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INFO MENLO 2023

Info Menlo is the Almanac’s curated resource guide for residents in and around the city of Menlo Park and the towns of Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside.

Every year, our Info publication aims to make it easier for residents to collaborate by capturing key resources and data needed to connect with neighborhood leaders, participate in the community and create positive change.

This year, as we finally emerge from the pandemic and the months of uncertainty that it spurred, Info 2023 has launched a new “Follow the Trail” series of features that shine a spotlight on the many different opportunities available in which to participate and explore the area. The goal is to help residents reconnect with their community and one another while rediscovering many activities that were previously put on hold.

Inside, you will find a variety of ways to enjoy the unique offerings that make Menlo Park and the greater Midpeninsula area such a sought-after place to live, including local history, one-of-a-kind festivals, nature preserves and gardens.

As usual, we’ve also included key resources and information about the community from how to contact the mayor to where to find advocates for seniors and those in need. Our education section offers comparative information on public and private schools. The government chapter provides information on the boards and commissions that guide the city.

In addition to this publication, you can visit AlmanacNews.com to stay up to date on news and events happening in the area. Subscribe to Express, a daily email, and have the news delivered right to your inbox. Or check out Weekend Express, emailed on Thursdays, for the scoop on art and entertainment. Both are free; sign up at AlmanacNews.com/express.

If you’ve got suggestions for next year’s Info, please email editor@AlmanacNews.com. We appreciate your feedback.

Linda Taaffe
Info Menlo editor


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Following the arts trail

A resident’s guide for exploring music, sculptures and one-of-a-kind arts offerings along the Peninsula year-round

From jazz ensembles performing in a vineyard to a collection of quirky sculptures built under a grove of redwoods to an interactive art laboratory set up in alleyways and downtown streets, the Midpeninsula has no shortage of venues to experience the arts — no matter what time of year. We went from community to community along the Peninsula from Mountain View to Woodside in search of arts offerings, whether longtime favorites, new works or one-of-a-kind offerings. Here are 16 ways to experience the arts during every season.

The Kings Mountain Art Fair in Woodside. Photo by Vivian Cromwell.
MOUNTAIN VIEW

Downtown music series
CASTRO STREET
▶ Music and street dining, June - September

Mountain View’s Castro Street offers two free music series. Concerts on the Plaza features bands every Friday evening from 6:30 p.m., June through September, in the Civic Center Plaza at 500 Castro St. The outdoor concerts include a variety of musical performances. Spectators are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. This season’s series winds down with Wolf Jett (folk/soul) on Sept. 15, The Groove Foundation (top 40/R&B/funk/rock) on Sept. 22 and The Loose Interpretations (a cappella) on Sept. 29.

The city’s new Music on Castro series features singer-songwriters who perform in the street on the 200 block of Castro, which is closed to traffic. Stores and restaurants stay open later in the evening for the event. The series takes place in the downtown commercial district every Wednesday from 5-6:45 p.m. from the start of summer through early fall.

LOS ALTOS

First Friday
DOWNTOWN TRIANGLE
▶ Outdoor music, murals, immersive art displays, year-round

Downtown Los Altos comes to life with music and art on the first Friday of every month when more than a dozen bands, from solo performers to 17-piece groups, perform on downtown street corners and sidewalks outside of restaurants and stores. Put on by the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, the monthly music series sprang up in 2011. In addition to music, art enthusiasts at First Friday can enjoy about a dozen murals and interactive and illuminated sculptures in and around the city’s downtown triangle.

PALO ALTO

Third Thursday
CALIFORNIA AVENUE
▶ Dinner and a show

Live music comes to street corners and sidewalks along Palo Alto’s California Avenue once a month during the city’s Third Thursday music series that launched in May 2023 with six bands and has since expanded. The series features a variety of acts each month, ranging from full jazz bands to guitar soloists. There’s also plenty of outdoor dining options and children’s games set up in the street, which is closed off to traffic. Palo Alto resident Carol Garsten, the event’s producer and a longtime contributor to the First Friday music scene in neighboring Los Altos, said she was inspired to bring something similar to Palo Alto. Third Thursday runs from 6-9 p.m. Free. 3ridthursday.fun

IF YOU WANT TO EXPLORE MORE STREET ART ...

Menlo Park and Mountain View offer self-guided art walks in their downtown districts.

3 In Menlo Park, colorful murals and large-scale photographs can be found on display on the exterior walls of about a half-dozen buildings near and around Santa Cruz Avenue thanks to the new nonprofit Elevate Art Menlo Park. To view the self-guided Downtown Art Walk map, go to elevateartmp.org/artwalk.

4 Mountain View’s downtown is home to about a dozen sculptures, murals and other visual arts displays in the city’s public art program that have been commissioned by a variety of public and private organizations. Most of the pieces are scattered throughout the downtown core and accessible by foot, making this a particularly fun way to explore the area while taking in some art. The Civic Center, the train station and Eagle and Pioneer parks are good places to see many of the sculptures. To view the city’s public art map, go to bit.ly/MVartwalk.
**Palo Alto**

**Code: ART**

- **Outdoor interactive ‘creative laboratory,’ October**

Every other year, Palo Alto’s downtown turns into an interactive “creative laboratory” for three days as part of Code: Art. The Palo Alto Public Art Program brings temporary public art installations and urban art interventions, or “prototypes,” to various locations throughout downtown for the public to explore. Those attending the festival get to provide feedback on which prototypes they’d like to see developed in downtown. This year’s festival is scheduled to take place from 5-10 p.m. on Oct. 12-14 at different locations on University, and Hamilton avenues and Ramona and Emerson streets. Free. [cityofpaloalto.org](http://cityofpaloalto.org)

**New Works Festival**

- **A sneak peek at new plays and musicals, August**

During the first two weeks of August, Lucie Stern Theatre (1305 Middlefield Road) becomes ground-zero for a handful of new plays and musicals in their early stages of development at the New Works Festival hosted by Mountain View’s Tony Award-winning theater company, TheatreWorks Silicon Valley. The festival, which marked its 20th anniversary in August, provides theater-goers a unique opportunity to get a sneak peek at new plays in progress while giving the shows’ creators a chance to get audience feedback before finalizing their productions.

**Missed the festival?** You can catch other TheatreWorks productions at Lucie Stern Theatre or the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts during the theater’s regular season, which runs from November through June. [theatreworks.org/new-works](http://theatreworks.org/new-works)

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**Stanford**

**Stanford Jazz Festival**

- **Rising stars and well-known names in jazz, June-August**

The Stanford Jazz Festival takes place for six weeks every summer at various venues on the Stanford University campus providing festival-goers the opportunity to see both well-known names and rising stars in jazz. Over the past five decades since Stanford grad Jim Nadel launched Stanford Jazz Workshop in 1972, the organization has been an incubator for future jazz greats as well as a venue for legends, including Stan Getz and Dizzy Gillespie. In addition to concerts by various artists, the festival also offers favorite regular features such as the Stanford Jazz Workshop all-star jam and early bird jazz for kids. [stanfordjazz.org](http://stanfordjazz.org)

**Stanford Powwow**

- **A celebration of Indigenous communities, May**

Mother’s Day weekend always means something additional at Stanford University: the Stanford Powwow. Each May, the campus becomes the site of traditional dancing, songs, live music, a drum contest, intertribal events and art vendors for the three-day festival that salutes Native American culture and heritage. The event, which has taken place at the university for more than 50 years, draws an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 each year and is one of the larger powwows across the country. The next Stanford Powwow is scheduled to take place May 10-12, 2024, in the Eucalyptus Grove at Embarcadero Road and El Camino Real. Free. [stanfordpowwow.org](http://stanfordpowwow.org)

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**Palo Alto**

**Great Glass Pumpkin Patch**

- **Thousands of glass gourds on display, September-October**

One of the favorite signs of fall around these parts is the appearance of a particular pumpkin patch filled with gleaming glass gourds. An autumn tradition for nearly three decades, the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch brings over 10,000 blown-glass pumpkins to the grounds of the Palo Alto Art Center every fall. The event, presented by the art center and the Bay Area Glass Institute, features glass pumpkins of every size and color, as well as other autumn-themed glass pieces.

Like actual pumpkins, which take time to grow, this unique harvest is months in the making, with about 25 artists working throughout the year to stock the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch. Visitors who want to learn how this pretty produce is made can check out glass-blowing demonstrations that are held throughout the weekend at the art center.

The 28th annual Great Glass Pumpkin Patch takes place at the Palo Alto Art Center (1313 Newell Road), 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 30- Oct. 1. Free. [greatglasspumpkinpatch.com](http://greatglasspumpkinpatch.com)

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**Great Glass Pumpkin Patch at the Palo Alto Art Center. Courtesy Great Glass Pumpkin Patch.**

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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A VARIETY OFPERFORMANCES ...**

The Stanford Live Arts Festival summer series is held during the summer months 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 to symphonies to a tribute to The Beatles. Stanford Live Arts in the past has collaborated with SFJazz, the San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Ballet to co-present multiple shows during the six-week run. [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu)
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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. events.stanford.edu

OUTDOOR SCULPTURE TOURS

Docent-led walks of 19th- and 20th-century outdoor collections, year-round

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 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 take place every Sunday, at 10 a.m., March 5 through Nov. 26. Djerassi Ranch (2325 Bear Gulch Road, Woodside) offers 12 free hikes a year; the rest of the hikes cost $50 per person. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis and always fill up quickly. djerassi.org/events/public-hikes/

MUSIC AT MENLO

Three weeks of chamber music, July-August

For more than two decades, Atherton’s Music@Menlo has provided the opportunity for audiences to enjoy and learn about chamber music during its flagship chamber music festival at Menlo School (50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton) held over three weeks each summer. Music@Menlo offers master classes in which audiences can watch young performers learn from experienced musicians, as well as artist talks and lectures offering insights into featured music. Concerts highlight the works of specific composers and programming explores various aspects of the composers’ life and works.

For those who don’t want to wait until summer 2024 to enjoy the festival … Music@Menlo now offers concert series and lectures throughout the year. Past concerts also can be viewed online. musicatmenlo.org

JAZZ IN THE VINEYARD

Vines, wine, music and scenic views, June - August

This annual jazz festival at Portola Vineyards (850 Los Trancos Road) has brought some of the genre’s brightest lights to the winery every summer for over a decade. With support from the city of Palo Alto since its first season, the jazz festival has boasted an impressive lineup every year, including violin maestro Mads Tolling, Latin big band Orquesta Dharma and piano prodigy Javier Santiago. The outdoor jazz series runs from June through August. Concerts typically sell out fast, so reserve tickets for next season early. portolavineyards.com

IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE CONCERTS AT A HISTORIC ESTATE …

Festival. Courtesy Stanford Jazz Festival.

The Turtle Island String Quartet at the Stanford Jazz Festival. Courtesy Stanford Jazz Festival.

King’s Mountain Art Fair

Fine art under the redwoods, September

The Kings Mountain Art Fair returned its bucolic setting among the redwoods last year following two years of virtual events due to the pandemic. The juried arts fair, which was founded in 1963 as a fundraiser to help create a volunteer fire department for the remote Kings Mountain Community, is ranked among the top art fairs in the state, according to the Art Fair Sourcebook. The outdoor festival, which takes place on the forested grounds of the Kings Mountain Community Center and Firehouse (13889 Skyline Blvd.), provides visitors a rare opportunity to walk the redwoods while taking in a juried exhibition of gallery quality fine arts and crafts. This year, the festival celebrated its 60th anniversary. Festival takes place over Labor Day weekend each year. Free. Works from artists featured at the fair can be viewed and purchased on the Kings Mountain Art Fair website. kingsmountainartfair.org

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The Stanford Powwow at Stanford University. Photo by Veronica Weber.
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Visitors can still grab food and a drink at Rossotti’s Alpine Inn, California’s second-oldest continually run tavern. Photo by Sadie Stinson.

With roots tied to indigenous people, Spanish missions, the 1849 gold rush, early logging, agriculture and tech, the Midpeninsula boasts a colorful and varied history with plenty of fascinating historical points of interest. Many of these places are open to the public and provide visitors the opportunity to eat, drink, explore the arts and take in a show in addition to soaking in local history. From a Victorian home to a sprawling country estate to century-old taverns and former movie houses, we explored the region and found a variety of places and ways to appreciate and learn about the past while enjoying the present. This is in no way a comprehensive list of places to visit, but it provides a good starting point.

The Heritage Orchard in Los Altos still produces apricots. Courtesy Los Altos History Museum.

Following the Peninsula’s history trail

Different places and ways to delve into the past while enjoying the present
Rengstorff House

From deteriorated Victorian farmhouse to stunning history museum

Most people who have ventured into Shoreline Park have probably seen the Rengstorff House — the oldest home in the city and a striking example of Victorian Italianate architecture. Built in 1867 for settler Henry Rengstorff, who came to California hoping to strike it rich in the gold rush but ended up making his money as a rancher, the two-story white wooden home boasts front-facing bay windows, a central gable crowned by a widow’s walk and a front portico flanked with square columns that stand out in stark contrast to the surrounding baylands.

For more than 30 years, the former-farmhouse-turned-history-museum has been open to the public, serving as a popular destination for weddings, tourists and even ghost hunters. The home is decorated with period pieces and hosts a variety of special events, including rotating exhibits, educational talks, bird-watching excursions along the shoreline and occasionally even candlelit tours.

Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the home wasn’t always a welcoming site. Prior to its 1991 opening as a museum at Shoreline Park, the home sat on Sterlin Road and was badly deteriorated and at risk of being demolished. The city of Mountain View purchased the home for $1, and the community launched a massive effort to restore it.

Free docent-led tours are offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 - 4 p.m. The garden and grounds are open during Shoreline Park’s regular hours. Friends of “R” House, a nonprofit organization supporting the city-owned landmark that curates and manages the museum exhibit, also offers online exhibits and tours. The museum is located at 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd. For more information, go to friendsofhouse.org.

Mountainside Orchard

A rare glimpse of the area’s agricultural roots

The apricot orchard in front of City Hall at 1 N. San Antonio Road is among the oldest still in operation in Santa Clara Valley. Planted by early resident J. Gilbert Smith in the early 1900s, this historic landmark provides a glimpse of the city’s agricultural past. It’s a popular site for photographers and artists. Not only can visitors stroll among the trees, they also can purchase apricots harvested in the orchard at the DeMartini Orchard fruit stand across the street when in season (June-August). To ensure that the fruit orchard will continue to thrive in future years, the Los Altos City Council in July approved a three-year contract with the Association of the Los Altos Historical Museum to restore and preserve the site following recent droughts that impacted the health of the apricot grove.

Behind the orchard is Smith’s shingled farmhouse built from mail-order plans in 1899 that now serves as a history house museum. The house is surrounded by historic gardens, a tank house and farm equipment reflecting the area’s agricultural era. There’s also a modern museum building designed to look like a barn, which contains the city’s historical collections and permanent and rotating exhibits.

Access to the museum and orchard is free.

Los Altos Hills

Old Purissima School

Former one-room schoolhouse now serves as a chapel

The white steeple of St. Luke’s Chapel in the Hills can be seen poking among the trees along southbound U.S. Highway 280, a short distance before the El Monte/Moody Road exit for Foothill College. Before the tiny wooden building on Duval Way was converted into a church in 1966, it served as a one-room schoolhouse for children of the area’s early settlers. From 1901 to 1952, Purissima School, which was part of the Palo Alto Unified School District before the Los Altos School District purchased it in 1948, was a neighborhood elementary school. In the early days, students often would ride their horses to the school, which also served as a community hub where holiday gatherings and other celebrations were held. Generations of Los Altos Hills students attended the school. Alumni include David Packard Jr. (son of David and Lucile Packard) and Carl Schmitt, a former state superintendent of banks in California and founding chairman and CEO of University National Bank, which became Comerica Bank.

St. Luke’s holds Anglican services in the former schoolhouse on Sundays. The chapel is located at 26140 Duval Way (off Robeleta Road).

Los Altos

Heritage Orchard

Former Hotel President

Revamped 1929 landmark pays homage to architect Birge Clark

Just about everyone who has driven through Palo Alto likely has seen the Spanish-influenced architecture of Birge Clark. His iconic red-tiled roofs, stucco walls, arches and wrought iron details defined the burgeoning city’s Early California style and had so much influence on the look of its commercial and residential streetscapes that Palo Alto has been referred to “as the city Birge built.”

During a 50-year span, Clark built 98 Palo Alto houses and nearly 400 buildings in and around the city, including the landmark 1929-era Hotel President on University Avenue, which has recently been refurbished and renamed Graduate Palo Alto.

The hotel is a good place to explore Clark’s work since some areas of the building are now open to the public for the first time since the 1950s when it was converted into an apartment building.

While the updated hotel aims to be an upscale homage to all things Stanford and includes portraits and art inspired by some of the university’s more famous attendees, much of the six-story Spanish colonial building that Clark designed has remained intact, including its wood-beamed ceilings, spiral tiled-staircase, wrought iron details and some of the lobby’s historic green tiles from the original 1929 construction.

To pay homage to Clark, the menu at the hotel’s newly opened Lou & Herbert’s cafe and bar features a cocktail named for Clark called “Birge’s Blueprint.” It’s made with gin, sage cordial, saline and palo santo smoke.

Visitors also can take the hotel’s vintage Otis elevator, with a refurbished leather interior, to the top of the building to the President’s Terrace, a rooftop bar with views of downtown and the Stanford quad.

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Palos Verdes Peninsula

Stanford Theatre

1920s movie house with organ, classic films

Peninsula film lovers can once again catch a classic movie and hear the Wurlitzer play at Stanford Theatre, which reopened in July. Except for a few months last summer, the Palo Alto movie house has remained largely closed for more than three years due to the pandemic and renovation work. Designed as a movie palace in the Moorish revival style, the theater opened its doors in 1925 with a Leatherbury-Smith orchestral organ that featured pipes ranging from the size of a toothpick to 32 feet tall and was built specifically to accompany silent films.

During the 1960s, the theater fell on hard times and the organ was dismantled and sold. In 1987 after the death of Fred Astaire, local resident David Packard Jr., son of Hewlett-Packard co-founder David Packard, hosted a film festival of Astaire’s works at the theater. The two-week festival was so successful that the David and Lucile Packard Foundation bought and restored the theater, which is now owned and operated by Foothill College. Before the tiny wooden building on Duval Way was converted into a church in 1966, it served as a one-room schoolhouse for children of the area’s early settlers. From 1901 to 1952, Purissima School, which was part of the Palo Alto Unified School District before the Los Altos School District purchased it in 1948, was a neighborhood elementary school. In the early days, students often would ride their horses to the school, which also served as a community hub where holiday gatherings and other celebrations were held. Generations of Los Altos Hills students attended the school. Alumni include David Packard Jr. (son of David and Lucile Packard) and Carl Schmitt, a former state superintendent of banks in California and founding chairman and CEO of University National Bank, which became Comerica Bank.

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by the non-profit Stanford Theatre Foundation.

Taking in a show at the theater is much like experiencing how it was in its early heyday. The theater boasts tile floors, beamed ceilings, red velvet seats and a restored Wurlitzer organ, which includes the 1926 console from Hollywood’s Grauman’s Chinese Theatre and 1928-era pipes from New York’s historic Loew Theatre. The organ is played live during intermissions, as well as to accompany silent films. The theater shows classic movies and often hosts festivals highlighting the works of certain actors or directors. Find the full lineup of films at stanfordtheatre.org. (Embarcadero Media past articles, Wikipedia)

**MENLO PARK**

**Historic train station**

- **Model trains at California’s oldest train station**

7 Watch miniature passenger and freight trains run on tracks through mini towns and tunnels and over bridges and trestles at the historic Menlo Park train station (1090 Merrill St.). The West Bay Model Railroad Association built a model train display in the former Southern Pacific baggage building adjacent to the train station in Menlo Park where visitors can see the trains go around tracks and talk to club members. The building, constructed in 1867 by the San Francisco and San Jose Railroad Company, is the oldest railroad passenger station in California. The Victorian ornamentation was added in the 1890s when the station was remodeled to serve the newly opened Stanford University. The extension on the northwest was added to accommodate increased traffic generated by the establishment of Camp Fremont nearby during World War I. The station was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, and became a California Historical Landmark in 1983.

The Railroad Association holds monthly open houses and holiday train shows in the building. wbmrra.ning.com

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**Rossotti’s “Zott’s” Alpine Inn**

- **Second-oldest continually run tavern in California**

8 Rossotti’s Alpine Inn (3915 Alpine Road) is the place to soak in some local color and history while enjoying food and drinks. Dating back to 1852 and being the second-oldest continually run tavern in California, the place and its lore have attracted a wide cast of characters and fans, from patrons arriving on horseback to tech workers in Teslas and local families looking for a bite to eat after a game at nearby Rossotti Field. Alpine Inn has served generations of families from Portola Valley and nearby communities who treat the establishment as a home away from home. (Before the 2018 ownership change and renovations, it was known as a place where patrons would carve their names into the restaurant’s booths. The tabletops since have been repurposed into a wall next to the outside bar and a planter for a small herb and vegetable garden.) Inside, the tavern is decorated with Stanford athletics memorabilia donated by an alumnus.

The restaurant also still has “horse parking” out front (a group of locals still arrive on horseback some weekends) and a plaque marking the “beginning of the internet age” in 1976 when a crew of SRI scientists, sitting at a picnic table in the beer garden, successfully sent an electronic message from a computer.

The restaurant’s menu ranges from elevated bar bites like garlic herb and Parmigiano reggiano fries served with tarragon aioli to entrees including salads, burgers, sandwiches and wood-fired pizzas, plus tavern specialties like ribs and tacos. There’s limited seating in the tavern and a 250-seat beer garden with covered seating, heat lamps and TVs for sports fans. alpinennyp.com

(Source: The SixFifty, the Peninsula Foodist)

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**WOODSIDE**

**Filoli estate**

- **An up-close look at life on a lavish, century-old country estate**

9 No list of historical places would be complete without mentioning the 54,000-square-foot Filoli mansion. The Georgian revival-style estate is among the best-known historic properties in the region. With concerts, art strolls, holiday festivals, rotating exhibits and acres of gardens that change with the seasons, visitors can find something different to see or experience during each visit to the 106-year-old property.

Built as a private resident in 1917, the home sits on 654 acres and is considered one of the finest remaining country estates of the 20th century. The property includes 16 acres of English Renaissance gardens, a 6.8-acre gentleman’s orchard and hundreds of acres of natural lands with five distinct ecosystems and a 1-mile estate trail. The home and gardens are open for public tours year-round. Admission is charged.

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Those looking to soak in some nature don’t have to travel far. In fact, they don’t have to make a trek to the mountains or baylands. From flower walks at a shopping mall to a tech campus with an egret colony to a downtown park with acres of redwoods, the Peninsula offers plenty of ways to enjoy native plants, flowers and other greenery (and occasional wildlife) in unexpected settings. While these are hardly replacements for the thousands of acres of open space in the area, they do provide some respite from the daily grind — which is why we decided to compile a list of traditional and not-so-traditional destinations to enjoy nature in all its glory.
**MOUNTAIN VIEW**

The Rookery

- **Every spring, egrets return to breeding colony at Google**

Google’s Mountain View campus is home to great egrets, snowy egrets and black-crowned night-herons. Every spring, they return to the campus to raise their young in the street trees along Shorebird Way, or “The Rookery” (in the 1209-1231 blocks), where they have established a colony. From March to August, spectators can watch the entire breeding cycle. Great egrets usually arrive first, followed by the snowy egrets and night-herons, according to the Santa Clara County Audubon Society.

Historically, this area was dominated by wetlands and willow groves. It has changed over the years, but generations of birds still use the trees lining the street for their breeding colony. This rookery hosts 20% or more of the great egret colonies that are monitored in the Bay Area. Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and other organizations help Google and the city of Mountain View steward the egrets at this site. Shorebird Way is closed to traffic after the egret chicks hatch to protect the birds and people who like to watch them from the road. [scvas.org/egrets](http://scvas.org/egrets) (Source: Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society)

**LOS ALTOS**

Redwood Grove Nature Preserve

- **Walking among giants within steps of downtown**

The Redwood Grove Nature Preserve (482 University Ave.) is located within walking distance of downtown Los Altos. Maintained by the city and Grassroots Ecology, a nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for public lands, the park provides visitors an opportunity to explore various ecosystems. Here, visitors can walk along wooden catwalks and trails that wind through 6 acres that include a redwood forest, riparian floodplain, oak woodland and native meadow. The preserve also is home to a colony of great blue herons that breed and nest from March to May along the Adobe Creek that runs through the park. For those who want to learn how to garden with California native plants, the park includes a demonstration garden, too.

This park is unique in the area because redwood forests are typically found closer to the coast where they receive moisture from the fog. All of the redwoods at the park were transported from the Santa Cruz Mountains as saplings and planted in Los Altos in the 1920s. The trees are watered using tree sprinklers. The park is open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. [losaltosca.gov/parksrec/page/redwood-grove-nature-preserve](http://losaltosca.gov/parksrec/page/redwood-grove-nature-preserve) (Source: Grassroots Ecology)

**PALO ALTO**

King Tides, Palo Alto Baylands

- **Observing rare birds during the highest, lowest tides of the year**

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. The annual phenomenon attracts more than 1,000 visitors to the Baylands. The next California King Tides will happen at the start of 2024 on Jan. 11-12 and Feb. 9.

During the king tides, the nonprofit Environmental Volunteers lead 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. Tours begin at the Environmental Volunteers EcoCenter (2560 Embarcadero Road), where the king tides are most notable. [evols.org](http://evols.org) (Sources: Embarcadero Media past articles)

**PALO ALTO**

Second Saturday, Gamble Garden

- **Nature activities in historic garden**

Since 1985, the extensive gardens that Elizabeth F. Gamble first planted on her estate in downtown Palo Alto in the early 1900s have been restored and expanded and open for the community to enjoy. The 2.5-acre nonprofit Gamble Garden (1431 Waverley St.) includes a rose garden, cutting garden, formal herb garden, demonstration bed, wisteria garden, an allée, a rain garden and more. The gardens are so extensive, that the self-guided walking tour includes 24 points of interest, from A through Z. Gamble Garden is especially known for its extensive collection of camellias, which visitors will find in almost every corner of the property. The collection includes several rare camellias, including the camellia japonica “Kumasaka,” one of the oldest in continuous culture that dates back to 1695. Gamble’s camellias have been recognized by the American Camellia Society as part of the American Camellia Trail of notable collections.

For those who want to visit the gardens and the historic Colonial-Georgian Revival home, the grounds are open to the public daily, and special activities, exhibits and classes are offered year-round. On every second Saturday of the month, Gamble Garden opens its doors to the community for a morning of various nature-themed activities, including garden tours and nature hunts. On the Second Saturday on Oct. 14, visitors can learn about butterflies and bats. Open daily during daylight hours. Free. [gamblegarden.org](http://gamblegarden.org) (Source: Gamble Garden)

**STANFORD**

Stanford Shopping Center garden walk

- **Dozens of colorful garden beds positioned throughout the mall**

Stanford Shopping Center launched its Stanford Garden Walk this past spring to provide visitors an opportunity to explore and learn about more than 50 varieties of annuals, perennials and rose-like flowers grown in large planters and raised garden beds positioned around storefronts throughout the 1.4-million-square-foot outdoor mall. Simon Property Group, which operates the shopping center, kicked off its garden walk with a special guided stroll in April. Those who missed the inaugural tour can explore the gardens any time on their own. The flowers bloom throughout spring and summer and each planter features stakes with a QR code that can be scanned to learn more about the current blooms, including interesting tidbits, special characteristics of floral varieties, their symbolic meanings and growing tips.

The self-guided, interactive tour was designed with the help of Jackie Gray of Merivale Design, who has been the longtime garden designer for the shopping center. [stanfordgardenswalk.splashthat.com](http://stanfordgardenswalk.splashthat.com) (Source: Simon Property Group)

**ARIZONA**

Arizona Cactus Garden

- **Rare collection of cacti, succulents**

The Arizona Cactus Garden (450 Jane Stanford Way) is one of Stanford’s oldest living attractions — older than the university itself — with roots reaching back to late 1881. The 17,000-square-foot garden features densely tangled prickly pear plants, twisted spines and towering yucca trees and a collection of other unusual plants straight out of Mexico’s Sonoran desert Commissioned by Leland and Jane Stanford, the garden was one of several “Arizona Gardens” created by landscape architect Rudolph Ulrich. His design blended formal symmetrical plantings with the textures and colors of imported succulents. In its heyday, the Continued on page 20
garden included thousands of varieties of cacti and succulents that rarely, if ever, grew naturally in the Bay Area. Leland Stanford, who was president of the Central Pacific Railroad, reportedly gave Ulrich unlimited use of boxcars to haul specimens out of the desert. Over 500 varieties of cactus, succulents, ice plants and other rare and unusual specimens now grow abundantly in the 58 stone-lined garden beds, including a dozen or so original species from the 1880s. To tour the garden, park at the lot at Welch and Quarry roads and follow the path past the mausoleum.

facops.stanford.edu/arizona-garden
(Source: Embarcadero Media past articles)

MENLO PARK

Allied Arts Guild

▶ European-style garden courtyards in a historic setting

Located in a quiet neighborhood on the south edge of Menlo Park is the Allied Arts Guild (75 Arbor Road), a group of historic Spanish-style buildings clustered around extensive courtyard gardens reminiscent of those surrounding the Alhambra Palace in Spain. Designed by famed Palo Alto architects Gardner Dailey and Pedro Joseph de Lemos in the late 1920s as a serene workplace for artists, the complex is owned by the nonprofit Allied Arts Guild Auxiliary, which generates funds at the arts center to support the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. The complex includes artisan workshops and retail spaces, a café, and several conference rooms.

The gardens were an important element of the complex’s original design and featured annuals that mingled with hearty Mediterranean perennials and native plants. In 2006, the gardens received a complete overhaul by PGAdesign. Besides refurbishing the existing gardens, the design team also expanded them. Visitors now can enjoy three distinct garden areas. The Garden of Delight, or Blue Garden, features hydrangeas, asters and blue-Nile lilies centered around a bubbling blue-tiled fountain. This area also is home to Café Wisteria, providing visitors an opportunity to enjoy lunch overlooking the garden.

The Court of Abundance is named for the golden colors of the orange trees, yellow marigolds, wallflowers and nasturtiums that grow around a central fountain surrounded by a geometric maze of hedges.

The Rose Allée features a rose-lined pathway that begins at the archway building and leads to an 1885-era barn that was converted into a woodworking shop. The garden was inspired by the Rose Allée at the Alhambra Palace where Spanish kings and queens would stroll along the paths enjoying each tree rose.

Many flowers and plant species are identified with garden markers. There’s also an online map with a history of the complex and its gardens available on the Guild’s website. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. alliedartsguild.org

WOODSIDE

Filoli

▶ Garden parties, orchard walks, open space hikes

8 The historic Filoli estate (86 Cañada Road) is home to 16 acres of English Renaissance gardens, a 6.8-acre gentleman’s orchard and hundreds of acres of natural lands with five distinct ecosystems. The nonprofit- hosted guided and self-guided garden walks, seasonal garden parties, exhibits and other activities and special events highlighting different blooming (which range in the tens of thousands) throughout the year. From now through Nov. 6 as part of the special exhibit “Bringing the Garden Indoors,” the interior of the home also will be filled with blooms and floral arrangements made from cut flowers from the garden to show how the families who once lived there used the estate’s plants to decorate the home.

For those who want to explore the open space surrounding the home and its gardens, take the Estate Trail, a 1-mile self-guided walk that passes through a variety of ecosystems, including oak-madrone forests, redwood groves and chaparral. There are also natural springs and creeks, a reservoir and cultivated grasslands. Deer, turkey and dozens of bird species are often spotted along this route. Visitors following this trail also can walk over the region’s best-known earthquake fault: The Fault Creek Bridge straddles the San Andreas Fault, with one end on the North American Plate and the other on the Pacific Plate. For hours, special event calendar, admission prices and tickets, go to filoli.org.

REDWOOD CITY

Edgewood Park and Nature Preserve

▶ Spring wildflower hikes bursting with color

9 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. On Saturday and Sunday mornings from early March through June, docents at Edgewood Park and Nature Preserve (10 Old Stage Coach Road) offer 3-mile leisurely walks starting at the park’s Bill and Jean Lane Education Center. 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. Free. friendsofedgewood.org

IF YOU WANT TO EXPLORE WILDFLOWERS ON YOUR OWN …

Wildflowers can be viewed at more than a dozen local preserves and trails with lots of options for all levels of hikers, including more challenging hikes at Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve and easily accessible trails at Pearson-Arastradero Preserve:

10 In Redwood City, Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve (Skyline Boulevard and Page Mill / Alpine Road) includes 3,000-acres with lots of trail options. 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. All of the grassland trails 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 borage family and thrives under the shade of oak trees. The park is open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. openspace.org/preserves/russian-ridge

11 In Palo Alto, Pearson-Arastradero Pre- serve 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 Foot hills Nature Preserve and pass the lake before making the hike uphill. The gravel and dirt trail is nice and wide in most locations. Lots of sky lupines and California poppies are visible from various spots along the route. The park is open 8 a.m. until sunset. bit.ly/ArastraderoPreserve

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  **Menlo Park Senior Center**
  - 700 Alma St., Menlo Park (new temporary location)
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  - 415-750-4111 / ioaging.com

- **Peninsula Volunteers’ Little House**
  - 800 Middle Ave.
  - Peninsula Volunteers’ Little House is a multipurpose activity center that offers classes in arts and crafts, languages, health and wellness, fitness, computer use and on cultural topics. Advice and consultation provided for older adults aiming to continue living independently.
  - 650-326-2025 / 1pvi.org

- **Peninsula Volunteers’ Big House**
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**Sharyn Moore**, standing, an activity leader at Peninsula Volunteers Inc., teaches seniors how to tie-dye with volunteer Rheka Daddani, far right, at Rosener House in Menlo Park. Photo by Magali Gauthier.
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**Peabody Fine Art Gallery**
603 Santa Cruz Ave.
- Family-owned gallery; original paintings, bronze sculpture and limited edition works by internationally known artists
- peabodyartgallery.com

**Pacific Art League**
668 Ramona St., Palo Alto
- Juried exhibitions; in-person and online classes, youth camps, art history talks and art demonstrations
- pacificartleague.org

**Palo Alto Art Center**
75 Arbor Road
- Family-owned gallery; original paintings, bronze sculpture and limited edition works by internationally known artists
- pacificartleague.org

**MUSEUMS**

**Hoover Institution Library & Archives**
434 Galvez Mall, Stanford
- Free exhibits on President Herbert Hoover and his wife, Lou Henry Hoover.
- hoover.org

**Museum of American Heritage**
351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto
- Permanent and rotating exhibits emphasize invention and technology from 1750-1950
- moah.org

**San Mateo County History Museum**
Former San Mateo County Courthouse, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City
- historysmc.org

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**MUSEUMS & PERFORMANCE SPACES**

**Anderson Collection at Stanford University**
314 Lomita Drive
- Modern American paintings and sculptures
- anderson.stanford.edu

**Bing Concert Hall**
314 Lomita Drive
- Music, dance, theater performances
- www.BingConcertHall.com

**Dinkelspiel Auditorium**
471 Lurie Drive
- Used by Stanford's Department of Music
- music.stanford.edu/venues/dinkelspiel

**Frost Amphitheater**
351 Lasuen St. (at Roth Way)
- 20-acre, tiered outdoor performance space
- live.stanford.edu/venues/frost-amphitheater

**McMurtry Building**
355 Roth Way
- Indoor-outdoor screening and exhibition spaces, Coulter Art Gallery
- arts.stanford.edu/venues/mcmurtry-building/

**Memorial Auditorium**
551 Jane Stanford Way
- Home of the Department of Theater & Performance Studies (TAPS) and the largest indoor facility on campus designed for regular performance use
- live.stanford.edu/venues/memorial-auditorium

**Nilery Theater**
Ninery Building in the Old Union, 551 Lasuen Mall
- Black-box theater, student productions
- taps-calrv2.stanford.edu

**Pigott Theater**
551 Jane Stanford Way
- Used by Stanford’s Drama Department
- taps.stanford.edu/venues/pigott-theater/

**Roble Gymnasium**
375 Santa Teresa St.
- Rehearsal, dance and performance spaces for students
- arts.stanford.edu/venues/roble-gymnasium/

**Thomas Welton Stanford Art Gallery**
419 Lasuen Mall
- Features student, faculty and other artists' work
- art.stanford.edu/venues/gehr-art-gallery/

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- losaltostage.org

**Palo Alto Children's Theatre**
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- Plays, musicals with professional and child actors
- cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre

**Palo Alto Players**
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- Comedies, dramas, classics and musicals
- palplayers.org

**The Pear Theatre**
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- thepear.org

**Fox Theatre**
2215 Broadway, Redwood City
- Live-entertainment venue that hosts lectures and musical and theater performances; first opened in 1929 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- foxrw.com

**Shoreline Amphitheatre**
1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View
- Large outdoor venue hosting classical and contemporary performances and music events
- mountainviewamphitheater.com

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**Aquarius Theatre**
430 Emerson St., Palo Alto
- landmarktheatres.com

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Preserves are open from dawn until a half-hour after sunset unless otherwise noted. Parks located in Menlo Park unless otherwise noted.

**OPEN SPACE**

**Coal Creek Open Space Preserve**

Skyline Boulevard, 1.2 miles north of Page Mill Road
- Acres: 500 / Miles of Trails: 5.4
- Hiking, biking, horseback riding; dogs on leash
- openspace.org/preserves/coal-creek

**El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve**

Skyline Boulevard, 1.5 miles south of Kings Mountain Road
- Acres: 2,817 acres / Miles of Trails: 35.9
- Special features: Steep, heavily forested terrain; rare and fragile sandstone formations; redwoods; creek headwaters. Popular with bicyclists
- Hiking, biking and horseback riding; no dogs allowed
- openspace.org/preserves/el-corte-de-madera-creek

**Los Trancos Open Space Preserve**

Page Mill Road, 1.5 miles east of Skyline Boulevard
- Acres: 274 / Miles of Trails: 5.2
- Mountaintop trails, guided tours along San Andreas Fault.
- Hiking and horseback riding; no dogs or bikes allowed
- openspace.org/preserves/los-trancos

**Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve**

Skyline Boulevard, 4.5 miles south of Hwy 92
- Acres: 4,711 / Miles of Trails: 24
- Special features: Purisima Creek Canyon with redwoods, creek, ferns, wildflowers; trails rise from canyon to 1,600 feet; historical logging road.
- Hiking, biking and horseback riding; no dogs allowed
- openspace.org/preserves/purisima-creek-redwoods

**Ravenswood Open Space Preserve**

Bay Road, East Palo Alto
- Acres: 376 / Miles of Trails: 1.9
- Access to San Francisco Bay Trail, wetlands boardwalk
- bit.ly/RavenswoodPreserve

**Teague Hill Open Space Preserve**

Kings Mountain Road, above the town of Woodside
- Acres: 626 / Miles of Trails: 1
- Hiking and horseback riding
- openspace.org/preserves/teague-hill

**Thornewood Open Space Preserve**

La Honda Road, 1.6 miles past the Portola Road intersection in Woodside
- Acres: 167 / Miles of Trails: 1.5
- Special features: Historic Thornewood Estate; redwoods and oaks; Schilling Lake
- Hiking, horseback riding; dogs on leash
- openspace.org/preserves/thornewood

**Windy Hill Preserve**

Skyline Boulevard, Portola Valley
- Acres: 1,335 / Miles of Trails: 12
- Grassland ridges; redwood, oak and fir forests; sweeping view of the coastline; restrooms, picnic area
- Hiking, biking, horseback riding; dogs on leash
- openspace.org/preserves/windy-hill

**City & Town Parks**

**TOWN OF ATHERTON**

Holbrook-Palmer Park
150 Watkins Ave.
- Acres: 22
- Ball field, tennis courts, playground, gardens and walking paths; Main House, Jennings Pavilion and Carriage House are available for rental
- 650-752-0500 / ci.atherton.ca.us/180

**TOWN OF MENLO PARK**

Community Services Department:
- 650-330-2200 / menlopark.gov/parks

**Bedwell Bayfront Park**
1600 Marsh Road
- Acres: 160
- Benches, bike trail, drinking fountain, natural wooded area, restrooms, trails and walking path

**Burgess Park**
701 Laurel St.
- Acres: 9.31
- Baseball diamond, open play field, playground, soccer field and tennis court

**Fremont Park**
Santa Cruz Avenue and University Drive
- Acres: 0.38
- Benches, drinking fountain, lighted walkways and shaded areas

**Jack W. Lyle Park**
640 Fremont St.
- Acres: 4.55
- Basketball court, benches, open play field, playground, restrooms and walking path

**Kelly Park**
100 Terminal Ave.
- Acres: 8.3
- Basketball court, parking, restrooms, soccer field, synthetic field and track

**Karl E. Clark Park**
313 Market Place
- Acres: 1
- Open play field, playground and walking path

**Meta Park**
1 Facebook Way
- Acres: 2.2
- Privately owned but publicly available open space with bike/pedestrian bridge connecting to the Bay Trail

**Nealon Park**
800 Middle Ave.
- Acres: 9
- Off-leash dog area, picnic areas, playground, softball field and tennis court

**Seminary Oaks Park**
299 Santa Monica Ave.
- Acres: 3.51
- Benches, open play field, picnic tables, playground and rock garden

**Sharon Hills Park**
Altschul Avenue at Valparaiso Avenue
- Benches and walking path

**Skate Park**
580 Alma St., Burgess Park
- Square feet: 15,000
- State-of-the-art skating facility

**Stanford Hills Park**
2400 Branner Drive
- Acres: 3.11
- Benches, grass area, parking and walking path

**Willow Oaks Park**
490 Willow Road
- Acres: 2.63
- Off-leash dog area, open play field, playground, public art and tennis court

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**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY**

Portola Valley Town Center Facilities
765 Portola Road
- Sports complex includes soccer and softball fields, two tennis courts, an all-sports court, a skateboard ramp and a children’s playground called “Little People’s Park”
- 650-851-1700 / portolavalley.net/about/town-center

**Rossotti Field**
3919 Alpine Road
- A natural-turf standard-size soccer field used by adult and youth leagues

**Ford Field**
3329 Alpine Road
- A natural-turf baseball field typically used by Little League teams

**Triangle Park**
Portola and Alpine roads
- Rest stop for bicyclist and destination for walkers; picnic tables

**SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS**

San Mateo County Department of Parks operates 20 county parks covering more than 17,000 acres. Hard liquor, smoking and remote-controlled planes/drones are prohibited in all park areas. For more information, call 650-363-4020; for reservations, call 650-363-4021

**Edgewood Park & Natural Preserve**
10 Old Stagecoach Road, Redwood City
- Acres: 467
- Special features: woodlands and grasslands; spring wildflowers
- Hiking

**Flood Park**
215 Bay Road
- Acres: 21
- Special features: Picnic areas, softball, tennis, horse shoes, volleyball and petanque

**Huddart Park**
1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside
- Acres: 974 acres
- Special features: Redwood and evergreen forests; playground and barbecue pits
- Hiking, horseback riding

**Wunderlich Park**
4040 Woodside Road, Woodside
- Acres: 942
- Special features: Historic Folger estate and stable on site; oaks, madrones, redwoods and open meadows
- Hiking and horseback riding

**Recreational Facilities**

**Archery**

King’s Mountain Archers
P.O. Box 2794, Redwood City. Located at Huddart Park, Kings Mountain Road, Woodside
- Field-archery club meets for tournaments the second Sunday of each year.
Alpine Road
- This road winds into the hills along Corte Madera Creek from Portola Valley; turns to dirt when it starts to climb, a couple miles west of Portola Road. The rutted dirt road climbs 2.5 miles before it merges with Page Mill Road near Skyline Boulevard. From Sand Hill Road to Page Mill, the route is 4.1 miles with 1,220 feet elevation gain.

BADMINTON

Atrilaga Family Gymnasium
- 600 Alma St.
- Drop-in basketball on Friday ($2); Saturday ($3)
- 650-330-2220 / menlopark.gov (search "adult sports")

BIKING

Cañada Road
- Mostly flat road that parallels I-280 for about 7.4 miles from Woodside Road to Hwy 92, past such scenic attractions as the Filoli Estate and the Pulgas Water Temple; On most Sundays, the road is closed to auto traffic 9 a.m.-3 p.m. from the Filoli entrance to Hwy 92, creating an ideal refuge for cyclists and in-line skaters.

Kings Mountain Road
- Beginning outside of Woodside, Kings Mountain Road provides a good route to reach Skyline Boulevard. The climb is 4.3 miles long with numerous switchbacks and ascends 1,540 feet. Weekend traffic is heavy compared to the weekdays, but the scenery is always worth it.
- graphics.stanford.edu/~lucasp/grade/kingsmountain.html

Old La Honda Road
- This narrow, winding road is the easiest and most peaceful way to climb to Skyline Boulevard. Access is from Portola Road, less than a mile after it merges with Sand Hill Road. The climb is a 3.35-mile ascent, climbing around 1,300 feet. Descending the road is tricky, however, and not recommended. Some take Highway 84 instead.

Page Mill Road
- One of the most strenuous climbs around, Page Mill Road twists and turns for more than 8 miles from Skyline Boulevard, where it tops out around 2,000 feet.
- cycling.stanford.edu/local-routes

The Loop
- This local favorite is a 26-mile loop of flat to mildly hilly terrain through Woodside and Portola Valley. The total climb is 1,170 feet. This route heads southwest past I-280 along Sand Hill Road.
- cycling.stanford.edu/local-routes

MOUNTAIN BIKING

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HORSEBACK RIDING

Memorial Park
- 9500 Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar
- Picnic areas and campgrounds set in a redwood forest. Fees begin at $30/night per campsite (plus fees), by reservation only. No pets. Family and youth group camps are available as a naturalist program and interpretive center. Size: 673 acres
- 650-879-0238 / parks.smgov.org/memorial-park

Portola Redwoods State Park
- 9000 Portola State Park Road, La Honda
- Portola has over 50 family and four group campsites. Fees for campers. Reservations needed for campers, which are available late spring through mid-autumn. Family campsites can take up to eight people. Leashed dogs are only allowed at campites, on paved roads and on the Upper and Lower Escape roads.
- 650-948-9098 / parks.ca.gov (search "Portola Redwoods State Park")

San Donald Park
- 13435 Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar
- Picnic areas, hiking and horseback riding. The Jack Brook Horse Camp is available for families, groups or individuals who camp with their horses. Three camp areas for youth organizations. The Hiker’s Hut, owned by the Siera Club, holds up to 12 people. Fees vary. Hike from the parking lot to the hut is 1.7 miles. No dogs allowed. Size: 850 acres.
- 650-879-0238 / smgov.org/parks/sam-mcdonald-park

FISHING

Dumbarton Fishing Pier
- Located at the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The public fishing pier at end of Marshland Road is open year-round. Visitors to the refuge can also fish by boat at or Coyote Creek Lagoon in Fremont and the Faber-Laumneister Unit in East Palo Alto.
- 510-792-0222 / fws.gov/refuge/Don__Edwards__San_Francisco_Bay

National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy (NCEFT)
- 880 Runnymede Road, Woodside
- Specializes in hippotherapy: physical, occupational or speech therapy using the movement of the horse as a treatment strategy for adults.
- 650-851-2271 / nceft.org

San Mateo Horsemen’s Association
- P.O. Box 620092, Woodside
- The equestrian club holds a variety of events including horse shows, clinics, trail rides, and educational and social meetings.
- info@smca.org / smca.org

Shoestring Farms
- 1600 Ararat Road, Portola Valley
- Private and group lessons in one of two outdoor arenas; cross-country lessons available at The Horse Park at Woodside.
- 415-640-4513 / shoestringfarms.com

Spring Down Equestrian Center
- 725 Portola Road, Portola Valley
- Riding lessons daily, beginner to advanced. English hunt seat and dressage; private, semi-private and group lessons. Equestrian camps available.
- 650-851-2140 / horsepark.org

Webb Ranch
- 2720 Alpine Road, Portola Valley
- Programs for all levels of riders on 230-acres with trails and organic farm.
- 650-854-7755 / webbranchinc.com

Woodside Junior Riders
- 3375 Tripp Road, Woodside
- Summer program in English riding and horsemanship for children ages 6-16. Priority is given to those who live in the Woodside Fire Protection District and returning riders. Course culminates in horse show in late August. Horses are provided.
- 650-766-9511 / woodsidejuniorriders.org

Woodside Vaulter
- 3674 Sand Hill Road, Woodside
- Equestrian vaulting (gymnastics and dance elements with music on horseback); the club has about 70 vaulters and welcomes new ones, age 4 to young adult. Development and High Performance classes are offered, and introductory classes are available.
- 650-434-3375 / woodsidevaulters.org

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Facility is for skateboarders and in-line skating only. Adult supervision required for children under age 14. Classes are offered.
- 650-330-2200 / menlopark.gov/Parks/Skate-Park

**SOCCER**

**Meno Atherton Adult Women’s Soccer**
- Recreation soccer league for women ages 23 and up. All skill levels welcome; games are held on Saturday and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Burgess, Willow Oaks and Kelly parks.
- maasl.com

**Portola Valley Adult Soccer**
- 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley
- Co-ed leagues in the fall and spring, for men over age 30 and women over age 21. Games are on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up free.
- portolavalleysoccer.com

**Softball**

**Menlo Park Adult Sports**
- Arrillaga Family Gymnasium, 600 Alma St.
- Multiple leagues (men’s and coed) playing 10 games a season, including playoffs. Games are played Mondays, Wednesdays-Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
- 650-330-2220 / menlopark.gov (search “adult sports”)

**Redwood City Seniors Softball Club**
- Made up of recreational and tournament level softball players, men and women, over the age of 50. Plays year-round at various parks around Redwood City. Annual registration fee.
- 650-363-1140 / rwcseniorssoftball.com

**Swimming**

**Burgess Pool**
- 501 Laurel St.
- Outdoor pool, open year-round for lap and recreational swimming. Group and private swim lessons and a swim team. Pool rental available.
- 650-781-5525
- menloswim.com

**Tennis**

**Atherton Tennis Center**
- 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton
- Tennis keys are issued for six courts at Holbrook-Palmer Park. Clinics, lessons and training programs are offered by Player Capital.
- 650-275-8027 / playercapital.com

**Menlo Park Courts**
- Locations include: Burgess, Kelly, Nealon and Willow Oaks parks and La Entrada School. Tennis keys may be purchased at the Arrillaga Family Gymnasium.
- 650-330-2239 / menlopark.gov/tennis

**Swim & Tennis Clubs**

**Ladera Oaks Swim, Tennis & Fitness**
- 3249 Alpine Road, Portola Valley
- Family-oriented swim, tennis and fitness club with two year-round pools, six lighted tennis courts and a fitness center.
- Offers swimming and tennis lessons, personal training, youth and masters swim teams, junior tennis program and USTA teams.
- 650-854-3101 ext. 1000 / laderaoks.com

**Alpine Hills Tennis & Swimming**
- 4139 Alpine Road, Portola Valley
- Lessons, youth tennis program, masters swimming, water polo and more. In addition, the club has fitness programs, a basketball court and social events for all ages.
- 650-851-1591 / alpinehills.us

**Volleyball**

**Arrillaga Family Gymnasium**
- 600 Alma St.
- Drop-in volleyball; Girls Youth Volleyball League.
- 650-330-2220 / menlopark.gov (search “young sports” or adult sports)

**Water Sports**

**Spinnaker Sailing Club**
- 451 Seaport Court, Redwood City
- An American Sailing Association certified training facility, affiliated with the association since 1983. Classes in keelboat sailing and more; sailing club memberships; sailing vacations; youth summer programs, sailboat charters and team-building events.
- 650-363-1390 / spinnakersailing.com

**KIDS**

**Schools**

**Belle Haven Child Development Center**
- 410 Ivy Drive
- Preschoolers 3 to 5 years old; bilingual staff.
- 650-330-2270 / bit.ly/3XKd0wo

**Belle Haven Youth Center**
- 100A Terminal Ave.
- K-6; transportation provided from Belle Haven Community School to the site.
- 650-330-2297 / bit.ly/3h93CM

**Congregation Beth Jacob Preschool**
- 1550 Alameda de las Pulgas, Redwood City
- Toddler co-op and preschool classes; Jewish values and experience.
- 650-366-8481 / bethjacobver.org/preschool.html

**Carillon Preschool**
- 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley
- 18 months to 5 years; thematic, play-based program.
- 650-529-1335 / ccpwv.org/carillon-preschool.html

**Casa dei Bambini Preschool**
- 457 College Ave., Palo Alto
- Age 2-K; multicultural Montessori preschool.
- 650-473-9401 / cdeib.com

**Champions, Las Lomitas Elementary**
- 299 Alameda de las Pulgas, Atherton
- After- and before-school programs for K-6.
- 650-250-3658 / bit.ly/2HthornChampions

**Crescent Park Child Development Center**
- 4161 Alma St., Palo Alto
- Ages 18 months to 5 years old
- 650-322-9668 / crescentparkpreschool.org

**Family Connections**
- Los Robles-Ronald McNair Academy, 2033 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto
- A tuition-free parent participation preschool in East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Redwood City for low-income families with children from newborns to age 5. Bilingual (Spanish) teachers.
- 669-237-9811 / familyconnections.org

**GeoKids Early Childhood Development Center**
- 345 Middlefield Road
- NAECY-accredited cooperative childcare center and preschool for ages 3 months to 5 1/2 years. Play-based program located on the USGS campus.
- 650-329-4236 / geokids.org

**Kirk House Preschool**
- 1148 Johnson St.
- Development-oriented Christian program for ages 3 to 5.
- 650-333-8667 / kirkhousepreschool.org/menlopark

**Littlest Angels Preschool**
- Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave.
- Christian preschool for ages 2 to 5.
- 650-854-4973 / littlestangelspreschool.com

**Menlo Children’s Center**
- 801 Laurel St.
- Licensed center offers a variety of play-based preschool programs for children ages 18 months to 5 years and after-school programs for students in grades first to fifth.
- 650-330-2262 / bit.ly/3F50PS

**Menlo-Atherton Cooperative Nursery School**
- 802 Middle Ave.
- Play-based learning preschool encouraging parent participation that teaches children ages 1 year and 9 months through 5 years and 3 months.
- 650-434-2667 / maco-op.org

**Peninsula School**
- 920 Peninsula Way
- Progressive school educating students through grade eight. Nursery and kindergarten programs accept children ages 3 to 5.
- 650-325-1584 / peninsulaschool.org

**Phillips Brooks School**
- 2245 Avy Ave.
- Independent, co-educational day school (through grade five) with an Early Learning Center offering preschool and prekindergarten programs. Designed for toilet-trained children starting at age 3.
- 650-854-4545 / phillipsbrooks.org
**PLAYSCHOOL, HOLBROOK-PALMER**
Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton

- NAEYC-accredited preschool offering a variety of programs, including preschool, prekindergarten and a Mommy & Me program for children and caregivers starting at 18 months.
- 650-325-1623 / knoxplayschool.com

**ROBERTS SCHOOL**
641 Coleman Ave.

- Program based on philosophy of Piaget. Preschool, prekindergarten and young 5-year-olds.
- 650-322-3355 / therobertsschool.com

**SACRED HEART SCHOOLS**
150 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton

- Montessori preschool and pre-K programs are offered for children ages 3 to 6.
- 650-322-1866 / shschool.org

**TRINITY SCHOOL, EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**
330 Ravenswood Ave.

- Episcopal private school runs a preschool program for ages 3 and 4 and a transitional kindergarten program for young 5-year-olds. Project and play-based curriculum.
- 650-323-9268 / trinity-mp.org

**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS MONTESSORI**
2066 Ave.

- Montessori preschool teaching children ages 2 to 6.
- 650-854-6993 / uhmcc.com

**WINDMILL PRESCHOOL**
900 Portola Road, Portola Valley

- Play-based preschool run by board of parents. Programs for children ages 2 to 5.
- 650-851-0771 / windmillschool.com

**WOODLAND SCHOOL**
360 La Cuesta Drive, Portola Valley

- Private school serving around 250 students offers a mix-aged preschool and prekindergarten program for ages 3 and 4.
- 650-854-9065 / woodland-school.org

**WOODSIDE PARENTS’ NURSERY SCHOOL**
3154 Woodside Road, Woodside

- Play-based curriculum focusing on social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical growth for ages 15 months to 4 years of age.
- 650-851-7112 / woodsideparents.org

**WOODSIDE PRESCHOOL**
3195 Woodside Road, Woodside

- Child-centered preschool (2 years and 7 months) and prekindergarten (3 years and 9 months) classes held in the mornings, with optional extended care.
- 650-851-1571 / woodsidedeschool.us/preschool

**ARTS**

**CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY**
441 California Ave., #5, Palo Alto

- Founded in 1952, the youth orchestra today has five programs serving the Peninsula, providing musical training and opportunities to perform at local venues.
- 650-325-6666 / cys.org

**CANTABILE YOUTH SINGERS OF SILICON VALLEY**
461 Orange Ave., Los Altos

- Established in 1994, Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley operates eight choirs serving singers first grade and up.
- 650-424-1410 / cantabile.org

**EPACENTER**
1950 Bay Road, East Palo Alto

- This arts center brings together visual and performing arts, technology and makerspaces, and resources for youth ages 3 to 25.
- 877-372-2787 / epacenter.org

**GOLDEN GATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA**
4055 Fabian Way, Palo Alto

- The award-winning GSYO guides orchstras and ensembles, made up of kindergarten to 12th-grade students from the Bay Area.
- 650-665-9046 / gsymusic.org

**MANNANKIN THEATER & DANCE**
1841 Bay Road, East Palo Alto

- The center provides year-round ballet and dance training and performance opportunities.
- 415-519-7171 / mannankindance.org

**SPORTS**

**ALPINE/WEST MENLO MENLO LITTLE LEAGUE**
325 Sharon Park Drive #544
- alpinelittleleague.com

**AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION (AYSO) REGION 25**

- Soccer leagues for children in grades K-12 in Portola Valley, Woodside, La Honda, Ladera, Las Lomitas and Emerald Hills.
- ayso25reg@gmail.com / ayso.bluesombrero.com/region25

**MENLO-ATHERTON LITTLE LEAGUE**
1259 El Camino Real #130
- m-all.org

**MENLO-ATHERTON POP WARNER FOOTBALL**

- Menlo-Atherton Vikings, ages 5 to 15; season runs August-November. Teams separated by size and age.
- mapopwarner.com

**MENLO-PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**
181 Encinal Ave., Atherton

- Superintendent: Kristen Garcia

**ENCINAL SCHOOL**
K-5
195 Encinal Ave., Atherton
- district.mpcsd.org/Domain/8

**LAUREL SCHOOL**
K-5
Lower Campus: 95 Edge Road, Atherton
- 650-324-0186

- Upper Campus: 275 Elliott Drive, Menlo Park
- district.mpcsd.org/Domain/9

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**KIDS**

**EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**LAS LOMITAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**
1011 Altschul Ave.

- Superintendent: Beth Polito

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- Providing respite for families and caregivers.

PVI’s Nutrition Services
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WOODLAND SCHOOL
PORTOLA VALLEY

480 James Ave., Redwood City
Superintendent: Crystal Leach
Operates four high schools, a continuation school and a Middle College program in partnership with Cañada College for students living in the southern and central portion of San Mateo County.

Board Members
Carrie Du Bois, term ends 2024
Richard Ginn, president, term ends 2024
Amy Koo, term ends 2026
Sathvik Nori, term ends 2026
Shawneece Stevenson, vice president/clerk, term ends 2024
650-369-1411 / seq.org

Menlo-Atherton High School
555 Middlefield Road, Atherton
650-322-5311 / woodside.org ("our schools")

Woodside High School
199 Churchill Ave., Woodside
650-367-9750 / seq.org ("our schools")

Cañada Middle College
Alternative high school program for juniors and seniors
4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City
650-306-3120 / seq.org ("our schools")

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650-298-8876 / seq.org ("our schools")

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Preschool through Eighth Grade
woodland-school.org | 650-285-5229
admissions@woodland-school.org
### CHARTER SCHOOLS

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**Stop the Bleed**
- Next Class: September 18

**First Aid & CPR-AED**
- Next Class: October 7

**LISTOS (Enseñado en Español)**
- Siguiente Clase: 11 de Noviembre

**Red Cross Ready**
- Disaster Preparedness
  - Next Class: November 8

**CERT**
- Next Class: November 18

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Teacher Nohemy Godinez hands a bead and some string to student Margot during a class activity at Woodside Parents’ Nursery School in Woodside. Photo by Magali Gauthier.
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In this ever-changing real estate market, having a real estate agent who has seen the ups and downs of the industry is more important than ever. With nearly 20 years of experience selling real estate, I have built my business on my client relationships. I am a native to the Peninsula and have a deep knowledge of towns and neighborhoods from Burlingame to San Jose. I was raised in Atherton, lived in San Carlos, and settled in Menlo Park where my husband and I raised our two children.

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641 Coleman Ave.
Preschool, Pre-K, Young 5-year-olds; individualized attention, Piaget philosophy
- therobertsschool.com

**Sacred Heart Preparatory**
150 Volparaia Ave., Atherton
Pre-K to 12; coed, Catholic
- shschool.org

**Sand Hill School at Children’s Health Council**
650 Clark Way, Palo Alto
2-8; language-based learning differences
- sandhillschool.org

**St. Raymond School**
1211 Arbor Road
JK-8; Catholic
- straymond.org

**Synapse School**
3375 Edison Way
Independent, Advanced Academic Curriculum, Six Seconds.
- k-8
- synapseschool.org

**Trinity School**
Preschool & transitional kindergarten: 330 Ravenswood Ave.
Elementary school & Main Office: 2650 Sand Hill Road
Preschool-3; Episcopal, coed
- trinity-mp.org

**Waldorf School of the Peninsula**
Pre-K-Grade 5: 11311 Mora Drive, Los Altos
- waldorfschool.org

**Woodland School**
360 La Cuesta Drive, Portola Valley
Early childhood-8; coed
- woodland-school.org

**Woodside Priory School**
302 Portola Road, Portola Valley
6-12; coed, college prep, Catholic/ Benedictine, day and boarding school
- prioryca.org

**German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSSV)**
310 Easy St., Mountain View
- germanenglish
- gissv.org

**Hwa Shin Bilingual Chinese School**
Held at various elementary and middle school campuses
- hwashinschool.org

**Kumon Math and Reading Center**
2730 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
- kumon.com/palo-alto

**Mathnasium**
605 Cambridge Ave., Suite A
- mathnasium.com/paloalto-menlopark

**Palo Alto School for Jewish Education (PASJE)**
Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way
- pasje.org

**CAÑADA COLLEGE**
4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City
- canadacollege.edu

**Foothill College**
12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills / 1070 Innovation Way, Sunnyvale
-foothill.edu

**Menlo College**
1000 El Camino Real, Atherton
- menlo.edu

**Palo Alto Adult School**
50 Embarcadero Road, Room 8, Palo Alto
- paadultschool.org

**Palo Alto University**
1791 Arrastradero Road, Palo Alto
- paul.edu

**Sequoia District Adult School**
3247 Middlefield Road
- seqas.org

**Stanford Continuing Studies**
365 Lasuen St., Stanford
- continuingstudies.stanford.edu

**Stanford University**
450 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford
- stanford.edu

**UC Berkeley Extension**
4200 Farm Hill Blvd. Redwood City (Cañada College campus)
- extension.berkeley.edu

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Services located in Menlo Park, unless otherwise noted.

**COUNSELING/MENTAL HEALTH**

**Adolescent Counseling Services, Redwood City**
1779 Woodside Road #200, Redwood City
- On-campus and after-school counseling; substance-abuse treatment
- 650-424-0852 / acs-teens.org

**Family and Children Services of Silicon Valley**
375 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto
- Divorce support groups, child-abuse treatment, anger management and domestic violence offender treatment groups; substance-abuse treatment, LGBTQ youth services; support services for youth emancipating from foster care and victims of domestic violence
- 650-326-6576 / fcservices.org

**Kara**
457 Kingsley Ave., Palo Alto
- Grief support
- 650-321-5272 / kara-grief.org

**The La Selva Group**
4139 El Camino Way, Palo Alto (Part of Momentum for Mental Health)
- 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
- 650-617-1759 / thelaselvagroup.com

**Suicide Crisis Hotline**
- Dial 9-8-8 or text RENEW to 741741

**HEALTH & SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Arbor Free Clinic**
114 Fifth Ave., Redwood City
- Acute medical care for uninsured people in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties
- 650-724-1332 / med.stanford.edu/arbor

**Bay Area Cancer Connections**
2335 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
- Support groups, counseling, nutrition workshops and more to people touched by breast or ovarian cancer
- 650-326-6686; toll free 888-222-4401 / bcconnections.org

**Free At Last**
1796 Bay Road, East Palo Alto
- Helps community members with problems of addiction and the spread of communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS and STDs; services include bilingual education and intervention, DUI classes, residential treatment, clean and sober living and outpatient services
- 650-462-6999 / freeatlast.org

**Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford**
725 Welch Road, Palo Alto
- Devoted to the care of children and expectant mothers
- 650-497-8000 / stanfordchildrens.org

**Stanford Hospital & Clinics**
300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford
- Stanford Medical Group, 650-723-6028
- Stanford Family Practice, 650-723-6963
- Stanford Referral Center/appointments, 877-254-3762
- Hospital operator, 650-723-4000
- stanfordhospital.org

**Menlo Medical Clinic**
300 Pasteur Drive, Menlo Park
- Primary and specialty care
- 650-989-6500 / bit.ly/MenloClinic

**795 El Camino Real, Palo Alto**
- Primary and urgent care (drop-in).
- 650-853-2958, urgent care / sweaterhealth.org/pamf
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**Neighborhood Associations**

**ATHERTON**
- Lindenwood
  - Lindenwood Homes Association
  - lindenwoodhomes.org

**PORTOLA VALLEY**
- Ladera
  - Ladera Community Association
  - laderaonline.line
- Los Trancos Woods/Vista Verde
  - Los Trancos Woods Community Association
  - lostrancoswoods.org
  - Vista Verde Community Association
  - vistaVerdePov.org
- Portola Valley Ranch
  - PortolaValley Ranch Association
  - portolav RCA.pilera.com

**WOODSIDE**
- Kings Mountain
  - Kings Mountain Association
  - kingsmountainonline.com/ka
- Woodside Hills
  - Woodside Hills Homes Association
  - woodsidehills.org

**CITY & TOWNS**

**MENLO PARK**

- **CIVIC CENTER**
  - Laurel Street near Ravenswood Avenue
  - Burgess Park, which is located at the Civic Center, includes swimming pools and a locker room, baseball and soccer fields, a skate park and a gymnastics center.

- **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
  - 701 Laurel St.
  - The Menlo Park City Council generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the council chambers. Visit menlopark.gov/citycouncil to view live footage of the meetings. Agendas, minutes and staff reports are posted on the city’s website at menlopark.gov/agendas-and-minutes.

- **CITY STAFF**
  - City Council: See Public Officials section.
  - City Manager: Justin Murphy, 650-330-6610 / jcmurphy@menlopark.gov

- Executive Assistant to the City Manager: Nicole Casados, 650-330-6611 / ncasados@menlopark.gov
- City Attorney: Nira Doherty, 650-330-6610
- City Clerk: Jerri Herren, 650-330-6621 / jherren@menlopark.gov
- Police Chief: David Norris, 650-330-6322
- Library and Community Services Director: Sean Reinhardt, 650-330-6725 / sshreinhardt@menlopark.gov
- Acting Human Resources Manager: Kristen Strubbe, 650-330-6631
- Public Works Director: Nikki Nagaya, 650-330-6781 / nnagaya@menlopark.gov

- **PLANNING COMMISSIONERS**
  - Andrew Barnes, term ends 2024, andrew@barnes210.com
  - Henry Riggs, term ends 2024, hrlrggs@comcast.net
  - Katie Ferrick, term ends 2027, kmgferrick@gmail.com

- **OTHER COMMISSIONS**
  - Complete Streets Commission: Kevin Chen, acting senior transportation engineer, 650-330-6748 / kchen@menlopark.gov
  - Environmental Quality Commission: Rebecca Lucky, sustainability manager, 650-330-6765 / flucky@menlopark.gov

- **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**
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- **HOUSING COMMITTEE**
  - Adam Patterson, management analyst, 650-330-6625 / appatterson@menlopark.gov

- **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**
  - Nick Szegda, assistant library services director, 650-330-2506 / njszegda@menlopark.gov

- **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**
  - Rondell Howard, interim library and community services manager, 650-330-2245 / rthoward@menlopark.gov

**CITY SERVICES**

- Library, 800 Alma St., 650-330-2520 / menlopark.gov/library
- Friends of the Library, 650-330-2521 / friendsmpl.org
- Belle Haven Branch Library, 413 Ivy Drive, 650-330-2540 / menlopark.gov/Venues/Belle-Haven-Branch-Library

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

- **Ecumenical 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 2-5 p.m. The nonprofit is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
  - 650-323-7781 / ehpcares.org

- **Fair Oaks Community Center**
  - 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City
  - Range of services for the Redwood City area community provided by Redwood City staff and nonprofit agencies.
  - 650-780-7500 / hsmc-connect.org/locations/fair-oaks-community-center

- **Jewish Family and Children’s Services**
  - Koret Family Resource Center, 200 Channing Ave., Palo Alto
  - Counseling, elder-care consultation; home-care services, clinical services.
  - 650-688-3030 / jfcs.org

**OTHER SERVICES**

- **San Mateo County Child Protective Services**
  - 24-hour child abuse and neglect hotline
  - 650-802-7922, 800-632-4615 / hsa.sm.gov.org/child-protective-services

- **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 donation hotline); 408-266-8866 (San Jose centers) / sfh.org

**Community Services**

- Menlo Oaks
  - 300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford
  - Includes the Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford Hospital & Clinics, the Stanford University School of Medicine and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital.
  - 650-498-3333 / stanfordhealthcare.org

- **HOMELESS SERVICES**
  - Downtown Streets Team
    - Kumli Resource Center, 231 Grant Ave., Palo Alto
    - Nonprofit employs unhoused men and women to help them rebuild their lives and prepare for long-term employment.
    - 408-899-7350 / streetsteam.org

- **LifeMoves**
  - Administrative offices, 181 Constitution Drive
  - Housing and support services for homeless families and individuals in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.
  - 650-685-5880 / lifemoves.org

- **SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**
  - Ability Path
    - 350 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 123, Redwood City
    - Support services for children, adults with special needs and developmental disabilities.
    - 650-259-8500 / abilitypath.org

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

- **San Mateo County**
  - 650-330-6611 / ncasados@menlopark.gov
MENLO PARK
1 Menlo Park Civic Center, Menlo Park Police Department, Menlo Park Library
2 Belle Haven Branch Library
3 Belle Haven Police Substation
4 Arrillaga Family Recreation Center
5 Burgess Pool
6 Post Office, Menlo Park Branch
7 Post Office, Oak Grove Station
8 Post Office, West Menlo Park Branch

ATHERTON
1 Atherton Town Hall, Post Office
2 Atherton Police Department
3 Atherton Library
4 Holbrook-Palmer Park

PORTOLA VALLEY
1 Portola Valley Town Center, Portola Valley Library

WOODSIDE
1 Woodside Town Hall, Post Office
2 Woodside Library

FIRE STATIONS
(see Public Officials section)
Menlo Park Fire Protection District
1 Station 1 - Middlefield Road, Menlo Park
2 Station 2 - University Avenue, East Palo Alto
3 Station 3 - Almendral Avenue, Atherton
4 Station 4 - Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park
5 Station 5 - Fair Oaks Avenue, Menlo Park
6 Station 6 - Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park
7 Station 77 - Chilco Street, Menlo Park

Woodside Fire Protection District
1 Station 7 - Woodside Road, Woodside
2 Station 8 - Portola Road, Portola Valley
3 Skylonda Fire Station - Skyline Boulevard, Woodside

Fire Prevention Bureau: 650-688-8425
Garbage and Curbside Recycling Service is provided by Recology Waste Zero. Visit the website for more information.
650-395-3900 / recology.com

Historical Association, Menlo Park Library, lower level, 800 Alma St.
650-330-2522

Post Offices
Menlo Park Branch, 3875 Bohannon Drive, Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
650-323-2701

Oak Grove Station, 655 Oak Grove Ave., Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

West Menlo Park Branch, 2120 Avy Ave., Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ATHERTON
TOWN HALL
80 Fair Oaks Lane It houses the offices of the city manager, city clerk and finance department, a branch post office and the police department. Across the street is the City Council Chambers.

TOWN STAFF
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City Attorney: Mona Ebrahimi, 650-752-0546 / cityattorney@ci.atherton.ca.us
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Finance Director: Robert Barron, 650-752-0552 / rbarron@ci.atherton.ca.us

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
Paul Tonelli, term ends 2027
Eric Lane, chair, term ends 2026
Bob Polito, term ends 2025
Thom Bryant, term ends 2027
Nancy Lerner, term ends 2024
The Planning Commission’s regular meetings are held at Town Hall at 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For agendas, visit ci.atherton.ca.us/143/planning-commission. 650-752-0544

OTHER COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES
Park & Recreation Committee
Staff contact, Sally Bentz-Dalton, 650-752-0526 / sbentz@ci.atherton.ca.us
Atherton Rail Committee
Staff Contact, Robert Ovadia, rovadia@ci.atherton.ca.us
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Police Department, 701 Laurel St.
• 911 (emergency) / 650-330-6300 (non-emergency)
Belle Haven Police Substation, 871 Hamilton Ave. Hours: Monday and Friday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
650-330-6370
Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, 700 Alma St.
650-330-2200
The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula
bgcp.org
Burgess Pool, 501 Laurel St. For more information on visiting guidelines and hours, visit menloswim.com

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES
Fire Service is provided by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.
911 (Emergency) / 650-688-8400 (Non-emergency)

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ADVISORY & STUDY COMMITTEES

Heritage Association, 94 Ashfield Road in the council chambers building.
• Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon
• Contact Marion Oster, 650-688-6540
Holbrook-Palmer Park Foundation
• 650-752-0534

TOWN SERVICES

Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane 650-328-2422 / smcl.org/locations/1A
Police Department, 80 Fair Oaks Lane
911 (Emergency) / 650-322-6131 (via cell) / 650-688-6500 (Non-emergency)
Police Activities League Conducts a variety of programs, including classroom presentations on bicycle safety, drug abuse and stranger awareness. Sponsors an annual safety patrol picnic.

Fire Station: 32 Almondal Ave.
911 (Emergency) / 650-688-8400 (Non-emergency)
Fire Prevention Bureau: 650-688-8425

Garbage and Curbside Recycling Service is provided by Recology San Mateo County
Billing Info:
Recology San Mateo County, 225 Shoreway Road, San Carlos, 94070
650-595-3900 / recologysanmateocounty.com

Library, 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane
All San Mateo County Libraries are open with curbside service available.
smcl.org / atherton.smcLib.org

Post Office, Town Hall, 80 Fair Oaks Lane
Accepts international packages
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m.
650-325-4457

Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave. Recreational, cultural and social activities take place on the grounds and in three buildings at the 22-acre park: the Holbrook-Palmer House, Jennings Pavilion and the Carriage House. Classes for children and adults, preschool programs and six tennis courts are located there.
650-752-0534 / Cassidy Robinson, HPEventMgti@ci.atherston.ca.us

PORTOLA VALLEY

TOWN CENTER
765 Portola Road. Town Council and commissions meet in the renovated 1909 Historic Schoolhouse. The building and playing field complex at Town Center includes the Town Hall, library, a community hall and activity rooms. Open 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Town Staff: 650-851-1700
Town Council: See Public Officials section. Interim Town Manager: Howard Young, Ext. 214
Town Clerk: Jennifer Torres, Ext. 210
Planning & Building Director: Laura Russell, Ext. 218
Public Works Director: Howard Young, Ext. 214
Senior Development Review Technician: Carol Borek, Ext. 211

Development Review Technician II: CheyAnne Brown, Ext. 216
Assistant to Town Manager: Melvin Gaines, Ext. 222

Town Attorney: Catherine Engberg

PLANNING COMMISSION
Members: Anne Kopf-Sill, chair; Jon Goulden, vice chair; Nicholas Targ; Ronny Krashinsky; Lynda Brothers
The Planning Commission generally meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Visit portolavalley.net for more information or contact the commission at planningcommission@portolavalley.net.

ARCHITECTURAL & SITE CONTROL COMMISSION
Members: Danna Breen, chair; Dave Ross, vice chair; Rebecca Flynn; Ali Sill; Jane Wilson, Kenny Cheung. The commission generally meets at 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Visit portolavalley.net for more information or contact the commission at asc@portolavalley.net.

TOWN SERVICES
Police Services are provided by the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office under contract. Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City
911 (Emergency) / 650-216-7676 (Non-emergency)
Fire Services. Fire protection and enforcement of codes are provided by the Woodside Fire Protection District. See Public Officials section for more information.
911 (Emergency) / 650-851-1954 (Non-emergency)

Garbage and Curbside Recycling Service are run by GreenWaste Recovery. Administrative address: 1500 Berger Drive, San Jose; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
650-568-9900 / customerservice@greenwaste.com / greenwaste.com / portola-valley

Town Center Classes. For more information, call Town Hall 650-851-1701 ext. 200 / frontdesk@portolavalley.net

Volunteer Committees. For more info, go to “Town Government” link at portolavalley.net or call Town Hall at 650-851-1701

Bicycle, Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Committee
Cable & Utilities Undergrounding Committee
Conservation Committee
Cultural Arts Committee
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Finance Committee
Geologic Safety Committee
Historic Resources Committee
Nature & Science Committee
Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee
Parks & Recreation Committee
Public Works Committee
Sustainability Committee
Trails And Paths Committee
Wildfire Preparedness Committee
Library, 765 Portola Road. All San Mateo County Libraries are open with curbside services available.
650-851-0560 / smcl.org

Friends of the Library, 650-851-0560

WOODSIDE

TOWN HALL
2955 Woodside Road. The building houses the town administrative offices and the Planning and Building Department. The Town Hall is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.
650-851-6790 / townhall@woodsidetown.org / woodsidetown.org

TOWN STAFF

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Town Manager and Director of Finance: Kevin Bryant, 650-851-6790 / kbryant@woodsidetown.org
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Town Clerk: Jennifer Li, 650-851-6790 / jli@woodsidetown.org
Planning Director: Sage Schaan, 650-851-6790 / sachaen@woodsidetown.org

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
Darrell Batchelder, District 1, term ends February 2024.
Marilyn Voelke, District 2, term ends February 2023.
Craig London, District 3, term ends February 2026.
Matt Garr, District 4, term ends February 2026.
Aydan Kutay, District 5, term ends February 2024.
Jim Bildner, District 6, term ends February 2023.
Virginia Dare, District 7, term ends February 2024.

The Planning Commission’s regular meetings are held 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. For meeting agendas and more information, visit woodsidetown.org/bc-pc

ARCHITECTURAL & SITE REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural and Site Review Board is holding hybrid meetings, with attendance open to the public remotely and meeting in person at Town Hall, 2955 Woodside Road. The board generally meets at 4:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month.
650-851-6790

OTHER COMMITTEES

For more information about committees, contact the town clerk at jli@woodsidetown.org

Arts & Culture Committee
Audit Committee
Circulation Committee
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Environment: Open Space, Conservation and Sustainability Committee
History Committee
Livestock and Equestrian Heritage Committee
Public Safety Committee
Recreation Committee
Trails Committee
Volunteerism/Volunteer Liaison and Engagement

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Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City
911 (Emergency) / 650-216-7676 (Non-emergency)

Fire Services. Fire protection and enforcement of codes are provided by the Woodside Fire Protection District. See Public Officials section for more info.
911 (Emergency) / 650-851-1954 (Non-emergency)

Town Hall is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

650-851-0147 / smcl.org/locations/1W

TOWN STAFF

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PO Box 2995 Woodside Road, #200
Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
usps.com

Flowers bloom in front of the water tower at the Holbrook Palmer park in Atherton. Photo by Marjana Sadozghi.
TOWN OF ATHERTON
TOWN HALL
80 Fair Oaks Lane
• 650-752-0500 / ci.atherton.ca.us

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Stacy Miles Holland, term ends November 2024, 650-533-8830 / elewis@ci.atherton.ca.us
Elizabeth Lewis, term ends November 2024, 650-589-5073

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Study sessions are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m.

• 650-752-0529

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CITY OF MENLO PARK
CITY HALL
701 Laurel St.
• 650-330-6600
• city.council@menlopark.gov / menlopark.gov

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
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Ray Mueller, term ends November 2024, 650-776-8995
Cecilia Taylor, term ends November 2022, 650-589-5073

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CITY STAFF
City Manager: Justin Murphy, 650-330-6610 / jcmurphy@menlopark.gov

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
170 Middlefield Road
• Emergencies: 911
• Business: 650-688-8400, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Fire Prevention Bureau: 650-688-8425
• menlofire.org

Interim Fire Chief: Mike Shaffer
Fire Stations:
• No. 1: 300 Middlefield Road
• No. 2: 2290 University Ave., East Palo Alto
• No. 3: 32 Almaden Ave., Atherton
• No. 4: 3322 Alameda de las Pulgas
• No. 5: 4101 Fair Oaks Ave.
• No. 6: 700 Oak Grove Ave.
• No. 7: 1467 Chilco St.

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
TOWN HALL
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, 94028
• 650-851-1700
• towncenter@portolavalley.net / portolavalley.net

TOWN COUNCIL
Jeff Aalfs, mayor, term ends November 2024, jaalfs@portolavalley.net
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Judith Hasho, term ends November 2026, jhasho@portolavalley.net
Mary Hufty, term ends November 2026, m.hufty@portolavalley.net
Craig Taylor, term ends November 2026, ctaylor@portolavalley.net
Meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the Historic Schoolhouse at Town Center, 765 Portola Road.

TOWN STAFF
Interim Town Manager: Howard Young, 650-851-1700 ext. 214

TOWN OF WOODSIDE
TOWN HALL
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• 650-851-6790
• woodsidetown.org

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• 650-363-4123 / smgov.org

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