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CALENDAR

June 3, 4 Bullis Charter School Upper Grades Play, "ONE;"
Info. Call: (650) 947-4939

June 5; Town Picnic;
1-4 PM; Residents ONLY; Reservations Required; Little League Fields; Purissima Rd. at Viscaino Rd.; No pets.
Info. (650) 941-7222

June 16; Dedication of New Town Hall; 7 PM; 26379 Fremont Road; Refreshments.

July 9-10; Saturday and Sun., 10 AM to 6 PM Los Altos Art & Wine Festival;
DownTown Los Altos

July 15-17; LAH Horsemen's Assoc. Junior Summer Camp
Registration; Info.: (650) 269-5229

August 1-5; Westwind Riding Camp; 9AM - Noon; Open to Children Ages 8-12; Sponsored by Westwind 4H.
Contact: Nancy Couperus at 941-4808
Email:couperus@mindspring.com
Preference given to Los Altos Hills residents.

WE'VE MOVED! STAFF BACK AT TOWN HALL

Less than 12 months after taking up temporary residence at the former Bullis Elementary campus, Town staff has moved back to 26379 Fremont Road. Thanks to our construction management firm, Toeniskoetter and Breeding (TBI), the final phase of this project has been surprisingly quick and efficient. This beautiful 8500 sq. ft. municipal center is now fully operational and ready for business. The Peter Duxbury designed building has been widely recognized for its Eco-friendly design and the beautiful way it integrates into the Town's rural character and environment.... and everyone agrees that it allows the Town staff to serve the needs of the community in a much more efficient manner.

The move-in started on May 3rd when the Los Altos Hills Town council hosted a joint meeting with the Los Altos City council. Later that week, on May 5th, the first regular Town Council meeting was held in the new facility. The staff soon followed the council, completing the operations move over the weekend of May 21st. While the relocation was going on, the last details of the project, including final commissioning and landscaping were wrapped up. A celebration to dedicate this incredible facility is scheduled for 7:00 PM, June 16th. All residents are welcome at the party!

While you're at the dedication, check the building's innovative design, which allows three different Town committees to meet simultaneously. The council chamber is a particularly pleasing space, with many thoughtful features to facilitate the Town's numerous public meetings. You can also marvel at your friends' and neighbors' creative tile designs on the donor wall, or get a technical tour of the on-site solar power system, which powers the building. The location is the same, but oh what a difference a year makes!



NEW TOWN HALL DEDICATION

Thursday, June 16th

7PM-9PM

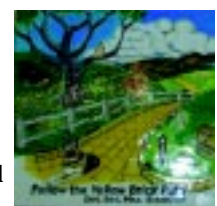
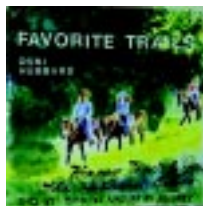


TIME TO CELEBRATE!

The City Council cordially invites you
to attend the
Dedication of Your New Town Hall

Location:

Under the Heritage Oak at the New Town Hall
26379 Fremont Road



Newcomers to Town Are Especially Invited

Enjoy Seeing Your Family's Tile on the Community Donor Wall
Refreshments & Music by the "Toot Sweet Band"

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Farewell to Bullis Offices and Welcome Home to New Town Hall

Since June 8, 2004, Town staff has been serving the community at Bullis-Purissima Elementary School. The site, just down the road from Old Town Hall, has proven to be a great "temporary" fit for our operational and meeting needs. During our stay at Bullis, we have introduced longer customer service hours, which have received rave reviews. With the completion of the New Town Hall, we have scheduled our move back beginning on Friday, May 20 with the goal of reopening for business on Wednesday, May 25. Town phones and fax will be operational in the interim and staff will be checking it at the end of each move day. While professional movers will do most of the heavy lifting, staff will be sorting, boxing and identifying reusable furnishings, setting up offices and learning the new buildings' systems during the closure and over the intervening weekend.



City Manager Maureen Cassingham

Staff is very excited about moving back to the New Town Hall and looking forward to delivering services in this wonderful, community facility!

Report on April 2 Town-Wide Clean-Up Day

Due to the muddy conditions at Westwind Barn caused by inclement weather prior to the April 2 Town-wide Clean-Up, the Town and LAGCo were forced to close down this collection venue with no public notice. Thanks to Steve Garcia, the Town's Public Safety Officer, the venue was manned throughout that Saturday to redirect residents to the other collection locations in Town. 34 residents were redirected and advised of the two free "curbside" clean-up dates they can schedule with LAGCo at their convenience.

Town Parks and Recreation Supervisor Completes Boston Marathon

Jimmy Forbis, the Town's Parks and Recreation Supervisor, in fulfillment of a major life goal, competed in and completed the grueling 26.2 mile Boston Marathon on April 18, 2005. A culmination of 16 years of preparation and training, Jimmy qualified for the race at the California International Marathon in December with a time of 3 hours 9 minutes and 20 seconds. While Kenyan men have dominated this event for the last 15 years, American men have been breaking into the top finisher ranks. Kudos to our colleague Jimmy on this extraordinary achievement!

Town Staff to Participate in American Cancer Society Relay for Life Los Altos

On June 25 and 26, Town staff will participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraising event which will take place at Los Altos High School. Each relay member will contribute or fundraise \$100 each for the fight against cancer. Teams of people will walk or run the track at Los Altos High School continuously for 24 hours with at least one representative on the track at all times during the event. To participate, form a team or make a donation, contact Parks and Recreation Supervisor Jimmy Forbis at Town Hall, at extension 241.

—Maureen Cassingham, City Manager

NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

HENRY LOUIE

Following an intensive recruitment period, Henry Louie was recently appointed to the position of Director of Public Works, effective May 2, 2005.



HENRY LOUIE,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Henry comes to Los Altos Hills from the City of Hayward, where he worked for 10 years, most recently as Utilities engineer. "I never heard of Los Altos Hills, until one day when I visited a friend who had just moved here. Immediately, I liked the community which was so beautiful and peaceful," states Henry. "When I saw the job posted on the bulletin board at City of Hayward, I thought that would be an ideal community in which to work."

The rest is history. Henry has impressive credentials and received stellar recommendations. He is a 1988 graduate of UC Berkeley in engineering and has managed and designed many major projects for local government agencies, Caltrans and BART in the Bay Area, where he was responsible for the roadway and transit improvements of the Hwy. 580 and 680 Interchange - which was a 90 million dollar project. In addition, during his 10 years with the City of Hayward he managed the 40 million dollar water and wastewater projects. He is both a registered electrical and civil engineer.

His primary goals for Los Altos Hills are to continue the efforts for sewers, pathways and to manage traffic issues facing the Town in order to improve safety.

Henry and his wife Polly, have two young boys, Norvin age 9 and Jovin age 15 months. In his spare time he loves golf, table tennis and tennis.

Please give Henry a warm welcome to Los Altos Hills. His email address is: hlouie@losaltoshills.ca.gov

Dog Owners: We Need Your Help!

Please ensure your that dog is secured in your yard or on a leash when outside the yard. On two recent separate occasions in Los Altos Hills, dog owners failed to maintain control of their dogs. As a result, two family cats were mauled to death by these dogs as the pet owners helplessly watched. Per the Town's Municipal Code, dog owners are responsible for their dog's actions. Please maintain control over your pet at all times!



*For Council Agenda and Minutes,
See our Website:
www.losaltoshills.ca.gov*

Editor's Message

As the Chair of the Community Donor Wall project, it has been a pleasure to see the New Town Hall and the Community Donor Wall taking shape.

Most importantly, the level of community involvement in the Donor Wall tile project has been most rewarding. The community has raised sufficient funds for the landscaping of the New Town Hall, while simultaneously contributing enormously to the spirit of the community.



I've talked with many residents that have lived here since the Town's founding days, but remained quietly behind the scenes. They greatly supported the first community public art project through their contribution of a tile. Many of our newest residents were also supportive of the project.

The opportunity to leave a lasting legacy in the Town was the brilliant idea of architect Peter Duxbury. Not only did he and his colleagues, Bill McIntosh (Architect) and Tom Klope (Landscape Architect) conceive a wonderful building and landscape - but also they provided all of the residents with an opportunity to create a lasting legacy in the Town.

The opportunity to add tiles to the wall will continue until the 150-foot wall is completely filled. Plan to attend the Dedication Event on June 16th at 7 PM.

I want to thank the Donor Wall Sub-committee Alexander Atkins, Alan Bien, Emily Cheng, John Harpootlian, Jean Mordo, John Radford, & Dean Warshawsky for their invaluable leadership and assistance. Lastly, we owe a debt of gratitude for the effort of Petroglyph Studios - Mateo Uriarte & Katie Jasper, Sarah Joiner, Administrative Services Director, TBI, Inc. who coordinated the building of the wall and the tile setting, and lastly, to all of the contributors to the Community Donor Wall Project. Kindest thanks!

—Duffy Price, Editor
Town Newsletter

DONOR WALL REMINDER

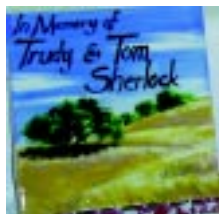
Don't you want your family name on the Donor Wall at the New Town Hall?

There is still time to order and make a tile for the Community Donor Wall. The tiles will be set periodically throughout the next year.

Stop by Town Hall and pick up an order form or go to the Town website: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov and click on Donor Wall Project to order.

You can paint your own design or have an artist do it for you. For assistance, call Duffy Price at 650 948-0596 or email: duffy@duffysmail.com.

Stop by the New Town Hall to see what your friends and neighbors have created. It is wonderful!



BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL NEWS

A Wonderful First Year

Summer is in the air! Students have proudly finished their first year at the charter school and are looking forward to returning next fall. BCS has brought learning to life by taking students to Washington DC, presenting four full-scale plays, plus music recitals and dance recitals. Students have performed service-learning projects including raising over \$700 for Tsunami relief via weekly student bake sales, cleaning a beach in Santa Cruz, and participating in recycling and school beautification programs. Students have held a science fair, performed in assemblies, created gardens, participated in running clubs, student council, Odyssey of the Mind, yoga, homework club, sports club, circuit training, dance club, volleyball, French, Spanish, German languages, student newspaper, student store, art, and vocal and instrumental music.



Growing Enrollment

This Fall, BCS will grow from 170 to 230 students, with a wait list of over 100 children. Los Altos School District (LASD) residents received priority due to the charter school's location within the district. 96% of the students admitted for Fall 2005 will come from LASD. In order to remain small yet have critical mass financially and for school activities, BCS plans to grow to 310 students over time.

Families selected BCS primarily for its individualized learning programs, enriched and challenging curriculum, small class sizes, emphasis on service-learning, character, and leadership, its award winning principal and highly qualified staff.

Developing Best Educational Practices: BCS Awarded \$360,000 Grant for Individualized Learning, Other Programs from CA Department of Education

We believe this award is an objective endorsement of what we have been doing and supports where we are heading. In State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O'Connell's press release, he noted, "Charter schools serve as laboratories to develop best educational practices. With these grants, we hope to replicate and share best practices with other schools in the state to focus on increasing student achievement."

These restricted funds are targeted to support teacher and curricular development in the area of individualized learning, one of the main tenets of the school mission, with emphasis on the "Schools Attuned" program.

—Lee Garverick, Parent, Bullis Charter School

LAH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

FREE BRUSH CHIPPING PROGRAM

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District is offering residents a free service of chipping and disposal of brush and prunings.

Each area of the Town will be systematically notified of the service by a letter containing a postcard to return informing the contractor of your request to have the service.

Here is how it works: During the spring and early summer the District's contractor will be in your neighborhood available to chip brush and tree prunings that you have cut and stacked on your property. Chips will be left with you or the contractor will take them. If you want the free service, you will need to plan to do your pruning and make an appointment with the contractor.



Since 1997, this program was offered only to homes West of Highway 280 in high fire hazard areas and was regarded as very successful.

This year it has been extended to cover all of Los Altos Hills. The Fire District encourages you to take advantage of this free assistance to make your home more defensible against a wildland fire.

- All flammable vegetation should be cleared a minimum of 30 feet around structures.
- Tree limbs should be cut within 10 feet of chimneys.
- Trees that are 18 feet or taller should be limbed 6 feet above the ground.

The Fire District contractor is S. P. McClenahan Co. They will perform the service during the spring and early summer. **Remember: The postcard must be returned to the S.P. McClenahan Co. for this service to be scheduled.** The contractor will call to schedule an appointment with you for the brush chipping service.

The LAH County Fire District services are provided by the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

PARKS & RECREATION

Recycle Plastic Bottles - Needed for Crafts

Parks & Rec needs 1 Gallon plastic milk or juice bottles for craft projects. As part of their recycle crafts projects the plastic bottles can be used to make bird feeders.

You may drop them off at Town Hall anytime during working hours or contact Jimmy Forbis at 650/ 941-7222 x241.



LOS ALTOS HILLS PATHWAYS RUN 2005

On May 7th, about 250 runners came out for 4th annual 5K/10K and 1 mile fun on hilly, and challenging

pathways routes in Los Altos Hills. 25 run-away-brides wearing white veils participated in a popular Run-Away-Bride category where the first bride to cross the finish line won a special award, which was not a bus ticket to Las Vegas.



Planning Commissioner Ray Collins prepares to run in the race.

Many enjoyed the scenic, but muddy trail course through Byrne Preserve near Westwind Barn LAH council members, Brownie Troop 597, and the Los Altos High School Track team.

Each year the event grows in participants and costume themes like this year's run-away-bride competition that raises funds for Los Altos Hills Parks and Recreation programs.

LOCAL RESIDENTS RECEIVE GARDNER AWARD

Three LAH community leaders received the Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) sponsored John W. Gardner Award on April 5th. Additionally, eight Los Altos community leaders also received the award. The LAH Recipients were: **Dan Alexander, Westwind b Barn; Elizabeth Duveneck Dana, Friends of Hidden Villa; and Elayne Dauber, Los Altos Library Volunteers.** To honor Dr. Gardner's legacy, the LACF created this award for recipients who are selected by nonprofits servicing our community in two of the four areas distinguishing Dr. Gardner's career - public service, education, government and arts and letters. Congratulations to all of the outstanding civic leaders.

Town Newsletter - Statement of Purpose

To communicate current issues, services, and activities in Los Altos Hills to the residents of the Town and to facilitate, encourage and improve interaction between the residents and Town government. The 2005 Newsletter will be published quarterly in the months of March, June, September, and December. Deadline for the next issue is July 31, 2005.

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EARTH DAY 2005

Westwind Barn's 2005 Earth Day Celebration brought out a record number of environmental enthusiasts on April 24. Approximately 500 people attended the event held at the Westwind Barn. Exhibitors and attendees were all united in their interest of raising support and awareness for policies and practices to protect the planet. Los Altos Hills has boosted its earth-friendly efforts as the state continues its efforts toward environment sustainability. The Earth Day event featured over 36 organizations, in addition to local winemakers who shared their wines with attendees and the presentation of two educational shows from Leopards, Etc. Congratulations to the Friends of Westwind and especially board member Nancy Couperus for providing the leadership in the successful effort.



Wildcat Adventure Programs — Leopards, Etc. owner, Rob Dickey with King Cheetah, Kgoti.



Local Winemakers contribute to the event. Pictured L. to R.: Duffy Price, CRC member with LAH Winemakers: Erin & Chris Tacy, Byrne Park Winery; Brian Hollins, Belle Époque; & Zsuzsanna Molnar, Blue Danube Wines.



Steve Jurvetson with his new best friend, Happy Lizard!

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the
Los Altos Hills Summer Theatre Party

Saturday, August 6, 2005, at the Foothill College Theatre
7 PM — Pre-performance reception and informative lecture
8 PM — Performance of Brigadoon

See Flyer Insert

*RSVP with check for \$30 per ticket with your telephone number
and e-mail address by June 30th to Town Hall*

HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

LAH Horsemen's Association is accepting registrations for the Junior Summer Camp to be held on July 15-17. Contact: **Alisa Breddo at (650) 269-5229.**



A membership drive to unite more people who are interested in horses in LAH is also underway. Information: www.lahha.org

RESIDENT PROFILE

Iraq Is Not So Far Away

While the war in Iraq seems far removed from Los Altos Hills, one young man from Los Altos Hills is heroically serving our nation. Local resident, Specialist Bobby Magami, currently serves in the Army National Guard in Baghdad at Camp Prosperity. He is stationed at one of the checkpoints to Baghdad - carrying out his duty to ensure the safety of the city.

Bobby, who resides on Olive Tree Lane in Los Altos Hills, is 25 years old and the son of Maryam Kellar.

Bobby graduated from Gunn High School in Palo Alto, where he was passionate about an Army career - since he was 4 yrs old he wanted to be in the Army. As soon as he graduated, he joined the Army and spent 2 years in Fort Benning, Georgia and Fort Riley, Kansas, and served in Kuwait. His rank is Specialist in United States Army.

Friends describe him as very ethical and honest. During his high school years he helped feed disabled students during his lunch hours!

He is single and has a wonderful girlfriend, Crystle Borrego who is employed in Los Altos.

His mother Maryam states, "Not a day goes by that I do not worry about his safety. If there are others in the community who have loved ones serving, we should join in support of all of them. They appreciate receiving messages of encouragement from home."

Should residents want to send a message to Bobby, please direct it through his mother's email address (for security reasons): mkellar@apr.com



Bobby Magami, Specialist in United States Army

THE TOWN NEWSLETTER

RESIDENT'S REPLY CARD

Members of the Los Altos Hills community are encouraged to communicate and participate with our local government. Please use this card to communicate with us.

1. Volunteer Committees and Appointments: (Note: If there are no current openings, we will gladly notify you when one becomes available.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Investment | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Historian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Volunteer Awards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Design & Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Commissioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Initiatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit Curator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information & Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Communications |

2. Would you like to help with the New Town Hall Dedication on June 16. Please call me:

Name _____

Phone: _____

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

3. What topics would you like to see in future Town Newsletters?

Name: _____

4. Do you have comments about the New Town Hall?

Address: _____

5. Express your concerns - (Use separate sheet.)

Phone / E-mail: _____

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Don't Forget to Come!
Your Dinner Is Ordered!

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