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PUBLIC SAFETY

On the first of October, Mr. Gordon Penfold became the Town's first full-time Chief of Public Safety. His background prior to joining Los Altos Hills includes extensive law enforcement and fire fighting experience in Public Safety Departments including, in each case, broad leadership positions.

In 1950 he joined the newly organized Sunnyvale Public Safety Department and became Commander of that Department in 1959. In 1965, Mr. Penfold created the Foster City Public Safety Department and headed it until 1971. Since 1974, Penfold, through his private security company, has been providing supplemental patrols and services to the Town of Los Altos Hills.

His new duties will include:

1. Establishing 24-hour public safety (police and fire)

2. Expanding the communication system for the fully integrated emergency services

3. Recruiting and training officers to be fully qualified as fire fighters, policemen and Level I emergency medical technicians

4. Defining and acquiring the specific equipment needed, and

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5. Refining the budget to phase in the new services.

Penfold has a very exceptional talent in the field of Public Safety and is thoroughly familiar with Los Altos Hills. We welcome him aboard!

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FALL CLEAN-UP PROGRAM -
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1981

For their customers only, Los Altos Garbage Company has set aside another weekend day for the placement of large containers throughout the Town. The pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 1981, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (be there early as the trucks must leave by 2:00 p.m.) at the following locations:

1. Town Hall Parking Lot
2. Magdalena at IS-280
3. Moody Road at Altamont
4. Altamont Road at Black Mountain
5. Page Mill Road at Arastradero (West)

As a result of the increased participation by Los Altos Hills residents in these clean-up days, the following procedures are being established so that everyone may be treated fairly and efficiently and the trucks may leave for the disposal site promptly at 2:00 p.m.:

1. Only debris that is boxed, bagged or bundled and easy to

handle; cuttings that are bundled no larger than 3'x4' will be accepted at the truck stations;

2. Large loads of cuttings or debris, that do not comply with the above, will be unloaded by the resident at debris box locations; this includes appliances, wood, furniture, etc.

This is a service provided ONLY for customers of Los Altos Garbage Company. For further information, please call the Los Altos Garbage Company at 961-8040.

Recently Los Altos Hills Councilwoman Lucile Hillestad traveled to Portugal with a group of mayors and elected officials from the United States. At the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon she was greeted by Los Altos Hills resident Marc Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arnett of Los Altos Hills and is a foreign service officer.

LANDSCAPING SUGGESTIONS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN COMMITTEE

Privacy - a very important part of our life here in the hills. How can we best achieve it without disturbing the rural atmosphere of our Town? How often have we seen trees lined up as soldiers in review for the purpose of screening the property? Are there better ways of getting the same results which do not put forth a formal, unnatural appearance? Perhaps so. Consider, for example, setting back every other tree in an irregular manner to give a somewhat staggered, casual look. Add some bushes and "voila" you have a natural screen with a rural casual look.

Of course you want to use native plants as much as possible. They need no care once established and are more adapted to the area.

If you need any help, members of the Environmental Design Committee can be reached through Town Hall (941-7222).

NOTE FROM THE PATHWAY COMMITTEE

BOOKLETS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL

The Environmental Design Committee has provided copies of the following booklet for the Town's residents:

"FIRE RETARDANT PLANTS"

These booklets are available at Town Hall.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Los Altos Hills Historical Society will meet on Thursday, October 22, 1981 at 7:45 p.m. at the Town Hall (Council Chambers). In addition to a brief business meeting there will be a review of the Town's 25th Anniversary. Participants in the four anniversary events will speak at the meeting and answer any questions residents might have on the anniversary celebration. An album of color pictures and articles on the Town's celebration will also be

The Pathway Committee is continuing its effort to install path markers at crucial junctions of pathways and roads. They would appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping these posts in place.

The access to the 'Edgewood to Page Mill' Trail has been improved and made safer by the Town's maintenance crew. This is a popular trail for both hikers and horsemen.

The Pathway Committee would like to remind horsemen that there is a path inside the barbed-wire fence along Arastradero Road from the eucalyptus trees to the entrance for Saddle Mountain Drive. This takes residents off the dangerous narrow section of pathway along Arastradero.

available.

The speakers will discuss the four events of the 25th Anniversary: the Birthday Party sponsored by the Historical Society on January 27, 1981; the Town Banquet held at the Fremont Hills Country Club on January 31, 1981; the Family Fun Day held at the Little League Fields on May 30, 1981 and finally the Day at Westwind held on October 4, 1981.

The entire Town is most cordially invited to take part in this "Memory Meeting" with the Historical Society. Any pictures you might like to share will be appreciated. Refreshments will be served.

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HAPPENINGS AT WESTWIND

A day of equestrian activities cele-

brating the Town's 25th Anniversary was held on Sunday, October 4, 1981 at Westwind Barn.

The Barn, recently painted and landscaped, was shown off to Town residents who had been invited to attend a varied program of events. A cross-country demonstration, western show horse demonstration, vaulting and dressage demonstrations and pleasure driving were among the featured events.

A highlight of the day's activities was an exhibition by the Los Altos Hills Horsemen's Association of a dozen different horse breeds. Local youngsters and their horses, colorfully costumed, took part in a Grand Entry Ceremony. Westwind 4-H Handicapped Riders also demonstrated their riding skills as part of the Day's activities.

Special thanks go to members of the Federated Woman's Club of Los Altos, the Herbert Hoover Boys' Club and the Town's 25th Anniversary Committee for all of their help in making this 'Day at Westwind' a great success!

TOWN PHOTOGRAPHS

Marjorie Kellogg, noted photographer and resident of Los Altos Hills, has generously contributed her time and talents over the past year in covering the Town's 25th Anniversary. A showing of these photographs is being tentatively planned for sometime in January, 1982.

If anyone has any pictures of the Town or specifically of one of the Anniversary Events that they would like to contribute to this showing, please contact Marjorie at 948-8639.

Thank you. There will be more information available as the details for this photography session are finalized.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A reminder to all residents of Los Altos Hills that on October 14, 1981 at 2:00 p.m. the Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will hold a public hearing to consider 'the proposed detachment of the Town of Los Altos Hills from the Los Altos County Fire Protection District'.

The application and maps of the Town of Los Altos Hills pertaining to this detachment are on file in the office of the Commission, 10th Floor, East Wing, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, California.

This public hearing will be held in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, California.