Los Altos Hills Celebrates 65th Anniversary

This year marks the town’s sixty-fifth anniversary. It is an ideal time to look back on the town’s founding principles, observe what has changed and what has not, and wonder what the next decades may bring. It is a story shared by many early California rural towns: highlighting the struggle between preservation and development. The earliest photographs of this area, about 1900, show a landscape of open grassland sprinkled with oak trees. By mid-century, the landscape was little changed west of Interstate 280, but to the east about 80% had been converted to orchards. The famed open and rural landscape of Los Altos Hills was now one of rolling hills blanketed with grassland and orchards and fringed with trees along creeks and tract boundaries.

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The Founding Documents

The end of WWII brought a boom of dense housing and commercial development to the Bay Area that by the mid-1950s seemed destined to spread here. This alarmed local community leaders who pursued incorporation to protect the rural atmosphere. Their impassioned argument for incorporation, called the Green Sheets because of the color of the paper used, remains the basis for many town policies.

The Green Sheets began by noting the developmental threat. The County of Santa Clara had already zoned one area for quarter-acre lots, and the Adobe Creek Lodge was a commercial resort with a 2,000-space parking lot. The writers argued that only incorporation could prevent over-development. They could have stopped there. But they continued with a clear statement of the purpose of the new town: “to preserve our uniquely beautiful locality and our rural pursuits.” Condensed for this story, they elaborated:

WHAT KIND OF COMMUNITY DO WE WANT?

As little change as possible — in our hills, our groves and fringes of trees, our fields, our orchards, our roads — as will be consistent with orderly, natural, unhurried, residential growth. Only such planning, controls, ordinances and services as are absolutely essential. We want the sun and air and quiet of a community which has given itself enough space to breathe in; the relaxed pace of country life and rural pursuits. Most of us in the foothills want at least one acre of land... We would rather look over our neighbors’ paddocks, and even over their weed patches, than into their windows. We can build-in a little space for the meadow larks and the quail. In short, we like our rural atmosphere, and most of us are perfectly willing to get along without city conveniences in order to keep it.

These words raise a few themes. One is to value independence and self-reliance and oppose being told what to do. Even opponents mostly did not favor development: they feared regulation and taxes. Another theme was privacy, open space, and a rural lifestyle. But we recognize the central theme as environmentalism, seven years before the kick-start of the modern environmental movement with the publication of Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring.

In 1955, for many people development simply meant progress; however, the Green Sheets authors saw otherwise.

Legacy of the Founders

The lives of prominent residents illustrate their thinking. There was the writer Wallace Stegner, signer and editor of the Green Sheets. In 1962, Stegner (pictured below) wrote the famous Wilderness Letter, arguing that land preservation was necessary for both the environment and the soul of humanity. Congress used his Letter to introduce its landmark Wilderness Act. In 1962 he was prominent among a small group that founded the Committee for Green Foothills, which worked to preserve the Stanford Foothills and which started a movement that created the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.
There were Frank and Josephine Duveneck, owners of Hidden Villa. They kept their land undeveloped, and over the years, they brought in half a million children for environmental education. The family later donated their land to the public. There was Andrew Byrne, who donated the first 55 acres of what is now Byrne Preserve.

In light of today’s zoning debates, it is worth noting that the Green Sheets do not contain any suggestion to restrict races or classes of people. Again, the lives of prominent residents illustrate their thinking. Stegner fought to integrate a proposed Stanford housing development. He was given a national award for writing about race; a later recipient was the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Duvenecks housed Japanese-Americans released from internment camps, started the nation’s first racially integrated teen summer camp and gave refuge to Cesar Chavez when he was organizing farmworkers. Byrne fought fascists as a volunteer in the Spanish Civil War.

The Winds of Change
Over the decades the open landscape of grassland and orchards has grown wooded and is dotted with thousands of homes. But the Green Sheets did not argue for complete preservation. The writers would likely be pleased with the light development here. We are a link in a green belt from the Crystal Springs lakes through Los Gatos. That belt is a visual joy for those who look up towards the Santa Cruz Mountains from the neighboring communities. It is a rural escape for those who flock to our roads on their bicycles. There is space for the meadowlarks and quail.

In the Town’s 44th-anniversary newsletter, then-Councilmember Bob Johnson speculated about the next 44 years. He concluded: “If we assume that one-acre zoning will continue... the Los Altos Hills of the year 2044 can be remarkably similar to the Town that we see today.” Looking forward, we see two big challenges. The first is the growing threat of catastrophic fire. The second is the proposed state legislation to end single-family zoning, essentially converting the town to quarter-acre zoning. Although the struggle continues, we are fortunate to be guided by the enduring values and wisdom of founders who treasured the town’s rural beauty and nurturing qualities.

Neal Mielke and his family have lived here for 30 years. He was active in the struggle to preserve the fire district and is currently working to help the town respond to proposed housing legislation.
FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Crime Prevention

During the last holiday season, Los Altos Hills unfortunately experienced an increase in residential burglaries. In response, the town immediately set forth an action plan to increase public awareness of the issue and to keep residents safe.

In January the town hosted a virtual Crime Prevention Forum with the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office to educate the public on current crime patterns in town and to teach residents ways to deter criminals from burglarizing homes. The event was well attended. For those unable to attend, a recording of the forum is available on the town’s website under the Sheriff’s page.

Neighborhood Watch Program

The town has also continued its commitment to expanding the Neighborhood Watch Program. Since the start of the new year, three Neighborhood Watch Groups have met with local law enforcement to learn best practices. Soon Neighborhood Watch Street signs will be installed along the roads of their respective neighborhoods.

If any resident is interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch Leader for the street they live on, please contact Cody Einfalt, Management Analyst at ceinfalt@losaltoshills.ca.gov to learn more about the process and benefits that a Neighborhood Watch Group can bring to your immediate community.

Automatic License Plate Reader

In April, the City Council unanimously approved a full coverage pilot program to implement Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras in town. ALPR cameras are used by police departments across the United States to instantly capture license information and compare it against lists of license plates associated with stolen vehicles, people that have committed a crime, and for other investigative purposes. Town staff worked with a team of residents to research ALPR cameras and recommend Flock Safety as the ALPR vendor for the town. The full coverage pilot program includes 40 ALPR cameras which will cover all entrances to Los Altos Hills as well as several interior streets. An opt-out program is available for any resident who wishes not to have their vehicle or vehicles tracked in the system. Deployment of the cameras will commence shortly after a service agreement can be reached with the County of Santa Clara. Information regarding the town’s ALPR system will become available prior to the installation of the cameras. The pilot program period will run for 60 days once the cameras are installed. At the end of the pilot period, another public meeting will be held to consider keeping the cameras for the long term.

State Legislation SB9 and SB10

California Senate bills SB9 and SB10 aim to boost housing production statewide by replacing local zoning standards with broader and superseding state standards. The bills are on top of existing state mandates to build accessory dwelling units.

SB 9 would replace the town’s one-acre zoning with quarter-acre zoning: any lot owner could split the lot in two and place two houses on each half. Setbacks would shrink from 30 feet to 4 feet. The town could not impose any building standard, even for the environment or fire safety, that would prevent four homes per lot. Moreover, the town could not require developers to contribute to infrastructure such as wider roads needed with more people. No exception is made for high fire risk areas like ours. The new housing would not need to be affordable.

SB 10 proposes more drastic changes — 10 homes per lot — but unlike SB 9 it gives discretion to local city councils.

These proposals could gradually urbanize Los Altos Hills. How quickly that would happen would depend on property turnover, decisions by developers, and for SB 10 — the mindsets of future town councils. The current town council has joined others in voicing opposition, but the bills have nevertheless gained Senate committee approval. For more information, links for contacting our state representatives, and a local petition you can sign, visit the town’s website: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/532/Legislative-Review.

Wildfire Prevention Brochure

Town Hall has 200 copies of the Homeowner’s Guide to Wildfire Prevention by Robert Sieban provided by the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Visit Town Hall during normal business hours to pick up your free copy. These will be provided to residents on a first-come-first-serve basis.
This is my favorite place. It’s not exotic, it’s just the barn and field adjacent to my parents’ house which I’m lucky enough to come home to since my parents still live in the house I grew up in. My son and I like to walk through the field where I used to spend hours riding during long summer days. Those were, of course, days that included no cell phones, no constant media input of disturbing news, no Find Friends for my mom to track my location. I could be gone for hours — all day — riding and going between neighbors’ houses or hanging out at the barn.

Days passed slowly and even left me with a good degree of boredom, but it was a pleasant, lazy boredom that reflected having nowhere I had to be — a slowing down of time, being present in the moment of that time. A day like that might have ended with a game of kick-the-can in the cul-de-sac with our neighbors or skateboarding in the driveway until it got dark. Much of my summer passed with those structureless days. I might have had a piano lesson, maybe a morning theater camp for a few days at most, one family road trip coming up or already taken, leaving the rest of the summer with few plans. I remember it all as a slower, less hectic time. Fourth grade, fifth, sixth grades were long, full years. My childhood seemed long.

My kids’ childhoods, on the other hand, are going quickly and even they will remark how fast a year is going by — how the school year’s already half over, how they’re already about to have another birthday. But my kids wouldn’t tolerate slow, endless summer days. For them, that kind of quiet, unstructured day evokes restlessness and irritation, a different intolerable boredom than the one I knew. They’ve been conditioned to be on the go: every hour scheduled, every day an outing, a camp, a practice, or game to get to.

On free weekends we come home to the house I grew up in. In the summer the grasses have dried and the scent of sage in the field is so strong! It brings me back to my childhood every time I walk here.

Looking southwest there are layers of green hills, and beyond those are the ocean. By the time I turned 16, I was driving to the beach in a car piled full of friends, to spend the day there for one of those long summer days.

Today, when I walk through this golden field, my heart is so full. Those endless days stretch out in front of me – the field, barn, and hills behind them virtually unchanged. I’m fortunate to be able to come back with my kids and share tales of my simpler childhood. Although my summers may sound uneventful to them, I think they understand that there was an ease and freedom I was lucky to have. Those were good summers.

Deb Kaplan is a child psychologist. She and her three siblings grew up in their parents’ home located near Byrne Preserve. Kaplan enjoys returning to her family home, where her parents still live. Photos courtesy of Kaplan.
The domestic chicken (*Gallus gallus domesticus*) descended from wild birds in Asia, namely the red junglefowl, and made its way to Europe through the Middle East. The Egyptians apparently mastered the art of incubating eggs, thereby increasing production. They built secret chambers that were warmed by ovens to provide the perfect temperature, and hand-turned the eggs to mimic hen behavior and prevent deformities. The chicken was popular in the Roman Empire, and Romans believed they could predict fate. Chickens in the new world are thought to have been introduced to South America by Polynesians. They were first prized for fighting, apparently the world’s oldest continuous sport. Now they are also valued for eggs and meat in many countries. China has the highest number of chickens, followed by Indonesia, the U.S., and Brazil. Chicken keeping has long been popular in the U.S., but perhaps never as popular as now. Some sources report surprisingly, chickens are the direct descendants of dinosaurs. The modern-day chicken shares a large amount of DNA with the Tyrannosaurus rex that measured up to 40 feet long and 13 feet high, weighing over 15,000 pounds.

Beaks grow like fingernails. Chickens rub their beaks on hard objects to keep them clean and shaped. Chickens use their beaks to preen. They touch a gland that sits above their tail to get a drop of oil with their beak, then smooth it over their feathers to clean and protect them. The beak is to chickens what hands are to humans.

Both roosters and hens crow. Roosters are better at it because it’s a daily tool used to protect the flock. It’s a warning to predators, not a hello to the dawn, and can happen at any hour.
Chicks have a specific language until about 14 weeks of age. They communicate using peeps, cheeps, and trills that are different from older chickens. There are exploring peeps, discovery peeps, and distress peeps.

Chickens can't see in the dark. They find a night roost, usually up in a coop, tree, or the rafters around dusk.

Most chickens have four toes, some have five. They use those toes to clasp onto a roost and to scratch the soil to find insects. Toes are as important as beaks.

Feathers are made of keratin (like hair and horn) and overlap like the scales on a fish to provide a complete covering. They are waterproof and keep the chicken warm. As a result, chickens spend much of the day taking care of their feathers.

Chickens will continue to lay eggs in the same location day after day, then will brood multiple eggs at the same time. If you are not finding eggs in the coop, look around the yard, as there may be a stash. The color of the egg a chicken lays is correlated to the color of the earlobe. Red earlobe = brown egg, white earlobe = white egg, bluegreen earlobe = bluegreen egg.

that the number of backyard chicken owners in the U.S. increased by 500% in 2020.

And if you ask yourself which came first, the chicken or the egg? It is the egg. Eggs came along with the dinosaurs, which laid the first hard-shelled eggs, to our knowledge.

Birds descended from the dinosaurs. The chicken seems to have perfected it in our eyes, but eggs evolved millions of years before chickens arrived on the scene.

Taylor Vanderlip is an environmental consultant specializing in biological issues.
Living in California, natural disasters are all too familiar. We constantly have to watch for earthquakes and fires. Last year’s devastating wildfires gave us a glimpse of what can happen when we aren’t prepared. When disaster strikes, it is vital that we are prepared to respond. We all have a role to play in keeping our communities safe—no matter where you live, no matter who you are, no matter how you participate. What role will teens play in emergency preparedness in their communities?

The Teen CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, is a group of students who have been trained to respond when an emergency occurs. Teen CERT, a branch of FEMA’s National CERT program, aims to educate youth about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. Teen CERT members are trained in basic emergency response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, incident command, and disaster medical operations. Using skills learned in classroom training and drills and exercises, Teen CERT members can assist others after an event and before first responders can arrive on the scene. Across the country, local CERT programs provide training and support for teams in all sectors of the community—our chapter is the first teenager targeted chapter in Santa Clara County.

The Teen CERT program was created to address preparedness and response capabilities for high schoolers rather than adults and parents. As teenagers become more self-sufficient and transition into a more independent life, it becomes that much more important that they know how to work through emergency situations and handle themselves. While many schools have taken measures to educate their students and staff about health and safety, Teen CERT provides a more thorough and official process by diving deeper into both physical and psychological emergency preparedness through an interactive course.

This online course consists of nine units and the time spent on the online course can be counted towards community service hours. Each unit is an audio-assisted slideshow with visuals and videos to make the course more engaging and accessible. After teens have completed the course, they are invited to join “Skills Days” which are in-person training days to get hands-on practice on what they’ve learned. With support from the Los Altos Hills County Fire District and the Town of Los Altos Hills, Santa Clara County Teen CERT plans to hold two of these days in June.

The Santa Clara County chapter has been expanding its team and recruiting more members by word of mouth, social media accounts, and through administration and staff at local high schools. So far they have recruited about 100 Los Altos High School members and hope to expand to other schools like Mountain View High School and steadily increase their numbers by the summer!

Over the past month, two Teen CERT boards have been created in Santa Clara county. The Santa Clara County Inaugural Board is the main board that will oversee all of the Teen CERT chapters that emerge from the program, as they are working to create more boards in the county. The other board is the Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Board/Founding Chapter and is currently working closely with the inaugural board to accomplish our first goals and establish a blueprint for city boards. The program’s goal is to get as many teenagers to complete the CERT program. Looking to the future, this chapter expects a lot of success in participation and hopes to increase awareness about emergency preparedness.

We are beyond excited for what we have planned and by continuing to work closely with our members and boards, we are on a great path to creating a safer community in Los Altos.
MEET THE TEAM

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OFFICERS

Mihir Mishra (Chair, LAHS Junior)
“In my free time, I enjoy playing sports, spending time with friends, biking, and baking.”

Shawn Toney (Vice-Chair, LAHS Junior)
“I like to spend my free time playing sports, watching movies, being with my friends, and playing the piano!”

Shanna Kurusu (Secretary, LAHS Junior)
“In my free time, I like to do a lot of crafts like baking and making jewelry.”

Jacob Parmacek (Treasurer, LAHS Junior)
“I enjoy sports, video games, and hanging out with friends in my free time.”

Tara Davari (Public Relations, LAHS Sophomore)
“I like making food and eating it, watching tv, playing basketball, hanging out with my friends, and traveling.”

Mihika Jain (Public Information Officer, LAHS Sophomore)
“In my free time I like to hang out with friends, play lacrosse, and bake!”

Shannon McCabe (Communications, LAHS Sophomore)
“I spend my free time playing competitive volleyball, playing piano, and having fun with friends and family.”

LOS ALTOS/LOS ALTOS HILL BOARD OFFICERS

Oliver Breitbart (Chair, LAHS Junior)
“In my free time I like to play sports, hang out with my friends, sell shoes, watch movies, and learn new things.”

Sania Rashid (Vice Chair, LAHS Sophomore)
“In my free time, I enjoy going on drives with my friends, playing tennis and watching movies!”

Aditya Bhattacharyya (Secretary, LAHS Sophomore)
“In my free time, I like to hang out with friends, do taekwondo, and run track.”

Hannah Choi (Treasurer, LAHS Junior)
“In my free time, I like to hike, as well as cook and draw.”

Dhruv Bhagavatula (Public Relations, LAHS Junior)
“In my free, time I like to watch movies and play sports.”

Bridget Liu (Communications Team, LAHS Freshman)
“In my free time, I enjoy painting and drawing.”

Lucy Kralevich (Communications Team, LAHS Freshman)
“In my free time, I like to hang out with friends and spend time in my garden.”

Zach Fagin (Communications Team, LAHS Sophomore)
“I play three sports: basketball, football, and track, but I also like to go on bike rides in my free time.”

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Lucy Kralevich
Thirteen-year-old Emily had wanted a dog, forever. Parents Karen Ammer and David Spector were ready to find that special pet. But Karen had feared dogs while growing up and wondered how the family’s two cats would react. And both parents wanted to avoid the heartbreak of having to return a pet that they could not manage.

David’s sister, Nancie, a child psychologist in Connecticut, offered a great solution. Nancie had been matched with Canine Companions for Independence® Facility Dog Rand. Rand made testing and therapy easier and more fun for patients with autism. Nancie suggested that Karen and David become volunteer breeder caretakers. The family was eligible because they lived within 90 miles of Canine Companions headquarters in Santa Rosa. This was an opportunity to receive a well-behaved adult dog that had passed many medical and behavioral screenings, including the “cat test!”

Founded in 1975, Canine Companions is a non-profit organization that provides highly trained assistance dogs for people with disabilities, free of charge to the recipient. Trained in over 40 commands, the dogs greatly improve independence and quality of life. Service dogs pull wheelchairs, open doors, retrieve objects, and more. Hearing dogs alert their partner to sounds such as a smoke alarm, doorbell, or someone calling their name. Facility dogs, such as Rand, work with a facilitator in a healthcare, visitation, or education setting.

Matched with Canine Companions Breeder Rumor
The family had met Rand and had an idea of what to expect when Karen started the breeder caretaker application process, which included interviews and a home visit. Early in its history, Canine Companions used various breeds and even some rescue dogs but settled on using golden retrievers, Labrador retrievers, and crosses of the two breeds when they started their own breeding program in the early 1990s. It costs about $50,000 to provide a trained service dog and there is a long waitlist of applicants; hence, the organization relies upon a scientifically managed breeding colony to maximize the chance of success with each puppy.

Canine Companions selects breeders based on health, temperament, and pedigree. After Karen attended training in Santa Rosa, the family received Rumor, a gentle and calm Labrador-golden retriever mix. The next step was to bond with Rumor as she became acclimated to her new home while waiting for signs that the dog was in heat and ready for breeding.

Female breeder caretakers bring their dogs to Santa Rosa for breeding. Canine Companions male breeders also live in the homes of volunteers, who visit Santa Rosa for “dates.” Rumor typically stayed at Canine Companions for
“Canine Companions service dogs dramatically change the lives of people with disabilities. What I did not foresee was how my involvement with this organization would enhance my own life so immensely.”

About three weeks where the veterinary staff monitored her to determine the optimal days for breeding. At the end of her heat cycle, she returned home. Karen brought Rumor back to Santa Rosa for an ultrasound to confirm pregnancy, plus an X-ray to get an approximate puppy count one week before Rumor’s due date.

The entire family was on hand when Rumor was ready to give birth or whelp. Emily took charge of recording birth information and rewarding Rumor with vanilla ice cream after each puppy was born. Emily’s older sister, Lauren, a future scientist, was completely hands-on. Experienced volunteer breeder caretakers from the local South Bay Chapter provided invaluable guidance as “whelper helpers.”

The Canine Companions veterinarian provided phone support as needed.

Rumor’s Puppies
Rumor’s litters ranged from five to eight puppies. With only a two-month gestation period, each puppy emerged with eyes and ears closed, weighing approximately one pound. During the first weeks, Rumor was the primary caregiver to her litter and Karen focused on Rumor, who had increased nutrition needs. After a month, the puppies began solid food and were gradually weaned. By this time, they were developing personalities and playing with one another. “Watching Rumor clean and feed her puppies was mesmerizing. She was such a good mom. The puppies got cuter every day. That made up for the increased work of cleaning the puppy pen,” Karen recalled. When the puppies were an appropriate age, friends visited to help socialize the puppies. One litter made Emily’s fourteenth birthday extra special. Another litter provided stress relief to Lauren as she studied for final exams while in the midst of college applications.

After eight weeks, the puppies weighed 12 to 15 pounds and were ready to go to Santa Rosa. Each puppy spent a couple days on campus being examined and cared for by the Canine Companions veterinary and kennel staff. Then they began their journey to a volunteer puppy raiser, whose job would include teaching basic manners and commands and socializing the dog. At age 18-20 months, the puppies would return to one of six Canine Companions training centers, for six to nine months of professional training.

The Rewards
Becoming Rumor’s breeder caretaker turned into a family experience that Karen never anticipated: “It was such a great thing to do together and created many special memories and connections.” The family still follows the careers of puppies born in their home: “Rumor’s puppy, Ria, is a hearing dog. Raisin helps veterans achieve goals such as improved balance, strength, and endurance and comforts patients in a VA Hospital by lying next to them on their beds, Service Dog Romily supported a high school student with spinal bifida through the transition from home to a college dorm... There are so many wonderful stories of Canine Companions puppies enabling life-changing independence for people with disabilities. We could not be prouder.” Now retired, Rumor continues to be a sweet and loving pet, a familiar figure on the pathways near Town Hall.

Part two of this story will be published in September and will focus on raising a Canine Companions Puppy.

Karen Ammer has volunteered for Canine Companions since 2012 and has resided in Los Altos Hills for almost 30 years. Photos by Chris Kittredge and Mimi Neimiller.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Visit cci.org. There currently is a waitlist for breeder caretakers and puppy raisers but there are other ways to get involved sooner. The Putting for Pups Golf Classic at Cinnabar Golf Club in San Jose takes place on September 17, 2021: become an event sponsor, golf, learn more about Canine Companions at the banquet, or volunteer! For more information, go to cci.org/nwrevents.
**CALENDAR**

**JUNE**

3  Thu., 11:00-12:30 pm  Crime Prevention & Home Fire Safety  Sign for this free online workshop presented by the Santa Clara County Fire Department and Sheriff's office. [http://crimeandfiresafetyjune2021.eventbrite.com](http://crimeandfiresafetyjune2021.eventbrite.com)

5  Sat., 1:00-1:30 pm  Musical Bridges Virtual Performance  Tune in for a free Chamber Music performance losaltoshills.ca.gov/Virtual Performance.

19  Sat., 9:00 am-2:00 pm  Brush and Yard Trimming Clean Up  Check the town’s website for location details.

**JULY**

4  Sun., 10:00-11:00 am  Independence Day Caravan  Join the Red, White, and Blue carvan parade. Viewing encouraged along the route, Purissima Park, or Gardner Bullis. The route can be found on the town’s website.

6  Tue., 2:00-2:30 pm  Make the Pool Your Gym  Water exercise can be an effective and efficient method to improve overall fitness. Register [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Talking-Fitness](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Talking-Fitness)

21  Wed., 11:30 am-1:00 pm  Planning: Senior Care Option  Education yourself during this free seminar on your options. [http://bit.ly/3aq1TSb](http://bit.ly/3aq1TSb)  Password: 94022

**AUG**

14  Sat., 1:00-3:00 pm  Los Altos Hills vs. Los Altos Adult Softball Game  This year’s game will be held at Purissima Park. Join the home team. For more information visit [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Softball](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/Softball).

**Town Newsletter Statement of Purpose**

This is the official town newsletter to communicate current issues, services, and activities in Los Altos Hills to the residents of the town — to facilitate, encourage, and improve interaction between the residents and the town government. The newsletter is published quarterly. **Deadline for the next issue is July 6, 2021.**

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