens of vendors. The profits benefit the Foothill Drama Department.

### PARCOURSE CIRCLES FOOTHILL CAMPUS

The Foothill College Parcourse circles the entire campus, with exercise stations and a variety of terrain to give any jogger a substantial workout and pleasant scenery. The free course starts next to the Auxiliary Gymnasium.

### EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM

Motorists within a quarter mile of Foothill College can get parking and emergency infor-

### HANDICAPPED RIDING PROGRAM TO PRESENT HORSE SHOW

**Westwind 4-H Riding for the Handicapped** is presenting a benefit show at the Hidden Villa Horse Arena on Saturday, **May 10**. This will not be the usual competitive horse show, but will be a demonstration of the talents of horses. The show should be of interest to both horsemen and nonhorsemen alike.

**Jim Forderer**, riding instructor and judge, will show the beautiful movements of the dressage horse and the harmonious partnership of rider and horse. **Dwight Gilbert** will give his impressive demonstration of the timing and team work of draft horses in action. Also featured will be the driving horse, jumping horse, stock horse, Peruvian Paso, mustang, vaulting, drill work and more. **Doni Hubbard**, author of the two popular trail guides for Northern California horsemen, will be the commentator, giving history and

mation by turning their automobile radio dials to 1610 AM (KNIP).

The new system has done a lot to alleviate traffic congestion at peak hours, but it has another benefit to Hills residents. In case of an emergency, such as power outages or an earthquake, power on 1610 can be boosted for easy pickup on home radios. Information on emergency procedures, services, and forecasts will be broadcast.

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descriptions of what the horses are performing.

Events start at 10 a.m. and will continue after a lunch break into the early afternoon. Refreshments will be sold. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, tax deductible.

For information, please call: **941-7645** or **941-4808**.

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