



# Views From The Terrace

## Candidates for the CTRA Board of Directors 2002-03

by Erika Enos, chair of the Nominating Committee

**W**hen recruiting candidates for a full year term, the nominating committee for CTRA had both a harder and easier task this time than last spring. We hoped to keep current members of the board for continuity and yet also looked for "new blood". We also wanted a fair representation of the Terrace: the front end, the back end, closed streets and busy streets, long time residents and those new to our neighborhood.

Many phone calls later, we feel we have successfully achieved our goal. Our nominees are a diverse group who will work together to represent the best interests of our neighborhood with the utmost ability and integrity. It is your job to elect them to the Board and help them in the challenging task of being our spokespersons. You can do this by sharing with them your feedback and suggestions for activities that further the purpose of CTRA, which is "to enable residents to work together to maintain and enhance the quality of life in College Terrace.

Bios of the candidates may be found on last page.

**Here is the slate of candidates that will be presented for consideration at our election meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2002 for the term 4/1/02-3/31/03: Nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting.**

PRESIDENT: Kathy Durham

VICE PRESIDENT: Paul Lomio

SECRETARY: Holly Welstein

TREASURER: Paula Sandas

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS: *...position open...*

COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL EVENTS: Maritza Frankfurt

GOVT / UNIVERSITY OBSERVERS: Paul Garrett, John Ciccarelli

### College Terrace Residents' Association Annual Meeting

Saturday morning, March 16, 2002

Escondido Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

(at the front of the school on Escondido Road)

- 9:30 - 10:00** Enjoy coffee, juice and treats with members of the CTRA board, and find other neighbors who share your interests
- 10:00-11:30** Annual Meeting Agenda:
- Update on Key Issues and Opportunities
  - Election of CTRA Board of Directors
  - Emergency Preparedness: What is the City Doing? What Can Neighborhoods Do? A Discussion with PAFD Battalion Chief Mick McDonald and City Council Member Judy Kleinberg

#### Who is eligible to vote?

According to our bylaws, anyone who is over 18 years old and whose primary legal residence is in College Terrace is eligible to vote.

#### What if you can't attend the meeting on March 16?

You may cast an absentee ballot by contacting any current CTRA director to arrange for pick up of an absentee ballot. Just fill out the ballot and return it to the same director before the annual meeting.

Two directors who are conveniently located for most residents:

Paul Lomio, 857-1383, plomio@stanford.edu (1467 College Ave.)

Paul Garrett, 494-1293, pnjgarrett@earthlink.net (890 California Ave.)

## CTRA issues update:

### Trails in the Stanford Foothills

On January 29th, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 for a six month delay on deciding the routes for the two dedicated foothill trails required as a condition of Stanford University's 2000 General Use Permit. During this time, county staff will evaluate several different alternative routes for both the S-1 and C-1 trails.

CTRA board members who have been following this issue are pleased that safety issues, environmental impacts and compliance with the Countywide Trails Master Plan will be important factors in the staff recommendation. For more information, check out the "Trails" section of the Stanford page on the CTRA website ([www.ctra.org](http://www.ctra.org)).

### 2475 Hanover Redevelopment Scheduled for City Council Approval March 4

After several delays, the City Council is scheduled to vote on this Research Park redevelopment project as part of the "consent calendar" (meaning items that need no further discussion) next Monday. Throughout the series of community meetings with the Stanford Management Company (SMC) last year, plus the two Architectural Review Board meetings and the City Council discussion on January 14, members of the CTRA board have been actively involved in efforts to minimize the negative impacts of this project on our neighborhood.

Details of the modifications made to the design of the building and other mitigations may be found in the "Stanford Research Park" section on the CTRA website ([www.ctra.org](http://www.ctra.org)). We are most excited about the acceptance in principle of the "spine street" concept proposed by board member John Ciccarelli, and we hope to see this idea developed further by the city and the SMC in the next year.

Those interested in following the city council process may want to check out the three City Manager's Reports on this issue: CMR455:01, CMR 133:02, and CMR 172:02, available online in PDF format ([www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/cmrs/](http://www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/cmrs/)).

Questions, comments or suggestions on these or other issues are welcome - just email the board at [board@ctra.org](mailto:board@ctra.org).

## YEAR 2002 COLLEGE TERRACE EASTER EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK

by Maritza Frankfurt

Come join your neighbors for a spring celebration at the 14th annual College Terrace Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Potluck. This year's picnic will take place on Saturday, March 30th at 3:45 pm in Cameron Park on Wellesley between Stanford and College Avenues (note new location this year due to renovations at Werry Park). Kids: Bring your baskets for the chocolate egg hunt! Adults: Bring a dish to share - salads, drinks, chips, etc. We'll provide hot dogs, buns, and condiments, and of course, thousands of chocolate eggs for the kids to gather! (Experience suggests it's best to leave your four legged friends home for this event). Bring your own picnic dishes/utensils to help keep this a low-trash event. If you have any questions or if you'd like to help, phone Maritza 857-0955.

### Werry Park Renovations

If you've walked around the Terrace in the past few months, you've probably noticed all the new play ground equipment and park construction going on at Werry Park. Although the contractor is pretty much on schedule, we still won't be able to use our newly renovated park until mid April, or possibly the 1st of May. When Werry does reopen, the kids will have a new "school aged structure" to play on which includes a swing, climbing structure with a short curly slide and a climbing wall. The sand safety surfacing (not ADA accessible) used under the old play structures has been replaced with "Fibar" wood chip surfacing, which complies with ADA standards. There will also be a completely new irrigation system and renovation of park turf, along with a new picnic table and three new park benches. Look for fliers announcing a park re-opening celebration as the date gets nearer! If you have any questions or would like to help with the party, contact Maritza Frankfurt at 857-0955.

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### College Terrace Walks! Downtown

by Paul Lomio

We had a great walk on Friday, February 22nd when eight College Terrace residents biked or walked downtown to attend the city's Transportation Brown Bag Film series (our neighborhood supplied more than half of the total attendance!). Host Joe Kott first showed a short subject on building an integrated water transit system for the Bay Area. A lively discussion followed the viewing. The main feature was Dan Burden's thought provoking film "Creating Pedestrian and Bike Friendly Communities." The film pointed out the differences between traditional town design (small lots; houses brought forward; schools, libraries, post office and central town area all easily walkable) and conventional design (large lots, wide open streets with large turning radius, not just difficulty but even impossibility for walking to schools and stores). We saw what a huge difference trees, narrow road widths and well designed sidewalks can make to an environment. How fortunate we all are to live in College Terrace, I thought, looking at the slides, and how just a little additional tweaking of our streets can bring us even closer to the warm, comfortable, environmentally sensitive and kid-friendly traditional model.

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Our lovely walk from College Terrace to city hall to attend this presentation took a mere 30 minutes. at a leisurely pace, through beautiful neighborhoods. We burned no gasoline, only calories; we gave no thought to where to park. We enjoyed a wide-ranging conversation, trees and the warmth of the sun.,and paused to admire gardens (including a few with whimsical elements bringing a smile to all).

## Join our Saturday Walk!

**O**n our next walk, on March 9th, we will also head downtown, this time to Healing Environments, located in the Downtown North neighborhood. Healing Environments is a nonprofit Palo Alto organization dedicated to the creation of environments conducive to healing for people with life-threatening illnesses. We will be given a private tour of their 12 model rooms located at 451 Lytton Avenue. According to a Palo

Alto Weekly story ("A Place to Heal," 8-13-1997) Healing Environments "is essentially a showcase of ideas for ways to relieve suffering through the evocation of beauty." We will gather at 10:00 a.m. in front of Starbucks (corner of Stanford Ave. and El Camino Real) on Saturday, March 9th. For more information, please contact me (plomio@stanford.edu) or Nancy Lowe (857-0676).

To learn more about College Terrace Walks!, please visit our website at <http://ctw!.blogspot.com> where Nancy Lowe and I have just posted "A Brief History of College Terrace Walks." To get on the CTW! mailing list, contact Paul (plomio@stanford.edu).

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## College Terrace and Its Trees

by Susan Rosenberg

**I** had someone tell me the other day that the reason, (and they said it with real authority), people love Palo Alto so much is because of its trees. There

might be a few other reasons but Palo Alto is one of a hand-

ful of California cities with its very own nonprofit tree organization called Canopy. Canopy Trees for Palo Alto was started in the summer of 1996 and several of their programs were launched right here in College Terrace.

In December of 1996 College Terrace neighbors, with Canopy's guidance, gathered for their first planting of street trees. Since then they've added a total of 118 trees to our neighborhood. City planting crews have added about another 200 street trees. While Canopy and the City both plant street trees, Canopy goes the extra mile by encouraging residents to roll up their sleeves and join in the planting by leaving tree care literature with residents living adjacent to the new tree.

In June of 2001 Canopy launched its Tree Care Program in College Terrace after discovering that trees planted by Canopy volunteers had a better chance of survival than those planted by City crews. With this in mind, Canopy developed a pilot program to reach all residents with young street trees in front of their home whether planted by Canopy or the City.

Canopy leaves literature that educates and encourages residents to care for the new street trees by watering regularly through the dry season and weeding around the base of the tree. If you have a young street tree in front of your home, remember to water it regularly in the summer and if you have any questions, be sure to give the Canopy office a call.

College Terrace resident Kevin Raftery is the arborist who developed the first of Canopy's Tree Walks guides (a total of 12 have been written for neighborhoods throughout Palo Alto). The College Terrace Tree Walk includes a map and short description of each tree and can be found at the College Terrace Library or by giving the Canopy office a call.

Our neighborhood also has a significant number of native oak trees that were here long before any of us decided to move in; 246 coast live oaks and 100 valley oaks. Like most Palo Alto neighborhoods, it has no blue or black oaks. It is one of the best environments for valley oaks (*Quercus lobata*), the deciduous and stately oaks I adore. The second-largest valley oak in Palo Alto is in College Terrace (on Wellesley, between College Ave. and California Ave.). Half the pleasure of walking to J.J.'s from my home near Werry Park is passing under the valley oak at the corner of College Ave. and Hanover St.

College Terrace has the distinction of being one of the most well represented neighborhoods for volunteers as well as donors. If you'd like to learn more about Canopy or to receive the College Terrace Tree Walk guide give the office a call at (650) 964-6110 or online at [www.canopy.org](http://www.canopy.org)

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## News Around the Corner

### Open House Market is Back!

Our local convenience store, *Open House Market* has reopened for business. Their new home is one block north, in the narrow little building next to the under-construction bank. So now if you need a candy bar or a quart of milk after J J & F has closed, you can just walk or bike across El Camino and visit the Open House Market!

### Amherst Water Main

The Amherst Street water mains have been breaking frequently, almost every year. This year they put porta potties every other house and delivered water to the door as well as provided water at central locations on the street. For suburbians this outhouse lifestyle was quite a shock and humbling. According to one Amherst St. observer the porta potties saw very little use.

Said an observer, "Apparently everyone has their secret place to go... somewhere else... maybe a gym or restaurant?"

The city reports that the water mains will finally have to be replaced and this work has been scheduled between January and June of 2003. Specific details will be available through the city utilities dept. by calling Jennifer at 329-2547.

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## Become involved in your neighborhood

### Volunteer Opportunities

Got a complaint about traffic speed, volume or lack of safety on College Terrace Streets? Annoyed with commuters who cut through our neighborhood or park on residential streets? Now is the time to get involved in CTRA efforts to find solutions to these problems. Contact Grace Liu (494-6943) or Karie Epstein (KarieEpstein@aol.com).

### Have An Extra Room for A Short-term Visitor?

DNAX Research Inc on California Ave. is always looking for near-by short term housing for Visiting Scientists and short term international students and scholars. If you might be interested in renting a room or cottage to a scientist or intern for 3-6 months, please contact the DNAX Human Resources Manager and CT resident Martha Hauser at 496-6400.

### Editors/Writers/Desktop Publishers

The *College Terrace Views* needs helpers to assume one or more of the tasks in getting out this publication. Please help and give a little time to your community. Call Rob Ruether, 856-7418, Ruether@mac.com

**Yes, I'd like to be a dues paying supporter of CTRA**

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Please attach cash or check made payable to CTRA and deliver to Paul Lomio, 1467 College Ave. Or, bring to one of our meetings. Annual voluntary dues are \$20

### Find Us

Have an interest you would like to share? Whether it's gardening, babysitting, senior friendships, dogs, neighborhood watch or whatever, come to the March 16th annual meeting and find like-minded neighbors!

### Train for the worse

Last minute sign-ups for the Palo Alto Neighborhood Disaster Activities (PANDA) training starting Wed. March 6th are still being accepted. Call the PANDA office at 617-3197 to find out more about this free 7 session class, or to be notified about future classes. You'll be glad you did!

### Treasurer's Report

First a very big thank you to the many College Terrace residents who contributed to CTRA last year. In calendar year 2001 we received a total of \$ 306.00 in donations.

Expenses for 2001 totaled \$ 1,418.82. Major expenses include newsletter photocopying (\$ 710), meeting hospitality (\$196), and neighborhood social events (\$ 447 -- including our Spring Picnic/Egg Hunt and Labor Day Picnic).

Thanks to a very generous seed-money gift from a College Terrace angel, we were able to cover the difference between income and expenses for our start-up year. However, at our February meeting, the Board decided to set aside most of the remaining seed money for special neighborhood improvement projects, and to make a concerted effort to achieve a balanced budget for 2002. More details will be available at our annual meeting on March 16.

As provided in our bylaws, the Board has now set the annual voluntary dues for the CTRA at \$20.00.

Returning the form on the left with your contribution will help us achieve our goal of a balanced budget. Thank you for your support.

J. Paul Lomio,  
CTRA Treasurer

### Biographical Info for CTRA Board Candidates

—We'd like to give you a little biographical information about each candidate in case you haven't met them yet:

**KATHY DURHAM** (President) has lived on Dartmouth St. with her husband and their 2 sons since 1984. She has been working to reduce the negative impacts on our neighborhood (especially traffic) from development in the surrounding area since 1987. Building community among neighbors is also important to her, and she has co-hosted our Labor Day Picnics for more than 10 years. Last fall, she was appointed to the county's Stanford Community Resource Group, a body that serves an informal role in reviewing the university's compliance with its General Use Permit. Currently she works part-time in bike and pedestrian safety education in our schools.

**PAUL LOMIO** (Vice President) is a 15 year resident of College Terrace. He has served as the CTRA treasurer since June. He has been active with the College Terrace Traffic Calming Task Force and is the founder of College Terrace Walks!, a loosely organized group that occasionally takes walks together. Paul works at the Stanford Law School as Assistant Director for Information Services, a law library position.

**HOLLY WELSTEIN** (Secretary) first moved to College Terrace in 1981. She says, "We lived in our Harvard St. house for 9 years and our daughter was part of the Harvard St. baby boomlet of 1984. After 11 years on the other coast we returned "home" to California this summer and found that while our neighborhood had changed, it had also, thankfully, stayed very much the same." She looks forward to serving on the board and getting involved with other CTRA activities.

**PAULA SANDAS** (Treasurer) has lived in Palo Alto since 1979 but her family moved to their house on Columbia Street in May, 1998. She told the nominating committee, "In the last 12 years I've worked in and been on various non-profit boards. I'm currently the Development Director for the Trees for El Camino Project. Our children, Kevin and Sean Harvey, are students at Escondido School. I look forward to working with my neighbors in this wonderful neighborhood."

**MARITZA FRANKFURT** (Coordinator of Social Events) moved to College Terrace in 1977, after attending Stanford University and meeting her husband John, a 2nd generation College Terrace resident. They now live in the house John grew up in and subsequently remodeled for his wife and 3 children. Maritza has been active in Palo Alto schools for 15 years and has been the "Picnic Goddess" since neighborhood picnics were re-incarnated in the late 1980's.

**PAUL GARRETT** (Shared Observer Position) looks forward to continuing in his role. He notes that he and his wife Jean built a house on California Avenue 22 years ago "because I could walk to work and we could walk to the business district, the train station and the bus lines. It's a great place for retirement but with lots of younger families about. I joined in the CTRA activity to help protect the neighborhood's interests relative to traffic and commercial development."

**JOHN CICCARELLI** (Shared Observer Position) has lived mostly in Palo Alto since 1986 and on Yale Street since 1998. He is an independent consultant, educator, designer and manufacturer focusing on bicycles as transportation, and prior to 1999 was Stanford's first Bicycle Program Manager. John enjoys being able to walk and bike to JJ&F Market, Caltrain, and many local businesses and favorite restaurants.