



City of Menlo Park

City Council Weekly Digest

TO: MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Alex D. McIntyre, City Manager

Friday
March 14, 2014

ITEMS INCLUDED:

- 3/26/2014 Environmental Quality Commission Discussion of Potential New Irrigation Well
- Summer Camp Registration Now Open and Announcing New Munchkin Madness Camp for 3 & 4 Year Olds
- Boys Gymnastics Team – Making a name for themselves in the gymnastics world
- Belle Haven College Fair on March 21st & 22nd
- Belle Haven Public Safety Action Team meetings

ATTACHMENTS:

- St. Patrick's Day Events in Menlo Park
- Menlo Park Construction News Update 03/14/2014

City Council Only:

- Invitation to 25th National Rebuilding Day Bus Tour and Picnic - April 26, 2014
- Invitation to Service League 28th Annual Community Breakfast – May 1, 2014
- Invitation for Human Trafficking Protocol for Law Enforcement meeting – March 17, 2014
- Invitation to 17th Annual Award Luncheon Legal Aid Society Of San Mateo County – April 25, 2014
- Invitation to serve on League of CA Cities Board of Directors
- Invitation to March to Success Gala – April 5, 2014

3/26/2014 Environmental Quality Commission Discussion of Potential New Irrigation Well

The Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club and City staff have been discussing the feasibility of constructing a well at a City park which could potentially provide irrigation water for the golf course, three city parks, and the La Entrada School. The Environmental Quality Commission is slated to discuss the item at its March 26, 2014, meeting. A postcard notice will be sent to participants of previous meetings who desired to be kept updated on this issue. More information will also be posted on the City's webpage and the item will be scheduled for City Council consideration regarding whether to begin negotiations on a potential irrigation well.

Summer Camp Registration Now Open and Announcing New Munchkin Madness Camp for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Registration is open for all City-run summer camps at www.menlopark.org/registration. The City of Menlo Park offers a variety of camps. Some camps are full day and some are part day. Camp activities can include: science, art, martial arts, dance, tennis, soccer, golf, rock climbing, etc.. Also, this year the Community Services Department is excited to announce a new summer camp for 3 & 4 year olds at the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center as part of our current Mini and Menlo Madness summer camps! Campers will experience fun-filled mornings of making new friends, cooking, arts & crafts, games on the field, and activities in the nearby gym and gymnastics center. Parents can sign up on a week-to-week basis or register for all 8 weeks to receive a discount. Early bird discounts are available until May 2nd. We also offer the option to place a \$25 non-refundable deposit on all weekly camps which allows you to make final payments at a later date. With our weekly themes and small ratio of kids to counselors - parents can rest assured that their children will be safe and having fun this summer! For more information about Munchkin Madness, visit <http://tinyurl.com/na9mgjp>.

Boys Gymnastics Team – Making a name for themselves in the gymnastics world

The Menlo Park boys gymnastics team had level 4 & 5 gymnasts competing in USA Gymnastics competitions this season. The boys team competed against national teams at both the Stanford Open and Gold Country Classic meets. All team members placed highly in their respective categories and led the team to an overall second place finish. In March, the team traveled to San Luis Obispo to compete in the Northern California State Gymnastics Championships. Ezekiel Eason took first place all around and qualified for the Northern California All Star Team. Noah Kim placed in the all-around and both boys qualified to the Regional Championships scheduled to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, in April. In the Level 4 competition, Jaden Phillips placed 4th in the All Around and Rowan Irvine placed 14th. The boys' team has had a very successful year and they look forward to advancing next year. The team trains at the Arrillaga Family Gymnastics Center and is coached by Cameron Matzke, Nicole Hyde and Pearce Wagner. Thanks to our new facility we have been able to greatly increase our boys' team and developmental gymnastics offerings this year.

Belle Haven College Fair on March 21st & 22nd

The 5th Annual College Fair is Friday, March 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Onetta Harris Community Center. The College Fair is a collaboration between the Belle Haven Community Development fund and the City of Menlo Park which provides workshops, displays and information to families in the area interested in getting their students (and themselves) ready for college. Last year over 300 people attended. For more information, please contact Onetta Harris Community Center staff at (650) 330-2250.

Belle Haven Public Safety Action Team meetings

Our consultants working on the Belle Haven Action Plan implementation, PCRC staff and Alejandro Vilches, are facilitating and supporting the various action teams formed during last year’s Belle Haven visioning process. Their work entails convening an action team focused on Public Safety toward monthly meetings to discuss issues of safety in the neighborhood. This group has already met once and is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

Concurrent with the public safety work, is the need to convene an action team of residents to discuss transportation issues and traffic safety. These topics were raised at the implementation phase kick off meeting in February. Since these could be related to the Public Safety issue, both focus groups are invited to the meeting on March 26th. The consultants are working out meeting logistics, but in the meantime we’re asking interested residents to mark their calendars and help identify more neighbors and partners to participate. Staff from the Community Development, Public Works, and Police Departments, as well as representatives from Greenheart Land Company, will be present to address concerns about the upcoming development on Hamilton Avenue.

PARTIAL LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14 th , 15 th , 16 th Fri/Sat/Sun	Architecture/Engineering/Construction (AEC) Hackathon Facebook Headquarters
March 15 th &16 th , Sat/Sun	Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale – Menlo Park Library, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
March 17 th – 23 rd	“Fix A Leak” Week for Water Conservation
March 19 th , Wednesday	Peninsula Volunteers, Inc.’s Mayors for Meals – Little House, 800 Middle Avenue, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
March 21 st , Friday	30th Annual San Mateo County Women’s Hall of Fame Event – San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway Street, Redwood City, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
March 21 st -22 nd , Fri/Sat	5th Annual College and Career Tech Fair – Onetta Harris Community Center, Fri. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
March 27 th , Thursday	League of CA Cities Peninsula Division Meeting – Seaport Conference Center, Redwood City, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
March 28 th , Friday	StarVista 22nd Annual Starting Line Breakfast – Crowne Plaza Hotel 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404, 7:00-9:00 a.m.
March 29 th -30 th , Sat/Sun	HackHS (Hack High School): the largest high school student hackathon – Facebook HQ, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
April 1 st , Tuesday	Deadline for Form 700 Conflict of Interest filers

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

March

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

April

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

May

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

June

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

July

Tuesday, July 15, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

August

Tuesday, August 19, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

September

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

October

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

November

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

December

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (Closed Session, 6:00 p.m.)



800 Alma Street, Lower Level
Menlo Park, CA 94025-3445

The Menlo Park Historical Association Presents Tales of Magic and Banter With Storyteller Ruth Halpern

Ruth Halpern will tell stories of magic and banter (that's "charming nonsense" to Americans) in honor of St. Patrick's Day, including tales of fairies, leprechauns, pots of gold, funny giants and Irish riddles for ages 5 to 105. Like a good Irish folktales, she will surprise and enchant you.

Ruth Halpern has been telling stories around the world professionally for more than 20 years. She specializes in stories with a twist, so be ready for the unexpected!



Saturday, March 22
11am
Menlo Park City Council Chambers

TWO MENLOS honors the historical ties & Friendship Agreement between Menlo Park, California, and Menlo, Galway City, Ireland. For more details, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/twomentlosists/> or <https://sites.google.com/site/mphistorical/>



Menlo Park Library
800 Alma Street, Menlo Park
(650) 330-2530
www.menloparklibrary.org

Free van service for MP area
Seniors and people with disabilities.
Call (650) 330-2512
to schedule a pick-up.



Events in Menlo Park
Monday, March 17, 2014

Come Join the Fun!

St. Patrick's Day • Bay Area Event Summary

Monday, March 17, 2014

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Ann's Coffee Shop (lunch only)

772 Santa Cruz Avenue

Harry's Hofbrau

1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City

www.harryshofbrau.com

Greeting Cards & Gifts

Cheeky Monkey

640 Santa Cruz Avenue, www.cheekymonkeytoys.com

CVS Pharmacy

700 El Camino Real, www.cvs.com

Pharmaca Pharmacy

871 Santa Cruz Avenue

www.pharmaca.com/pharmaca-menlo-park-california-94025.aspx

Safeway, Store #2719

525 El Camino Real

www.local.safeway.com/cal/menlo-park-2719.html

Village Stationers

719 Santa Cruz Avenue, www.villagestationer.com

Walgreens

643 Santa Cruz Avenue, www.walgreens.com

Parades

162nd St. Patrick's Day Parade in San Francisco

Saturday, March 15, 2014, 11:30 am

Begins at 2nd & Harrison and ends at Civic Center.

Parades are also in Dublin, Healdsburg, Hermosa Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego and Sacramento.

Storytelling

Ruth Halpern — For more info, see back page

Saturday, March 22, 2014, 11:00 am

Menlo Park City Council Chambers

701 Laurel Street, www.menloparklibrary.org

For children and adults, age 5 to 195

For Seniors & Others

Little House

800 Middle Avenue, www.pervol.org/littlehouse

9:30-11:00 am: Bake Sale and Irish Coffee

11:30 am-1:00 pm: Corned Beef & Cabbage and a live show

1:30 pm: Irish Movie "Waking Ned Devine"

For Seniors & Others

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Avenidas
450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto

10:30 am-1:00 pm: Mocktails
11:15 am-12:15 pm: Corned Beef & Cabbage Lunch
including entertainment

Shamrock Cookies, etc.

Draeger's Market 1010 University Avenue, www.draegers.com

Gerry's Cakes 1141 Chestnut Street, www.gerryscakes.com

Le Boulanger 720 Santa Cruz Avenue, www.leboulanger.com

Susie Cakes 542 Santa Cruz Avenue, www.susiecakes.com

Calendar

Almanac Newspaper

www.almanacnews.com/calendar/2014/0317

Costumes

Assistance League of Los Altos
169 State Street, Los Altos, www.losaltos-assistanceleague.org

Penny's Costumes
833 Sequoia Avenue, Redwood City
www.yelp.com/biz/pennys-costume-rental-redwoodcity

Green Beer & Irish Whiskey

Various locations such as Beltramos, BewMo, Draeger's, Safeway, Willow Market, etc. — call for availability

San Francisco Pubs

Ireland's 32, 3920 Geary Boulevard, www.irelands32.com

Johnny Foley's Irish House
243 O'Farrell Street, www.johnnyfoleys.com

O'Reilly's, 622 Green Street, www.storeilys.com

Plough and Stars Irish Pub
116 Clement Street, www.theploughandstars.com

Crossroads Irish-American Festival

12 Events during the month

www.irishamericancrossroads.org

Two Menlos website:

<https://sites.google.com/twomentlosisters>

Friendship Agreement with Galway, Ireland

was signed on October 17, 2013

Check with each source to verify times and availability. Events can change anytime. No liability is expressed or implied from the use of this event summary.



Menlo Park Construction News Update March 14, 2014

The construction news update provides summarized weekly news on ongoing construction activities. It is intended to provide advance information for decision makers, including City Management, Police Department, Fire District, Post Office, SamTrans, etc. so they can anticipate potential impacts and respond accordingly.

Please direct any construction inquiries to the assigned inspectors for immediate attention or contact the project engineer.

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New this report:

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Construction activities with significant impact on traffic this coming week:

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Item No.	Project Description	Status	Significant Impacts
1	<p>Willow Road/VA Hospital Entrance/Durham Street Signal Modification Project Work entails the complete reconstruction of the Willow Road//VA Hospital Entrance/Durham Street intersection. It includes: shifting the VA Entrance to align with Durham Street, new traffic signals, new ADA compliant curb ramps, and new stamped asphalt crosswalks.</p>	<p>Contractor would like to begin construction on the northeast corner of the intersection of Willow Road and VA Hospital entrance as soon possible. They are currently working to provide additional information to the City prior to beginning work.</p> <p>The work entails new curb, gutter, and sidewalk to realign the VA Hospital entrance with Durham Street, as well as installation of new storm drain pipes and drain inlets.</p>	<p>Once work begins, it will require closure of the sidewalk along the north side of Willow Road at the VA Hospital entrance.</p> <p>Some sidewalk closures possible next week.</p> <p>No significant vehicular traffic impacts expected next week.</p> <p>Once work begins in the right-of-way, expect potential extreme delays due to traffic control lane closures.</p>
	<p>Veterans Affairs Project Manager: Min Pham (650) 444-5805 City Project Engineer: Rene Punsalan (650) 330-6758 City Engineering Inspector: Eric Hinkley (650) 330-6749 Contractor: Halbert Construction Company Kenny Steidl (619) 971-0199</p>	<p>Potholing work for signal pole foundations at the corners of the intersection has commenced and will continue intermittently, depending on weather conditions.</p>	
2	<p>Oak Grove Avenue and Merrill Street In-pavement Lighted Crosswalk Work entails the installation of high intensity flashing LED lights in the pavement surface, new ADA compliant access ramps, colored textured pavement, and related signs and striping to increase pedestrian safety at the existing crosswalk on Oak Grove Avenue at Merrill Street.</p>	<p>Contractor has substantially completed all items of work. Punch list work is currently underway.</p>	<p>No significant impacts expected.</p>
	<p>City Project Engineer: Rene Punsalan (650) 330-6758 City Engineering Inspector: Eric Hinkley (650) 330-6749 Contractor: Bear Electrical Services, Inc. (408) 449-5178</p>		

3	<p>Sharon Heights Pump Station Project: The work entails replacement of an existing pump station which is a critical component of the water distribution system. The pump station takes water from San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and increases its pressure to serve the Sharon Heights neighborhood, SLAC, Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club and to two reservoirs.</p>	<p>Construction began on October 31, 2013 and is expected to be completed in April, 2015. Activities for the upcoming week:</p> <p>For the upcoming week of March 17, 2014, Anderson Pacific will start the installation of the temporary pump station slab, underground conduits for the temporary pumps and continue with the fabrication of the underground piping. Delivery of the office trailer is expected next week.</p>	<p>Majority of work to occur in the City's pump station lot at Sharon Park Drive and Lassen Drive. Except for the occasional equipment and supply deliveries, no significant traffic impact is anticipated throughout construction.</p>
	<p>City Project Engineer: Rene Punsalan (650) 330-6758 Construction Management: Swinerton Management & Consulting Project Manager: Jorge Bermudez (408) 204-6205 Contractor: Anderson Pacific, Inc. Matt Mirenda (408) 482-5951</p>		
4	<p>Hamilton Avenue Sanitary Sewer Upgrade for the Facebook Development Project: The work entails upsizing an existing sanitary sewer from 12-inch to 16-inch diameter along Hamilton Ave. immediately west of Willow Road. This sewer upgrade will accommodate the Facebook private development project.</p>	<p>Construction of this project was temporarily suspended. Utility conflicts owned by Comcast and PG&E need to be cleared prior to resumption of work. Coordination with utility companies' on-going.</p>	<p>Most of the work is being constructed at night to minimize traffic impacts; however, the pavement work will occur during the day. Expect minimal traffic interruption during construction. Parking restrictions may be enforced as necessary.</p>
	<p>City Project Engineer: Rene Punsalan (650) 330-6758 Construction Management: Facebook Project Manager: Fergus O'Shea (415) 680-7998 Contractor: Preston Pipelines</p>		
5	<p>El Camino Real Trees Project – Phase III: This project consists of planting approximately 70 London Plane trees in the sidewalk and median islands along El Camino Real from Oak Grove Avenue to Middle Avenue. Additional work items include installation of an irrigation system and some miscellaneous concrete work.</p>	<p>Contract was awarded to Del Conte's Landscaping on January 28, 2014. City has conducted a pre-construction meeting with the Contractor and is currently gathering required documentation prior to start of construction.</p>	<p>Potential delays due to traffic control along El Camino Real during construction hours.</p>
	<p>City Project Engineer: Rene Punsalan (650) 330-6758 City Engineering Inspector: Eric Hinkley (650) 330-6749 Contractor: Del Conte's Landscaping (510) 353-6030</p>		