



Views From The Terrace

Stanford Trails Meeting Thursday, 11/15

Stanford University will soon dedicate two public trails for bikers and pedestrians through its foothill lands, following guidelines in the Countywide Master Trails Plan. The routes for these trails are supposed to be identified by December 12, according to one of numerous conditions of approval in the university's new General Use Permit.

One of these trails, called the Matadero Creek/Page Mill Sub-regional trail, is near our neighborhood. As reported in local newspapers, the university has proposed routing this trail along the south side of Page Mill Expressway from JSB to Deer Creek, then over the hill to the Arastradero Road/280 underpass. A coalition of environmental groups is urging the county to approve an alternate route which would use the existing dish trail and the livestock undercrossing (aka cow tunnel) a half mile north of the Page Mill/280 cloverleaf.

Behind the scenes, CTRA board members John Ciccarelli, Karie Epstein and Kathy Durham have been involved in discussions with Stanford planners, county and city officials regarding a possible compromise. We hope that an alternative can be found that would be acceptable to the university but also recreationally valuable and connected to Arastradero Preserve.

We also will be working with County Roads and the Stanford leaseholders' group to consider traffic calming measures that could reduce speeds and increase safety along Junipero Serra Boulevard and upper Stanford Avenue.

Want more info?

You can review the Stanford proposal on the county's web site (under Proposed Trails and Aerial Map) and compare with the alternatives proposed by the CTRA board. See the trails section on the Stanford page of the CTRA website (www.ctra.org) for both links, or look at hard copies of the trail info in the CTRA notebook at the College Terrace library.

We would welcome your input and involvement with neighborhood efforts on this issue! Please contact Kathy Durham at kfdurham@earthlink.net or 493-2623.

Neighborhood Traffic Study And Parking Permit Program Update

The good news is that Stanford University is transferring funds to the city of Palo Alto for our neighborhood traffic study (\$50,000) and for developing a parking permit program for streets affected by commuter parking (\$100,000) as required in last year's General Use Permit (GUP) for Stanford University.

The catch? Soon City Transportation Division staff will ask us to appoint a few lucky College Terrace residents to serve on project advisory committees that will provide input and review proposals for designing and implementing these programs. Your intrepid Board of Directors has been working overtime, but we cannot

Trails Meeting Thursday 11/15 at 7 PM

Come to next Thursday's public meeting on the trails issue in the Oak Lounge at Tresidder Union on the Stanford campus from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Santa Clara County officials will explain the county trail dedication requirements, then Stanford representatives will present their proposed routing for the two open space trails. During the second hour of the meeting, public comment will be taken.

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do it all. We need a few good people to help us, ensuring that these two programs are implemented effectively and with sensitivity to neighborhood concerns.

Last year's survey showed that traffic and parking issues were major concerns of College Terrace residents. Now is a great time for you to get involved and make sure that we make progress in solving these problems. See the "Help Wanted" column and contact us today! You can even suggest a neighbor who might be interested in this golden opportunity to make a difference.

Escondido Village Construction

Construction is ongoing for the Escondido Village project known as "Studios 5 & 6" (326 grad student apartments, off of Olmsted Road near Wellesley). Studio 5 is due to be completed in September, 2002, and Studio 6 in December, 2002.

Weekly updates of construction activity are provided on Stanford's website: <http://cpm.stanford.edu/ev/alert.html> Construction hours are 8:00 - 6:00 during the week. There will be no construction on Sundays and they will try to minimize Saturday construction. CTRA officer Karie Epstein has been working diligently to get truck traffic minimized on Stanford Avenue, but a longer term solution is still not decided.

Questions about truck traffic, construction hours or other concerns the project may be directed to Project Manager Susan Rozakis at 723-1813 or by email at rozakis@stanford.edu. Karie would welcome your assistance in monitoring this project!

Hanover/California Avenue Office Project

The Architectural Review Board hearing for this office building was interrupted then completed without further public comment on Thursday, November 1, 2001.

Pillsbury Winthrop, a legal firm will be the occupant.

The City Staff imposed a condition of approval: payment to the City by Stanford Management Co. of the \$150,000 for traffic calming along California Avenue as previously agreed. Other conditions may be imposed before final approval of the application. Public comments from CTRA and others focused on traffic generation, environmental impact, and construction of offices instead of housing. Karie Epstein pointed out the logical place for housing along California Avenue west of Hanover where three old buildings are likely to be redeveloped. Paul Garrett submitted a memo with comments approved by the CTRA Board. Overall, members of the Board of Directors are pleased that we have been able to reduce the negative impact of this project on the immediate neighbors, and we look forward to working with the city to implement some significant traffic calming measures on California Avenue that will benefit us all in the not too distant future.

Demolition of the two Alza buildings on the site will be delayed by two weeks (late November).

Construction status will be posted on the CTRA website: www.CTRA.org

Our Welcome to Common Ground

A good time was had by all as neighbors celebrated the arrival of Common Ground, our organic gardening store, at their new location on College Ave. (across the street from JJ&F and the Klutz Store) on Sunday, October 15th.

Food and drink were contributed by neighbors and organized by the neighborhood hospitality queen, Maritza Frankfurt. Dignitaries on hand were City Council candidates, Hon. Victor Ojakian and our own, Pria Graves. Pria was instrumental in helping to relocate Common Ground to this prime new location, proving that it is possible to rebuild a neighborhood in a positive way! They report that sales have already increased at this new site. Patricia Becker, the store manager, led the celebrants on a tour of the new facility. There are two large storage areas, an outdoor plant shelter, a kitchen, a classroom for instructional purposes and of course, their unique and beautiful retail store and library. You'll find everything you need here for your organic garden from tools and hats to heritage seeds. An uncommon store is Common Ground! Patricia, Severin, Ryan, and Judith invite you to visit the



Store Manager, Patricia Becker (right) takes her plate as neighbors bring picnic goodies to celebrate the new Common Ground store on College Ave.

store and especially to feel free to come in, pull up a chair, and browse in their fantastic garden library.

Got Gardening?

Some of us are lucky enough to have space to plant and watch-em grow. It's great outdoor activity, even therapeutic. Well, is now the right time to try out some community gardening in College Terrace? Some neighbors are thinking it might be progressive as to use some space for community gardens. We could plant together, admire together.

If you're one who would like to get community gardening to happen in College Terrace call Erika Enos : 493-667

Our Library, Use It Please

Library Improvements!

Recent visitors to our beloved library have discovered some nice improvements -- a new awning and cozy loveseat plus other new furniture for the inside. And soon there will be new landscaping and plantings in the surrounding park! Do stop in for a visit soon and please use it, i.e., take out some books.

At times our College Terrace Library has been asked to justify its existence by showing circulation numbers. I'm a librarian --been one for over twenty years. I know how librarians think; I know how they make decisions. One important criteria in library decision making, no doubt the most important factor, is the use statistics.

Our little College Terrace branch library is more than meets the eye. Its collection of approximately 25,000 books is impressive. There are some great finds in there, and the new book shelf always contains something worth reading. The library also keeps our CTRA materials covering issues discussed in this newsletter for your information. Use it! Visit it often. And check out

books - lots of them. Next time you walk down to J.J.'s for a loaf of bread, swing by the library first. Find 5 or 10 books that look interesting, even if just slightly so. And then borrow them. Get your kids library cards (the children's room is wonderful). They even loan magazines, movies and CDs help yourself.

We need to help our precious library stay in existence by using it. It's up to us, folks!

Paul Lomio



College Terrace Night Walk

On Halloween night, 25 members of College Terrace Walks! donned glow-in-the-dark necklaces and walked through the bushes and under the full moon to the home of Stanford art professor Matt Kahn to view the amazing collection of over 60 carved jack-o-lanterns on display as a product of his Art class. Professor Kahn met with our group and we learned that this has been an annual event since 1959! The pumpkins on display were absolutely stunning in their creativity -- a "slinky" with a cyclops eye, a beautiful porcelain-like woman's face, plus an assortment of witches and goblins. It was a wonderful walk. To learn about upcoming College Terrace Walks! events, kindly contact Paul Lomio (plomio@stanford.edu) or Nancy Lowe (857-0676).

■ ■ ■ and now a word from our president

Since the election last June, all nine College Terrace residents serving on the CTRA board have been working hard — dealing with new and old challenges facing our neighborhood as well as encouraging activities that build community among neighbors.

We have talked with many residents at the meetings about Escondido Village development or the redevelopment of the Alza site, as well as at the Labor Day picnic and last month, s welcome for Common Ground. And we've analyzed the survey results from last spring. Thanks for your support, suggestions, and questions ^ this has been very helpful as we get started.

Now, thanks in large part to the skills of John Ciccarelli, we have produced a document called "College Terrace Issues and Opportunities", with two pages on key issues, linked to two maps. This grew out of all the input you've given us and our own discussions, and will help us prioritize our future efforts.

If you would like a copy of this report, here's how to get one:

- Check the CTRA website (www.ctra.org), a link will be added soon.
- Send me an email and I'll make the PDF file available to you.
- Check near the CTRA binder in the College Terrace Library for hard copies.
- If all else fails, call me and arrange to pick one up.

We would welcome your comments on this document, as well as any other feedback on how we are doing relative to the CTRA mission statement, which is "to enable residents to work together to maintain and enhance the quality of life in College Terrace."

Most of all, I want to emphasize that this is a great time to get involved in your neighborhood. Whether you are interested in picnics, childrens' play groups, any of the projects listed in this newsletter, or if you want to start something new, we will help you find other residents with similar interests.

Kathy Durham

car-link announcement

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AT A
FREE CARLINK II SEMINAR
submitted by Molly Anne Meyn

WHERE: Creekside Inn, Palo Alto
(Stratton Room) 3400 El Camino Real

DATE: Thursday, November 15th

TIME: 7:00-8:30pm

NOTE: Refreshments will be served;
First 25 people will receive a free
Caltrain Pass!

Other door prizes to surprise you...

At the CarLink II Seminar, you can find
out:

- How you can share a fleet of vehicles to get to and from public transit from your home or workplace.
- How community members can also reserve vehicles for evening and weekend errands and recreational trips.
- How Carsharing can bring social, environmental, and economic benefits to you and your community.

Please RSVP our toll free number,
1.866.276.5303

Questions? Email info@carlink.com

To find out more about CarLink II, visit

[<http://www.gocarlink.com/>](http://www.gocarlink.com/)

You can help - Volunteers wanted:

Nominating Committee members for CTRA elections

Who will serve as CTRA officers from
April 2002 through March 2003?

Elections will take place in March but a
volunteer nominating committee will be
identifying good candidates beginning
in January. Erika Enos would love to
hear from you if you can help recruit a
balanced group of candidates. It's a
short term task that really can make a
difference for our neighborhood. Call
her at 493-6677 if you have questions
or want to volunteer.

Advisors for Traffic Study and Parking Permit Program:

Concerned residents from different
parts of our neighborhood are needed to
serve on advisory committees for each
of these key programs. Contact us at

Who Delivered This Newsletter?

Your College Terrace community has a wonderful system of block co-ordinators. These are residents who volunteer their time to drop off newsletters to their neighbors and by doing so are getting to know their neighbors better. In the future we hope block co-ordinators may be a liaison between residents and CTRA board and help with emergency services. Some block co-ordinators have very large routes. Our hope is to have more volunteers or substitute block coordinators to help shorten the routes. Can you help? You'll also get to know your neighborhood better. *Special call for someone to do the 2000 through 2300 blocks of Wellesley Ave.*

Please call or email Erika Enos: 493-6677 or erikaenos@hotmail.com

Here is the roster of neighbors currently serving you as block co-ordinators and the blocks they cover:

Laura Forrest	500 Stanford; all of Yale; 500 Oxford; Staunton Ct.; 500-600 College; 500 Cambridge; 2200-2300 600 California
Williams;	
Jon Corelis	600-700 Stanford; 2000-2100 Williams
Becky Fuson	800 College; 2200-2300 Cornell; 700-800 California
Melissa Campbell	2000-2100 Cornell; 900 College; 2000-2100 Princeton
Emily Marshall	2200-2300 Princeton; 900-1000 California
Barb Grahn	900-1100 Stanford; 2000-2100 Oberlin
Gladys Stavn	1000 College; 2200-2300 Oberlin
Ruth Sloan	1100 College; 2200-2300 Harvard; 1100 California
Grace Liu	2000-2100 Harvard; 1200 Stanford; 1200 College; 2000-2100 Hanover
Joan Segall	2200-2300 Hanover; 1200-1300 California
Paul Lomio	1300 Stanford; all of Dartmouth; 1300-1500 College; 1400-1600 California
Erika Enos	1400 Stanford; all of Columbia
Randy Mont-Reynaud	1500 Stanford; all of Bowdoin; 1500 College
Nancy Lowe	1600 Stanford; 1600 College; all of Amherst

board@ctra.org or call Karie Epstein at
424-1066 to volunteer.

Block Coordinators and substitutes:

(See the "Who Delivered this
Newsletter" above). Thanks to all who
give something to our community!

PEOPLE ARE ASKING

If you appreciate this newsletter and
other activities of CTRA, here's the
scoop on how you can support your
neighborhood association- with a vol-
untary donation. Make check payable to
CTRA and send to Paul Lomio, treasurer,
1467 College Ave., 94306 -- or drop
it off on your next neighborhood walk.

Newsletter contact:

Do you have news for our next
newsletter? Send submissions to Rob
Ruether, editor: ruether@mac.com

New to College Terrace? Want more info on CTRA?

You can find out more about the history of
our neighborhood, read the bylaws we
adopted in May 2001 or check out the min-
utes from Board of Directors, meetings, or
find back copies of our neighborhood
newsletter in two places:

* On our website: www.ctra.org

* In the CTRA binder on the reference shelf
at the College Terrace Library

Other questions, concerns, kudos or brick-
bats?

Send an email to board@ctra.org or call
Kathy Durham at 493-2623.

To get latest email updates on neighborhood
happenings, be sure to subscribe to our
email list. It's easy, just send a blank mes-
sage to:

CTRAnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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the graphics in this issue.*