

Los Altos Hills Town Newsletter - September 1992

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Our Council Matters

On June 23rd the City Council of Los Altos Hills was sworn in for its 1992-1993 term. Our Council members are:

Barbara Tryon
Bob Johnson
Elayne Dauber
Sid Hubbard, and
Bill Siegel

Barbara Tryon was appointed Mayor and Bob Johnson Mayor Pro Tem for the current year.

On matters of Planning and Development, our City Council is advised by a voluntary Planning Commission, chaired this year by Stephen Pahl.

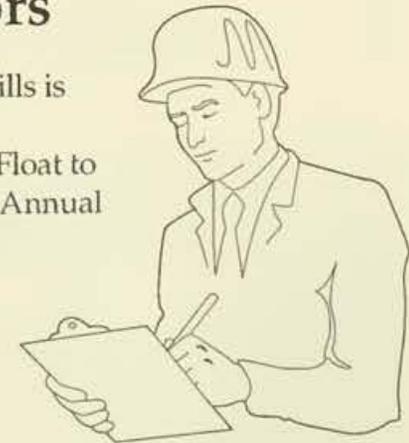
The Town is also supported by five Standing Committees, as listed below:

- Community Relations (Roger Burnell, Chairman)
- Environmental Design and Protection (Ruth Buneman, Chairman)
- Finance (Philip Dauber, Chairman)
- Pathways, Recreation and Parks (Carol Gottlieb, Chairman)
- Safety (Barbara Vetterlein, Chairman)

Calling All Hobbyists and Innovators

The Town of Los Altos Hills is designing, building and decorating its *own* Town Float to be unveiled at this year's Annual Festival of Lights Parade (Sunday, November 29) and displayed every year hereafter.

The design is now being completed, and light construction will soon commence. There is still room for several people — such as builders, engineers and innovators — to help bring this exciting, hi-tech wonder into reality!



The Town also requests special donations from any persons who have enjoyed past parades, plan to enjoy future ones, or are otherwise supportive of our community project. Donations may be of time, materials and/or actual gifts of giving (\$\$\$!). Your help and support is sincerely solicited.

Please call 941-3500 to make suggestions, offerings, and other tangible contributions, or for further information.

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TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

NEWSLETTER

Kiss'n Cousins

(aka: "What's New in Neighboring Los Altos?")

*Main Library closes for construction;
Woodland opens longer hours*

Construction of the new sections of the Los Altos Library is nearly complete, bringing to an end Phase One of the library project. The library will close for six weeks on October 5th. On November 18th the library will reopen for Phase Two, operating only from the new addition while the older sections are being remodeled. Books checked out after September 14th will not be due back to the library until November 18th (a perfect time to check out that book you've been putting off, or re-read every Agatha Christie you loved).

On November 18th the main library will be complete and will re-open. However, during this period the Adult Services will temporarily operate from the Children's Room and the Program Room. Consequently, the adult collection will be reduced, with many titles in temporary storage. However, Cupertino and other libraries will provide a daily delivery to serve our needs. After all construction is completed (January) the library will briefly close again for final installations, prior to its grand re-opening.

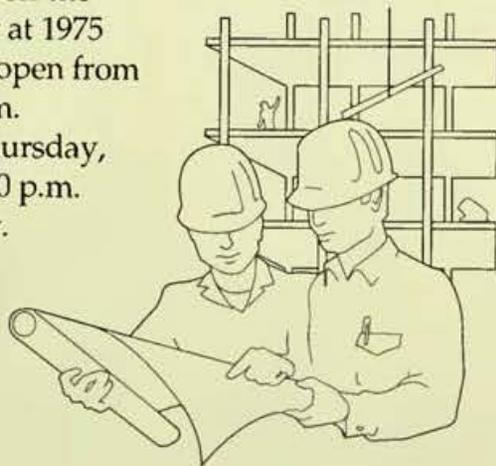
High on Our Roofs

The Los Altos City Council formally adopted the new roof ordinance on August 19, requiring all new or replaced roofs to conform to either Class "A" or Class "B" standards. This criterion was passed by the public as an advisory vote on the June ballot. This action will

To accommodate library users, the Woodland Library will be open for expanded hours between October 5th and November 18th. Woodland Library, located in South Los Altos just off the Foothill Expressway at 1975 Grant Road, will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Certain special collections, normally available only at Los Altos Library, will be made available at Woodland during this period of time. This includes Talking Books on cassette, Business Investment titles such as Morning Star, California Technology Newsletter, and an added set of Value Line as well as many other additional titles. Other popular collections, such as videos and new books, will receive additional copies from Los Altos to meet the expected higher demand at Woodland.

All children's programs and services will be offered only at Woodland during the remainder of construction. Beginning October 5th the program schedule will be: Preschool Story Time on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Toddler Story Time on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and Bedtime Stories on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. The Children's Librarians will remain at Woodland, offering children's services throughout Phase Two until the main library is completed in January.



ensure a fire-rating which complies with the 1991 Universal Building Code standards, and will be applicable to all roof work except for repairs of less than 300 square feet.

This measure marks the second time in this decade that our council addressed this important issue. Many residents will recall that back in 1984 a prior measure was adopted, only to be defeated in a subsequent public referendum.

However, the succumbing of some twenty-five Palo Alto Hills homes to dry, tinder flashfire in the summer of 1985, and the ensuing tragedy to over 2,000 residences in the unprecedented Oakland Hills fire last year has sobered even the most conservative observers. In this climate, we have come to realize that during a hot, racing, wind-fanned fire, each under-protected home can become a domino-match stick for its adjacent neighbors.

Residents can pick up a copy of the new ordinance and corresponding rating requirements at Town Hall. Our town Building Official, Bill Carino, has notified local professional roofing contractors of the applicable requirements. Bill reminds us that the protection afforded by a Class A or Class B roof applies to the *entire* roof membrane and structure — not merely the top surface. This means, that in certain instances, the underlying roof structure will have to be reinforced and or overlaid with plywood sheeting before accepting a heavier, fire resistant, roof surface. Additional information is available by calling Bob Burns of the Northern California Roofing Safety Commission, at (800) 962-4540.



Support Our Supportive Supporters

Come Meet The Staff!

October is Town Appreciation Month. Take a few moments to drop into Town Hall and meet the Staff, welcome the newest members, pick up some literature, inquire about a potential remodel, or just to say Hello!

To facilitate your feeling of connectiveness, here is a list of the dedicated workers who support the visions and goals of our Town, and who help make them a reality on a daily basis, along with some personal insights about them. Further biographies, "Up Close and Personal" will appear in future issues of the Newsletter.

Meet Town Manager, Les Jones:

Les joined our Town in June 1991, after eight years with the City of

Coronado, where he had served as Assistant City Manager and Public Services Director. Les received his B.A. in Public Admini-



seven years in Stanford University's Development Office. She enjoys the inarguable fact that "local government is never dull," and greatly appreciates "the pleasure of working with so many wonderful people." Pat adds that serving as our City Clerk since 1979 has been "always fascinating, and very rewarding."

Watch for an opportunity to meet more of your Town Staff in future issues:

- City Engineer/Director of Public Works, Jeff Peterson
- City Planner, Linda Niles
- Office Manager, Karen Jost
- City Treasurer, Louise Parmett
- City Attorney, Sandy Sloan
- Building Official, Bill Carino
- Maintenance Supervisor, Art Mendoza
- Building Secretary, Jeanne Evilsizer, and
- Planning Secretary, Lani Lonberger

First "S'Bring in the Hills" Declared an Unqualified Success

The Los Altos Hills City Council has issued Certificates of Appreciation to the Community Relations Committee for designing and producing the First Annual "S'Bring in the Hills" community-wide social event.



stration and Political Science from Cal State Fullerton, and continued his graduate studies at both Cal State Long Beach, and San Diego State.



"I have been extremely impressed with the level and quality of volunteerism in Los Altos Hills," which he describes as unparalleled in comparison with most other communities. In his job, Les most appreciates the "diversity of challenge in our community where people care as much about the whole town, as they do about their own property."

Meet Town Clerk, Pat Dowd:

Pat received her B.A. in English from Wheeling College. She gained invaluable experience working at the IMF (International Monetary Fund) in Washington, followed by



Over 310 people participated and enjoyed the festivities of this sold-out event on May 9th at the Fremont Hills Country Club. If you were among the disappointed late-registrants, be sure to watch for next year's event, and to reply early!

Your Call to (Fun and) Duty!

There are currently several positions open on the Town's (volunteer) Committees. If you would like to help run and improve your home town, pick up an application at Town Hall for one of the current openings:

- Safety Committee (2)
- Youth Commissioner

Ham Radio Operators Needed

In order to effectively implement our local Los Altos Hills Disaster Preparedness Plan, additional Amateur Radio Operators are needed.

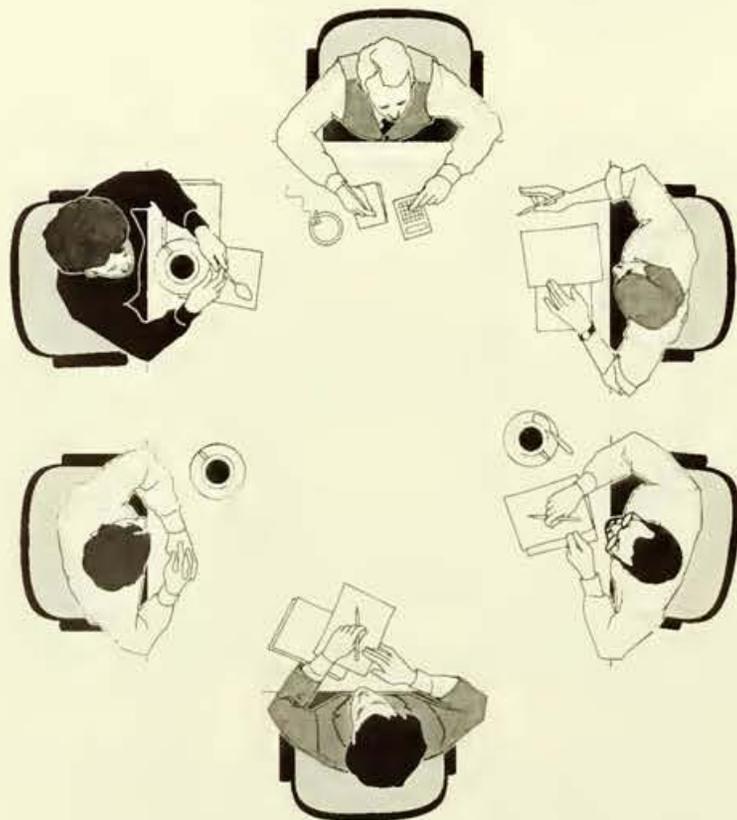
If you qualify, and can help in an emergency, or if you know someone else who may be able to help, please call Town Hall at 941-7222.

The Safety Committee

Neighborhood Coordinators Needed

A system has been initiated in Los Altos Hills to enable residents and officials to respond with maximum efficiency in case of emergency.

The Safety Committee has zoned the Town into thirty-five distinct neighborhoods, each represented by a Neighborhood Coordinator who will act as liaison between their neighbors and emergency officials. These committed volunteers will be deputized by County Officials.



Just A Litter Letter !

Some of our neighbors are concerned about the increasing litter observed along our roadsides. This is of particular concern on Arastradero and Page Mill Roads.

We do appreciate the many public-spirited residents who pick up a little litter when out walking or bicycling. Many have been using old grocery bags.



Please note that large, blue, plastic bags are available at Town Hall for this very purpose! If each of us takes a litter interest on a regular basis, we can all take satisfaction in keeping our Town tidy. Research shows that visible litter draws more litter. Let's get ridder the litter!

Dollar Wise — Hard on the Budget Trail

As a result of the recent adoption of the State budget, Town property tax receipts will be decreasing by nine percent. The State will retain \$44,500 from our \$495,000 property tax revenues. An Additional \$3,600 will be retained from cigarette tax revenue. Consequently, in the Town's 1992-93 budget of \$3.1M, an additional \$48,000 must be generated through a combination of revenue, spending cuts, and reserve depletion.

To effectively address the needs of all residents, additional volunteers are now needed to serve as Coordinators or Assistant Coordinators in some areas.

If you are able to help in your neighborhood, or would like further information, please call Town Hall at 941-7222. Thank you.

The Safety Committee

Although this percentage may seem small, every dollar matters to a small Town such as ours. The City Staff and City Council have concentrated on developing a conservative budget this year, and have included provisions for continued monitoring of our financial position.



In addition to our City budget, other budget cuts included County, Special District, and State Services, as well as library and fire district allocations. Since we are dependent upon such County services as Animal Control, Sheriff, health, jails, etc., it is likely that we will still be facing some additional costs in helping to augment these deficits.

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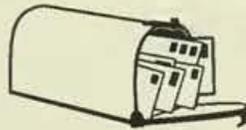
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 THE TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS
 26379 Fremont Road
 Los Altos Hills CA 94022

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Mail Box Vandalism

Although Los Altos Hills is a community with a very low crime rate, many people are growing concerned about the repeating occurrences of vandalism to our residential mailboxes. In many cases, our country-style posts and boxes are expensive to repair or replace. On "special occasions," particularly graduation nights, local youngsters seem to relish the opportunity to participate in "drive-by" rituals of destruction and decapitation.



Such behavior is more than just criminal conduct, and should not to be taken lightly. *It is a Federal crime to tamper with mailboxes!* Youngsters should be notified of

The Patter of Big Feet

Not only experienced detectives, but, according to increasing rumors, even casual passers by have been affected by the re-appearance of ostensibly solid evidence for California's BigFoot along our own Purissima Road. Long considered extinct, BigFoot arouses concerns about its reclusive survival by periodically allowing sightings of its own distinctive patter-prints. Local forensic pathologists remain mystified, but have asked that any further sightings not be reported to Town Hall (941-7222).

Our Editors and Publishers:

The Town News, the official publication of the Town of Los Altos Hills, is designed to serve our neighbors

this, and of the extra attention now being placed on these crimes. City Manager Les Jones, and City Attorney Sandy Sloan are especially concerned about these incidents, and remind all citizens to immediately report any suspicious incidents directly to the County Sheriff (911). They request descriptions of individuals, cars and/or license numbers.

The Sheriff advises us to remain especially vigilant during any local graduation evenings in the future.

through promoting community awareness, and encouraging diversified participation. It is published semi-annually, in March and September, by the local volunteers of your Community Relations Committee.

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Residents' Reply Card

All members of the Los Altos Hills community are encouraged to participate in local government as members of our various volunteer committees, and to express themselves as interested friends and neighbors. Please use this card to keep in communication with us about your interests and concerns:

1. Which of the following Volunteer Committees would be of interest to you for future participation?

- Community Relations
- Pathways, Recreation and Parks
- Environmental Design and Protection
- Finance
- Safety

2. Which of the following volunteer appointments might interest you?

- Citizen's Advisory Committees
- Joint Volunteer Awards
- Los Altos Senior Coordinating Council
- Exhibit Curator
- Youth Commissioner

3. What topics would you like to see covered in general

4. What Town resident(s) do you recommend be interviewed for our new "Meet your Neighbor" human interest column?

5. What suggestions or recommendations do you have for any member or department of our Town government?

6. Any other comments?

5. What topics would you like to see covered in general, or in future issues of the Town Newsletter?

Your Name (Optional): _____

Phone: _____

THANK YOU !!

Town of Los Altos Hills
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Los Altos Hills, California 94022

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Come Celebrate Annual Pathways Day!

Los Altos Hills will be celebrating its unique Pathways system, by conducting its Annual Pathways Day on

and explore our natural environment together. It will also be an excellent chance to learn about the past,

Sunday, October 4, 1992, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. All members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend and to explore.

Docent-led walking tours will meet at both the Westwind Barn on Altamont Road, and at Town Hall, and will depart periodically.

Four trail routes will be featured:

EASY 1:

Descending one mile downhill from Westwind Barn along the Edgerton Trail to Three Forks Lane adjacent to Page Mill. (Continuous transportation will be available for the ride back up.)

EASY 2:

Departing from Town Hall and looping two miles around Fremont, Old Trace Lane, and Ascension (La Cresta option).

MODERATE:

Departing Westwind Barn and following the Artemis Ginzton Pathway up past Byrne Preserve, along Taaffe Road to Elena, and returning up Black Mountain Road.

DIFFICULT:

Completing the Westwind Barn/Three Forks route by returning up Via Ventana and Briones Way to Altamont.

Light refreshments will be available at the end of both loops at Town Hall and Westwind Barn. Detailed maps are now available at Town Hall.

Docents will be present to lead the pathway tours. pro-

present and future of our cherished Pathway System, and to receive a docent-led tour through three of our most exceptional, pristine routes.

Unique among civic communities, The Los Altos Hills Pathway System was first envisioned and chartered in 1982 as part of the Path and Trail Element of the General Plan. Its primary objective is to ensure the enjoyment of our rural setting through a system of safe and convenient (non-vehicular) access. Since that time, the volunteer committee which oversees this program has been identifying and reserving easements for the gradual yet systematic improvement and expansion of the Route System. Today this consists of 65 miles of gorgeous paths and trails which wind themselves throughout the Hills.

In 1991, the Town Pathways, Recreation and Parks Committee, under the direction of Dot Shreiner, undertook a major improvement project, with a commitment to mark over fifty of the most important trails with new, hand-carved, redwood trail posts, constructed from a special redwood material, selected for its beauty and endurance. These are now being erected under the watchful eye of current Chairman, Carol Gottleib, who reports that all of our paths will be fully marked by 1993.

The trails are periodically maintained through a combined effort of the Town's Maintenance Crew, under the Supervision of Art Mendoza, and many Town volunteers. City Manager Les Jones, and City Engineer Jeff Peterson have been working with the Town's Committees to help beautify the trails for this event, as well as for everyone's future benefit and



vide detailed information about the Pathways System, and answer your general questions. Bring your families, youngsters, trained (leashed) pets, and enjoy!

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with families and neighbors



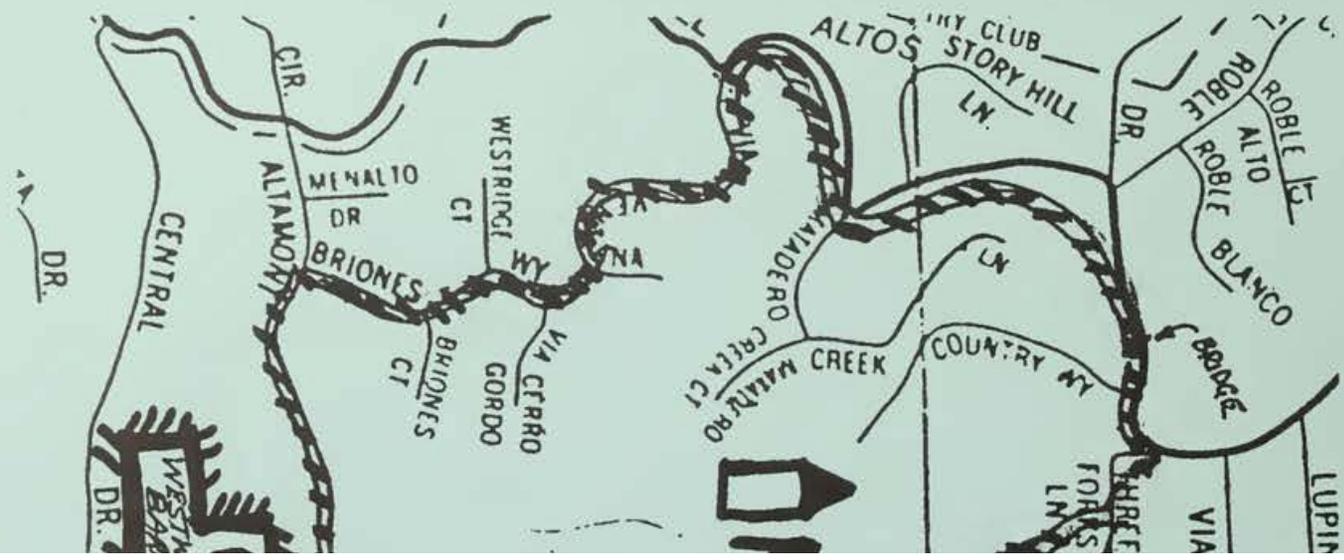
enjoyment.

The Annual Pathways Day is produced by your Community Relations Committee, in conjunction with the Pathways, Recreation and Parks Committee.

Mark your calendar now, and plan to attend!

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Hills Routes (Westwind Barn)



(Meet at Town Hall)