

# BARRON PARK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Markus Fromherz, BPA President



**A**s I write this, we are just coming off the heels of another successful May Fete. This is the BPA's signature event, a happening with a great diversity of activities, music, foods, and more. This event has been offered every year for decades, and every year there seems to be something for just about anyone. I'd like to express a big thank you to Sarah Van Zaten and her team, who organized a professional-grade event, and to John King, who supervised preparations on behalf of the BPA. I'd like to give a special shout-out and big thank-you also to Paul Edwards, who for 35 years has provided the May Pole and dance, a centerpiece of the May Fete.

Another important event for the BPA was the Annual Meeting in March. This year, we were fortunate to have the heads of Palo Alto's three public safety departments; each give an overview of their departments and recent activities. Over 50 Barron Park residents attended this very informative meeting. I'd also like to express a big thanks to the Barron Park seniors who prepared cookies and to Alice Frost for organizing this.

Events are a core piece of the BPA's purpose, not just for the fun of it, but because they build community. Building community is part of the BPA's core mission, and

meeting in person is the best way to foster this. There are many great ideas for events: cultural proceedings, dancing, movie night, and art in the park are all events that have been offered or proposed in recent years. Do you have a good idea? Let us know. Even better, organize one with the BPA's support. This is a topic where board member Lydia Kou has successfully pursued many ideas. We'd love to hear from you.

Speaking of hearing from you, see the BPA survey on page 16. We would like to go beyond the topic du jour and learn what you most would like to get out of living in Barron Park. Are you in a young family who is interested in the schools and parks (and babysitters) of the neighborhood? Are you a senior who wants to meet others for joint activities? Are you a gardener, an artist, a professional, a concerned citizen, or an informed activist? We hope you will respond with your ideas and concerns for Barron Park.

Further on community building, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Gwen Luce for her ongoing efforts as "Welcoming Chair." Gwen prepares a welcoming package with a hefty wealth of information about Barron Park and Palo Alto for every single person or family who moves into Barron Park. I have delivered a few of these packages myself, and I have seen

how thankful the recipients always are for this outreach from the BPA. (If you have moved here recently and have not yet received a BPA Welcoming Packet, please contact Gwen at [gluce at cbnorcal.com](mailto:gluce at cbnorcal.com).)

Another longstanding effort is the preparation of our newsletter. Nancy Hamilton does an outstanding and incomparable job of editing each quarterly issue. We are doing a push to get a wider and more diverse set of contributors to the newsletter. You may have seen Nancy's messages soliciting articles. Are you an artist? Do you participate in a local club? Do you have a story to tell about Barron Park's past? Did I say we'd love to hear from you? Please send Nancy a note at [njpersonal at gmail.com](mailto:njpersonal at gmail.com).

Lest you think we are only about fun, we continue to track local issues of relevance to Barron Park. In February, board members Art Liberman and Peter Mueller participated in the city's meeting on CPI, an ongoing concern for neighbors at the North end of Barron Park. Board member Lisa Landers is now attending the monthly Palo Alto Neighborhood (PAN) meetings on behalf of the BPA. PAN is an umbrella group for Palo Alto neighborhoods whose purpose is to enhance communications and mutual support. Board member Lydia Kou and her husband John St. Clair have been heavily involved in Palo Alto's emergency response initiatives.

The Emergency Preparedness committee, under the leadership of Lydia Kou, has progressed to include the "whole community" meaning that emergency prepared-

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# MAY FETE 2014 A HUGE SUCCESS!



Photo: Shirley Gaines



Photo: Peter Mueller



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**The band: Front row: Bill Stewart, uke; Gary Breitbard, Jena Rauti, Alan Keith, accordions.**

**Behind: Barbara Rosner bass, Karl Franzen, whistle; George Bradshaw, guitar; Margaret Davis, flute ; Kristoph Klover, guitar, Sarah Kirton, fiddle; Paul Clarke, banjo.**

Photo: Shirley Gaines



**Alan Keith, bagpiper.**

This thank you is going out to all the volunteers who helped make this year's May Fete a huge success! We had one of the largest number of people in attendance in recent history, the weather cooperated, albeit a little windy, the BBQ was busier than ever and the raffle netted more than ever before. The snow cone machine was a popular addition and the upgraded jumpy with slide was a hit with the kids.

I would like to directly thank the following people for their wonderful efforts:

■ Sarah Van Zanten—Event Coordinator and Family and Friends who handled obtaining the crafts and games, the food and soda, the raffle and tickets.

■ Larry Breed and Paul Edwards who bought the ribbons, cut them and re-spooled them, assembled the May Pole, attached the ribbons and the floral basket and directed the setting of the pole. They also cleaned the pole and floral basket up, and disassembled the May Pole, long after most people were gone.

■ Gary Breitbard who organized the music and the Morris dancers

■ Rich Elder—stage construction

■ Alan Winston—dance caller

■ Hassan at Barron Park Florist & Market— provided the flowers and assembled the Flower Basket for free!

■ BPA Board member Lisa Landers—Membership Table

■ BPA Board member Peter Mueller—Membership Table

■ Reine Flexer and Doug Moran—missing cats table

■ Boy Scout Troop 14—There were 7 scouts there from 9:00am to 5:00pm to assist throughout the event. They helped with setting up tables and chairs, running the activities, the food booth and cleaning up the park during and afterwards. They were there to fund raise for a trip to the Florida Seabase experience happening next month. Thank goodness they were there as they ran the events and helped get the food out at the BBQ!

■ BBQ—yours truly with daughter Gillian and son Sam!

.....and of course the Donkeys and their Handlers

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Thank you to all the additional volunteers who helped with the May Pole procession and Pole Pushers, and anyone else who showed up and pitched in!

Lets see everyone next year!

John W. King  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Barron Park May Fete

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ness is all inclusive: for renters, homeowners, young and old, people with functional needs, seniors, pets, visitors, etc. The E-prep committee is looking for additional volunteers to be Block Preparedness Coordinators (BPC) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers. As a committee member you need not become a board member, only that you be a member of the E-Prep Committee. The chair or co-chair must be a board member. For more information or to become a member of the Barron Park Emergency Preparedness Committee, please contact Lydia Kou at [Lkou@apr.com](mailto:Lkou@apr.com).

We are also tracking the ongoing proceedings on the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park. Finally, some of us are participating in the design of the final Arastradero streetscape construction coming our way. Summaries of these and other efforts have been or will be provided elsewhere. Thanks to all for their work on behalf of the BPA and the neighborhood.

This is the season for renewing your BPA membership. If you haven't yet, why not do it right now. (Renewing online is the fastest and easiest way.) We are nicely running ahead of renewals this year and may see another increase in the membership. This is all the more reason to volunteer and join the board of the BPA. Please consider it. You'll be joining a solid organization and contributing to the community you live in!

## Join/Renew the BPA Today!

BPA Members are part of an influential community that interacts with local residents and city officials to enhance the Barron Park community. Members of BPA receive quarterly newsletters, neighborhood surveys, access to baby-sitting/job posts in addition to the many other resources offered by BPA.

Membership dues support popular Barron Park activities such as email lists, neighborhood social/cultural events, BPA Newsletters, Emergency Preparedness, BPA website and the annual May Fete.

Membership can be processed online at BPA website: [www.BPApaloalto.org](http://www.BPApaloalto.org)

—Lisa Landers, Membership Chair

# SILICON VALLEY TOUR DE COOP 2014



SEPTEMBER 21, 2014  
[WWW.TOURDECOOP.ORG](http://WWW.TOURDECOOP.ORG)



The third annual Silicon Valley Tour de Coop bike ride and coop tour is taking place 9am–4pm Sunday, September 21, 2014. Complete event and registration is available on the website at: <http://www.tourdecoop.org>

This free, self-guided bicycle tour of chicken coops and backyard urban homesteads, including honey bees, worm composting, and organic gardening, and, of course, chicken coops. Experienced coopsters will show off their coop handiwork while sharing their joy of raising chickens and the benefits of creating backyard ecosystems that support the residents as well as the planet. Slow

Food South Bay will and other organizations have partnered to create the biggest and best coop tour on the planet!

In addition to providing a fun, family friendly, community building event, the organizers also hope to energize those “on the fence” to jump into the urban homesteading movement. As Michael Pollan says in his book *Food Rules: An Eater's Manual*, “What we eat determines to a great extent the use we make of the world—and what is to become of it.” In a time when lists of ingredients are virtually unintelligible, raising chickens or bees, and gardening organically provides wholesome, fresh, nourishing food, as well as being a balm for the earth.

This year's tour features a variety of coop tour routes, with individual city loops (5–10 miles) and a larger 50 to 100 mile loop including stops from San Jose to Menlo Park and every city in between. Participants, or “tourists” register for a limited number of reservations on Eventbrite and a few days prior to the tour receive a printable map showing the tour route. Register for the event or register to show off your coop on the tour by visiting the website at <http://tourdecoop.org>.

So grab your bike, your friends, and family and join us on the Silicon Valley Tour de Coop! Find out for yourself how to reconnect to the great outdoors of your own backyard. Enjoy meeting your neighbors and making new friends while cruising between coops on bikes!

For more information, contact Tour de Coop organizer Scott Vanderlip at [scott@inet-sciences.com](mailto:scott@inet-sciences.com) or at (650) 793-0475.

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## SENIOR LUNCHES

By Bob Frost

BP Senior Lunches are on the Second Tuesday of Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct. and Dec., i.e. every other month. They start at 1:00 p.m. at a neighborhood restaurant or in Bol Park in June and August. Christmas lunch is also at 1:00 p.m. and so far always at Cibo's where they provide us with a large private room. We also have music that day: either a couple of neighborhood accordion players or a choral group.

Anyone interested please contact Bob Frost: [bobfrost34@gmail.com](mailto:bobfrost34@gmail.com) or phone 493-8272. Provide your email and/or phone number. I will add you either to our email list or phone up list as you desire.



# BEHIND THE SCENES ...

Graffiti Removal and Art Restoration



**B**arron Park's dedicated graffiti removal expert Bob Moss and artist Erin Castelan have donated their time and talent to Barron Park beautification.

Erin Castelan recently restored the historic date on the Matadero Creek Bridge on Laguna. Someone had removed the graffiti which removed most of the date. (photos below).

John Joint and his Boy Scout troop originally painted the abutment, and Doug Graham, using long-lasting paint from the City, painted "Matadero Creek 1933."

Erin is, among other works, an indoor/outdoor muralist, so knows what paints sold today last over time.

She says: "Four years ago, on March 15, 2010, we noticed the bridge over Matadero Creek had been graffitied, and it made me sad to see this in our sweet neighborhood. We took some photos and eventually sent those pictures around to the Barron Park association to see if it was OK to repaint it and restore it.

Then lots of life happened. I spent a few years addressing my health and kept forgetting to get over there with paint and supplies to scrub off the wall and repaint the numbers of the date.

Every time I walked by and saw the damage, (the missing painted-out date, "1933") I tried to make a mental note

to get back there soon and fix it. Many days I was too busy, or it was raining, or too hot, or too cold and windy, or, I forgot as soon as I got home.

Finally last Saturday I packed up my supplies and repainted the date in order to restore a historic bit of Barron Park.

No one hired me to do this, it is just a small something I wanted to do for our community. Besides, I love restoring things."

Our thanks to you Erin, and again to Bob Moss, who labors year in and year out washing/painting graffiti away (The BPA pays for materials).



# Barron Park Streets Scarred by Gas Pipe Line Distribution Replacement Work

by Art Liberman

By now, just about everyone in Barron Park has had the bone jarring experience of driving over steel plates on our roadways, some of us several times a day. Bicyclists have also had to be especially careful to avoid the plates because they are not flush with the road. If they were, the plates would not be a problem. Instead, the contractor for the Utilities Department elevates them from the road with some wooden pieces, and then piles asphalt all around the edges in an attempt—not very successful in my opinion—to smooth out the lump and reduce the bump.

Steel plates were on Laguna in several places for months, and now, as I write (end of May), there are 25 steel plates on Matadero in the short section between Josina and El Camino—and no one has been seen working there for weeks.

The plates cover holes that were dug up by the contractor for the Utilities Department, a planned upgrade to replace some of the old gas distribution pipelines with a newer and more robust material. We can all be grateful for having a safer gas line distribution system in the future, though this means for now we have to grit our teeth each time we drive over the plates.

We had been through another spate of digging up the roadways not long ago, that one for the relining of sewer pipelines. However, in that case, no sooner were the holes dug up and the new pipe liner installed did the contractor fill in the holes and cover them with asphalt.

I wrote to Debra Katz, the Utilities Communication Manager, and asked about why there are such long delays in filling the holes this time. Her response, in part:

“.... there are lots of details and complications not easily observed by residents.... there are several places in the Matadero Creek area where we have to get Santa Clara Valley Water District permits to complete the gas line installations. Our schedule was unexpectedly delayed when the SCVWD took weeks longer than usual to issue the needed permits. (This is one of many complications that has taken place during this particular job in your area.)”

We can all understand that unforeseen is-

ssues arise during a project, and while the permitting and availability of appropriate equipment is the explanation in this case, it sounds to me that this is an issue of project management and oversight. I feel that Utilities can and ought to do a better job and not mobilize contractors and start a project until all (or almost all) the permits and materials are in hand.

And as to when this will be completed, she wrote:

“ ... the Barron Park phase of this gas replacement project has been estimated to be completed in June...that estimate is turning out to be exactly correct.”

The steel plates are like scabs over an open wound; the asphalt repair leaves a scar. The Utilities contractors are the

ones who will fill in and patch the holes, but that is, by its very nature, patchwork repair and will likely leave an imperfect and bumpy roadway. So, I wrote to Holly Boyd of Public Works asking what the Public Works Department will do to improve these roadways.

Holly referred me to the Public Works 5 year Paving Plan: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/36066>. This document lists the sections of roadways planned for repair along with their current index of the street condition. She also mentioned a slurry seal will be applied on Matadero this year.

I extracted a table from the Public Works document with the Barron Park streets, with starting and ending section.

## City of Palo Alto Tentative Paving List

	Street	From Street	To Street
July 2014–June 2015	La Donna	Paul	Los Robles
	Laguna	Matadero	Los Robles
	Laguna Court	Laguna Ave	End
	Los Robles	El Camino Real	End
	San Jude	La Donna	End
July 2015–June 2016	Barron Ave	Laguna	Josina
	Kendall	Josina	La Donna
July 2016–June 2017	Florales	Amaranta	Verdosa
	Julie Ct	Matadero	End
July 2017–June 2018	Campana	Los Robles	Florales
	La Jennifer	El Centro	End
	La Mata	Matadero	End
	La Selva	Military Way	Magnolia
	Magnolia	Magnolia Drive North	La Selva
	Timlot Lane & Court	El Centro	End
	Vista	Verdosa	El Camino
	Whitsell	Barron	Magnolia

While the repaving of all of Laguna is on the schedule, sections of some streets currently dug up by Utilities for the gas line replacement are not listed on the schedule for repaving:

- Kendall between El Camino and Whitsell

(only from Josina to La Donna)

- Barron between El Camino and Whitsell (only from Laguna to Josina)

- Whitsell between Barron and Matadero (only from Barron to Magnolia)



# The BPA email lists—which ones are right for you?

by Richard Elder, BPA Email Lists Manager



**D**o you want to know more about what is happening in your neighborhood? Do you want to help your neighbors, or get help from them? The BPA

email lists are a good way to do this. There are three lists: *bpa-news* at [googlegroups.com](mailto:bpa-news@googlegroups.com), *bpa-misc* at [googlegroups.com](mailto:bpa-misc@googlegroups.com), and *bpa-issues* at [googlegroups.com](mailto:bpa-issues@googlegroups.com). You can subscribe separately to one or more of them. I have been subscribed to all three since long before I became the BPA email lists manager. I subscribe to *bpa-news* to receive announcements about public events and alerts of interest to residents. *Bpa-misc* is for communicating with your neighbors. If you have a personal item to give away or sell (no businesses), want to borrow a ladder or need a recommendation for a roofer and you think your neighbors could help, this is the place to ask. As you know, this is a friendly and resourceful neighborhood, and the *bpa-misc* list is a way to communicate with a broader group (about 350) of your neighbors. On the other hand if you enjoy lively debate, or just want to know what your neighbors think about the issues facing Barron Park, *bpa-issues* is for you. It is meant for discussion of Barron Park related issues, and can get very active when controversial topics arise.

It is easy to subscribe to the lists. You can go to the BPA website at [www.BPApaloalto.org](http://www.BPApaloalto.org) and click on "BPA Email Lists." There are simple forms on that page to subscribe to each of the lists. There is also other information about how to use the lists that I encourage you to read. The lists are hosted by Google Groups, so if you are familiar with Google Groups you can subscribe that way. There is also a searchable archive on the Google Groups site, so if you remember that someone recommended an electrician a few months ago, and now you need one, that is a good place to look.

If you are like me, you may think you get too much email already, so here is some information to help you decide if these are right for you. *Bpa-news* receives about four messages a week. *Bpa-misc* is also fairly steady at about 20 messages per

week. *Bpa-issues* is much more variable. There are times when a week goes by with no email, and then an interesting topic can generate 20 messages in a day. The average for *bpa-issues* is 10 per week.

So try them out. Even if you are not sure now what they are good for, they can come in handy. When our young indoor cat

escaped, we asked our neighbors to keep a lookout for her by posting on *bpa-misc*. What we got from the post that we didn't expect, was advice that she was likely still very near the house and could be lured out with food at dusk. And that is exactly how we found her two days later.

## El Camino Business Update

By Bob Moss

**I**posted the last update and status of businesses on El Camino from Page Mill to Adobe Creek in January. Normally I would wait until later in the year for an update, but there have been some new businesses moving in and others leaving, so I revised the status of local El Camino occupancy.

Here are the closures in the past few months:

Audible Difference at 3337 closed and now is vacant.

Hunan Garden restaurant at 3345 closed for remodeling. It should open early next month as a Chinese restaurant with a different menu emphasis.

The space at 3527 between the former health offices and reweaving studio has no signs of occupancy so I assume it is vacant, not just obscured occupancy.

There have been some changes in business names, although apparently no change in the type of business occupying the sites at

4149 to 4161 El Camino Way and also on El Camino noted below.

The office at 2951C between Pepper and Olive now is identified as A Artillery.

Comfort Keeper at 3239 now is King Hand Acupuncture, replacing a vacancy.

3773 changed from Kukkiwon Taekwondo to Palo Alto Martial Arts.

3777 changed from Hair & Nails to Famous Beauty Shop.

4111 is now the new Animal Hospital of Palo Alto, replacing the old Stanford Pet Clinic which for a few years became VCA. VCA later moved to 3944.

The former site of Su Hong and hair and travel shops on El Camino Way is being renovated for a learning center. If it actually becomes occupied vacancies will drop by 8,539 sq. ft. and total vacancy rate for El Camino and El Camino Way will drop to 4.9% which would be considered almost full occupancy.

	January 2014 Vacancies	% Vacancy	May 2014 Vacancies	% Vacancy
Barron Park Side	4,340	1.0	4,340	1.0
Ventura Side	33,775	10.2	33,251	10.0
El Camino Way	8,539	17.9	8,539	17.9
Total	46,654	5.6	46,130	5.6

# HANNAH MAY ALLISON

Barron Park Girl Seeks Success In Music City, USA



**I**t's a long way from Barron Park to Nashville, Tennessee, but former Barron Park resident Hannah May Allison is working on making the transition from local Palo Alto performer to success as a

singer/songwriter in the Music City.

Hannah May caught the singing/songwriting bug in 2008 when she was living on Paul Avenue and was a freshman at Gunn High School. That year, she started playing and singing in a musical duo with her friend Laura Johnson, who lived nearby on Georgia Avenue. It was Laura who taught Hannah how to play the guitar and got her interested in writing songs. When other activities kept Laura from continuing in the duo, Hannah struck out on her own. Hannah became a fixture at open mic nights, the Palo Alto Twilight Concert series, World Music Day, and any other local venues that would lend her a microphone.

Hannah May has a distinctly country-influenced vocal style and has always loved traditional country music. When asked how a Silicon Valley girl developed a preference for Patsy Cline over Jerry Garcia, Hannah isn't sure: "The only explanation I have is that my parents are originally from Oklahoma and Kansas and grew up loving country music. In fact, my mother sang professionally in country bands, and even sang with country superstar Garth Brooks when he was an unknown musician in Oklahoma. Maybe I was just born with the country music gene."

When graduation approached in 2012, Hannah had a big decision to make. She had been accepted in a number of classical voice programs in California and elsewhere, but she had also been accepted in the songwriting program at Belmont University in Nashville. Belmont is located a few blocks from the center of the Nashville music business and has deep connections to the Nashville music scene because of its unique commercial music programs.

"It didn't take me long to make up my mind," says Hannah. "Being a performer and songwriter is my dream, and what bet-

ter place to work toward that goal than in Nashville? Especially since Belmont would let me learn my songwriting craft with some of the best in Nashville."

Hannah is enjoying college life, and she is especially enjoying her songwriting classes. They can also be intimidating, however. First, there's the location. Songwriting classes at Belmont are not held on campus, but at a building on the most famous street in Nashville, 16th Avenue, otherwise known as Music Row. The building where her songwriting classes are held also houses what used to be Columbia Records Studio B, which is where many of Nashville's hits were recorded for more than two decades, including "Crazy" by Patsy Cline and many of Johnny Cash's best known songs. "It's both inspiring and humbling to play your songs so close to where the legends of American music recorded their hits," says Hannah. Second, there's the class itself. Belmont admits only 25 songwriting students a year, and limits its songwriting classes to twelve students, which makes for a very talented group of future songwriters. The class gathers around a large square conference table, and the professor calls on each of them to play what they've written. "The professors are professional Nashville songwriters who usually have a number of chart-topping songs to their credit, and the students are all talented songwriters," says Hannah. "I can tell you that you really want to present the best song you can in that atmosphere. There's nothing scarier than playing for that audience, but nothing better than getting a compliment on your song from the professor or your classmates."

Just steps away from the ivory tower of Belmont is the real world of the Nashville music business. Succeeding there is even more challenging. "I became very comfortable in Palo Alto and always had fun places to play and good audiences," says Hannah. "But in Nashville, there's a talented singer/songwriter on every corner and in every café, and the competition can be fierce. It's very hard to find places to play so people can hear your music."

Hannah has nevertheless had some early successes in her new home. For example, she is being invited regularly to play at

the Commodore Grille, which is known in Nashville as one of the premier places for new songwriters to showcase their work. Music industry people often come in after work to listen to the new songwriters, and getting known at the Commodore Grille and the handful of similar songwriter venues can be an important first step in establishing yourself in Nashville. "You never know what will help you get ahead in this business," says Hannah, "but I'm glad I'm at least able to have a place to get my music heard in Nashville."

Hannah has also just released an EP entitled "The Best Thing" with four of her original compositions. This has been a labor of love over the past academic year. It was recorded in her home studio in Barron Park on periodic visits to the Bay Area and mastered in a San Francisco studio. It features some of the Bay Area's best musicians backing up her vocals and acoustic guitar. "I'm very proud of the way the songs turned out. My songs are like my babies, and my musician friends really allowed me to realize the vision I had in my head for each of my songs."

The EP is definitely country-music-inspired, but it also has modern popular and rock music influences. "I believe that anyone who wants to listen to a pretty melody and a good story will like the songs on my EP," says Hannah. "In my opinion, country music is becoming the modern popular music of America."

Hannah's EP is available for download on iTunes, and a CD version can be purchased from CD Baby. The easiest way to connect with Hannah, listen to her music, and download her EP is to go to her website, which will also provide links to her other social media sites on Facebook, Twitter, and elsewhere.

Hannah and her good friend and musical collaborator Remy Felsch (a fellow Gunn graduate of 2012) will be playing a number of shows in the Bay Area while she is home for the summer in June and July. Go to her website for details. Be sure to see her now because, come August, she'll be back in Nashville, planning the next step in her musical career.

For more details, see Hannah May Allison's website: [www.hannahmayvocals.com](http://www.hannahmayvocals.com).



# Agriculture in Barron Park—the 1930s

By Douglas L. Graham, Barron Park Historian

## Once Upon a Time...

Once upon a time, there were orchards, strawberry patches and hayfields where our houses are now. Barron Park supplied strawberries to San Francisco and even to eastern markets. We were a major supply source for apricots and tomatoes to be canned at the Sutter Cannery, where Fry's electronics store is today. The day is not so long in the past, but every year there are fewer people alive who remember how it was...

## A Walk in the Past

Let's take a walk through the neighborhood as it existed about 80 years ago. It is early summer in the 1930s. We will take the bus south on the State Highway from where we live, in Mayfield, to visit friends in the new community of Barron Park. The land was an undivided private estate until just a dozen or so years ago. It was a showcase for the nouveau-riche Barron Family. The "old Barron Mansion" still stands in a lush but somewhat overgrown park of ornamental trees and shrubs, set back about 100 yards from the highway. The intricately ornamented Victorian "wedding cake" mansion has been a boarding school for boys—the California Military Academy run by Colonel Sebastian C. Jones, and then several other schools. It is still a beautiful house, although very old-fashioned and slightly deteriorated.

We get off the bus at Matadero Avenue, in front of the Grove Auto Court, a new business catering to the highway trade now. The State Highway, which is becoming known as El Camino Real, carries the burgeoning traffic of U.S. Highway 101. It was recently widened to three lanes south of Mayfield, with a "suicide" 2-way passing lane in the middle. We are glad we are not taking this little trip on a weekend, when it seems that all of San Francisco is on the way to Santa Cruz, Monterey, or other points south. We are joking with each other about the street name, "Matadero", which means "slaughtering place" in Spanish.

We walk west on the narrow country lane and soon come to the property of the EM-WAY Mutual Water Company, which has a well and pump station on the south bank of Matadero Creek. This new company sup-

plies water to the five founding families plus others who are building cottages and a few substantial farmhouses along the avenue. (See point 6 on the map in the centerfold of this newsletter). My companion tells me that there are now 16 homes from the State Highway to the end of the street on the hill.

## Old Orchard Remnants

To our left (south) we see the remnants of Sarah Wallis's orchards, later enlarged greatly by Edward Barron. Although the fruit sold well in Mayfield, people say that the Barron Estate caretaker never really tried to make a profit from the property. Most of the estate west of the mansion grounds and orchard was in pasture or hayfield. The estate was not known for serious livestock production.

To our right (north—across the creek) the country is more open, with pastures and hayfields across a fence in the Stanford lands. There are ragged patches of chimiles here and there—the remainders of an extensive area of valley chaparral, mostly Coyote Brush, which flourished when the area had been part of the Santa Clara Mission grazing area.

## A New Concrete Bridge

Then the road bends to the right and crosses the creek on the County's new concrete bridge, built in 1929, which replaced the previous earthen cuts through the steep banks down to creek level at the fording place across the dry creek bed (see centerfold map, point 7). "I'm sure the neighbors really appreciate this bridge in the rainy season, I remark." You reply "But there still is no all-weather connection to Laguna Avenue—you will see in a few minutes." On the left (now the other side of the creek), upstream of the bridge, are the pastures of the Strain Dairy which provides fresh milk to Mayfield and Palo Alto.

## A Railroad Runs Through Here

After a long walk in the sun, we reach the railroads at Neal Station, a tiny shelter where Matadero Avenue crosses the tracks (point 10 on the centerfold map). The new, yellow-painted open shed had a bench for two or three passengers to wait for their train. There was a red flag on a stick and if

you were waiting for the train you stood by the track and "flagged down" the engineer to pick you up. "Alta Mesa Station" at the other end of the Barron Park stretch was also a flag stop, although it had a real building for its stop (still existing as part of the house at the corner of Arastradero Road and Miranda Avenue). See map, point 14.

## A view of the Bay

One of our friends is Else Preminger, who lives at 934 Matadero, a few hundred feet beyond Neal Station. She has several acres in young apricot trees. When Else stands at her back fence and looks over the Stanford hayfield (near Lockheed today) she can catch a glimpse of San Francisco Bay beyond Mayfield. Most of the land across the street from Else's property is also planted to orchards. A private road, Roble Ridge, runs along the west side of the railroad tracks for about a hundred yards and then turns to the west and runs up the hill (see point 11 on the map).

## Flying Flivvers

After refreshing ourselves with iced lemonade and some of Else's famous cookies, we said our goodbyes and returned to Neal Station, then turned a sharp right on Laguna. Laguna soon took a 90-degree turn to the left and ran over to the creek, where it went down a steep cut and forded the creek. I was told that this is "the most fun place" in all of Barron Park for some kids, whose dad will run the family flivver (usually a "Model T" Ford) down the ramp to splash through the creek, then gun the motor to swoop up the other side and around the hairpin bend at the top of the bank and come sailing out into Laguna Avenue in a cloud of dust (or mud) (see map, point 9). We understand that the local improvement association is talking with the county to get a bridge built, and a plan is in the works (The bridge was built in 1933, and eliminated some fun for a few boys with adventure-some dads).

## Pear Orchards and a Dry Creek

Once on Laguna, we are away from the shade of the old trees along the creek and back in the sun. It is hot walking, although we feel a little cooler watching some kids

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# Barron Park Area Land Use Mid-1930s

## Key to Numbers

- ① Grove Auto Court
- ② Barron Park Subdivision
- ③ CA Military Academy
- ④ Buena Vista Trailer Park
- ⑤ Flower Seed Farm
- ⑥ EMWAY Water Co. Well
- ⑦ 1929 Bridge
- ⑧ La Encina Dairy
- ⑨ Ford
- ⑩ Neal Station
- ⑪ Roble Ridge
- ⑫ Laguna (irrigation pool)
- ⑬ State "Borrow Pit"
- ⑭ Alta Mesa Station

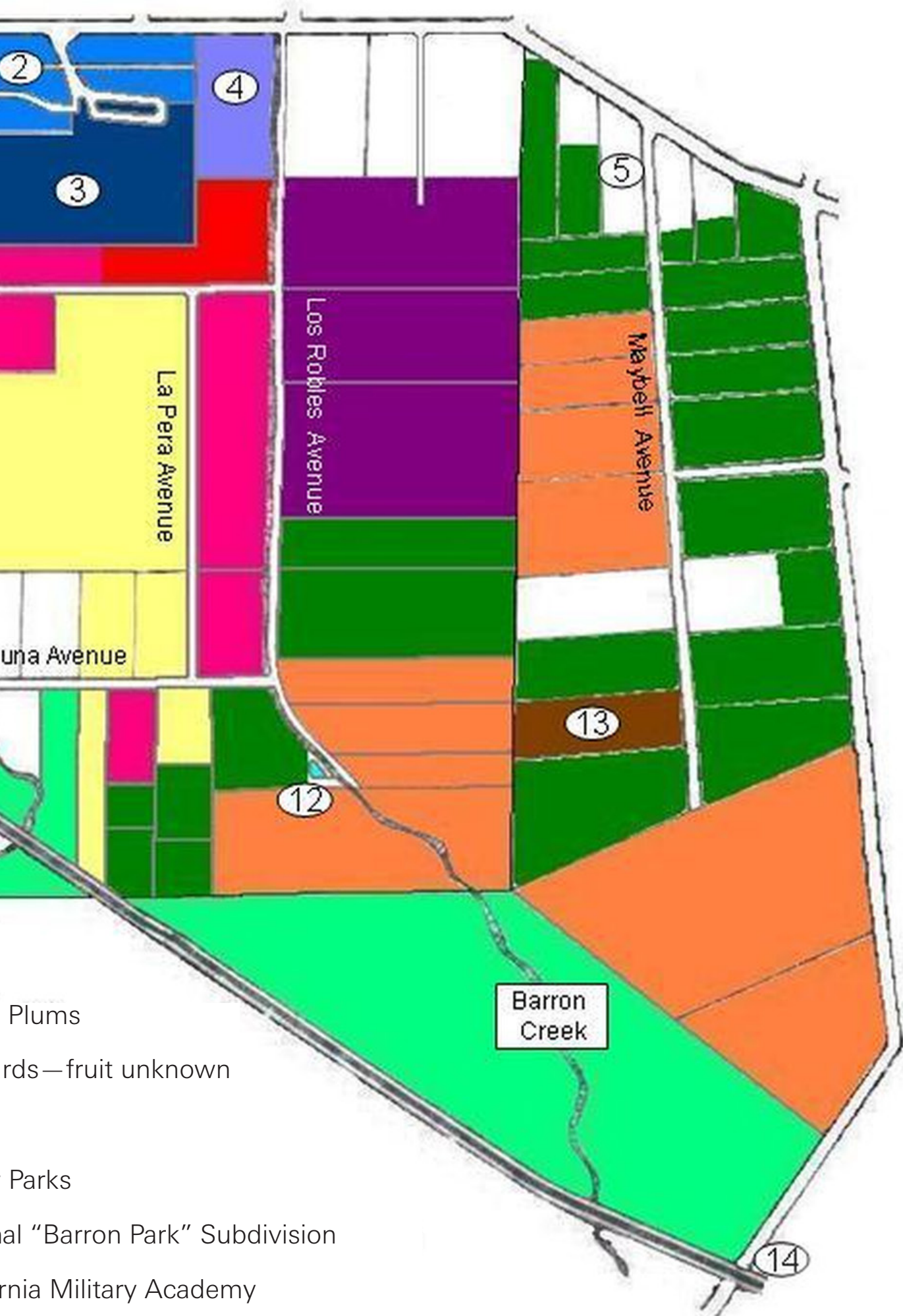
Data from Oral Histories,  
Conversations, E-mails  
and Aerial Photographs



## Color Key

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|--------------|---------|
| Apricots     | Prune   |
| Pears        | Orcha   |
| Strawberries | Trailer |
| Berries      | Origin  |
| Pastures     | Califo  |





Plums  
rds—fruit unknown

Parks  
al "Barron Park" Subdivision  
rnia Military Academy

frolicking in the spray from a sprinkler in their orchard. As you walk south on Laguna you come into a section with pear orchards, some strawberries, and tomato fields. A new street, La Pera—"pear" in Spanish—runs off to the left, but does not go through to the State Highway (this street name is now misspelled "La Para). We walk further along Laguna to Los Robles Avenue, where we cross Dry Creek on another 1929-vintage concrete bridge by the County (the abutments of this bridge are still visible even though the creek now passes under Laguna in a five-foot steel culvert pipe). I am told that some people are starting to call it "Barron Creek" now. This is confusing, because the State Highway Bridge over Matadero Creek used to be called "Barron's Bridge," and many people thought THAT was "Barron Creek." Oh, well...

### Where's the Lake?

Since we are on the subject of names and are still on Laguna Avenue, I have to ask "so, where's the lake?" and my friend tells me that it's just an irrigation pool and is upstream about 50 yards (see map, point 12). We decide we are getting tired, and it wouldn't be worth the walk there and back to go look at it.

### Before Apps, there were 'Cots

We are interested in the apricot drying trays spread in the sun at an orchard house on Los Robles, west of Laguna. The apricot orchards spread south, east and west from here to Arastradero Road and beyond. The best apricots are sent to the Sutter packing company on Portage Drive (mentioned at the beginning of this article). Some were packed fresh to be sent to market and others were canned. The remainder of the crop was usually dried by the orchardists themselves, for sale later. Children made pocket money tending the drying trays.

### The State Commits an Outrage

When leaving Laguna Avenue we turn left (east) on Los Robles toward the highway and a bus stop. The afternoon bay breeze is starting to reach Barron Park now, and the walking is more pleasant. As we walk along I hear more neighborhood lore—my companion seems to know everything there is to know about this quiet rural neighborhood. She told me that the people in the southern end of the neighborhood are all up in arms about the State Highway Department coming in and digging a twenty-foot-deep "borrow pit" on Maybell to get fill dirt for the new Bayshore Bypass.

"Who told them they could just come into our neighborhood and utterly destroy a large property?," she asks indignantly. "The people are getting organized and going to the Governor about it, and I don't blame them!" I thought to myself, "You know, something like this may just catch fire and get a whole neighborhood organized to defend itself. I wonder how it will turn out—will it lead to a permanent organization of the people?" (It did—this event and public reaction to it was one of the factors behind the later founding and growth of the Maybell Improvement Association, which was one of the most important ancestors of the Barron Park Association). (See map, point 13).

### The Buena Vista Properties

As we reach the highway, the Chat and Chew Restaurant beckons us for coffee and snacks before catching a bus to head back to Mayfield and home. It has been a pleasant walk and we have seen some interesting sights. The Chat and Chew shares a large property with the Buena Vista Trailer Park, studded with giant oaks and sprinkled with picnic tables. There is a gas station, too, selling Beacon gas. Along the highway strip several retail businesses have been established and clearly there will be more.

### A Future Home?

Now that Palo Alto has successfully annexed Mayfield, we are a part of a small but vibrant new city with many Stanford people, scientists and engineers. Barron Park is a newer area opening up, which seems to me to have lots of potential for a future home for me—and my companion?

### A Note to the Readers

Although I have been developing this map since the 1980s, it is still highly imperfect. There is much that is unknown, and it probably has errors. It is based upon aerial photographs (very nice for identifying the presence of orchards, although the 1940s-era aerial photography is not adequate for determining what kind of fruit tree you are looking at), old maps, oral histories, snippets of information imparted informally at May Fetes, e-mails, letters, postcards, newspaper clippings, old photos, etc. I NEED YOUR HELP. If you spot something wrong with the map, PLEASE TELL ME. Thanks, and contact me at [dgrahampaca@gmail.com](mailto:dgrahampaca@gmail.com), or phone at 650-493-0689, snail mail at 984 Ilima Way, Palo Alto CA, 94306.

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# Art Liberman Concludes Five Active Years on the Board

by Linnie Melena, past BPA President

Ten years ago, Art Liberman and his wife, Annie, returned to their house on Chimalus Drive after a 25-year absence on the East Coast where Art worked as a scientist. Within a few years, he had become a neighborhood activist, helping organize his neighbors to demand controls on CPI (which abuts Chimalus on the north) after an accidental toxic gas release from its plating plant in 2006. From there, Art moved on to many other issues.

In 2009, Art joined the Board of the Barron Park Association, and he resigned early in 2014. During his tenure he served as membership chair (2009–2013) and then president (the last half of 2013). He initiated the job exchange email list, improved the membership form, and made sure to thank the many residents who make donations to the BPA every year.

Art took on a wide range of issues. When questions came up, Art would dig in. From 2007 to 2013, he investigated, and wrote newsletter articles on: remediation of the underground water contamination, the Fire Department's plans to close fire stations, the Palo Alto Bicycle Plan, the Barron Park streetscape guidelines, and, of course CPI, which he continues to closely monitor as the City develops its plans to phase out the hazardous plating operation.

It wasn't all about civic issues. He also helped plant trees at Bol Park and Maybell, and documented the loss of a huge old oak on Kendall with "A Tree Falls on Kendall" in the Winter 2012 newsletter. He was always at the membership table at the May Fete and annual meeting.

Art frequently posted information on the email lists. When debates got heated in the last few years, he re-activated the BPA-Issues list, so that political discussion occurred there instead of on BP-misc. In 2012, he created and wrote articles that were posted on the new Barron Park Association web site, [www.BPAPaloAlto.org](http://www.BPAPaloAlto.org), which replaced the previous site that had been in the vanguard when initiated but was suffering from dis-use and outdated technology. [Editor's note: the old site remains as

an archive for past newsletters, and other valuable information still appropriate today—[www.BPAonline.org](http://www.BPAonline.org)]

When asked why he decided to retire from the Board after five-plus years, Art said that this was a long enough time to be a BPA Board member. While he was on the Board, he said he contributed some ideas and felt he had some successes and achievements to leave behind and it was time now to step back and make way for others.

Art says "The Board needs the input and energy from new members in order to assure the vitality of our community organization. After some years, Board members become exhausted and are reluctant to take on new activities beyond their current responsibilities."

Further, as Art wrote in his last "President's Message" in the Winter 2013–14 issue, the Barron Park community has changed with the departure of some old timers and an influx of many new residents and a marked change of demographics. "This means," he says, "that even those BPA activities that have been shepherded for a long time by individual Board members have to adapt to the current needs and wishes of the community." Asked about the future of the [www.BPAPaloAlto.org](http://www.BPAPaloAlto.org) website, Art said that this is up to the Board and it, too, should evolve. There are many media and communication outlets nowadays and he is hoping the Board will find the proper role for the website, to have more contributors of content, for example. Nonetheless, he hopes it will continue to be one of the hubs of our community.

## Help Support the Barron Park Donkeys!



Photo by Bernard Andre

All those who care about Perry and Niner seek to guarantee their proper on-going care and shelter, as well as to ensure that funds will be available for health concerns as the donkeys age. The handlers hope that those generous neighbors who have contributed in the past will consider increasing their support this year. Contributions for the donkeys' care may be sent to: The Palo Alto Donkey Project, ACTERRA (Action for a Sustain-

able Earth), 3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4303. The check *must* be made out to "ACTERRA-Palo Alto Donkey Fund." All of the above must be included. For further information about making a contribution on behalf of the donkeys, or if you would like information about how to become one of the volunteer donkey handlers, please call Bob Frost, 493-8272 or email at [bobfrost34@yahoo.com](mailto:bobfrost34@yahoo.com), or go to [BarronParkDonkeys.org](http://BarronParkDonkeys.org).

# Barron Park Couple Celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

by Brandy Faulkner, granddaughter



It's not often that we can say we've had a best friend for 70 years. But a Barron Park couple has achieved just that. On June 24<sup>th</sup> of this year, Bob and Therese Knight of Shauna Lane will be celebrating 70 years of marriage together.

They moved to Palo Alto at a time when houses cost \$19,000, a commuter train ran down Matadero Avenue, and where donkeys and children roamed free until they were eventually rounded up at dusk.

Originally from Randall, MN and St. Paul, MN respectively, Bob and Therese met in Minneapolis at the ages of 15 and 18



through a cousin of Bob's. Therese was in high school and Bob was already into his second year at the University of Minnesota where he was pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

They were married 3 years later on June 24, 1944 in New Jersey, where they lived briefly while Bob was attending training for the US Army prior to being deployed to Germany as a Lieutenant in the Signal Corps.

In 1951, the couple settled on Barron Park as their permanent home and, through luck and happenstance, scored the house on Shauna Lane originally intended for use by the neighborhood developer and his family—the last house on a quiet cul-de-sac that he named after his daughter, Shauna. It was here that they would raise 6 kids together and become the indisputable hub of large family gatherings. In its heyday, tiny little Shauna Lane with only seven houses on it was home to 25 kids.

Working for the Bechtel Corporation, Bob would take the train from Palo Alto to San Francisco, frequently using the Matadero Ave. stop that used to exist on a commuter route known as the "Los Gatos Cutoff." With the kids in school, Therese began an 11-year stint working part-time in the kitchen cafeteria of the newest high school in town: Gunn.

On summer days, neighborhood kids would descend on the Knight's Doughboy pool. A backyard flagpole, with a flying flag, signaled that the pool was open. On non-pool days, parents knew that their kids could be found playing in Strawberry field, or at a friend's house. One look at the pile of bikes out front told you who was where. Milk was delivered directly to your refrigerator, so pay no mind to the man



who's just come in, unannounced, through the garage door.

The original, sliding garage door is still intact and fully operational at the Knight's. Like a big barn door, it slides open with a heavy push and pull. While one backs the car out, the other closes the door. The open garage door at the end of Shauna Lane is symbolic of Bob and Therese's generosity, as it's often the staging area for distributing the garden's bounty to the neighbors. It's also where stray cats are taken in, things are built, news is exchanged and the daily gossip collected. Working as a team, bags of Meyer lemons, homegrown tomatoes and apples are assembled and await their new owners. Jars of jam are carefully placed into boxes. At Christmastime, bags of homemade popcorn balls and cookies are lined up for both neighbors and family members. Be sure to grab yours on your way out.

A proficient baker and master gardener, Therese runs a tight ship when it comes to the yard. The five hummingbird feeders are refilled every couple days so as to never run dry. Trees are pruned, roses are dead-headed, compost is turned, rhododendrons are cut back and plants are watered and fed on time. Lemons and oranges are harvested, while the raspberries, boysenberries, strawberries and rhubarb are collected for jam and pie. As of a few years ago, they still had a big wooden sulfur dryer for apricots. It was a tall, wooden box with six large



trays inside, where you would spread out all of your halved apricots. After being enclosed in the box with a small piece of burning sulfur for an hour, the apricot halves would be filled with puddles of juice. Next, these apricot trays would need some place sunny to dry for three days. The only logical place to put them, of course, was on the roof. So that's where they went. Once dry, they could be bagged up and distributed, or stored in the freezer.

The garage was also the epicenter of masterful engineering feats. If Therese runs a tight ship in the garden, Bob maintains the house in ship shape. It's been kept up meticulously over the years, with ingenious fixes at every turn. In addition to caring for their own home, Bob and Therese also built the family's A-frame cabin at Donner Lake from the ground up, with the same level of attention to detail and utility.

Working as a team, the Knights undertake daily and weekly household chores and tackle all projects together. As products of the Depression Era, they are also the ultimate sustainability champions. They still employ the backyard clothesline for drying sheets and towels in the summer. They open the dishwasher to let hot dishes air dry. The bread and jam they eat for breakfast every morning is homemade, and they compost, recycle and reuse as much as possible. The one tiny bag of garbage each week in the mini-can would put most households to shame.

In addition to knowing their neighbors like family, Bob and Therese were part of a close-knit group of fellow Barron Park friends. The Knights, the Morrisroes, the Muldoons and the O'Connors (sense the Irish theme!) were thick as thieves, with laughter, adventure, crazy kids and 5 o'clock happy hour as the indisputable glue that held it all together.

So what's the secret to a 70-year marriage? It's friends, it's family, it's teamwork, it's routine and, of course, it's everything in moderation.

No, really....what's the secret?

Fine. It's the 5 o'clock drinks. Don't be late.

Bob and Therese, now 88 and 91 years old, have 6 kids, 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a large extended family. The family will be taking them out to dinner to celebrate their achievement.

We wish them a very happy 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

# SUMMER AND PETS

by Reine Flexer

Summer is almost here, students are graduating, and people are moving or going on vacation...

What about your pets? What about street cats? Besides making sure that all animals have fresh water available at all times...

First the obvious or not so obvious for some:

During your vacation, hire a pet sitter or local teenager. Please don't let your cat roam the streets to find food at someone else's house...

If you move, please never leave an animal behind, do not abandon a pet or even a stray. If you are feeding a stray cat, please reach out to your neighbor or rescue group, so that someone will care for the cat(s).

Have you found a dog? It's best to call Palo Alto Animal services at 650-496-5971. They are very dog friendly. Found a cat? First check with your neighbors.

If you are not sure if a cat is lost, abandoned or just taking a long stroll, please put a post on [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com) AND on [BPA-news](http://BPA-news) at [googlegroups.com](http://googlegroups.com)

If the cat can be touched, but has no phone number on a collar, call Reine 650-493-5088, or email: [reine13@gmail.com](mailto:reine13@gmail.com)—I will be happy to come to you with a microchip reader. Otherwise, if it seems appropriate, the cat can be trapped and checked by a vet and possibly spayed/neutered (same phone number).

Next time you see posters about missing cats, please kindly check your shed and your garage. You'd think they would meow, but they are so afraid, they don't!



Two local Barron Park cats are still missing (as of 6/1/14):

1)" Cupcake" a diluted tortoise shell with a white bib. She ran away while being taken to the vet near Los Robles and El Camino. Cup cake might try to find her way back home to Chimalus.

[UPDATE: CUPCAKE FOUND!]



2) "Saint Kitty" a young male silver tabby disappeared from 525 Matadero while work was done for the gas lines.

If seen, please call Reine who will contact the owners of these kitties. Their posters are also attached to the kiosk at Bol Park.

Thank you.

If you would like to adopt a cat, or if you could foster a cat or kitten, many groups will be happy to hear from you, including Community Cat Rescue.

Their volunteers show cats near the California street market on Sunday (next to the bank). Adorable little kittens are being raised right now in Barron Park, and will soon make everybody smile.

Doug Moran has created a link for "lost pets" on one of our websites: [www.bpaonline.org/lostpets/](http://www.bpaonline.org/lostpets/)

## EMAIL LISTS

The BPA has four email lists: [bpa-news](http://bpa-news), [bpa-issues](http://bpa-issues), [bpa-misc](http://bpa-misc) and [bpa-jobpostings](http://bpa-jobpostings). They are hosted at Google Groups. To join, go to the BPA Website: [BPApaloalto.org](http://BPApaloalto.org) and click on the tab "BPA Email Lists." This provides an easy means to subscribe, and information about the lists.

# Barron Park Association General Survey 2014

Over the years, the efforts of the BPA have had an immense impact on our quality of life. Our history includes the purchase of Bol Park, annexation of unincorporated Barron Park into the City of Palo Alto, flood control/creek bypass, removal of underground contamination, and significant emergency preparedness efforts. Preserving the unique character of our neighborhood has been a priority since BPA formed in 1926. Today,

the Barron Park Association remains your neighborhood advocate and is focused on community service and improved livability.

We prefer that you take this survey online at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/L8S63FN](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L8S63FN)

If you prefer to use this newsletter version, please mail it to us: BPA c/o John King, 724 Barron Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306

The following survey will help guide BPA's efforts in 2014 and beyond. While there are many important concerns, not all

can be addressed due to limited volunteer resources. Please remember the BPA needs volunteers to support our community.

Any level of participation is welcome. To assist please contact one of our BPA board members through [BPAPaloalto.org](http://BPAPaloalto.org).

In the following survey, please indicate how important each of the items is to you. Opinions on issues are not asked but can be expressed in comments.

## 1. Barron Park Community Activities

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Important	Undecided
Movie Night in Bol Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
May Fete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Casual/Cultural Gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/Comments (please specify) _____				

## 2. Communication for Residents

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Important	Undecided
Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email Lists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/Comments (please specify) _____				

## 3. General Activities and Interests

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Important	Undecided
Emergency Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BPA Babysitting/Sitter List	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BPA Job postings Email List	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighborhood School Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/Comments (please specify) _____				



#### 4. Safety Issues

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Important	Undecided
Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Automobile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/Comments (please specify) _____				

#### 5. Barron Park Community Center. Barron Park is one of the few Palo Alto communities without a library or community center. Community Centers in Greenmeadow and Midtown have been supported by the neighborhoods.

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Important	Undecided
A Barron Park Community Center to Enhance Livability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/Comments (please specify) _____				

#### 6. Barron Park Livability Concerns

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Important	Undecided
Retail Services on El Camino	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Transit/Shuttle Options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overflow Parking Concerns with New Developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Flow from New Business/Housing Developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining Barron Park's Rural Character in Designs of New Developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upholding Building Codes (ex. setbacks, square foot limits, building heights)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Density	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/Comments (please specify) _____				

## 7. Environment

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Important	Undecided
Hazardous Chemical Issues in the Barron Park Community (CPI site)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/Comments (please specify) _____				

## 8. Proposed Projects/City Related Issues

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Important	Undecided
El Camino/Thain Way: New housing development with rezoning proposed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buena Vista Development: Proposed sale and redevelopment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fry's Site Development: City is considering changes that may occur in 2019	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan: City is currently proposing plans that will guide development through 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Housing Mandates: Housing sites have been identified in Barron Park along El Camino	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/Comments (please specify) _____				

## 9. List the top 5 items/topics you consider a priority for the Barron Park Association.

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## 10. Are you a resident of Barron Park?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

## 11. If you are interested in assisting Barron Park Association with volunteer efforts, you may leave your contact information below or contact BPA through [bpapaloalto.org](http://bpapaloalto.org).

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# ART IN THE PARK—LORRAINE CAPPARELL



## Artist's Statement:

A woman who has visions

A tireless worker

Traveler of poetic leaps

Sculptor, painter

Possessor of the ability to keep on working and finish

These qualities are the venue of Lorraine Capparell.

Lorraine Capparell is an accomplished artist, recognized for her work as a painter, sculptor and photographer since 1975.

Living in Barron Park, she divides her time between creating visionary sculptural pieces and richly colorful paintings and watercolors that communicate her unique focus on life.

Capparell is a native of Rochester, New York, and received her bachelor of science from Cornell University. She moved to California in the early '70s and studied sculpture with Steven DeStaebler at San Francisco State University. She also traveled widely in Asia, studying Buddhist and Hindu sculpture, painting and temple architecture. Capparell has worked as a freelance graphic designer and photographer.

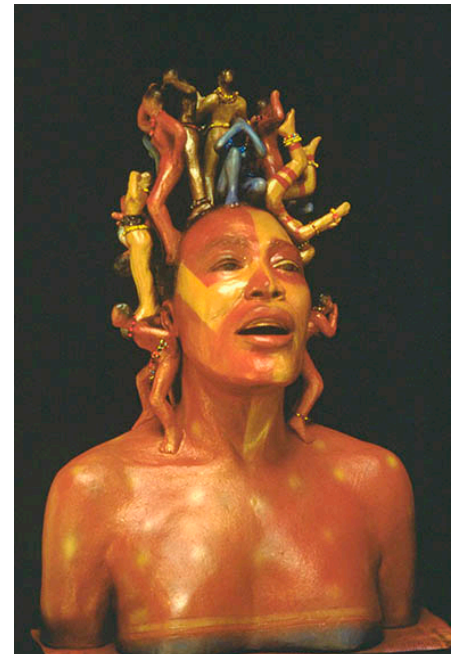
"I make artwork on a daily basis a vital part of my artistic discipline. This daily



output has inspired large-scale works and material for solo painting exhibits. Painting every day has led me to ideas, new sculpture, better painting skills and to looking more deeply at the world."

Capparell maintains a regimen that includes tai chi, meditation and producing a new watercolor painting each day. But it is also clear that she sees her art as being about more than simple self-fulfillment. "I am striving to use that 'body, born of earth' as a 'connection to a higher consciousness.'"

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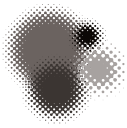
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