



BARRON PARK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Affeld, BPA President

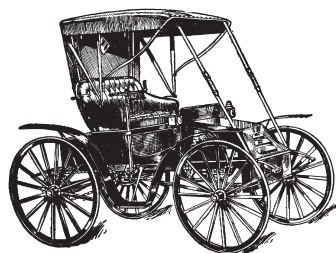


Right after graduate school, I got a job at a large technology company here in Silicon Valley. I was fortunate to be immediately assigned to a team where

I worked directly with the CEO. It was exciting, demanding, and very important work. Over the weeks I gained an enormous respect for his leadership.

I remember one day, in a moment of calm, he confided in me about his frustrations with running such a large, complex, and dynamic organization. He asked if I had ever been to Great America and ridden the old antique car ride. I said I had, but wasn't sure why that was important.

He described how, driving one of those cars, he could make small adjustments, but if he spun the steering wheel rapidly to the left and then back again to the right, the vehicle ultimately continued down the track to where it wanted to go anyway. He said that is how he felt sometimes when trying to steer the company to go in a desired direction.



I often remember that analogy when it comes to the personal lives of my friends and family. Sometimes I wonder if we have that same illusion of control. Life is often exciting, chaotic, and difficult to manage. Every day there is a new kind of national protest or global outrage.

Perhaps putting too much energy into those causes only yields frustration. Maybe trying to make smaller adjustments to the issues right in front of us will give us back our ability to steer in our own direction.

For example, within Barron Park and the surrounding community there are many growing concerns about traffic, safety, affordable housing, pollution, and development. The Barron Park Association has been actively serving the neighborhood since 1953. We have good relationships with the City, our sister neighborhood associations, and partner organizations.

Please consider getting involved in one of our BPA committees or even serving on the BPA Board of Directors. Contributing to the community directly provides purpose, meaning, and a deep sense of satisfaction. So, jump on board, stop spinning those steering wheels and help us chart our path. If you do, I would bet you will make a bigger impact and regain a better feeling of control over your own destiny.

For information, please get in touch with me (Jon) at: president@bpapaloalto.org

Seeking Semi-Centenarians!

For the launch of our BPA Semi-Centennial Society, the Barron Park Association is seeking residents who have lived in the Barron Park community for fifty years or more. We wish to recognize those who have lived here, participated in the community, and helped to make Barron Park so special.

If you are a Semi-Centenarian or know any neighbors who are, please contact the BPA at: <http://bpapaloalto.org/contact-us/>

Thank you,
The BPA Board

Mark Your 2018 Calendars!

Barron Park Senior Lunches

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

October 9, December 11

Corner Bakery Café
3375 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

All are welcome to join & enjoy these community get-togethers.

No reservations needed.

Qs? Peter Mueller (650) 856-1255 or
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BOL PARK MOVIE NIGHT, AUGUST 25

By Jon Affeld

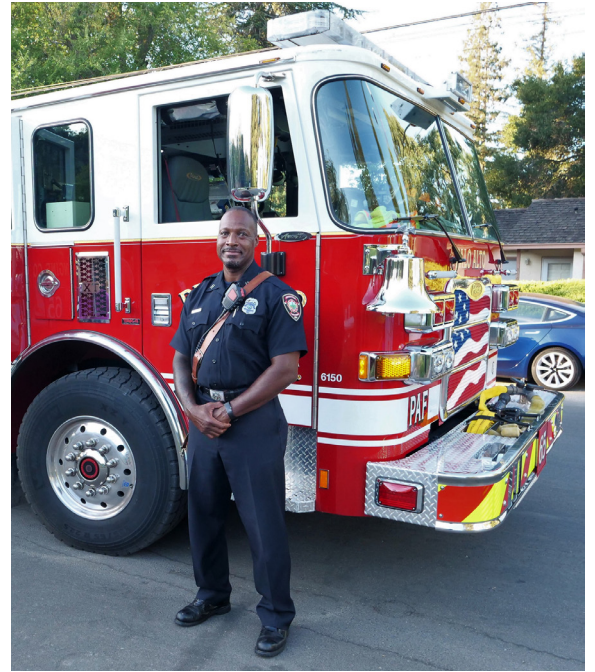
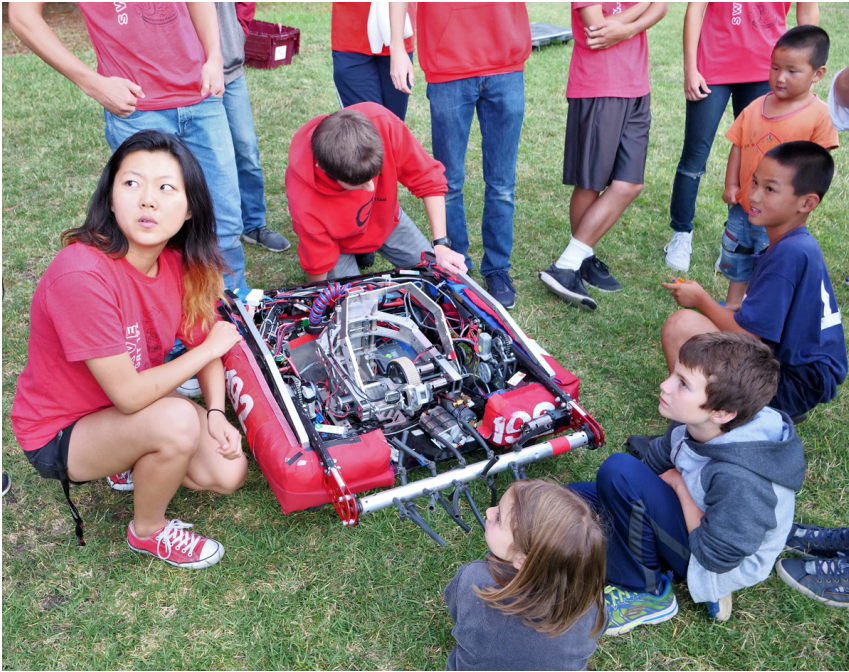
The Bol Park Movie Night is one of the most popular social events of the year in Barron Park. Set in a spectacular outdoor venue with food and entertainment for all ages, it is a favorite of many residents. This year was no exception and may even have been one of the

best movie nights yet.

Movie Night was Saturday, August 25, from 6:00 p.m. to about 10:30 p.m. and was divided into two main segments. The first part of the evening was designed to encourage residents to socialize and enjoy the

park amenities in a relaxed atmosphere.

Some people just sat on blankets with a picnic or mingled in small groups to talk. Others threw balls and frisbees or played on the slides and swings in the playground. In addition, there were organized



Photos: Jon Affeld

visits, demonstrations, and displays from various Barron Park and community partners that included the following:

Gunn High School Robotics Team

<https://www.facebook.com/GRT192/>

The award-winning Gunn Robotics Team brought one of their latest battle-tested robots. Fast, maneuverable, and very smart, it provided an amazing display of its capabilities including throwing and retrieving a large rubber ball. The student team also gave a short presentation on what the club does, its competition schedule, and how they rely on community donations to support the very expensive endeavor of making, upgrading, and repairing robots.

City of Palo Alto Safety Services

https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/public_safety

With an amazing display of vehicles, technologies, and capabilities, the Palo Alto Fire Department, the Palo Alto Police Department, and the Office of Emergency Services command vehicle were present at our Bol Park Movie Night. Their knowledge, skill, and operational tempo was very impressive. It was impossible not to be proud of the wonderful people and equipment from the City of Palo Alto that help to keep us safe and secure.

Barron Park Donkeys

<http://barronparkdonkeys.org/>

A kid favorite, the world-famous Barron Park celebrity donkeys came by to visit. They graciously interact and take pictures with their fans, particularly if there is fresh grass nearby. The donkeys even have their own brand of “bio-products”—composted donkey manure for garden use (write to: barronparkdonkeys@gmail.com). However, they have a longstanding policy against signing autographs.

Partner Tables and Food Truck

Along with the fun and festivities, we had tables staffed by the Cub Scouts Pack 52 and the Barron Park Association with information from various partners like the new Palo Alto History Museum and the Cool Block program. Having fun can be hard work. For everyone getting hungry (again), Gabe’s Burgers food truck provided delicious hot meals to order.

The rest of the evening was devoted to the movies, projected on a massive 21-foot screen with Blu Ray resolution and a loud-speaker system. A busy concession stand offered snacks and glow sticks for the kids. There is nothing like the smell of the rich earth, the redwood trees, and hot popcorn floating over the cool evening breeze.

Main Feature: *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*

This is a fun-filled, lighthearted movie with great music that everybody enjoyed. The original story was (surprisingly) written by Ian Fleming (of James Bond fame). The musical numbers were created by the team that did *Mary Poppins*.

Dick Van Dyke and Sally Ann Howes gave wonderful performances. The “Doll on a Music Box” scene is an incredible combination of stunning beauty, a great voice, precise timing, and athleticism. The themes of innovation and entrepreneurship were also particularly appropriate for our community. Before Steve Jobs there was Caractus Potts. And of course, before drones or autonomous vehicles there was the amazing flying car!

Short Film: *One Week* by Buster Keaton

A giant of silent movie history, Buster Keaton was the epic slapstick comedy movie clown. Nearly 100 years old, his body of work continues to delight audiences. The filming techniques he pioneered are still broadly used in modern movies even today.

One Week (1920) was the first film Keaton did after branching out on his own and is considered one of his best. In the story, Buster’s troubles with real estate and building his new home resonate with all of us and somehow make our remodeling nightmares seem not quite so bad.

Overall, it was a fabulous evening. Our Bol Park Movie Night had many great moments. Once again, the neighborhood came together to demonstrate that its residents, community partners, and City services are the true stars of the show.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: *Barron Park Neighbors and PAPD Officers Meet Up*

By Hilary Glann



Photo: Sky Rumser

Kaleb Wang shows his police uniform costume to Lieutenants April Wagner and Kara Apple at the Ilima Way National Night Out.

Barron Park residents turned out in force to meet their neighbors and Palo Alto first responders on National Night Out (NNO), August 7, 2018. Police Chief Bob Jonsen decided to restart

the program after a 10-year hiatus, to bring police officers and neighbors together under positive, non-emergency circumstances. Of the 11 blocks that participated City-wide in the NNO, three were in our neighborhood: the Ilima Way Cool Block organized a BYO drinks and snacks event for Ilima and McGregor Way neighbors, the Laguna Way Cool Block hosted a pizza party for neighbors on Laguna Way, and Michael Devine gave an ice cream social for neighbors on Driscoll Court.

Residents got to know each other better and had a chance to meet with Police Chief Jonsen, Assistant Police Chief Patty Lum, new City Manager Ed Shikada, and a number of helpful patrol, traffic control, and investigative officers. The Goodie Bags they shared with us were a big hit!

“It was very exciting to meet and get to know so many first responders, our new Police Chief, and our City Manager,” said Gwen Luce, co-organizer of the Laguna Way NNO. “Almost all the households on our cul-de-sac turned out—old and young enjoyed catching up with each other.”

The next National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2019, when we hope even more of Barron Park will join in!

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Volunteer Opportunity!

The Buena Vista Homework Club meets every Monday and Wednesday after school, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Buena Vista Mobile Home Community. Students and adults who would like more information about volunteering as a tutor may contact Deborah Farrington at deborah.bv.hmwk.club@gmail.com or (650) 575-5435. Access the volunteer registration form online at: goo.gl/forms/SgXrMPTHQk8qtd52

The Buena Vista Homework Club is sponsored by Stanford's Haas Center for Public Service and led by Managing Director, Stanford sophomore Alli Pope and founders Deborah Farrington Padilla and Amado Padilla. The Homework Club is a place of support, care, happiness, and academic and personal growth for children PK to 6th grade.

News from the Pasture: The Fly Wars!

By Jenny Kiratli, Barron Park Donkey Coordinator

Summer brings warm weather, long days, and flies—the summer scourge for equines! For unknown reasons, the flies were particularly brutal this summer. And our lovely Jenny seems to be especially attractive to these biting pests. You may have noticed that Jenny had bloody tracks on her legs due to fly attacks (and some of you called to alert us).

So, the Handlers fought back!! We put up fly traps of several types around the pasture which quickly filled with angry buzzing; we collected and dried and covered the donkeys' manure with dirt to reduce the fly egg laying; on the advice of our vet, we added an Insect Growth Regulator to their feed, which interrupts the fly life cycle in their manure; we sprayed them with an organic fly repellent; we fed them garlic, a well-known natural repellent (per one of the Handlers, the feed shed now smells like an Italian restaurant); we treated their leg wounds with tea-tree ointment and sprayed their wounds with an aluminum-based "aerosol bandage." Finally, we dressed them in fashionable and functional Fly Boots to protect healing wounds and prevent new ones. Jenny had subtle tan boots that matched her coloring while Perry wore plaid.

It has been hard fought, but with the help of all the Handlers who contributed to these various strategies, we believe we have won the Fly Wars! Perry is a lesser target for these Dipteran terrors, perhaps because he has more subcutaneous fat in his legs, but Jenny is a veritable fly magnet! The flies swarmed and bit and aggressively attacked her legs, even while we were treating her, starting early in the morning as the sun warmed up and lasting well into the evening. It should be noted that Jenny has not allowed anyone, including the farrier, to handle her legs and hoofs without a fight, but from the start of our counterattack she seemed to understand that we were on her side. We were here to help her, and she began to allow contact and even became accustomed to being handled. Whew! That has made all the difference. For now, we have removed the boots, as

the other measures seem to be effective, and as the warm weather recedes, so does the fly threat... until next Spring, when the battle will begin again.

Donkey Tales



Photo: Jenny Kiratli

We are adding a new feature to our dedicated website (www.BarronParkDonkeys.org): stories in your own words. We are especially looking for information and memories from the past Bol Park donkeys—even before Mickey! Please send your stories to barronparkdonkeys@gmail.com

Include the name of the donkey(s), the approximate date (*i.e.*, the year), any pictures that may go with your story, and your name (unless you prefer that we do not include it). Thank you!

Fundraising!

Barron Park Donkey Manure is available to enhance your compost as you prepare your Fall garden beds. Place your order for 25-lb bags of "Jen & Perry's Excellent Equine Manure" by writing to: barronparkdonkeys@gmail.com

We are on social media!
Follow us on Instagram



@art_of_the_barronparkdonkeys

We pick up art from the D-mail box every week.
We love all the artwork that is received!
Follow us on Instagram and you may see your artwork online.

GOOGLE HIGH SCHOOL APPRENTICE PROGRAM

By Jon Affeld

Photo by Jon Affeld



Format

Students come to campus for two hours each day for two weeks during the summer and rotate through the different functional areas. The first forty-five minutes is devoted to a short presentation by a functional expert. Then the class breaks into small groups to work on a project-based activity relevant to the job function of the session. In addition, some functions may have related tours and demonstrations.

When a group successfully completes a project, each student gets a sticker for that function. Students earning stickers for all the functions are awarded an official Google High School Apprentice certificate at a ceremony at the end of the program. The ceremony is followed by an informal party where graduates often exchange contact information and explore mentoring opportunities with the speakers.

This year the program piloted an optional follow-up "pitch night." One of the most popular sessions is the one on how to create a successful business. In the activity for that session, the students used ideation techniques to come up with product ideas and then applied structured methods to evaluate and select the ones with the most potential. The pitch night gives teams another eight weeks to further develop the ideas and create mockups or prototypes to demonstrate the products. At the final event, teams present their concept, using a template for an "elevator pitch." Presentations are judged by a panel of experienced professionals who award prizes to the winners.

Conclusion

The high tech industry is vast, complex, and fast moving. There are roles for all kinds of people who share a passion for solving problems and improving standards of living worldwide. They include fun and exciting careers in finance, engineering, marketing, operations, and sales. This is true even for people who love technology but do not necessarily want to spend all their time coding.

So, it turns out that it is possible to be somebody else. The Google High School Apprentice Program helps empower teenagers to chart their own unique path towards their dreams and be whoever they want to be.

If you have questions, please contact me (Jon) at: jon.affeld@gmail.com

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be someone else for a day? An Olympic athlete, perhaps a famous movie star, or a historic figure? Wouldn't it be fun to see things from another viewpoint and compare it with your own?

Well, at the Google High School Apprentice Program students get a chance to experience what it's like to work at a high technology company. Each day the curriculum offers a new opportunity to explore a different perspective. Students learn how rewarding and exciting a high-tech career can be.

Background

The Google High School Apprentice Program is a two-week camp that targets high school students from disadvantaged or underrepresented groups who have a potential interest in careers in high technology fields. It uses a unique multi-disciplinary approach that exposes the students to the core business and technical functions common to most corporations and a project-based learning format that combines real-world career talks with practical application exercises.

The Google High School Apprentice Program was started in 2017 and has been successfully implemented at both the US and London campuses. It is sponsored and hosted by Google with assistance from a Palo Alto non-profit called InnoVantre and has about 285 global graduates to date. Some of the highlights have included a presentation by AlphaGo, successful trading day simulations at the Google Trading Center,

Blockchain and Machine Learning demonstrations, and a tour of the Google Waymo autonomous vehicle facility.

Target Audience

The primary audience is high school students in grades 9 to 11 who have expressed a potential interest in business or technical careers working at high technology companies. A typical class size is from 15 to 40 students, depending on the session topic. The program is attractive to STEM-oriented students. However, no computer science prerequisites are required. It also appeals to teenagers with diverse interests who may wish to pursue positions in non-technical functions like sales, marketing, program management, finance, or operations.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the two-week program, each student will have gained a solid understanding of the following topics:

1. The primary functions and their purpose in a high technology corporation
2. Key skills and critical success factors in the represented professional roles
3. A typical day in the life of those positions
4. Required education, certifications, and experience
5. A sense of individual leadership, empowerment, and enthusiasm for establishing personal goals and charting a desired career path

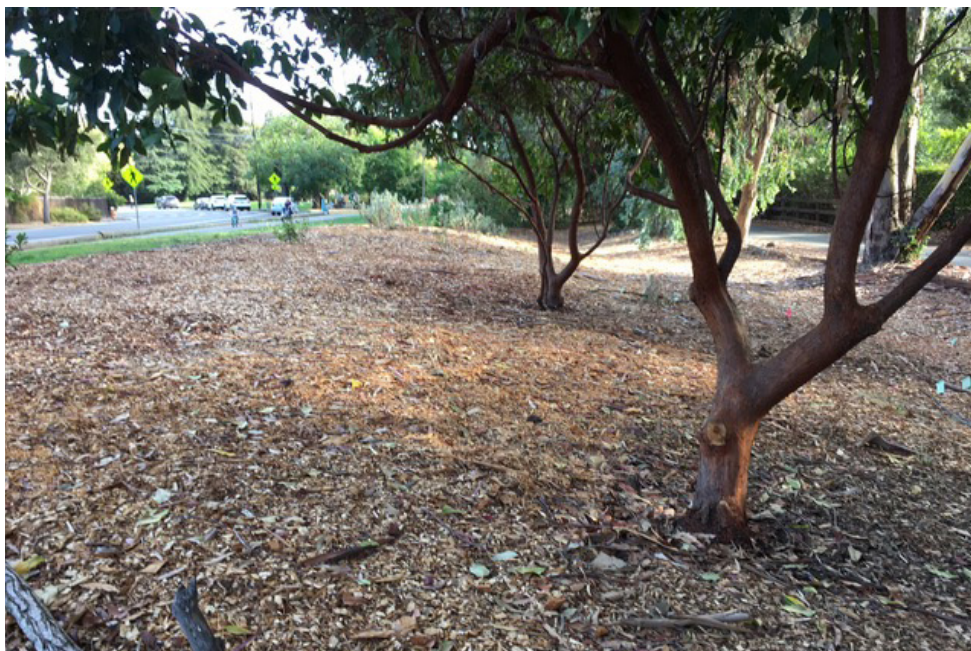


Photo: Melanie Cross

The BPA Native Habitat Committee is extending the current Native Garden south along the small ridge between the grass and Roble Ridge. In July volunteers installed 100 feet of sheet mulching to prepare the soil for November planting. Irrigation is being installed to get the new plantings through the first few years.

BPA ADDRESS REMINDERS

■ For the **BPA Home Page**, the **BPA Newsletter Archive**, and to Join or Renew your **BPA Membership**, go to our website: bpapaloalto.org

■ To confirm your **BPA Membership Status**, write to: Lisa Berkowitz Landers: barronpark.paloalto@gmail.com

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■ Reach our **Welcoming Committee Chair**, Gwen Luce, at: gluce@cbnocal.com

■ For information on our **Emergency Services Volunteer Program**, write to Maurice Green: mauryg3@comcast.net or Lydia Kou: lydiakou@gmail.com

■ To contact the **BPA Babysitter List**, as a provider or if you need childcare: barronpark.paloalto@gmail.com

■ To join the **BPA Services/Home Business List**, or to look for a service, write to:

barronpark.paloalto@gmail.com

You will also find a link to the **BPA Services/Home Business List** on our BPA Website at bpapaloalto.org/2017/09/01/barron-park-area-service-list-september-2017

■ Contact the **BPA "Meet and Learn" Activities Chair**, Catherine Hendricks, at: frenchrealtor@gmail.com

■ Reach our **BPA Historian**, Douglas L. Graham, at: dgrahampaca@gmail.com

■ Contact the chair of the **Bol Park Future Plan and Pathway Committees**, Richard Placone, at: rcplacone@sbcglobal.net

■ To donate for the care of **Bol Park's donkeys, Perry and Jenny**, visit the dedicated Barron Park Donkey webpage at: barronparkdonkeys.org and follow the instructions!

■ To donate to the **Bol Park Native Plant Restoration Project**: Write a check payable to "Friends of the Palo Alto Parks (FOPAP), for the Bol Park Corner Restoration Project," and mail to: FOPAP, 425 Grant Ave., Suite 27, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Please consider volunteering time or expertise to the **Bol Park Native Plant Restoration Project**. Contact Rich Elder at rich.e.elder@gmail.com

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BPA Board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of most months at 7:15 P.M. Neighbors are welcome.

BPA Community Happy Hours are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30 P.M.

For Meeting and Happy Hour locations write to president@bpapaloalto.org

bpapaloalto.org

Local Cub Scouts Rewarding for Both Kids and Adults

By Eugene Chow, Pack 52 Parent Leader

Photos: Palo Alto Cub Scout Pack 52



Cub Scout Pack 52, Barron Park/Juana Briones neighborhood, in the Palo Alto May Fete Parade, including our full size "Derby" car!

Cub Scout Pack 52, serving the Barron Park and Juana Briones school neighborhoods, invites all families and volunteers to join us as we help kids (K–5th grade, boys and girls), build character, responsibility, leadership, outdoor skills, and serve their community—all while having fun! Participating in Scouts puts quality time on the calendar while getting to know neighbors. It's great for busy families who need to be selective with their time. Adult leaders are all vol-

unteers. Currently all are busy parents, so the Pack also welcomes help from "empty nester" volunteers interested in sharing their time and talents with the younger generation.

Some of the Pack activities planned for this year include rocket making (with a launch at NASA), a Parent-Cub overnight at the Boulder Creek Scout Camp, a box-oven cook-off and obstacle racing, fishing, building and racing cars in the Pinewood Derby, Grassroots Ecology volunteering, Food



Bringing the flag into the Blue and Gold Dinner (end-of-year celebration, potluck, awards, skits, talent show).

Drive, and a Family Campout.

In Den meetings (organized by age), kids do smaller "adventure" activities on themes such as preparedness, service, nature, and camping, as well as electives from a wide selection of topics, such as local history, water physics, pet care, humor, hobbies, etc. There are typically two or three activities a month, often Sunday afternoons. Siblings and parents are invited to all activities. Parent participation is not a requirement, and participation in all activities is not required. Please contact us if you are interested in joining, volunteering, or have any questions. Write to me (Eugene) at: emc73@yahoo.com

EMAIL LISTS

The Barron Park Association maintains four email listservs: *bpa-news*, *bpa-issues*, *bpa-misc* and *bpa-jobpostings*. They are hosted at Google Groups. To join the lists, go to the BPA Website: bpapaloalto.org and click on the tab near the top of the web page (under the logo): "BPA Email Lists." This link provides information about each list and an easy way to subscribe to one or more of them.

BPA Neighborhood Services/Home Business List

Look for this Link for Neighborhood Services at the BPA website: bpapaloalto.org

To list your service or home business, please send your information to:

barronpark.paloalto@gmail.com

The service provider or his/her household must be a current member of the BPA. If under 18, please include contact information for a parent or guardian.

NEW! Neighbor Services

Neighbor Services

Various services offered by residents of Barron Park

UPDATE ON BARRON PARK TRAFFIC ISSUES

By BPA Newsletter Editors

After a series of disturbing incidents and complaints by residents, the Barron Park Association Traffic Subcommittee identified a list of over two dozen traffic hot spots in the neighborhood. The issues were documented on a master tracking list and submitted to the City and County, depending on jurisdiction. In addition, the Palo Alto Weekly published an article in April discussing our growing traffic challenges: paloaltoonline.com/print/story/2018/04/27/barron-park-residents-warn-of-traffic-danger-zones

Documentary evidence including pictures and videos were also sent to the City Transportation Department as well as to Fletcher Middle School and Gunn High School. Residents may add items, track status, or attach further documentation on the Palo Alto 311 website at: cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pwd/street_maintenance/report_a_problem.asp

Please continue to utilize the 311 application to inform the City of any traffic issues or incidents. The more people use it, the better our records will be. It is a great way to build up data about our problems and monitor progress on improvements.

Sylvia Star-Lack, Transportation Manager at the City of Palo Alto Transportation Department, has provided a few useful tips and Palo Alto websites for traffic-related issues.

Arastradero Updates

Construction updates for Charleston/ Arastradero can be found using the Search function at this website: cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=4347

The project website can be found here: cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pwd/infrastructure_plan/charleston_arastradero.asp

Safe Routes to School

The Transportation Department recently presented the Safe Routes Annual Update to City Council. There is lots of data in the staff report that covers the 2017–18 school year. Feel free to consult this report at the following website: cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/66394

The Palo Alto Safe Routes to School website is at: cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/tran-sit/safe_routes_to_school/default.asp

Click through under “Maps: Walk and Roll Suggested Routes” to find your school or schools.

Heads Up! Road Closures in Palo Alto

The City is beta-testing the Heads Up website: https://pap.accela.com/envista-public-web/index/PaloAltoorg/Palo%20Alto%20Site/PaloAlto where extended road closures will

be posted on an interactive map. You will be able to set a geographical area for which you will receive email alerts when roads are expected to be closed for longer than four hours.

Finally, to get more information or an e-news blurb on this great new tool, please contact Utilities staffer Jennifer Davis at: street.advisory@cityofpaloalto.org

Business Spotlight: Fowl Play

By Andrea Leslie

After more than a year of anticipation and curious questions from the Barron Park community, we’re thrilled to announce that Fowl Play is now open at 3850 El Camino Real, (between Barron Avenue and Military Way), serving our high quality fried and rotisserie chicken to our neighbors throughout Palo Alto and beyond.

Coming from a franchising background, I understood how the operations and build-out of a restaurant should work, but I was most excited to flex my creativity and start a brand from the ground up. When we first set out developing the concept, we wanted to create a brand that was fun, playful, and family-oriented. Looking for a community to reflect those same values, we came across Barron Park, and it felt like a natural fit. The neighborhood definitely needed a chicken restaurant, so we created Fowl Play to bring high quality, affordable chicken to this family-friendly community.

Our ‘homegrown’ concept was built on the mission of sharing knowledge from the top down, in order to see growth from the bottom up. Every part of Fowl Play was developed from scratch collectively by our team of employees – from the mission, to the brand philosophy, to the eats. Before ever opening our doors, we decided with our staff to develop a charitable initiative,



Fowl Play Bucks, to help those in need pay for their meal. In lieu of tips, all donations made at Fowl Play are converted into Fowl Play Bucks, which can be used in-store like cash, to directly support those in the community who need help paying for their meal. To redeem, guests

simply take what they need from the Fowl Play Bucks wall in-store and use them to purchase their meal.

Our handcrafted menu draws influence and inspiration from the Fowl Play team and our collective love for being in the kitchen. At the core of the menu is, of course, our chicken: tangerine and sage-roasted rotisserie chicken and crispy, buttermilk-fried, all-white chicken. Our menu includes a lineup of “Sammies,” half or whole rotisserie chickens, fried chicken combos, a family-sized “Squawk Box,” and plenty of options for kids.

We thank the Barron Park community for being patient with us before our opening and for showing us so much support during the short time we’ve been open. We have been so warmly received by this community, from partnering with your kids’ sports teams and schools to getting to know our regular customers by name—we thank you! We’re looking forward to serving you at Fowl Play for many years to come.

EL CAMINO BUSINESS UPDATE

By Robert Moss

There continue to be changes in occupancy on El Camino Real between Adobe Creek and Page Mill Road since my last report in February, plus an increase in vacancies; but overall vacancy rates are still low.

On the Ventura side:

- At 2951 El Camino the previous occupants (Urban Sleep, Artillery [gaming software], and El Camino Animal Hospital) have been replaced by Omniscience Capital Management which occupies all of the spaces at that location.
- 3001 and 3017 El Camino, the former Mike's Bikes (now at Middlefield near Charleston), has redevelopment plans with about 20,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail and 30 apartments, plus 20 apartments in a building behind the retail, approved a year ago. The Architectural Review Board (ARB) had issues with garage access, landscaping, and some design details. It is returning to the ARB for final approval, with no major changes.
- The Footlocker store at 3225 (at Portage) was demolished this summer and is being replaced by a mixed-use project with a four-story building on El Camino with 6,513 sq. ft. of ground floor retail and six housing units, plus a two-story rear building with 2,061 sq. ft. of ground floor retail and 1,826 sq. ft. of 2nd floor offices.
- InnoSpring (co-working space, "accelerators") occupies 3401, having replaced Orthopedic Sports Medicine. Restaurant Supplies and Fixtures is at 3457 (but does not appear to be occupied). Dumpling City is at 3487 (good, frozen dumplings for sale). Clout House (men's streetwear/Korean snacks) is now at 3489, having replaced Sneakerpaw.
- Redevelopment of 3701-3709 at Wilton (coin store, bridal store), to a four-story, 61-unit apartment project with a small amount of ground floor retail, was approved by the ARB a year ago. The ARB asked for all the ground floor to be retail and that parking be increased and made easier to access. The alley behind the retail might be used for open space and lawn. (Palo Alto Housing may be seeing funding delays, which is slowing demolition.)
- 3737 is Instant Urgent Care, part of a walk-in clinic chain.
- 3775 is now Afficient Math Learning Center.
- The former Compadres site at 3877 has been vacant since it closed in October 2010. A project for 4,027 sq. ft. of retail and 17 condos was approved for the site. Problems with garage access and appearance were addressed during the ARB hearings. Demolition of the old building was supposed to take place last year, but probably won't be done until late 2018.
- 4117, the vacant former Curves site, is undergoing some remodeling.
- At 4131 El Camino Real (Starbucks complex), Opus 1 Music Studio occupies Units 102-104. Think Tank Learning is closed. Chipotle has replaced Subway at Unit 100.
- At 4141 El Camino, the former 4141 Bar is now the BPC Art Studio and the Academy of Palo Alto Performing Arts (APAPA), a Chinese dance studio.
- 4153A El Camino Way is still vacant. It was formerly Instrumental, Inc.
- The Integrated Healing Arts unit at 4157C El Camino Way was red tagged as unsafe and is being rebuilt.

On the Barron Park side:

- 3516 (and 4050), former CrossFit sites, are

vacant. The former Jewish Study Network offices at 3626 and 3628 are still vacant. 3632 is a vacant office for rent.

- 3666A, vacant former Palo Alto Cleaners, is undergoing some remodeling. Marine Recruiting has vacated 3666B.
- The former Papa Murphy's at 3850 is now Fowl Play, a casual restaurant. (We've had their chicken dinners several times, and they are quite good.)
- 3864, former Ace of Sandwiches, remains vacant. 3892, former Shaoling Kung Fu, is now an annex to L&L Hawaiian BBQ.
- 4200 El Camino was converted to America's Tire, opened in late 2017.
- The proposal to replace Su Hong Restaurant at 4256 with a five-story hotel is pending, so the restaurant is still open. Residents of the Redwoods complex next door strongly objected to the plans, and the ARB was also very negative about them. They want it scaled down, with more parking, more landscaping, greater setbacks, and a reduction in size and bulk.

Vacancy rates under 5% are basically considered full occupancy. On our stretch of El Camino, vacancies decreased slightly since November. By comparison, the downtown Palo Alto vacancy rate in Spring 2018 was 2.52%, so El Camino on the Barron Park side has lower vacancy than downtown (which the City calls busy and successful).

There are only seven vacancies on the Barron Park side, totaling 12,310 sq. ft. Most are in the 3600 blocks on either side of Kendall. They are the former Jewish Study Network at 3626 and 3628, the office for rent at 3632, the former CrossFit at 3516 and 4050, and finally the former Marine Recruiting and Palo Alto Cleaners at 3666B and 3666A. The lots at 3710 and 4146 have been vacant for decades. Each had several developments approved, but nothing was built.

There are six vacancies on the Ventura side. No occupants are shown for 3001, 3011, 3585 lot, and 4117. The Combes site at 3585 has been vacant for more than 40 years. The former Compadres site at 3877 that closed in October 2010 is coming up for approval of a mixed retail project with 17 condos later this year. The former Curves site at 4117 also has been vacant for years with nothing proposed for it.

Vacancy rates	Aug. '15	Feb. '16	Nov. '16	Aug. '17	Aug. '18
El Camino, Ventura Side	5.14%	5.51%	6.90%	6.73%	5.21%
El Camino, Barron Park Side	1.78%	2.05%	3.14%	3.62%	2.22%
El Camino Way	0.00%	2.28%	7.04%	9.32%	0.05%
Total Vacancy incl. El Camino Way	3.63%	2.99%	4.46%	5.04%	3.15%

OUR OLDEST ROADS

By Douglas L. Graham, Barron Park Historian

Arastradero Road

How old is Arastradero Road? Let's put it this way—there was a time when, if you wanted to travel to the land we now know as Barron Park, there was only one way to go, since there was only one road in the region—Arastradero.

The Temporary Village of Searsville

Arastradero—loosely translated—means “the hauling road.” It was a logging haul road, serving the Mission of Santa Clara, which needed timbers for construction. Timbers were probably also hauled to building sites in the Pueblo of San Jose. They came from the redwood groves in what are now the towns of Portola Valley and Woodside. Early cutting was probably mostly along Corte Madera (“place of wood cutting”) Creek in the vicinity of Searsville, which developed as a lumber town. The short logs or trimmed beams and loads of lumber were brought along a rough track which ran approximately where Arastradero Road runs today, and they were hauled on oxcarts like the one pictured in Illustration A. It is possible that longer logs or beams were hauled on four-wheeled ox-drawn wagons. According to Jack Barber's article on Searsville Lake, which appeared in the Winter 2018 issue of *Sandstone and Tile*, Searsville existed from sometime in the early 1850s until it was bought up around 1887 and replaced by Searsville Lake, a reservoir created by the Spring Valley Water Company serving San Francisco.

Arastradero Road in the 1850s

If you had traveled with a lumber shipment from Searsville to Santa Clara in the 1850s, you would have walked (or ridden a horse) along almost the exact same route that Arastradero takes today, from Alpine Road in San Mateo County to our neighborhood at the bend in the road where it leaves the Alta Mesa Cemetery and crosses the Hetch Hetchy right of way. In the 1850s, all the land along the road was completely undeveloped. You would pass through Juana Briones's Rancho La Purissima Concepción and into Rancho Rincón de San Francisquito, which belonged to Secundino and Teodoro Robles.

As you descended the gentle slope south of Coyote Hill, the road generally followed the slightly winding course of Dry Creek (now known as Barron Creek) and was shaded by an irregular line of majestic coast live oaks along the creek. Cattle roamed the land, although fewer in number than a few years earlier, since they were now regularly rounded up for drives to the Sierra Nevada foothill towns to feed the gold miners. On a knoll to your right, Juana Briones had built, in about 1850, the first house in what would become the Palo Alto Hills. It was partly of frame and partly *encajado* adobe construction and existed there (in part) until 2011, when it was demolished in spite of major community efforts to save it.

Crossing Adobe Creek

When you reached the area where the road bends today, it bent to the right rather than to the left as it now does, and ran straight to Adobe Creek, where it crossed in about

the area of the present-day bicycle-pedestrian bridge to Los Altos. The oldest maps of this area show this routing. The crossing must have required extensive ramps to be dug on both sides of the creek. I presume that the ramps were obliterated when the aqueduct was built on the same right of way in the early twentieth century.

Straight to El Camino

The County map of 1890 shows Arastradero bending left and running straight on to meet Charleston at El Camino Real in the same alignment that it has today; so both configurations of the road must have existed for a little while. However, the County map clearly indicates that the main road went straight to El Camino (known then as the County Road or San Francisco Road).

Missing History

For information on the development of streets and other municipal infrastructure



Illustration A: A replica California-Spanish carreta (oxcart) such as the ones used during the Spanish Mission era. This one is on loan for exhibit at the Sanchez Adobe in Pacifica. It was intensively researched by living history presenter Carole Verbeeck and built by her husband, Bruce Hortor, who specializes in historic crafts. It can be considered an authentic example, representative of the carts used on Arastradero Road in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Photo courtesy of Carole Verbeeck.



Illustration B: Arastradero Road project work, August 23, 1963, looking east from the curve near the Alta Mesa Cemetery entrance. Photo: Palo Alto Times, from the Palo Alto Historical Association (PAHA) clippings files.

installations, such as street lighting, storm drains, electrical supply, etc., I make use of the newspaper clippings files of the Palo Alto Historical Association. These were clipped and collected by volunteers over the years, and during much of the time, there was little or no attention given to the Barron Park area (which, after all, wasn't part of Palo Alto until the 1975 annexation). In fact, for the period 1890–1960 I have found nothing about Arastradero Road. One could look through the microfilm records of the *Palo Alto Times*—digitized only through 1917—but that's an enormously tedious task for a small payback. If any reader has additional information, please get in touch with me (see my contact info at the end of this story).

Arastradero Development in the 1960s

In 1960, the City administration decided to widen Arastradero Road from the existing two lanes to four “into the foothills.” By mid-year 1961 they decided that Page Mill Road would become an expressway and provide the major traffic corridor into the foothills, including an interchange with the planned Junipero Serra Freeway that was to be built from San Francisco to Santa Clara County along the Hetch Hetchy right of way and, from Arastradero south, the right of way of the Southern Pacific Railroad's Los Gatos Branch Line.

For Arastradero Road, they developed an elaborate plan that included widening, adding sidewalks, street lighting, and storm drains from El Camino Real to Junipero Serra Boulevard (since then renamed Foothill Expressway) from Arastradero to Page Mill.

An Assessment District Would be Created

The plan would be partly financed by establishing an Assessment District covering 360 homes along Arastradero, some of which had just been annexed in the “Foothills #2” annexation that included Green

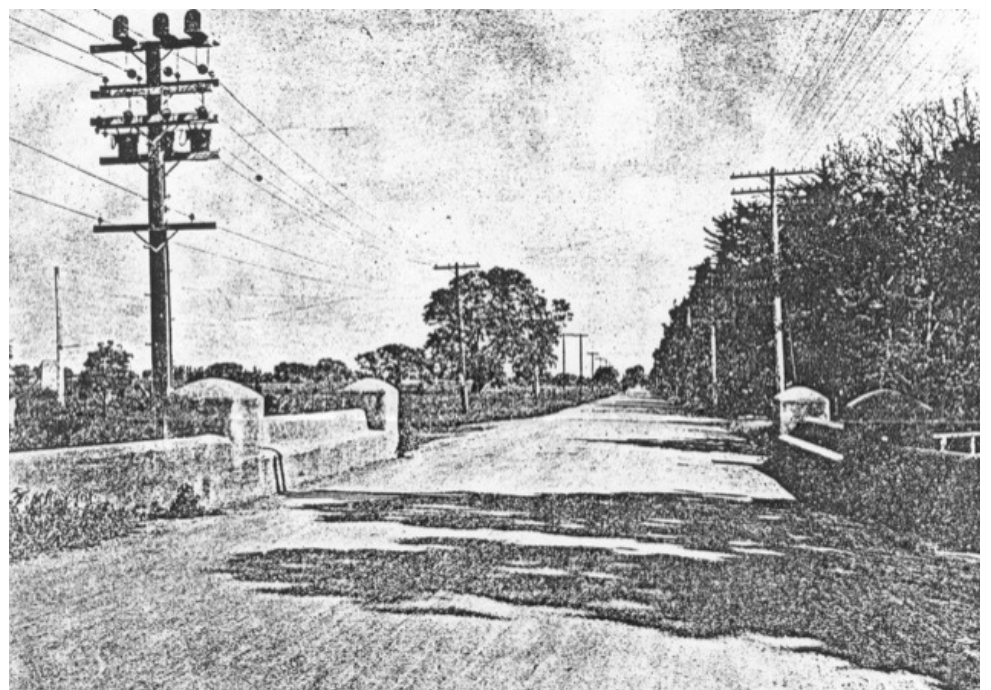


Illustration C: El Camino when it was “The County Road,” at “Barron's Bridge” over Matadero Creek, looking south. Today, Cibo Restaurant and the Creekside Inn would be just beyond the bridge on the right. Photo from the PAHA clippings files.



Illustration D: El Camino Real, about 1930, from the PAHA clippings files. This photo was allegedly taken from University Avenue, but I believe that is not true. It is more likely a view from near the San Francisquito Creek bridge, looking south. If so, today Stanford Shopping Center would be on the right and El Camino Park on the left. Does any reader have a different idea? If so, please share it with me.

Acres II and much else of Barron Park in 1959. Some of the homes to be assessed were still in unincorporated Barron Park. The proposed assessments were between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per parcel (equivalent in purchasing power of about \$8,400–\$12,600 in 2018 dollars).

A Storm of Protest

A storm of protest arose in late 1961 and throughout 1962. Barron Parkers objected because they saw the assessment as “taxation without representation.” Maybelle Tract (note that *Maybelle* was the original spelling) homeowners in Green Acres II

complained that there had never been flooding in their neighborhood (conveniently ignoring the fact that the tract was only nine years old). Jack Silvey, President of the Barron Park-Maybelle Improvement Association led the protest movement. Everyone agreed that the widening of Arastradero was of no meaningful value to the people in the district and “only of benefit to commuters and the Stanford Industrial Park.”

The outcome of all this was that the City partially backed down. They agreed that the City would pay the entire difference between four lanes and what it would have cost to simply rebuild the two-lane road. The homeowners would pay part of the cost of the sidewalks, improved street lighting, and storm drains. The storm drains would replace the existing inadequate drains to “Dry Creek” (Barron Creek). The final amounts were accepted by a 69% majority of the homeowners, and work began in the summer of 1963, to be completed in September. See Illustration B, showing project work in progress on August 23, 1963.

Minor Projects, 1963–2016

From 1963 to 2016, only minor projects were done on the Barron Park strip of



Illustration E: El Camino strip in the 1940s, block between Kendall and Barron Avenues. This is the only photo of the strip that we have from that time. On the right is Slinger's Boat Shop. Mr. Slinger was the first Fire Chief of the Barron Park Volunteer Fire Department when it was organized in 1948. For years, his boat shop was the unofficial center of political activity in Barron Park. Photo courtesy of Joe Weiler (the Weilers owned the Buena Vista property from the 1930s until the 1990s).

Arastradero Road. These included new traffic signals at Foothill, Miranda, Gunn High School, Terman (now Fletcher) Middle School, and Coulombe, and the addition of median islands where appropriate at the traffic lights. Traffic increased enormously during this 53-year period, and Arastradero slowly evolved from a country road into the congested urban boulevard that we know today. The project currently underway, meant to slow traffic and increase safety (particularly of school children), would have seemed inconceivable in the early 1960s.

What About El Camino Real?

Enough about Arastradero, our first road. Why don't I consider El Camino Real to be "the oldest" road in our area? For one, it is difficult to tell when El Camino became a road—if we define "road" as being suitable for wheeled vehicles. There is no doubt that it existed as a footpath and horse trail from the early mission times. It was the "trail of the padres," possibly connecting Mission Dolores and Mission Santa Clara as early as 1777 when Mission Santa Clara was founded (Mission Dolores was founded in 1776). However, the padres' trail did not become "the King's Road" until later, probably in the early nineteenth century. Even as late as 1846, when Juana Briones moved her household by oxcart from North Beach in San Francisco to her new Rancho Purissima Concepción, she may have had to take several roads to get there. At the time El Camino does not appear to have been an established route over the entire distance from San Francisco to San Jose. For instance, in the area that later became Palo Alto, Middlefield Road may have been a more important route.

The Butterfield Stage Route

The very beginnings of El Camino Real may be a little murky, but there is a lot to tell as its history unfolds. I consulted an early map that labels it "Stage Road" and shows the stretch from Mayfield (California Avenue) south to Arroyo (de las) Leguas (= Yeguas) ("Mares' Creek"). Yeguas Creek is now known as Adobe Creek and is currently the boundary between Palo Alto and Los Altos (El Camino crosses Adobe Creek at the present-day Crowne Plaza Cabana Hotel). It was briefly part of the famous Butterfield Overland Express stagecoach route from Texas to San Francisco. (By the way, if you happen to like today's road surface on I-680 at the Sunol Grade, you would have loved the Butterfield "stage road.")

The map shows a "Barn 54" located on the stage road at the property line between Elisha Crosby's Mayfield Farm (the heart of Barron Park) and "Clark & Beckh" land (from which the Maybelle Tract was later divided). Barn 54 may have been a stage company stable where the horses were changed; it was just about the right distance north of the known Butterfield Stable near Calderon Avenue where old Mountain View began.

The County Road

Beginning in the 1850s, El Camino was for many decades a County road. On the 1880 County map it is shown as "County Road San Jose to San Francisco." On this map, Mayfield Farm is shown as Edward Barron's property, and Mrs. C. Clark owned the land that later became known as the Maybelle Tract. The next map that labels El Camino is the Stanford Lands private survey dated 1908. It describes the street as "San Francisco Road." An undated fragment of a County map from about 1910 labels it as "San Francisco and San Jose Road," but also indicates that it was a "highway." See Illustration C, the County Road at "Barron's Bridge" (Matadero Creek).

The First State Highway

El Camino Real was California's first State Highway, built in 1913–14 from San Francisco to San Jose. In the early 1920s it was called "US 101," part of the new U.S. national highway system. In 1923, it was designated "El Camino Real" and marked with mission bell mileposts. The stretch through Mayfield was paved in 1926; it had been the last unpaved section then remaining between San Francisco and San Jose. See Illustration D, El Camino Real at University Avenue in 1930. To the south, the Barron Park stretch was widened to three lanes in 1930–31, requiring the removal of many mature eucalyptus trees over local protests.

The "Bloody Bayshore"

The Bayshore Highway (the three-lane "Bloody Bayshore") was built in 1936 to avoid the "Main Street" bottlenecks through the Peninsula cities and towns. It had a third "passing" lane in the center, which resulted in many spectacular head-on crashes. The Bayshore Highway became US 101 in 1936, but by 1938, Main Street businessmen had arranged to place signs on El Camino Real reading "101 Business." This was regarded as "the return of Highway 101" to the Peninsula towns and was inaugurated with great fanfare by the

businessmen. Nobody asked the tourists passing through what they thought.

Barron Park Strip Built

The Barron Park strip began in the 1920s with gas stations and motels. This is when the predecessors of the Creekside Inn and the Buena Vista Trailer Park went into business, along with the Chat and Chew and some small markets. Growth continued, although much more slowly, in the 1930s and then boomed after World War II, along with the rest of the United States. Illustration E shows what the Barron Park strip looked like in the late 1940s. This is the block between Kendall and Barron Avenues.

Downgraded to a State Highway

In the 1950s, the Bayshore became a full-fledged freeway and El Camino Real was redesignated "State Route 82." El Camino Real had its own "suicide" center passing lane, so a fourth lane was added in the early 1950s to eliminate the problem. This was also when the cutoff was built to avoid the sharp turn at El Camino Way. Many Barron Park businesses had to be moved back away from the highway, and diagonal parking was ended.

Widened to Six Lanes

El Camino was widened to a six-lane boulevard through Palo Alto and Barron Park in 1969, bringing it up to its current format. This was another contentious project, since it involved tearing up the thick concrete pavement laid in the 1920s for the heavy truck traffic of US Highway 101. The road was stripped down at night, a short distance at a time, and for weeks the daytime traffic traveled on a dusty gravel roadbed. Businesses lost more parking and the traffic jams were infuriating. Fortunately, it only had to be done once, and the project was completed by November 1969. Since then, projects have mostly involved adding traffic lights (at Matadero, Ventura, and several other intersections) and tinkering with the median strip and turn lanes.

I hope you have enjoyed this brief history of our two oldest roads. In future issues, I hope to continue with the story of our collector streets. In the order of their construction, they are: Maybell, Los Robles, Matadero, Laguna, Amaranta, and Coulombe. If you have questions or corrections to suggest about anything in this story, please contact me: Douglas L. Graham, dgrahampaca@gmail.com, (650) 493-0689, or mail to 984 Ilima Way, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

BOL PARK PATHWAY COMMITTEE—AN UPDATE

By Richard Placone, Committee Chair

Our Bol Park Pathway Committee has been in a minor recess ever since the new signage was installed on the current pathway. As Chair, I have been following various events related to the pathway and keeping Committee members updated. While the new signage has been somewhat helpful, the narrowness of the path still makes it hazardous to both cyclists and pedestrians. Residents may recall that the City Transportation Department unilaterally removed the chicanes at the Matadero-Laguna crossing. The Committee strongly protested this, but the City prevailed and, in addition, removed the pathway stop sign at Matadero. This created a possible liability issue in the event of an accident there. Checking with two insurance companies, we were told that in 99% of such cases, the driver of the car will be held liable, regardless of who may actually be at fault. We were successful in persuading the City to reinstate a four-way stop at that location.

Readers may recall from my last newsletter article that in the course of its work on the pathway, the majority of the Committee concluded that given the increase in bike and pedestrian traffic, the pathway as presently designed needs to be studied to determine how safe it is to handle today's mixed traffic and what, if anything, should be done to make it safer. With the City staff becoming aware of the traffic on the path, the Transportation Division added a series of caution signs along its length, to remind users that this is a shared path. The City agreed to move forward once it had a draft proposal from the Bol Park Pathway Committee that reflected input from the Barron Park community. The Committee has been studying the traffic on the pathway. It has been seeking and continues to seek information about shared paths in general, to learn what options might be available for the Bol Park pathway.

In order to better understand the City's commitments regarding the pathway, as Chair of the Committee, I requested a meeting with James Keene to review the record on this matter. A meeting was held on August 29, 2018. The following department heads attended:

James Keene, City Manager;

Joshuah Mello, Director of the Transportation Department (Mr. Mello announced his resignation soon after our meeting.);

Brad Eggleston, Director of Public Works;
Jonathan Lait, Interim Director of Planning and Community Environment;

Daren Anderson, Division Manager for Open Space, Parks, and Golf;

Peter Jensen, City Landscape Architect (Peter is a member of the Bol Park Pathway Committee.);

Michelle Flaherty, Deputy City Manager;
Rachael Tanner, Assistant to the City Manager

After discussion, the City group agreed that we should begin a Concept Design Effort at once, to prepare a draft plan of potential changes that would make the pathway safer and conform to current standards for shared paths. Such a draft would be vetted by the Barron Park community, as was already the intent of the Committee. After the draft plan is deemed acceptable, the City could proceed to determine costs of the proposed project, so that it could then get in the queue for funding.

I called a full Pathway Committee meeting on September 17, 2018, so that the Committee could begin to work on the Concept Plan. This process will incorporate what the Committee has learned during the past two years about safely designed shared pathways.

Proposed New Pathway Landscaping

I recently met with Allison Koo, Managing Director of the Sand Hill Property Company, at her request. This company has a major project underway within the Stanford Research Park. This project fronts on Hanover Street, backs up to the residences on Matadero Hill, and parallels that portion of the pathway from Hanover Street to the first curve on the pathway heading South. Ms. Koo told me that she is working with the Matadero Hill residents to address their concerns regarding the Sand Hill Property Company project. Since this building project is on private property, the Pathway Committee has no jurisdiction on that part of the project.

However, Ms. Koo discussed with me the Sand Hill Property Company's plans to install new landscaping along the pathway section from Hanover Street to the first curve in the path heading South. I was shown plans that remove the existing chain-link fence and replace existing plants

with new trees and flowering plants that are attractive to butterflies. This section is barely wide enough at present to accommodate a very narrow pathway. I suggested to Ms. Koo that when the company removes the chain-link fence and installs its new landscape plan, enough room be left so that this section of the path can be rebuilt to accommodate a wider pathway.

Two landscaped entrances are proposed by the project: one from Hanover Street directly onto the project's campus; the other at the sharp curve the path makes about 50 yards from Hanover. I invited Ms. Koo to our September meeting to present the plan to the full Pathway Committee. At that meeting it was called to her attention that the proposed on-site bike path to enter the Bol Park pathway at the planned location creates a blind intersection for bikes leaving the Sand Hill Property Company project. She agreed to work with her project planners to address this problem.

For a list of Pathway Committee members, please send me an email request. If any resident has questions or suggestions about the work of this committee, you may contact me (Richard) at: rcplacone@sbcglobal.net

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ART IN THE PARK—GALE HENSHEL

I was born in Oregon and, like my mother before me, became a self-taught artist. Very early I sensed that the way I learned and saw the world was somewhat different from others. Making art has always helped me convey this difference. In elementary school I was encouraged when a teacher started entering my work in contests. Imagine how I felt when I heard the winner announced on the radio. It was me, "I won!!" Later, in high school, I was the recipient of Ford Foundation grants to pursue my art.

After I married and had two sons, I channeled my creativity toward volunteering and fundraising. I wrote children's books, cookbooks, and the Children's Almanac, a small-circulation newspaper. I started an event-planning business, "Events Unlimited," and for 25 years served companies such as Intuit, Tandem, Quickturn, Levi Strauss, and Hewlett-Packard. I continue

to paint and generally donate my paintings for fundraising auctions to the Lyme Disease Society (Dart for Art), the Triton Museum in Santa Clara, and the Monterey Zoo. I enjoy painting and writing and supporting fundraisers like our Barron Park donkeys, Jenny and Perry, as well as playing with my Golden Lab Harri and his new feline buddy, Pumpkin.

You can reach me (Gale) at:
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