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Following two years of uncertainty spurred by the pandemic, there’s finally light at the end of the tunnel as some long-established community programs and services fully reopen and others make their debut during a new era of in-person — and virtual— activities. To help Palo Alto residents reconnect with one another and their community, Info 2022 highlights the many different opportunities now available in which to participate in and explore the area.

From the return of in-person theater performances, concerts and the decades-old May Fete parade down University Avenue to the new efforts by people to bring new and positive change locally, this issue of Info Palo Alto 2022 looks at where we are two years after the start of the pandemic and aims to capture what it means to be part of this community and the greater Midpeninsula.

Inside, you will find key resources and data to help you connect with neighborhood leaders, reach out to your city and school leaders, participate in the arts and other community programs, explore the great outdoors on your own or in a group, or find advocates for seniors and those in need.

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Four ways to enjoy nature within minutes of downtown

With the Santa Cruz Mountains on the west and the San Francisco Bay on the northeast, Palo Alto’s location provides plenty of opportunities to get outdoors and explore all nature has to offer within minutes of downtown. From day excursions on the boardwalk at the Baylands to overnight trips in the redwoods to freshwater fishing in the foothills, it’s possible for residents to escape the urban pace daily, year-round if they choose.

For those looking to explore the outdoors and some of nature’s unique offerings in the Palo Alto area, here are four ways to get started. For a full list of nature preserves, parks and outdoor recreational offerings, see Open Space in the Info Resource Guide on page 47.
**CALIFORNIA KING TIDES**

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The Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve provides visitors the perfect place to witness the exceptionally high and low tides that only happen a few days each winter when the Earth, sun and moon align, creating a gravitational pull on the ocean. These tides, known as king tides, can rise above 9 feet — or about 2 feet higher than the average tide — causing flooding in parts of the Baylands. They also may force some rare birds out of hiding, making it more likely to see things you don’t normally observe in the marshland. “It’s an exciting time to look for endangered species,” Palo Alto naturalist Corinne DeBra said about the king tides. The annual phenomenon attracts more than 1,000 visitors to the baylands.

Here’s how to see the king tides at the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve:

**GUIDED WALKS**

Environmental Volunteers | evols.org

During the king tides, the nonprofit Environmental Volunteers leads free interpretive walks through the baylands that stop at sites that provide the best views to admire the higher-than-normal tides and learn about tidal systems. Trained volunteers explain what king tides are, how they affect the marsh and point out species, such as egrets, ducks and sparrows.

**If you go on your own ...** Make sure to stop at the Environmental Volunteers EcoCenter (2560 Embarcadero Road), where the king tides are most notable. The water comes up past the banks and floods the path leading to the building. Remember to wear waterproof shoes.

To find the best viewing times, see a tide map with high tide and heights at bit.ly/KingTide23Map.

**For a quick guide to some common wildlife at the Baylands, go to inaturalist.org/guides/431.**

If you want to help document the king tides ... Take and share photos of the shoreline with the California Coastal Commission, which is documenting changes to help experts predict how the baylands may look in the future as marsh plants lose their habitat due to sea level rise.

For more information about the California King Tides Project, go to coastal.ca.gov/kingtides.

If you can’t make it to see the king tides ... Explore the flora and fauna at the 1,940-acre preserve anytime of the year. The Baylands is home to a unique mixture of tidal and freshwater habitats and serves as a major migratory bird stopover on the Pacific Flyway. Stop by the Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center (2775 Embarcadero Road), which features exhibits about the Baylands and hosts walks and other activities.

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**SPRING WILDFLOWERS**

**MARCH, APRIL, MAY**

Native wildflowers are the harbinger of spring along the Midpeninsula as blooms make their annual debut, carpeting local hillsides in a vivid color palette not seen the rest of the year. While local preserves are home to hundreds of wildflower species that flower from early spring all the way through the later winter months, March, April and May bring the highest frequency and diversity of blooms — and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the grasslands in full color. The area’s serpentine soil, a geological and ecological phenomenon steeped in tectonic activity over millions of years, supports the annual flower showing. This soil, composed primarily of serpentinite, is so toxic and depleted of common soil nutrients that only a few species of plants can survive in it. “Weeds and other invasive plants have a hard time in this soil. And, as a result, what remains are the native flowers that have evolved with it,” said Matt Dolkas of the Peninsula Open Space Trust.

Here’s how to see spring wildflowers in and around Palo Alto:

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Lupine and poppies are among the native wildflowers that bloom each spring at Arastradero Creek Trail. Courtesy Peninsula Open Space Trust.
GUIDED WALKS

Edgewood Park and Nature Preserve, Redwood City

Docents from Friends of Edgewood (friendsofedorwood.org) lead 3-mile leisurely walks starting at the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center at Edgewood County Park and Nature Preserve (10 Old Stage Coach Road) on Saturday and Sunday mornings from early March through June. The preserve’s serpentine soil nurtures special natives: Look for chick lupine and purple coyote mint that is limited to California. Western monarchs love to feed off this native’s pollen, so keep an eye out for this butterfly species that is experiencing an unexpected resurgence, thanks in part to backyard gardeners who make a point to propagate natives.

If you go on your own ... Wildflow- ers can be viewed at more than a dozen preserves and trails in the area. The Midpeninsula Open Space District’s website (bit.ly/MROSDWildflowers) includes a comprehensive list of places where residents can hike on their own to view spring blooms. For those interested in identifying wildflowers along these hikes, download the district’s wildflower guide (bit.ly/HowtoIdentifyWildflowers).

If you’re looking for a relatively easy excursion ... Head to Palo Alto’s Pearson-Arastradero Preserve (bit.ly/ArastraderoPreserve), which has more than 10 miles of trails easily accessible off Interstate Highway 280 (1530 Arastradero Road, between Page Mill and Alpine roads). The Arastradero Creek Trail is a relatively easy, one-way 1.44-mile trail with moderate hills. Enter from Foothills Nature Preserve and pass the lake before making the hike uphill. The gravel and dirt trail is nice and wide in most locations. There’s little shade, so go early in the season for the best showing and to avoid the heat. Lots of sky lupines and California poppies are visible from various spots along the route. The park is open 8 a.m. until sunset.

If you’re looking for a more challenging excursion ... Head to Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve (Skyline Boulevard and Page Mill / Alpine Road). There are lots of trail options at this 3,000-acre preserve. For the most bang for your buck, start at the Ridge Trail where Page Mill Road and State Route 35 meet on the northwest corner. Take the trail to the top of Borel Hill and soak in the 360-degree view. Continue to the Ancient Oaks and Charquin trails for a full 5.7-mile loop. Varied topography allows for shade- and sun-loving wildflowers to grow under oaks and fallen trees and out in the open. All of the grassland trails, including the loop listed above, offer lots of wildflower-viewing possibilities. Hikers might spot vibrant red Indian paintbrush or white Fernald’s Iris on sloping sunny hillsides. Look for western houndstongue, which is part of the bor- age family and thrives under the shade of oak trees. The park is open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

CAMPING

MAY-OCTOBER

Peninsula residents looking for an over- night getaway in the great outdoors don’t have to travel far. The area is home to thousands of acres of city, county and state parks, some of which offer tent camping. Here’s where to camp less than 13 miles from downtown Palo Alto:

Foothills Nature Preserve after dark

Towle Campground is located in the 1,400-acre Foothills Nature Preserve (11799 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto) about 9 miles west of downtown Palo Alto. Campers have access to 15 miles of hiking trails, three ecosystems (chaparral, oak woodland and grasslands), redwood groves, streams, rare native plants and a variety of wildlife, including bobcats, mountain lions, wild turkeys and deer. The preserve includes picnic areas, an artificial turf recreation area and a man-made lake for fishing and non- motorized boating. Each campsite has a picnic table, water, fire bucket, charcoal barbecue, food storage locker and pad for two four-person tents. The group sites have two pads for up to four, four- person tents. There are two campfire circles for use by all campers, but people must bring their own firewood. Reser- vations must be made at least a week in advance. Sites are $40 per night and available May-October.

Black Mountain Backpack Camp in Monte Bello Preserve in Los Altos provides visitors sweeping views of Santa Clara Valley. Photo by Katie Bradshaw.

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If you want to camp in the redwoods ... Book a reservation at Toyon Campground in Huddart Park (1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside) May-October. Toyon Campground includes three areas set in a dense forest of redwood, madrone and oak located about 10.2 miles from downtown Palo Alto. Campers can explore miles of hiking and equestrian trails that wind through forested slopes, steep canyons and a redwood forest in the 900-acre park. The area also features barbecue pits, a playground and grassy meadows. Reservations must be made at least two days in advance. Camp hours and operations may change due to drought conditions during fire season. Check website for updated information.
bit.ly/ToyonReservations | 650-363-4021

If you want to backpack overnight anytime of the year ... Hike to Black Mountain Backpack Camp in Monte Bello Preserve (4301 Page Mill Road, Los Altos), open year-round. Black Mountain Backpack Camp (bit.ly/BackpackCampBrochure) is the only campsite located in the Midpeninsula Open Space District. Located about 12 miles from downtown Palo Alto, the camp often serves as the first stopping place for backpackers wishing to hike from the valley to the coast. Campers can explore 3,436 acres of rolling grasslands and dense creekside forests. The preserve is noted for its rich wildlife and diverse ecosystem. The camping area itself features vistas with sweeping views of Santa Clara Valley. The campground is a 1.5-mile hike from the Page Mill Road parking lot and includes a 500-foot uphill climb. Four single campsites and one group site are available for one- or two-night stays throughout the year. A permit is required, and there is a $2 fee per camper, per night.
openspace.org/where-to-go/permits/camping | 650-691-1200

FISHING

YEAR-ROUND

The Midpeninsula provides opportunities for locals to cast a fishing line in freshwaters in the foothills on the west or from a pier over the San Francisco Bay on the northeast. Depending on the season, one can catch anything from spotted and striped bass, catfish, bat rays and leopard sharks to white sturgeon. Here’s where to go for a day of fishing in and around Palo Alto:

Boronda Lake

Located near the main entrance of Foothills Nature Preserve (11799 Page Mill Road), Boronda Lake allows freshwater fishing from its small public dock, as well as from small, non-motorized boats. This man-made lake reaches about 10 feet at its deepest point. Fishing is permitted year-round, but according to fishing enthusiasts, spring and early summer tend to be the best times to reel in a catch. The most popular species caught here are large-mouth bass, red-earned sunfish, crappies, channel catfish and spotted bass (See fish guide: bit.ly/3PvFfw). Park staff ask visitors to practice catch-and-release of large fish to maintain the brood stock. All anglers age 16 and over must have a California Sport Fishing License. Canoes are available for rent on the weekends and holidays from May-October. There’s a $6 vehicle entrance fee.
bit.ly/FHGenralInformation | 650-329-2423

If you’re interested in fishing on the dock of the bay ... The Dumbarton Fishing Pier in Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (2 Marshlands Road, Fremont) is located directly beneath the Dumbarton Bridge, which spans from East Palo Alto to Fremont. The pier is open year-round, but winter and spring bring a greater variety of fish, according to fishing enthusiasts on pierfishing.com/dumbarton-pier. Common species caught here include bat rays, leopard sharks, white sturgeon, striped bass and shiner surfperch. No license is required to fish from the public pier. Check in advance to make sure the road leading to the pier is not closed during bird-nesting season, April to August.
bit.ly/FishingAtDumbarton | 510-792-0222

If you’re interested in fishing while listening to live music ... Head over to the Port of Redwood City (460 Seaport Court, Redwood City) on Sundays during the spring for the port’s free “Rock the Dock” concert series, which is held near the entrance of the newly upgraded concrete fishing pier. The public pier features grate flooring to enable visitors to see down to the water below and includes informational signs on the types of fish living in the bay. Common species caught here include leopard sharks, white sturgeon, jacksmelt, striped bass and bat rays. The pier is open 24 hours. No fishing license is required.
Check the concert schedule at redwoodcityport.com/events.

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Art in the outdoors

NEIGHBORHOOD ART STROLL

Those looking to take in some local art can stroll through Palo Alto’s commercial corridors and residential neighborhoods from now through December to experience a variety of venues. For the second consecutive year, Palo Alto’s Artlift program has transformed public spaces throughout the city into venues for free pop-up performances and temporary art installations. Launched in 2021 to help foster a sense of connection and community to counter the isolation of the pandemic, the city program invites local fine artists, dancers, poets and all creatives — individuals or groups — to apply for $4,000 microgrants to fund temporary art projects that the public can enjoy for six months throughout the year.

The program showcases sculptures, interactive displays, poetry readings, dance performances, community murals and other works focused on community connectedness, resiliency, empathy, vibrancy and recovery. This year’s projects include everything from a bike cargo trailer that creates a live sound and video feed when activated by visitors to a pop-up portrait project that takes and compiles photos of Palo Alto pets with their families into a public exhibit. ArtLift is part of the city of Palo Alto’s Uplift Local.

For more information, go to bit.ly/ArtLift2022.

If you prefer a guided art hike in the mountains ... The one-time cattle ranch that late Stanford chemist Carl Djerassi (creator of the first oral contraceptive pill) transformed into a world-renowned artists’ haven opens its doors to the public every Sunday from March through November for guided art hikes, offering visitors a rare look at the massive sculptures that dot the 580-acre private property. The 3.5-mile excursions (which include an elevation
PALO ALTO ART CENTER

Long considered the hub of Palo Alto’s cultural community, the Palo Alto Art Center (1313 Newell Road) has become known as a place to both see and create art. The nonprofit city program, now in its 50th year, offers hands-on art activities, studio demonstrations and other community events — many related to whatever the current exhibition is — providing art enthusiasts an opportunity to view, learn about and create art all in one place. With its expansive gallery spaces and fully equipped studios, the center serves thousands of visitors each year.

change of 300 feet over three hours) take visitors through Djerassi ranch’s redwood forests, grasslands and mountain vistas to view about 40 pieces of art created over the past four decades by artists of the residency program that Djerassi started in 1979. Each sculpture emphasizes the relationship between nature and art. The collection includes a broad mix of pieces, including a 17-foot-tall wooden Japanese torii gate on a hillside, a miniature clay village built under a grove of redwoods and a sculpture that can only be entered by traversing a winding tunnel in absolute darkness. Public hikes are limited to 20 people. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis and always fill up quickly. Djerassi Ranch (2325 Bear Gulch Road, Woodside) offers 12 free hikes a year; the rest of the hikes cost $50 per person.

For more information, go to djerassi.org/events/spring-public-hikes | dgoldberg@djerassi.org

If you want a guided art tour, but don’t feel like hiking ... The Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University features a variety of exhibits within its walls but also offers the chance to enjoy the best of both worlds: the great outdoors and an array of unique art. On the second and third Sunday of each month, the center holds docent-led tours of its diverse collection of outdoor sculpture, which is well-known for its numerous works by renowned 19th-century sculptor Auguste Rodin, as well as more modern 20th-century pieces by artists such as Charles Ginnever, Bruce Beasley and Douglas Abdell. Tours are free and meet in front of the museum (328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford) at 2 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

For more information, go to events.stanford.edu.

If you want to explore sculptures and exhibits virtually ... Stanford University offers live, guided visits of the Cantor Arts Center and Anderson Collection via Zoom. Guided virtual tours last 40 minutes and provide visitors a general overview of the museums and major highlights of their collections. The Cantor’s collection spans 5,000 years and includes more than 38,000 works of art from around the globe, on display in 24 galleries. The Anderson features a large private collection of modern and contemporary American art. Virtual guided visits of the museums are free, but requests must be submitted four weeks in advance of a scheduled tour. Tours must include at least 10 participants and are not available on weekends.

For more information, go to bit.ly/VirtualTourInfo.
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45-minute hands-on art lessons. Ute tours of the art gallery followed by Look Program, which combines 45-minute tours of the art gallery followed by 45-minute hands-on art lessons.

For more information about upcoming exhibits and classes, go to cityofpaloalto.org | 650-329-2366.

If your family wants to make music together ... The Community School of Music and Art (230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View) offers music lessons open to all ages. Children and parents of all levels can take voice lessons together or learn an instrument in classical, jazz and contemporary styles. The school also offers art classes for those ages 14 and older that cover drawing, ceramics, digital arts, and fabric and fashion. For students who prefer private lessons or workshops, those are available, too.

The school also hosts concerts and artist receptions and showcases student works in its gallery.

For more information, go to arts4all.org | 650-917-6800

If you’re interested in virtual children’s art classes, anytime ... In addition to its twice-yearly, in-person Family Days at the Cantor Arts Center (328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford) that feature live performances and art-making activities, the Stanford museum offers virtual art activities on YouTube that can be accessed at any time. The Art For All videos combine lessons about featured artists and their artwork with related hands-on art projects in clips that are 5 minutes or less. There are also archived videos from the Cantor Art Center’s Second Sunday at Home program that were streamed during the social-distancing era of the pandemic. From these videos, families can choose from a wide variety of art projects, including how to weave, make a bird migration station, create clay sculptures or put together a collage. There are more than 20 videos from 2020 and 2021, each ranging from about 30 to 60 minutes.

For more information, go to museum.stanford.edu/programs/family-programs#virtual.

If you’re interested in virtual or in-person workshops ... The Pacific Art League (668 Ramona St., Palo Alto) offers workshops, exhibits and artist talks year-round at its Palo Alto studio. The Art League, which celebrates its 101st anniversary in November, serves more than 2,500 students of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels each year through an array of art workshops taught in-person, online — and even outdoors. Youth ages 10-17 can participate in the center’s Expressive Art Open Studio on select Fridays for free. For those who prefer to view art, rather than create it, the Art League showcases several exhibits a year in person and on its online gallery. From November-December, the League will showcase its 101st Anniversary Exhibition.

For more information, go to pacificartleague.org | 650-321-3891

Enjoy a live performance

CONCERTS IN A FORMER MOVIE PALACE

The Guild Theatre (949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park) is no stranger to big names: For more than 90 years, a steady parade of stars flickered across the screen of the Menlo Park movie palace. But now, the names that appear on the marquee are performing live inside. After undergoing a $35 million renovation, the Guild reopened in February 2022 as a brand-new venue for live music on the Peninsula. The 500-seat not-for-profit theater showcases an eclectic mix of national acts. Upcoming shows in 2022 include the Blasters, The Wallflowers, Social Distortion and Squirrel Nut Zippers. The theater also hosts film and other special events.

For more information, go to guildtheatre.com | 855-999-4025, ext. 0.

If you’re looking for an in-person theater performance ... With audiences making their way back to in-person performances, some Peninsula theater companies are looking ahead to full seasons of shows for the 2022-23 season. Here’s what’s on tap at five local companies: TheatreWorks Silicon Valley (theatreworks.org) is set to present six shows, including two world premieres (“A Distinct Society” and “Alice Bliss”) for its 52nd season. TheatreWorks will kick off with the campy sci-fi musical “Little Shop of Horrors” on Nov. 30. The company is based in Mountain View but also stages occasional shows in Palo Alto. For its 28th season, Los Altos Stage Company (losaltosstage.org) announced a lineup of five plays and musicals that draw on literary and cinematic inspirations. The company opened its season with “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” on Sept. 8. The Pear Theatre (thepear.org) in Mountain View will continue a new feature from the company’s recently concluded 20th anniversary season: “Pear Pairings,”...
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with two plays running in repertory, doubling up on the stories to be shared on The Pear’s stage for some productions. The Pear kicks off its 21st season with “Bull in a China Shop” and “Collective Rage: A Play in 5 Betties,” running in repertory now through Oct. 2. Palo Alto Players (paplayers.org) marks its 92nd season with a lineup of Broadway-focused shows at the Lucie Stern Theatre (1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto). Setting a fairytale tone ahead of the holidays will be “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” opening on Nov. 4. West Bay Opera (wbopera.org) will kick off its 66th season on Oct. 14 with “La Traviata” at the Lucie Stern Theatre, followed by “Don Giovanni” in February and “The Flying Dutchman” in May.

If you’re interested in outdoor performances ... The Stanford Live Arts Festival summer series (live.stanford.edu) runs through September, with the Holo Holo Music Festival with Kolohoe Kai on Sept. 24 and Grammy Award-winning bluegrass singer and songwriter Billy Strings on Sept. 30. The annual summer series is held every June-September at Stanford’s historic Frost Amphitheater (351 Lasuen St.). The picturesque setting has in the past hosted everything from concerts by jazz pioneer Louis Armstrong to performances by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen leads the SF Symphony in a program featuring Jean Sibelius’ Symphony No. 2 and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto performed by Principal Clarinet Carey Bell at Frost Amphitheater on July 10, 2021. The Stanford Live Arts Festival summer series takes place at the outdoor theater every July-September.

If you’re interested in taking in a film festival with a cause ... Stanford’s United Nations Association Film Festival (unaff.org) offers 11 days of screenings of 60 films at venues in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and the Stanford University campus Oct. 20-30. (San Francisco also hosts an evening of screenings.) The documentary films focus on human rights and vary in length from shorts to feature-length, making it easy to take in a session of as many as three or four films in an afternoon or evening. Founded in 1998 by Stanford educator and film critic Jasmina Bojic in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the festival is one of the oldest solely documentary film festivals in the nation. Many of the documentaries screened at the festival have gone on to win Academy Awards. This year marks its 25th anniversary.

— Information compiled by Linda Taaffe and Heather Zimmerman

Peninsula film lovers can once again catch a classic movie and hear the Wurlitzer organ play at Stanford Theatre (221 University Ave., Palo Alto). After shutting down for more than two years during the pandemic, the downtown Palo Alto movie palace reopened in July 2022. The theater often hosts festivals highlighting the works of certain actors or directors. Find the full lineup of films at stanfordtheatre.org.

After shuttering for more than two years due to the pandemic and renovation work, the Stanford Theatre, seen here in 2018, reopened this past July, kicking off its first scheduled showings of classic films for 2022. Photo by Adam Pardee.
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'Solo agers' have options on the Midpeninsula

Local programs help childless seniors navigate the future

BY CHRIS KENRICK

Throughout Palo Alto and the broader Peninsula, thousands of seniors are aging solo — without a partner and having had no children. But aging solo doesn’t have to mean alone. There are plenty of local programs and senior-care experts to help older adults thrive in their golden years. People like Paula Wolfson, manager of social work and caregiving for the Palo Alto senior services agency Avenidas, and Sara Zeff Geber, a Bay Area retirement coach and expert in solo aging, advise older adults to think ahead, find like-minded people and consider all of their options.

Peninsula couple Ros and John, who are childless, are among those weighing the challenges of navigating old age. The longtime married couple, who agreed to share their story but asked that their last names not be published to protect their privacy, are without immediate family to provide them needed care as they age.

John, a software engineer, was diagnosed with cancer in 2005 at age 49, and had to stop working the following year. He now has difficulty walking, suffers from frontotemporal dementia and needs considerable care. Ros, who is in her 60s, looks after him at home as she continues to work remotely for Stanford University.

“I’m coping on my own as we navigate his illness,” she said. “I have many friends, but you can’t ask friends to do what you would ask family. It’s a huge concern.”

Ros and John are not alone. More than 15 million American adults over 55 — nearly 1 in 6 — do not have children, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. And the bureau estimates that levels of childless seniors are aging solo — without a partner and having had no children.

Many seniors are aging solo — without a partner and having had no children. The Santa Clara County Housing Authority (scchousingauthority.org) as well as the nonprofits Alta Housing (altahousing.org), Lytton Gardens (coviagov.org), MidPen Housing (midpen-housing.org) and Stevenson House (stevensonhouse.org) operate low-income apartments in the area and are among the groups seniors should check with when searching for affordable housing. Searchable waitlists for affordable housing also are available at affordablehousingonline.com.

Choose a proxy

“Do you have a durable power of attorney designated in case you have difficulty with healthcare or financial decision-making? That is the key,” said Paula Wolfson, manager of social work and caregiving for the Palo Alto senior services agency Avenidas. Choose someone to be your proxy decision-maker in case you develop an impairment and have difficulty making decisions. This can be a trusted friend or a trained professional, Geber added.

Assistance for advance care planning: The National Institute on Aging provides information on how to get legal and financial papers in order and other advance care planning information at nia.nih.gov/health/getting-your-affairs-order.

Develop a social network

Isolation often comes with living alone and can pose a greater risk of cutting one’s life short than smoking or heart disease, Geber said. Think about your support system: Will your longtime neighbors, for example, stay around as they age, or will they move away to be with family, and all of a sudden, you’re looking at a hole in your life because someone has left, she said. It’s important to develop a strong support network for someone who has left. The Kendricks made community with activity centers, communal laundry and other spaces to socialize.

Choose to age in ‘the right place’

Geber said don’t just age in place, choose to age in “the right place.”

Housing resources:

• Avenidas Village is a support network for those aging in place, avenidasvillage.org.

• For home-sharing information and a searchable index, go to silvernest.com. Mountain View is home to a co-housing community. For more information, go to mountainviewcohousing.org.

Affordable housing resources: Affordable housing is the top request that Palo Alto senior services agency Avenidas receives on its help line, said social worker Thomas Kingery.

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The Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (svilc.org/workshops-and-events), which offers guidance to older adults and people with disabilities, including hosting a monthly housing workshop on Zoom on the first Friday of the month to help people with their search. (Read more:

— Linda Taaffe contributed to this article
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**Hobbies & Interests**

Giving back to her community is one of her passions. She is an active member & supporter of the following organizations:

- First Congregational Church of Palo Alto
- Woman's Club of Palo Alto
- Elizabeth Gamble Gardens
- Garden Club of Palo Alto
- Cantor/Anderson Art Museum
- Silicon Valley YMCA
- Stanford Sports including the Buck Cardinal Club
- PAHA (Palo Alto Historical Association)
- SHS (Stanford Historical Society)
- West Bay Opera
- Palo Alto Players

Her love of music appreciation is extensive, ranging from Classical to the Blues. Other leisure activities include attending Stanford sporting events, playing tennis, reading, family, friends and travel.

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Making space on the Peninsula for a cultural club that celebrates Chinese traditions

Newly opened Little Bookworm Library is brainchild of LuLu Roberts

BY SHERYL NONNENBERG

On any given week at the Little Bookworm Library, children can be found making kites, color ink paintings, rice paper and an array of other crafts during Chinese Culture classes. In another area of the library, children and parents learn how to make Chinese desserts and other dishes in the Little Chef Cooking Class. And at Chinese Story Time, preschoolers are enthralled by specially curated books written in Mandarin.

Part library, part community center, the Little Bookworm Library provides a place where Chinese families can celebrate their heritage while encouraging literacy, and the broader community can learn about Chinese culture. It is one of many language-enrichment programs offered in the Palo Alto area.

The newly opened library is the brainchild of Atherton mom LuLu Roberts, who moved to the Mid-Peninsula from Taiwan in 2008. As a mother of four young children, Roberts said she struggled to find children’s books or story times in Mandarin.

Roberts said she was dismayed that she had such a difficult time finding resources, especially since Asians represent a growing segment of the population.

In Santa Clara County, the percentage of the population marking themselves in the U.S. Census as “Asian alone” was 32% in 2010 and 39.2% in 2020. Palo Alto’s Asian population accounted for 33% of the whole in 2020. In Menlo Park, 15% of the population identifies as Asian.

So Roberts decided to create the Joy Culture Foundation, the nonprofit Chinese cultural club that operates the Little Bookworm Library.

“I want to pass down my heritage to my kids,” Roberts said. “It is so important for them to recognize who they are.” Roberts said she believes that many second-generation Chinese American children deny the Asian part of their ancestry or “become molded into a stereotype.” “It is hard because their skin color is different, and the culture their parents infuse them with is different,” Roberts said.

Many Asian immigrant mothers also struggle, Roberts said. Life can be challenging because they lack English language skills or because they do not drive, she said. Using seed money from her husband’s family, who cofounded the investment company Kohlberg, Kravis and Roberts, she established the Joy Culture Foundation with a board of directors that shares her vision.

Roberts said she wanted to establish a cultural space in Menlo Park because of the area’s central location on the Peninsula and because she lives within minutes of downtown. It was not an easy search, and the pandemic caused a delay in her timeline, she said. Roberts said everything came together during...
the summer of 2021 after a landlord unexpectedly called to offer her 2,200 square feet of space in a building he owned in downtown Menlo Park.

“I seem to surround myself with supportive people,” Roberts laughed. The space at 934 Santa Cruz Ave. includes a private courtyard and dedicated parking. “It was a perfect fit,” she said. Relying on a small staff, along with the work of many volunteers, the Little Bookworm Library opened in February — just in time for the Lunar New Year celebrations. Roberts pointed out that it was not just the work of interested Asian families that created the library. “There were students from Menlo Atherton High School who came to build the shelving,” she said, noting, “We welcome all races — people who are interested in Chinese culture.” The foundation consists of three facets: play spaces, programs and the library.

Roberts lights up when she describes the mommy/baby programs that take place in the colorful, toy-filled section of the center. “They can come and have quality time here with their babies,” said Roberts, adding that it is a chance for bonding to occur between mother, child and other mothers.

Ivy Sun, who lives in Santa Clara, brings her 3-year-old daughter, Summer, to the center nearly every other week to participate in the Mandarin story times and other preschool programs.

“This is a place where I can feel safe. ... The children have fun and make as much noise as they want,” Sun said. Programs offered for school-aged children are usually taught in both English and Mandarin by experienced educators. They include a wide range of classes, from art workshops to calligraphy to cooking to mental math. Two multipurpose rooms are used for classes while parents sit outside in a shaded courtyard and socialize. “I love it when I see parents out here having their own party,” Roberts said.

The library holds contemporary books, many published in Taiwan, that are written specifically for elementary school children. Roberts said that there are books in both traditional and simplified Mandarin, as well as graphic novels for the older kids — and their parents. The goal is to provide the all-important advantage of language skills.

“These children will be bilingual so they can read in Chinese,” Roberts said. She pointed out that studies show it takes 13 years for a person to learn enough language skills to use them for a lifetime. “Language is a tool, but ultimately, it is about the culture and community they get to be within,” Roberts said. “First-generation parents were so busy trying to fit in, they lost their heritage and now want to get it back.”

Roberts said she believes the parent-child participation aspect really helps that process. The foundation operates on a membership basis, with families paying $50 a year to use the center and borrow books from the lending library. Roberts said there are currently 200 members, all of whom heard about the foundation through word of mouth.

Families as far away as San Jose and Hayward have become members. Jennifer Nguyen said she, her husband and two elementary age children make the 30-minute drive down the Peninsula from San Francisco to the Little Bookworm Library every weekend.

“Our family is quite Americanized, and we only speak English at home, so we did not have much opportunity to partake in cultural activities prior to the Joy Culture Foundation,” Nguyen said. Nguyen said her entire family uses the library: Her children participate in classes, such as calligraphy, while she and her husband look for books to take home and read together as a family.

“Ultimately, we want to help the community understand who we are,” Roberts said. “We are all different, but everyone is included.”

The Joy Culture Foundation/Little Bookworm Library is located at 934 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

GET INVOLVED

To become a member of the Little Bookworm Library or sign up for classes, go to thejoyculturefoundation.org.

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For years, Pastor Paul Bains has advocated for the most vulnerable members of the community. His impact reaches far beyond the congregation of St. Samuel Church in East Palo Alto, where he's served as pastor since 1999.

Bains is the founder and CEO of Project WeHope, which supports unhoused and marginalized communities in a variety of ways, including providing emergency and transitional housing at its shelter; free healthy food to those experiencing food insecurity through Family Harvest; mobile showers and laundry machines through Dignity on Wheels; the first RV safe-parking program in San Mateo County; and more.

“Faith and my family are the main reasons why I do what I do,” explained the Palo Alto resident and recipient of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce’s 2022 outstanding professional Tall Tree award this past spring.

Seeing WeHope clients become healthy, employed and housed “gets me up in the morning,” Bains said. “That inspires me, to see the transformation that occurs in individual lives.”

To combat homelessness long term, of course, people need access to housing stock. With that in mind, Bains founded a new nonprofit real estate development endeavor — United Hope Builders — which aims to provide both local jobs at its soon-to-open East Palo Alto modular home factory and affordable, high-quality housing for low-income residents.

The nonprofit broke ground on the housing factory in July and is expected to produce 400 modular units each year.

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“This is an important milestone in our efforts to bring more affordable housing to the Bay Area,” Bains said. “We have spent 20 years helping the unhoused find shelter and dignity in our communities through WeHOPE; but we realized that without more housing, we’re always going to be fighting uphill.

‘We cannot solve a homeless problem without having housing, no matter what.’

PASTOR PAUL BAINS

“When we get this first project done out of our factory, I’m just going to be so excited to see that family move in, to improve the quality of life for them. That changes the trajectory of that whole family.”

Bains also serves as a police chaplain for East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, and Menlo Park police departments and has worked with many other Bay Area organizations, including Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley, Palo Alto Community Foundation and LifeMoves, to name a few.

Although his work keeps him extremely busy, Bains said he and his wife, Cheryl, catch just about every Golden State Warriors game and love to spend time with their three children. He credits his family, including his own parents and siblings, with inspiring him to lead a productive life of service.

His father, also a pastor, “came from Texas with two quarters in his pocket and found two jobs the day he got here,” Bains said, and his mother worked at Stanford University as a cook and nurse.

He recalled them often offering up their living room for those in need of shelter. His parents, he said, raised all of their eight children to have “an entrepreneurial spirit and a spirit to serve other people.”

Through United Hope Builders, Bains hopes to disrupt the area’s affordable housing crisis. “My goal has always been to disrupt generational poverty.

You do that through education and home ownership, and this makes it much more affordable for people to own their own home,” Bains said. “We cannot solve a homeless problem without having housing, no matter what.”

— Lloyd Lee contributed to this article

HOW TO FIND HELP

Emergency housing

WeHope Shelter is a 24-hour facility located in East Palo Alto that provides emergency and transitional housing for single men and women. The program provides hot meals, shelter beds, access to medical care, hot showers, laundry service, transportation and life skills classes and job training.

Free food

To meet the growing needs of community members facing food insecurity, WeHope partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to launch the Family Harvest program at its East Palo Alto location in 2018. The program provides fresh produce, eggs, milk, cheese, meat, cereal and canned and packaged food to individuals and families every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at WeHope, 1854 Bay Road. No documents are needed.

800-984-3663 (Food Connection Hotline); shfb.org/get-food (interactive map with Family Harvest food distribution sites)

Employment opportunities

The indieDwell modular housing factory that is set to open at the end of 2022 in partnership with United Hope Builders plans to hire 100 employees from within the community to work at the East Palo Alto facility. The company will provide job training and home ownership opportunities for employees. Job applications are available on the United Hope Builders website. unitedhopebuilders.org/join-our-team
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  - Book launches and author lecture series
  
  - booksinc.net

- **Kepler’s Literary Foundation**
  
  1047 El Camino Real #201, Menlo Park
  
  - Author events, conversations, classes and seminars
  
  - keplers.org

- **Palo Alto City Library**
  
  - Book club meetings, family storytimes, author readings
  
  - paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events

- **The Foster**
  
  940 Commercial St.
  
  - Watercolor works of artist Tony Foster
  
  - thefoster.org

- **Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild**
  
  75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park
  
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  540 Ramona St.
  
  - Works by contemporary artists
  
  - qualiacontemporaryart.com

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- **Bryant Street Gallery**
  
  532 Bryant St.
  
  - American contemporary artists
  
  - bryantstreet.com

- **Gallery 9**
  
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  - gallery9losaltos.com

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- **Stanford Theatre**
  
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4139 El Camino Way
• Various levels of care: psychiatry, residential (24-hour staffed) treatment, outpatient program, individual and group therapy, supportive housing, case management and after-care/ alumni services. Free virtual counseling services for those impacted by the pandemic
• 650-617-1759 / thelaselavgroup.com

Mental Health and Substance Use Services, Santa Clara County
• Drug and alcohol treatment and placement referral for adolescents and adults
• 800-704-0900 / sccdads.org

The San Mateo County Campaign Against Youth Suicide
• Text line: Text RENEW to 741741 (en Español: COMUNIDAD al 741741)

Alzheimer’s Association
12290 N First St. #101, San Jose
• Information, support, referrals and education/training
• 24/7 helpline, 800-272-3900 / alz.org/norcal

Bay Area Cancer Connections
2335 El Camino Real
• Support groups, counseling, nutrition workshops and more to people touched by breast or ovarian cancer
• 650-326-6686 / bconnections.org

Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association
3921 E. Bayshore Road #203
(Mail: P.O. Box 50960, Palo Alto 94303)
• Educates consumers regarding end-of-life options
• 650-321-2109 / bfacga.org

Breathe California of the Bay Area
1469 Park Ave., San Jose
• Asthma and anti-tobacco education
• 408-998-5865 / lungsrus.org

HeartFit For Life
4000 Middlefield Road, Suite G-8
• Cardiac rehabilitation therapy; exercise programs offered in-person and via Zoom
• 650-494-1300 / heartfitforlife.org

Children’s Health Council
650 Clark Way, Palo Alto;
• Support programs for learning differences, anxiety and depression, ADHD and autism
• 650-326-5530 / chconline.org

Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc.
1731 Embarcadero Road #210
• Advocacy, fundraising, annual conference for families dealing with cystic fibrosis
• 650-665-7576 / cfi.org

Kara
457 Kingsley Ave.
• Grief support
• 650-321-5272 / kara-grief.org

Peninsula HealthCare Connection
33 Encina Ave.
• Primary and mental health care and intensive case management homeless individuals and those at risk of becoming homeless
• 650-653-0321/ peninsulahcc.org

Peninsula Stroke Association
3801 Miranda Ave., Bldg. 6, A-162
• Monthly support groups for stroke survivors and caregivers
• 650-565-8485 / pacificstrokeassociation.org

Planned Parenthood Mountain View Health Center
2500 California St., Mountain View
• Family planning and health services for women and men
• 650-948-0807 / bit.ly/PPMountainView

Ronald McDonald House at Stanford
510 Sand Hill Road
• A “home away from home” for patients and families of children receiving treatment at the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital and Stanford Medical Center
• rmhbayarea.org

THE ARTS

All services are located in Palo Alto, unless otherwise noted.

COVID-19 INFORMATION & RESOURCES

COVID-19 Assistance Navigation hotline (CAN)
• Free resource from the Fair Workplace Collaborative that connects residents to lawyers, information about unemployment applications, housing, food banks and financial aid
• 408-809-2124; scc-can-info@wpusa.org

California Department of Public Health
• COVID-19 health alerts, virus statistics, vaccine appointments, resources
• cdph.ca.gov/covid19

COVID-19 Resource Directory (Santa Clara County Public Health)
• COVID-19 vaccination, testing, treatment; business and school inquiries
• bit.ly/COVIDDirectory

Stanford Health Library
• COVID-19, self-care and caregiver resources
• 650-725-8400 / healthlibrary.stanford.edu

COUNSELING/ MENTAL HEALTH

Adolescent Counseling Services, Redwood City
643 Bair Island Road, Suite 301
• On-campus and after-school counseling; substance-abuse treatment
• 650-424-0852 x104 / acs-teens.org

Alcove
2741 Middlefield Road
• Health clinic for youth, offering mental health support, primary care, substance-use addiction services and peer support
• Appointments: 650-798-6330; Crisis Text line: 741741 / alcove.org

Bing Concert Hall
327 Lasuen St.
• Music, dance, theater performances
• live.stanford.edu (search “Bing”)
HOMELESS SERVICES

Downtown Food Closet
All Saints Episcopal Church, 425 Hamilton Ave.
Canned goods, produce and dairy products for homeless and low-income residents of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park
Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
650-325-3663 / asaints.org/outreach/food-closet/

Downtown Streets Team
231 Grant Ave.
Nonprofit employs unhoused men and women to help them rebuild their lives and prepare for long-term employment
408-438-2180 / streetteam.org

A shopper picks up produce at the East Palo Alto Community Farmers’ Market operated by Fresh Approach (freshapproach.org), a nonprofit focused on expanding access to healthy, locally grown food throughout the Bay Area. The organization offers nutrition and cooking classes, a community garden and mobile farmers markets. Courtesy Fresh Approach.

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

AbilityPath
350 Twin Dolphin, Suite 123, Redwood City
Support services for children, adults with special needs and developmental disabilities. In July, AbilityPath joined forces with Via to offer services at 15 program sites spanning from Daly City to Santa Clara.
650-259-8500 / abilitypath.org

AchieveKids
3860 Middlefield Road
Special education programs and mental health therapy for people ages 5-22
650-494-1200 / achievekids.org

Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
2500 El Camino Real #100
Rehabilitation program and services for clients with severe sight loss
650-858-0202 / vistacenter.org

VTA Access Paratransit
3331 First St., San Jose
Transportation for individuals who have a disability that prevents them from using public transportation (bus, light rail)
Information on eligibility, 408-321-2300; reservations, 408-321-2380; TTD, 408-321-2330 / vta.org/go/paratransit

Westwind 4-H Riding for the Handicapped/Westwind Riding Institute
27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills
Year-round classes
650-947-8680 / westwind4h.org

SOCIAL SERVICES

Child Abuse & Neglect Center (Santa Clara County Child Protective Services)
373 W. Julian St., San Jose
833-722-5437, reporting hotline (24 hours a day, seven days a week)
911 (emergency)

Eucumenical Hunger Program
2411 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto
Emergency food, clothing, household essentials, furniture, support programs and referral services to families in need.

The nonprofit is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. for food distribution service and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for donations. The nonprofit is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
650-323-7781 / ehpcares.org

Information and Referral (formerly Family Resources)
Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, T2
Helps families find services and service providers in areas of emergency, including basic needs, employment training, housing, legal services, child care, mental health and counseling
650-463-4906 / bit.ly/InformationAndReferral

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties
4001 N. First St. and 750 Curtner Ave., San Jose
Partners with hundreds of nonprofit agencies to provide food at more than 770 sites, including pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and after-school programs
800-984-3663 (food connection hotline); 408-266-8866 (San Jose centers) / shfb.org

St. Anthony’s Padua Dining Room
3500 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park
Hot lunch program, grocery and clothing distribution, public health services
650-668-3030 / jfc.org

Social Services Agency — North County District
1330 W. Middlefield Road, Mountain View
Adult and child welfare services
408-755-7100 / sccgov.org (search “social services agency”)

Veterans Emergency Social Work Fund
3801 Miranda Ave.
650-493-5000 / paloalto.va.gov
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Atherton

Known for its stately homes, diverse architectural styles and lot size
- Boundaries: San Francisquito Creek and University Avenue, Alma Street and Middlefield Road

Crescent Park 94301

Single-family homes with diverse architectural styles, including Spanish Colonial, Mediterranean, early Californian and Victorian on spacious lots
- Boundaries: San Francisquito Creek, Newell Road, Channing Avenue and Middlefield Road

University South 94301

Mix of multifamily, single-family homes built between 1900 and 2021
- Boundaries: University Avenue, Alma Street, Embarcadero and Middlefield roads

Professorville 94301

Oldest residential neighborhood; Victorians, Tudors, colonials
- Boundaries: Addison Avenue, Webster Street, Embarcadero Road and Emerson Street

Community Center 94301, 94303

Socially and culturally active neighborhood near downtown
- Boundaries: Middlefield Road, Channing Avenue, Newell Road and Embarcadero Road

Duveneck/St. Francis 94303

Mostly renovated 1950s single-story tract homes, new construction
- Boundaries: San Francisquito Creek, Oregon Expressway, Greer Road, Embarcadero Road and Newell Road

Triple El 94303

Named after Elsinore Drive, Elsinore Court and El Cajon; mostly post war-era Eichler homes
- Boundaries: Elsinore Drive, Elsinore Court and El Cajon Way

Embarcadero Oaks

Leland Manor

Garland Park 94303

Three mini-neighborhoods that stretch along Oregon Expressway; eclectic architectural mix of homes dating back to the 1940s to newly rebuilt or remodeled homes
- Boundaries: Embarcadero Oaks: triangle formed by Embarcadero Road, Seale Avenue and Middlefield Road. Garland Drive: between Middlefield and Louis roads. Leland Manor: a rectangular segment between Middlefield and Louis roads, Seale and North California avenues

Old Palo Alto 94301

Known for its stately homes, diverse architectural styles
- Boundaries: Embarcadero Road and Oregon Expressway, Alma Street and Middlefield Road

Southgate 94301, 94306

Varied architectural styles, including modern, Spanish, Craftsman and cottages; noted for easy access to Stanford University, California Avenue and Town & Country Village

Boundaries: San Francisquito Creek, El Camino Real, California Avenue and Amherst Street

Evergreen Park 94301, 94306

Multifamily units and single-family homes that vary in size, architectural styles and lot size
- Boundaries: California Avenue, Park Boulevard and El Camino Real

Evergreen Park Neighborhood Association: epna.palo-alto.ca.us

Mayfield 94301

Its own township before becoming part of south Palo Alto; contains the California Avenue shopping district
- Boundaries: Oregon Expressway, Park Boulevard, El Camino Real and Cambridge Avenue

Ventura 94306

Vintage and newly designed multifamily and single-family homes on relatively small lots
- Boundaries: Oregon Expressway, Alma Street, West Meadow Drive and El Camino Real

Ventura Neighborhood Association: venturapaloalto.org

Midtown 94301, 94303, 94306

Located in the middle of Palo Alto; developed after World War II
- Boundaries: Oregon Expressway, Loma Verde Avenue, Alma Street, West Bayshore Road

Midtown Residents Association: midtownresidents.org

Palo Verde 94303, 94306

Predominantly 1950s Eichler homes, some newer condominiums, town

Downtown North 94301

Clusters of cottages on 50-foot-wide lots; single-, dual- and multifamily housing
- Boundaries: San Francisquito Creek and University Avenue, Alma Street and Middlefield Road

Page Mill Rd.

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Menlo Park

Mountain View

Los Altos

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East Palo Alto

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houses; noted for its secluded streets with minimal cut-through traffic.
- West Bayshore and Middlefield roads to the east and west, and Loma Verde Avenue and East Meadow Drive to the north and south

**St. Claire Gardens** 94306
Centrally located; developed in the 1950s by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco
- Boundaries: St. Claire Drive, St. Michael Drive and St. Michael Court

**South of Midtown** 94306
Mix of one-story tract homes, reconstructed two-story modern homes
- Boundaries: Loma Verde Avenue, East Meadow Drive, Middlefield Road and Alma Street

Midtown Residents Association: midtownresidents.org

**Adobe Meadow**
**Meadow Park** 94303
Side-by-side neighborhoods divided by Adobe Creek. Each shares wide streets, tall trees, Eichler-style homes
- Boundaries: Adobe Meadow, Middlefield Road, East Meadow Drive, Louis Road and Adobe Creek. Meadow Park: East Meadow Drive to Adobe Creek, Middlefield Road to Louis Road
Adobe Meadow Neighborhood Association: adobemeadow.org

**Charleston Gardens** 94303
Ranch-style homes, Eichlers, newer construction
- Boundaries: Middlefield Road, East Charleston Road, Montrose Avenue, Sutherland Drive

**The Greenhouse** 94303
Set of two adjoining condominium complexes at the southernmost end of Palo Alto
- Location: 777 San Antonio Road, between Middlefield Road and Fabian Way

**Greenbell/Fairfield** 94303
Ranch-style and Eichler homes
- Boundaries: located between Ferne Avenue, San Antonio Avenue and Mackay Drive
Greendell Neighborhood Association: admin@greendell.org

**San Alma** 94303
Mix of town houses, below-market-rate condominiums built on the site of the historic Don Secundo Robles adobe, dating back to 1840
- Boundaries: east of Alma Street, off San Antonio Avenue (including Ponce Drive and Hemlock Court)

**Greenmeadow** 94303, 94306
Iconic Eichler subdivision in south Palo Alto
- Boundaries: Alma Street and Nelson Drive, Ferne Avenue, Ferne Court and Ben Lomond Drive, and Parkside and Creekside drives
Greenmeadow Community Association: greendemeadow.org

**Walnut Grove** 94303
Former walnut grove; mix of midcentury modern and ranch-style homes
- Boundaries: East Charleston Road, Alma Street and Adobe Creek

**Fairmeadow** 94306
1950s Eichler homes on spacious streets protected from traffic
- Boundaries: East Charleston Road, East Meadow Drive, Alma Street and J.L. Stanford Middle School and Herbert Hoover Elementary School

**Charleston Meadows** 94040, 94306
Predominantly 1950s Eichler homes
- Boundaries: West Meadow Drive, Alma Street, Adobe Creek and El Camino Real

**Monroe Park** 94306
Mix of quaint bungalows, two-story homes
- Boundaries: Adobe Creek, El Camino Real and Mountain View border (near Silva Avenue)

**Palo Alto Orchards** 94306
Cul-de-sacs lined with redwood trees and relatively modest single-family homes
- Boundaries: McKellar Lane, Suzanne Court, Suzanne Drive, Kelly Way, Lorabelle Court and Arastradero Road, bordering Barron Park

**Barron Park** 94306
Pastoral setting with diverse housing mix
- Boundaries: Chinalus Drive, Maybell Avenue, El Camino Real and Gunn High School fields
Barron Park Association: bpapaloalto.org

**Green Acres** 94022, 94306
Arastradero Road divides the neighborhood into two distinct areas: Green Acres I on the south (built in the early 1950s) and Green Acres II (developed after the 1950s).
- Boundaries: Green Acres I: Arastradero Road to Glenbrook Drive, Los Palos to Pomonah avenues. Green Acres II: Maybell Avenue to Arastradero Road, Coulombe Drive to Georgia Avenue

**Greater Miranda** 94306
Mostly 1960s-era single-family homes of varying styles and lot sizes; Adobe Creek runs through this former orchard land
- Boundaries: Miranda Avenue, Arroyo Court, Miranda Green and Moana Court

**Esther Clark Park** 94306
Spanish villas and old-style ranch homes on 1-acre plots
- Boundaries: Old Adobe Road to Manuela Avenue, off Arastradero Road, including Old Trace Road

**Palo Alto Hills** 94022, 94304
Mostly remodeled or rebuilt 1960s homes on 1-acre lots in the hills
- Boundaries: located off Page Mill Road between Alexis Drive, Country Club Court, Bandera Drive and Laurel Glen Drive

**NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES**

**Palo Alto Neighborhoods (PAN)**
An independent umbrella group for Palo Alto neighborhoods that includes several neighborhood associations as well as key neighborhood contacts, resources for new residents and volunteer opportunities
- panneighborhoods.org

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COVID-19 INFORMATION & RESOURCES

California Department of Aging
- Through the California Department of Aging, seniors can access information on how to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 vaccines and find assistance, support and other COVID-19-related resources.
- 833-422-4255 (4CA4ALL), Vaccine Information Line / aging.ca.gov/ covid19

FRIENDSHIP NETWORKS

Avenidas Care Partners Information and Assistance telephone line
- Free service that seniors can call for information, resources, support or just a friendly voice.
- 650-289-5433

Horizon Networks
- A free online service that connects seniors to high school volunteers for one-on-one online video chats. The program also connects seniors to activities such as interactive yoga, meditation sessions and music performances.
- thehorizonnetwork.org

DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICES

Avenidas
- Through its Door-to-Door program, the nonprofit senior services agency Avenidas provides free home delivery of essential items, such as groceries, toiletries and prescriptions.
- 650-289-5411 / avenidas.org

MEALS

Hot meals
- The Palo Alto senior nutrition program La Comida provides hot, sit-down meals and boxed takeout lunches Mondays through Fridays. Meals are served at Stevenson House, 455 E. Charleston Road, between 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.; and First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
- lacomida.org / 650-322-3742

Meal delivery
- Meals on Wheels delivers meals to seniors in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.
- If you live in San Mateo County, go to penvol.org/mealsonwheels
- If you live in Santa Clara County, go to mysourcewise.com/meals or call 408-350-3200.

SENIOR CENTERS

Avenidas
450 Bryant St. | 400 Middlefield Road, Bld. HS (Chinese Community Center)
- Online and in-person recreation classes, health and wellness services, support groups and door-to-door services.
- 650-289-5400 (general), 650-289-5409

(California Community Center), 650-289-5411 (Door-to-Door Services) / avenidas.org

Golden Castle Adult Day Health Care Center
3803 E. Bayshore Road
- Physical and occupational therapists, nurses, social workers, psychologists, activity coordinators; multi-lingual staff.
- 650-964-1964 / goldencastlecenter.org

Oshman Family Jewish Community Center
3921 Fabian Way
- Weekly fitness and art classes, guest lecturers, concerts, bridge, day trips and social groups.
- 650-223-8700 / paloaltojcc.org

Hua Kuang Chinese Reading Room
4000 Middlefield Road, #H-4
- More than 13,000 volumes of Chinese materials; painting, flower-arranging and Chinese calligraphy classes; American etiquette classes.
- 650-856-3733 / huakuang.yolasite.com

MEDICAL CENTERS

MayView Palo Alto Clinic (part of Ravenswood Family Health Network)
270 Grant Ave.
- Primary medical care for low-income individuals.
- 650-330-7400 / ravenswoodfnh.org

Palo Alto Medical Foundation
795 El Camino Real
- Primary care, urgent care, outpatient surgery center.
- 650-853-2958 / sutterhealth.org/pafm

Stanford Health Care, Aging Adult Services
300 Pasteur Drive, HC034, Stanford
- In-patient services, community service support, end-of-life support.
- 650-723-1303 / stanfordhealthcare.org

Stanford Health Care, Stanford Hospital
401 Quarry Road, Stanford
- In-patient treatment, emergency care, regional trauma center.
- 650-723-4000 / stanfordhealthcare.org

VA Palo Alto Health Care System
3801 Miranda Ave.
- General medical, surgical and psychiatric care for veterans.
- 650-493-5000 / paloalto.va.gov

RESOURCES

Avenidas Village
450 Bryant St.
- A membership program that provides 24/7 concierge support, transportation assistance, cultural outings and more.
- 650-289-5405 / avenidas.org/village-overview

Seniors At Home, Koret Family Resource Center
200 Channing Ave.
- Comprehensive services to help seniors live more independent lives in their own homes.
- 650-931-1860 / SeniorsAtHome.org

Stanford Health Library
See “Social Services”

SENIOR HOUSING

Alta Torre
3895 Fabian Way
- Affordable apartments for very-low-income residents; 55 or older.
- 650-493-4700 / bit.ly/2MDDx6Q

The Avant
4041 El Camino Way
- Designed for active adults; 60 or older.

Channing House
850 Webster St.
- Independent-living, assisted-living, skilled nursing.
- 650-327-0950 / channinghouse.org

The Hamilton
555 Byron St.
- Condominium complex; 55 and older.
- 650-463-1400 / thehamilton.net

Lytton Gardens Senior Communities
649 University Ave.; 650 Lytton Ave.; 330 Everett Ave.
- Assisted-living, independent-living; 62 or older.
- 650-617-7373 / bit.ly/LyttonGardens

Moldaw Family Residences
899 E. Charleston Road
- Independent-living, assisted-living, skilled nursing, memory support; 62 or older.
- 650-433-3600 / moldaw.org

Palo Alto Commons
4075 El Camino Way
- Independent-living, assisted-living, memory care; 60 or older.
- 650-494-0760 / paloaltocommons.com

Stevenson House
455 E. Charleston Road
- Nonprofit apartment community for low-income and independently functioning adults 62; and older.
- 650-494-1944 / stevensonhouse.org

Sunrise of Palo Alto
2701 El Camino Real
- Assisted-living, continuing care, Alzheimer’s and memory care; available, short- and long-term stays; no age requirement.
- 650-319-8643 / sunriseseniorliving.com

Vitality at Palo Alto
600 Sand Hill Road
- Independent-living, assisted-living, skilled nursing, memory support; 62 and older.
- 650-853-5000 (front desk) / vitaliving.com

Webster House
401 Webster St.
- Independent-living, assisted-living; 65 and older.
- 650-327-4333 / covia.org/webster-house

DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSPORTATION

Avenidas Door to Door
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- 650-289-5411 (reservations) / avenidas.org

VTA Access Paratransit
3331 First St., San Jose
Transportation for individuals who have a disability that prevents them from using public transportation (bus, light rail).
- Information on eligibility 408-321-2381; reservations
- 408-321-2380; TDD 408-321-2330 / vta.org/go/paratransit

RoadRunners Transportation Service
2500 Grant Road, Mountain View
Transportation for medical-related, and personal appointments, including COVID-19 vaccine appointments, within 10 miles of El Camino Hospital; pickup services: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; clients need not be affiliated with El Camino Hospital; fees charged; Advance reservations required.
- 650-940-7016 / elcaminohospital.org (search “RoadRunners”)
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PRESERVES

Parks located in Palo Alto, unless otherwise noted. *City-operated parks: open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset, unless otherwise noted. **Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District parks: open daily a half-hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset, unless otherwise noted. Smoking is prohibited in all preserves.

Baylands Nature Preserve *
2500 Embarcadero Road
• 1,940 acres/15 miles of trails
• 650-617-3156; bit.ly/Baylands

Byxbee Park*
2375 Embarcadero Road
• 130 acres
• 650-617-3156; bit.ly/byxbeepark

Esther Clark Park*
Old Trace Lane/Old Adobe Road
• 21 acres
• 650-329-2423; cityofpaloalto.org

Foothills Open Space Preserve**
Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills
• 212 acres/0.5-mile trail
• 650-691-1200; openspace.org/preserves

Foothills Nature Preserve (formerly Foothills Park)*
3300 Page Mill Road
• 1,400 acres/15 miles of trails

Hidden Villa Farm and Wilderness Preserve
26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills
• 1,600 acres/8 miles of trails
• Nonprofit organic farm and nature preserve; Closed June - August
• 650-949-8650; hiddenvilla.org

Los Trancos Open Space Preserve**
Page Mill Road
• 274 acres/5.2 miles of trails
• bit.ly/LosTrancos

Monte Bello Open Space Preserve**
Page Mill Road
• 3,436 acres/15.5 miles of trails.
• Black Mountain backpack camp (permits required)
• 650-329-2423; bit.ly/MonteBelloPreserve

Pearson-Arastradero Preserve*
1350 Arastradero Road
• 622 acres/10.25 miles of trails
• 650-329-2423; bit.ly/PearsonArastradero

Picchetti Ranch Preserve**
Montebello Road, Cupertino
• 308 acres/3.7 miles of trails
• Wine tasting at historic Picchetti Winery
• 650-691-1200; bit.ly/PicchettiRanch

Rancho San Antonio Preserve**
22500 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos Hills
• 3,988 acres/24 miles of trails

Ravenswood Open Space Preserve**
Bay Road, East Palo Alto
• 376 acres/1.9 miles of trails
• Access to San Francisco Bay Trail, wetlands boardwalk
• bit.ly/RavenswoodPreserve

Russian Ridge Preserve**
Skyline Boulevard near Page Mill/Alpine Road, Los Altos Hills
• 3,137 acres/10.4 miles of trails
• bit.ly/RussianRidge

Shoreline at Mountain View Park
3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View
• 750 acres/8 miles of trails
• Aquatic park, 18-hole golf course, bay front trails; Park open 6 a.m. to half hour after sunset; lake has seasonal hours
• 650-903-6392; shorelinelake.com

Skyline Ridge Preserve**
Skyline Boulevard near Page Mill/Alpine Road intersection, Los Gatos
• 2,143 acres/10 miles of trails
• bit.ly/SkylineRidgePreserve

Windy Hill Preserve**
Skyline Boulevard, Portola Valley
• 1,335 acres/12 miles of trails
• Hang gliding, paragliding, kite flying
• bit.ly/WindyHillPreserve

PARKS

Parks are open from sunrise to sunset. For more information: 650-496-6962; bit.ly/PAParks

Baylands Nature Preserve
2500 Embarcadero Road
• See Preserves

Boi Park
3590 Laguna Ave.
• 13.8 acres

Boulware Park
410 Fernando Ave.
• 1.5 acres
• Basketball, playground, picnic/BBQ area

Bowden Park
2380 High St.
• 2 acres
• Playground, picnic area

Bowling Green Park
474 Embarcadero Road
• See Recreational Facilities

Byxbee Park
2375 Embarcadero Road
• See Preserves

Cameron Park
2101 Wellesley St.
• 11 acres
• Playground, picnic area

Cogswell Plaza
264 Lytton Ave.
• 0.5 acres

Don Jesus Ramos Park
800 E. Meadow Drive
• 4.4 acres
• Sport court, playground, picnic/BBQ area

Don Secundino Robles Park
4116 Park Blvd.
• 4.7 acres
• Basketball, softball, wheelchair-accessible toddler swings, picnic/BBQ area

El Camino Park
155 El Camino Real
• 12.2 acres
• Softball, soccer

El Palo Alto Park
117 Palo Alto Ave.
• 0.5 acres

Eleanor Pardee Park
851 Center Drive
• 9.6 acres
• Palo Alto Demonstration Garden, playground, picnic/BBQ area

Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden
1431 Waverley St.
• 2.5 acres with historic home and gardens

Foothills Open Space Preserve
Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills
• See Preserves

Greer Park
1098 Amarillo Ave.
• 22 acres
• Little League diamond, small dog run, skateboard bowl, playground, soccer, softball, basketball, picnic/BBQ area

Henry W. Seale Park
3100 Stockton Place
• 4.3 acres
• Basketball, playground, picnic area

Heritage Park
300 Homer Ave.
• 1.1 acres
• Picnic area, playground
• To make picnic reservations, call 650-463-4900

Hoover Park
2901 Cowper St.
• 4.2 acres
• Playground, baseball field with bleachers, tennis courts, handball court, picnic area, multipurpose concrete bowl with two basketball hoops, fenced dog run and restrooms

Hopkins Creekside Park
Palo Alto Avenue (between Emerson and Marlowe streets)
• 12.4 acres
• Narrow strip of land along banks of San Francisco Bay

Johnson Park
Everett and Hawthorne avenues (between Kipling and Waverley streets)
• 2.5 acres
• Climbing structures, volleyball, community garden, basketball, picnic area, toddler playground

Juana Briones Park
609 Maybell Ave.
• 4.1 acres
• Basketball, toddler playground, picnic area

Kellogg Park
Waverley Street at Embarcadero Road
• 0.2 acres

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OPEN SPACE

Lytton Plaza
202 University Ave.
• 0.2 acres

Magical Bridge Playground
600 E. Meadow Drive (located in Mitchell Park)
• 1.3 acres
• Fully inclusive playground for children of varying physical and cognitive abilities
• magicalbridge.org

Mayfield Park
2300 Wellesley St.
• 1.1 acres

Mitchell Park
600 E. Meadow Drive
• 21.4 acres
• Tennis, handball, water park, dog park, toddler playground, BBQ area
• For picnic reservations, group policies and rental fees, call 650-463-4900

Monroe Park
4305 Miller Ave.
• 0.55 acres
• Toddler playground

Pearson-Arastradero Preserve
1530 Arastradero Road
• See Preserves

Peers Park
1899 Park Blvd.
• 4.7 acres
• Tennis, basketball, playground, picnic area, dog park

Rinconada Park
777 Embarcadero Road
• 19 acres
• Swimming, tennis, playgrounds with fully inclusive equipment, BBQ area
• For picnic reservations, group policies and rental fees, call 650-463-4900

Sarah Wallis Park
202 Ash St.
• 0.3 acres

Scott Street Mini Park
911 Scott St.
• 0.4 acres
• Basketball, toddler play area

Stanford Palo Alto Community Playing Fields
2700 El Camino Real
• 5.9 acres
• Soccer, night lighting, restrooms, snack facility

Terman Park
655 Arastradero Road
• 7.7 acres
• Softball, tennis, soccer, basketball

Weisshaar Park
2298 Dartmouth St.
• 1.1 acres
• Open grassy field, tennis, picnic area

Werry Park
2100 Dartmouth St.
• 1.1 acres
• Lawn area, children’s sand area, toddler playground

Westwind Community Barn
27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills
• 4-H therapeutic riding.
• losaltoshills.ca.gov

FISHING

Arastradero Lake
1530 Arastradero Road
• Year-round fishing; no boats.
• 650-329-2423; bit.ly/Pearson-Arastradero

Boronda Lake, Foothills Nature Preserve
3300 Page Mill Road
• Year-round fishing; non-motorized boats.
• 650-329-2423; cityofpaloalto.org (search “Boronda Lake”)

BAYLANDS SAILING STATION

Baylands Sailing Station
2775 Embarcadero Road
• Located within the 1,940-acre Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve; non-motorized small boats and sailboards
• 650-617-3156; bit.ly/BaylandsNaturePreserve

Shoreline Aquatic Center at Shoreline Lake
3160 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View
• 50-acre lake; sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and canoeing
• shorelinelake.com

GOLF (PUBLIC COURSES)

Burgess Skate Park
700 Alma St., Menlo Park
• menlopark.org/skatepark

Shoreline Golf Links
2940 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View
• 18-hole course overlooking the Bay; 16 acres of water-hazards.
• 650-903-4653; shorelinelinks.com

GOLF (PUBLIC COURSES)

Burgess Skate Park
700 Alma St., Menlo Park
• menlopark.org/skatepark

Green Skateboard Park
1098 Amarillo Ave.
• cityofpaloalto.org (search “Greer Park”)

Rengstorff Park
201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View
• mountainview.gov

ICE SKATING

Winter Lodge
3009 Middlefield Road
• Outdoor, seasonal rink
• winterlodge.com

LAWN BOWLING

Bowling Green Park
474 Embarcadero Road
• For information about lawn bowls club, go to palbc.org

SHORELINE SKATEBOARDING

Burgess Skate Park
700 Alma St., Menlo Park
• menlopark.org/skatepark

Greer Skateboard Park
1098 Amarillo Ave.
• cityofpaloalto.org (search “Greer Park”)

Rengstorff Park
201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View
• mountainview.gov
**Swimming**

- **Burgess Memorial Pool**
  501 Laurel St., Menlo Park
  - menloswim.com

- **Rinconada Pool**
  777 Embarcadero Road
  - paloaltoswim.com

**Tennis**

For information on tennis courts, call the Palo Alto Recreation Division, 650-463-4900; cityofpaloalto.org (search "tennis")

- **Cubberley Community Center**
  4000 Middlefield Road, T2

- **Ellen Fletcher Middle School**
  655 Arastradero Road

- **Greene Middle School**
  750 N. California Ave.

- **Gunn High School**
  780 Arastradero Road

- **Hoover Park**
  2901 Cowper St.

- **JLS Middle School**
  480 E. Meadow Drive

- **Mitchell Park**
  600 E. Meadow Drive

- **Palo Alto High School**
  50 Embarcadero Road

- **Rinconada Park**
  777 Embarcadero Road
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EDUCATION

A guide to the area’s public & private schools

PUBLIC K-12: THE PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Palo Alto Unified School District serves approximately 10,754 K-12 students from Palo Alto, Stanford and a portion of Los Altos Hills at 12 elementary, three middle and two high schools.

Palo Alto Unified School District
Administration Office
25 Churchill Ave.
650-329-3700 | pausd.org
Superintendent: Don Austin

Estimated General Fund expenditures 2022/23: $290.3 million
Rankings: Niche's 2022 Best School Districts in California: No. 2
Information from PAUSD and Niche.com

Board of Education
The Palo Alto Unified School District’s five-member school board holds meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Public comments can be made in person or via Zoom. For meeting agendas and Zoom links, go to go.boarddocs.com/ca/pausd/Board. nsf/Public.
The board sets direction for the district, approves the annual budget, hires the superintendent and makes other policy decisions. Elections are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years.

650-329-3700
pausd.org/about-us/board-of-education

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Athena Academy
525 San Antonio Ave.
Focus on students with dyslexia
atenaacademy.org

Beechwood School
4000 Middlefield Road
Coed, college prep
beechwoodschool.org

Bowman International School
4000 Terman Drive
Montessori
bowmanschool.org

Castilleja School
1310 Bryant St.
Girls
castilleja.org

Challenger School
3880 Middlefield Road
Emphasis on early reading
challschools.com

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3880 Middlefield Road
Emphasis on early reading
challschools.com

Crystal Springs Uplands School
400 Uplands Drive, Hillsborough
Coed, college prep
cus.org

Esther B. Clark at Children's Health Council
650 Clark Way
Academic program in therapeutic milieu
chc.org

Fusion Academy
2191 E. Bayshore Road, Suite 100
One-on-one learning
fusionacademy.com/campuses/palo-alto

German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV)
310 Easy St., Mountain View
German/English
gissv.org

Gideons Hausner Jewish Day School
450 San Antonio Road
Coed, college prep, Jewish
hausnerschool.org

The Girls’ Middle School
3400 W. Bayshore Road
Girls
girlsms.org

The Harker School
San Jose campuses
Coed, college prep
harker.org

Helios New School
597 Central Ave., Sunnyvale
Gifted
heliosns.org

Imagination Lab School
4000 Middlefield Road
Interdisciplinary/coed
imagination-school.org

Silicon Valley International School
475 Pape St., Menlo Park (middle-high school); 151 Laura Lane, Palo Alto (K-5)
French, Chinese and German language programs from preschool-grade 12
siliconvalleyinternational.org

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Harker is a community of dedicated, passionate learners committed to celebrating a diverse community of students, and fostering an inspiring space for all. Our goal (and greatest joy) is to help all students uncover their unique gifts through our deep and varied offerings and inspiring faculty. With more than 125 years of experience in bringing out the best in children, we are dedicated to continuing that legacy of excellence.

Kindness, respect, honesty, integrity and personal accountability have been in the school’s DNA since its founding. Community service, character development curriculum, and our honor code all encourage, develop and reinforce these important qualities.

Many things make Harker special, however small class sizes and our attention to each child’s journey is especially unique. Beginning in the lower school, and continuing throughout each student’s Harker journey, we carefully evaluate the course placement that best meets a student’s talents and interests to ensure that each is challenged, encouraged, engaged and inspired to be their personal and academic best. A vital part of that process involves the offering of extensive curricular and extracurricular offerings to help students discover and nurture talents they may not otherwise have known they have. We do this through our deep and varied offerings and through our incredible and inspiring faculty, for whom we search nationwide. Many hold advanced degrees, and all are passionate about teaching and focused on individual student success.

Harker is a supportive, safe, fun and nurturing place where parents, faculty, staff, students and alumni form a close-knit community through events, traditions and our common mission. Our students leave Harker uncommonly prepared for college and ready to make a difference in the world.

Educating more than 2,000 students TK-grade 12, Harker is the largest independent school of its kind in California, serving families of preschool, elementary, middle and high school-aged children, with each division on its own San Jose campus.
Kehillah Jewish High School
3900 Fabian Way
Coed, college prep, Jewish
kehhillah.org

Keys School
2890 Middlefield Road (K-4), 3981 El Camino Real (5-8)
Coed, K-8
keyschool.org

The Living Wisdom School
456 College Ave.
Coed, TK-12
livingwisdomschool.org

Lydian Academy
815 El Camino Real, Menlo Park
One-on-one education
lydianacademy.com

Meira Academy
3921 Fabian Way
Jewish, girls
meiraacademy.org

Menlo School
50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton
Coed, college prep
menloschool.org

Mid-Peninsula High School
1340 Willow Road, Menlo Park
Coed, college prep
mid-pen.com

Nativity Catholic School
1250 Laurel St., Menlo Park
Catholic
nativityschool.com

Notre Dame High School
1540 Ralston Ave., Belmont
Girls, Catholic
ndhsb.org

Palo Alto Prep School
2462 Wyandotte St., Mountain View
Coed, college prep
paloaltoprep.com

Peninsula School
920 Peninsula Way, Menlo Park
Progressive
peninsulaschool.org

Phillips Brooks School
2245 Avy Ave., Menlo Park
Coed
PhillipsBrooks.org

Pinewood School
Los Altos, Los Altos Hills campuses
Academics, arts, moral values
pinewood.edu

Roberts School
641 Coleman Ave., Menlo Park
Individualized attention, Piaget philosophy
therobertsschool.com

Sacred Heart Schools
150 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton
Catholic
shschools.org

Sand Hill School at Children’s Health Council
650 Clark Way
Language-based learning differences
sandhillschool.org

St. Elizabeth Seton School
1095 Channing Ave.
Catholic
650-326-9004

St. Joseph Catholic School
1120 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View
Catholic
sjmv.org

St. Raymond School
1211 Arbor Road, Menlo Park
Catholic
straymond.org

Stratford School
870 N. California Ave.
Coed
stratfordschools.com

Synapse School
3375 Edison Way, Menlo Park
Independent, advanced curriculum
synapteschool.org

Trinity School
330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park; 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park
Episcopal, coed
trinity-mp.org

Waldorf School of the Peninsula
11311 Mora Drive, Los Altos; 180 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View
Developmentally based experiential curriculum
waldorfpenninsula.org

Woodland School
360 La Cuesta Drive, Portola Valley
Coed
woodland-school.org

Woodside Priory School
302 Portola Road, Portola Valley
Coed, college prep, Catholic/Benedictine day and boarding school
prioryca.org

CHILD CARE, PRESCHOOL, AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

NORTHEAST
(bounded by Oregon Expressway, Alma Street, San Francisquito Creek, Palo Alto Baylands)

Addison Kids’ Club
650 Addison Ave.
K-5; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
650-323-4007 / paccc.org

Downtown Palo Alto KinderCare
848 Ramona St.
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Discovery Children’s House
437 Webster St.
- Pre-K through transitional kindergarten; Montessori method
- 650-329-8023 / dchmontessori.com

Downtown Children’s Center
555 Waverley St.
- 2 years to K; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-321-9578 / paccc.org

Duveneck Kids’ Club
705 Alester Ave.
- K-5; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-328-8356 / paccc.org

First Congregational Church Nursery School
1985 Louis Road
- 2-4 years; play-based curriculum
- 650-493-1915 / firstcongennonurseryschool.org

First School
First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave.
- 2.5-6 years; play-based curriculum
- 650-321-3871 / firstschool.org

Silicon Valley International School
Cohn Campus, 151 Laura Lane
- Grades 1-8; after-school language classes, activities, study hall
- siliconvalleyinternational.org

The Learning Center
459 Kingsley Ave.
- 6 months to 5 years; play-based curriculum
- 650-325-6683 / tlcpaloalto.org

Northwest
(bounded by Page Mill Road, Foothill Expressway, San Francisquito Creek, Alma Street)

Amigos de Palo Alto
1611 Stanford Ave.
- 2.5 years to K; bilingual immersion Spanish/English
- 650-493-4300 / amigosdepaloalto.com

Bing Nursery School
850 Escondido Road, Stanford
- 2 to 5 years; bilingual immersion Spanish/English
- 650-723-4865 / bingschool.stanford.edu

Northside

Odyssey Preschool
100 Addison Ave.
- 18 months to Kindergarten; Instruction in English, Mandarin, Hindi, Spanish
- 650-321-2747 / odysseymontessoriipa.com

Parents Nursery School
2328 Louis Road
- 2-5 years; play-based curriculum
- 650-856-1440 / parentsnurseryschool.org

Periwinkle School
169 Byron St.
- Young fives (summer or fall birthdays); play-based curriculum
- 650-326-5386 / periwinkleschool.org

Walter Hays Kids’ Club
1525 Middlefield Road
- K-5; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-325-5350 / paccc.org

SOUTHEAST
(bounded by Alma Street, Oregon Expressway, East Bayshore Road, San Antonio Road)

Besse Bolton Kid’s Club
500 E. Meadow Drive
- K-5; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-856-0847 / paccc.org

Children’s Pre-School Center
4000 Middlefield Road, T-1
- Infantcy - pre-K; play-based curriculum
- 650-493-5770 / cpsccares.org

Covenant Children’s Center
670 E. Meadow Drive
- 2 months - pre-K; play-based curriculum
- 650-493-9505 / covenantchildresscenter.com

El Carmelo Kids’ Club
3024 Bryant St.
- K-5; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-856-6150 / paccc.org

Ellen Thacher Children’s Center
505 E. Charleston Road
- 2 years old – K; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-494-1467 / paccc.org

Good Neighbor Montessori
4000 Middlefield Road, Suite K3/K4
- 2-6 years; Montessori method
- 650-493-2777 / goodneighbormontessori.com

Grace Lutheran Preschool
3149 Waverley St.
- 2.5-5 years; play-based curriculum
- 650-493-8942 / gracerep.org

HeadsUp! Palo Alto
2800 W. Bayshore Road
- Infants through kindergarten; play-based curriculum
- 650-424-1211 / headsup.org

Hoover Kids’ Club
445 E. Charleston Road
- K-5; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-565-8847 / paccc.org

Infant-Toddler Center
4111 Alma St.
- 2 months - 3 years; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-493-2240 / paccc.org

Silicon Valley International School
Cowper Campus, 3233 Cowper St.
- Nursery to K; bilingual immersion French/English and Mandarin Chinese/English
- 650-852-0264 / siliconvalleyinternational.org

Learning Links, AbilityPath
3864 Middlefield Road
- 2-5 years; developmentally-appropriate curriculum
- 650-618-3342 / learninglinks.org

Montessori School of Los Altos
303 Parkside Drive
- 2.6 - 6 years; Montessori method
- 650-493-7200 / montessorischooloflosaltos.org

Mustard Seed Learning Center
3048 Price Court
- 2.2 - 5.5 years; multi-cognitive teaching methods
- 650-494-7389 / mustardseedlearningcenter.org

Ohlone Kids’ Club
950 Amarillo Ave.
- K-5; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-493-0774 / paccc.org

OFJCC Leslie Family Preschool
3921 Fabian Way
- 18 months - 5 years; play-based curriculum
- 650-223-8788 / paloaltojcc.org/ preschool

Palo Alto Friends Nursery School
957 Colorado Ave.
- 3 years - pre-K; play-based curriculum
- 650-856-6152 / pafns.org

Palo Verde Kids’ Club
3450 Louis Road (PAUSD site)
- K-5; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
- 650-852-9475 / paccc.org

Palm School Family
4120 Middlefield Road
- Infants to 5 years old; play-based curriculum
- 650-856-0833 / pssf.pausd.org

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Country Day Little School
3990 Ventura Court
• 2-6 years; play-based curriculum
• 650-494-8044 / countrydaylittleschool.com

Heffalump Co-operative Preschool
3990 Ventura Court
• 2 years to first grade; play-based curriculum
• 650-856-4321 / heffalump-preschool.com

Juana Briones Kids’ Club
4100 Orme St.
• K-5; Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) program
• 650-856-3874 / paccc.org

Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC)
575 Arastradero Road
• Infancy - elementary school; nonprofit, state licensed program
• 650-493-2361 / paccc.org

Palo Alto Montessori School
4232 El Camino Real
• 2-6 years; Montessori method
• 650-739-0137 / woodland-school.org

Sunshine Preschool Montessori
3711 Ross Road
• 2-6 years; Montessori method
• 650-493-0665 / sunshine-preschool.com

The Wonder Years Preschool
991 Commercial St.
• 2-5 years; child-centered, play-based curriculum
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70 West Hedding St., San Jose
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- 408-299-5001 / sccgov.org

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Foothill-De Anza Community College District
12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills
- Chancellor: Judy Miner
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Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose
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