

The Portola Valley Post

Spring 2012

Town Picnic is June 9

Mark your calendars for the annual Portola Valley Town Picnic! Start the day at 9 a.m. with the Zot's to Tots foot and bicycle race from the Alpine Inn to the Portola Valley Town Center, then enjoy fun and games for the whole family!

- 9:00 am Register for Zot's to Tot's Race, Alpine Inn, 3915 Alpine Road
- 10:00 am Race begins, good luck everyone!
- 10:30 am Picnic begins, join the fun!
- 11:30 am Lunch is served (until 1:30)
- 2:30 pm Picnic ends. Thanks so much for coming!



Earth Day Fair 2012

Portola Valley's Earth Day Fair 2012 was a huge success! Hundreds of local residents turned out to see electric cars, try out electric bicycles, make their own treasure from trash and pick up a bag of compost.



Best of Show Winner for Up with Upcycling Art Contest



Cultivating fresh and local ideas, every second Tuesday of the month.

June 12 - Zero-Energy Homes
with *Ann Edminister*

September 11 - Blue is the New Green: Water Harvesting and Conservation
with *Marc Hellman*

October 9 - Eating Local, Slow Food
with *Amy Cox*

November 13 - Green Remodeling
with *Eric Corey Freed*

visit www.portolavalley.net
for more info and speaker bios!

7:00 - 9:00 pm
Portola Valley Town Center
Community Hall

Teen Committee at Work

Members of the Teen Committee have been working on the "Bill and Jean Lane Civics Program" first by focusing on the local: familiarizing themselves with aspects of town government, including attending several Town Council meetings. They plan to continue the effort locally and more broadly by attending a Court hearing or perhaps a moot court here at the Stanford Law school, depending on school schedules.

The committee hosted a dance for local middle school teens in February, and will host a "Fright Night at the Movies" for 13+ teens, co-hosted by the PV Library staff, in early May, at the PV Library (pop corn and other refreshments will be served). Committee members are planning to help with Blues & BBQ by staffing youth beverage bars and the petting zoo. They also hope to donate a portion of dance/movie night proceeds to the Town's Open Space Fund (they'll need Town Council approval for that first though).

Sharon Driscoll

Look Up!

The Nature and Science Committee encourages you to join us for several really exciting events this spring. On **June 1**, we will sponsor the second annual (and even better than last time) **FLIGHT NIGHT**. There will be even more opportunities for participation in learning to fly model aircraft and observe demonstrations by experienced flyers.

The sky itself will be putting on some spectacular daytime shows for us with a very rare **TRANSIT OF VENUS** across the sun on **June 6**. Don't miss it. We will have equipment available for you to view this very special event as it happens. Watch for news with a precise time and a specific places

Our **STAR PARTY**, where folks will have the opportunity to view the night sky through telescopes is tentatively scheduled for **September 7**.

Yvonne Tryce

Ford Field Matching Grant

The Parks and Recreation Committee is leading a fundraising campaign for the renovation of Ford Field. The field was built over 50 years ago and was last renovated over twenty years ago. Improvements will include replacing the grass infield and outfield, building new dugouts and bleachers, installing a new backstop, and building a new batting cage.

Nearly half of the funding for the improvement project will be through a California parks improvement grant. The goal is to raise \$310,000 to augment the \$230,000 the State is providing. The Ford Family has generously offered a \$100,000 donation to match contributions from the community, called the Ford Family Challenge Gift.

To view drawings of the new field and to make a matching donation, you can visit www.portolavalley.net/fordfield.

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From The Mayor

As an elected official, I'm not used to being caught in the crossfire of praiseworthy words. Let me offer a bit of context: I sit on the San Mateo County Library JPA Governing Board and this week we were discussing an item on the agenda having to do with Donor Cities. Donor Cities, which include the affluent enclaves of Portola Valley, Woodside and Atherton, are those jurisdictions whose libraries take in more money through property taxes than they spend on library maintenance services. The excess monies go into a special account to be used for restricted purposes at each respective library, a practice I have publicly questioned for reasons of social equity, but that is for a different forum. Of the three towns, Portola Valley planned to use the least amount of Donor City monies in the upcoming fiscal year, and several members of the JPA Board asked me why we required so much less money to offset facility costs than did their towns for their libraries. I'm not sure what I answered—the efficiency of the new library building, the virtue of frugality as a Town value, who knows, but in my head there was only one word flashing: ANGIE. To be fair to the library folks, the library was not entirely within Angie's purview although she did sit on the Operations Committee, but in my estimation, her fierce balanced budget ethic echoed throughout the entire Portola Valley Town Center.

For those of you who don't hang out much at Town Hall, Angie Howard was our Town Manager for the last 11 years, and a Portola Valley employee for the past 21 years. She officially left the building on Friday, May 4 and entered into retirement much to the great sadness of her staff and others, including this councilmember.

The thing about Angie was this: if you wanted money in the budget to say, hire a group of native gardeners who could tell purple needle grass from an invasive weed, you would have to fight tooth

and nail to get that line item in the budget. And once you succeeded, every bill submitted by that native gardener group would be scrutinized within an inch of its life, not just by Angie, but also by staff members Stacie and maybe Howard or Sharon or Barbara. And that's before the bill eventually ended up on the warrant list for all of us on the Town Council to review.

That was just the way Angie ran the town: with utter transparency, a studied eye on the bottom line and a system of checks and balances that demonstrated her deep respect for her role as gatekeeper of the public's money.

This is not exactly the way things are done in other towns, cities or school districts which is why despite the sea change in the financial solvency of our county's public agencies, Portola Valley continues, year after year, to run in the black, doing more with less (including the leanest staff) of any municipality in San Mateo County. I credit Angie for that rare and unusual record, at least for the past decade or so. In the fullness of time, I hope that she is remembered in the same spirit that we remember those town founders such as the late Bill Lane who put forth the values of open space preservation, resource conservation and volunteerism, because, in fact, it was Angie's deft handling of matters at Town Hall that allowed us to stay true to those principles rather than fighting auditors, embarrassing stories in the press and budget deficits.

In the meantime, I will continue to think of her when gathering accolades from colleagues in neighboring cities for our prudent financial practices, deserved or undeserved, and I will continue to miss her earthy Italian mama presence, good old fashioned belly laughs and no nonsense straight talk. She kept us honest and for that we can all feel grateful.

Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Landslides

GEOLOGY DAY is coming to Town Center on Sunday afternoon, **October 14**. There will be fossils and rocks, activities and experiments for all ages, and presentations by experts in their fields, covering everything from earthquakes to volcanoes to landslides. If you are interested in how the earth has changed over time, you will have an opportunity to learn the latest about plate tectonics.

Yvonne Tryce, Nature and Science Committee

Meet Nick Pegueros

Nick Pegueros, PV's new Town Manager is an avid hiker who has already checked out Windy Hill. "It's a great loop with beautiful scenery and vistas and elevation rise" His partner's lab, Shasta, now 13 years old with a slightly gray muzzle probably won't join him on future Windy Hill outings. "She really gets excited about riding in the car, not so much hiking up a big hill."

An adventurous traveler, Nick says his most memorable trip (but not in a good way) was definitely a 10-day cruise around the Great Barrier Reef in Australia in 2001. A few days into the cruise, the captain announced that the World Trade Center had been attacked. There were few details available until they disembarked a week later and could see the attacks on television. Nick had worked for a company that had just moved into the World Trade Center, so he was naturally very concerned about some of his former co-workers, who had also become friends. Nick really enjoyed Australia and would like to go back to see more.

Travel will have to wait for now he'll be busy with the business of PV. He says his biggest challenge is to get up to speed with Portola Valley's landscape. For example, if someone is talking about the corner of Westridge and Escobar, he



won't be able to envision it for a while. Although, in his first week with PV, he had already trekked many trails in Westridge, Portola Valley Ranch, and Blue Oaks.

No stranger to San Mateo County, Nick is a native and began his career in San Bruno. After receiving a BA in Political Science from Columbia University, he found himself being pushed toward the consulting

industry in New York City, where he spent two years. But he found that consulting wasn't fulfilling, and he wanted to do something for the public good. That's when he moved back to California to work for the City of San Bruno in the finance department. And now his greatest satisfaction is making a town council's policies come to life in the community.

Nick most recently served as Finance and Administrative Services Director for the Town of Los Altos Hills where he managed financial, personnel and information technology services for the town. Los Altos Hills and Portola Valley

have similar dynamics – a small team who wear lots of hats and active participation by residents on the various Town committees.

Currently a resident of San Carlos, he often visits his parents who recently retired to a small community north of Sacramento. Shasta enjoys going along for the ride.

Friends of the Portola Valley Library Goes Green

The Friends of the Portola Valley Library (FOPVL) have decided that we should follow the lead of the Town of Portola Valley and 'Go Green' with a website edition of our annual newsletter, and membership drive. We are currently creating a website which incorporates links to the Portola Valley Library, the Peninsula Library System, and the FOPVL. This website will host our newsletter from June/July, but we will still have printed copies of the newsletter and membership envelopes available in the Library, at other Town venues and by request to your home. We hope to have the website up and running soon at: www.fopvl.org and will be announcing its launch via the PV Forum and other social networks.

We are grateful for all donated books from our library patrons. These are, in the main, sold to raise funds which pay for the children's programs, adult programs, summer reading programs, the annual poetry competition and new books in our Friends' Alcove. Some donated books are incorporated into the lending stock, or the "Return when done" supply. Please contact the Book Sales Team via friendsofpvlibrary@gmail.com if you have over three boxes of books to donate, as library storage space is limited. For more information on book donations, please see our website soon.

Don't Be a Drip! Take Advantage of Toilet and Washer Rebates

The Town of Portola Valley is working with California Water Service Company (Cal Water) to meet the 20% reduction in water use required by 2020. As part of this effort, CalWater recently replaced 31 water guzzling toilets at the Sequoias with high-efficiency toilets – for FREE! CalWater just finished a bathroom retrofit program for single-family homes in Portola Valley – 23 toilets were replaced, again for FREE! If you weren't able to participate in the retrofit program, there are still funds available for toilet and washer rebates. Don't delay – the rebates are only good until funds run out!

High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate

High-efficiency clothes washers use 35-50% less water and approximately 50% less energy than traditional washers. See the rebate application for additional restrictions and qualifications.

Amount: Up to \$125

High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate

High-efficiency toilets use a maximum of 1.28 gallons of water per flush (gpf), whereas an old toilet may use up to 7 gpf.

Amount: Up to \$100 when replacing a toilet using 3.5 gallons per flush or more with an EPA WaterSense-labeled HET.

More info at: <http://bawasca.org/water-conservation/residential-water-conservation-programs/>



Cultural Arts (the fun stuff)

Look for the picnic basket, grab the blankets and get ready to head for the Green! Summer is just around the corner and the Concert Series put on by the Cultural Arts Committee, under the direction of Paige Fulkerson, will begin soon. Paige has lined up some terrific bands to make a summer evening come alive with music. The line up begins **July 19th with Tribal Heat**, and will continue with a variety of bands on specific Thursdays. Bring Friends, Food, and Family to the FREE concerts. All will be revealed on the Portola Valley Town Website shortly.

The CAC will also host the 2nd "Celebrating Portola Valley Artists" in October at the Kriewall-Haehl gallery at Woodside Priory School. Artists who live in Portola Valley will have an opportunity to submit their work for a juried show that will be on display for the month of October. Details about requirements and process will be available soon on the Portola Valley Town Website.

If you want to help make art in all forms come alive in our Town, join us! The CAC is committed to expanding community experiences. We welcome your ideas, expertise, and participation. Come to our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Old Schoolhouse. Express your ideas and help create what you envision.

Jeannette Fowler



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Thanks, Steve

Steve Toben, a Town Council member since 2003, did not seek re-election last year and is looking forward to catching up on professional and family projects.

Steve made tremendous contributions in his many years of involvement in Town government. He managed his role as a Town leader with competence and integrity, and we all benefited from the analytical skills, strong intellect, thoughtful review and legal perspective of the issues that faced the Town Council.

He had a deep commitment to finding common ground in contentious situations, and his experience in mediation and conflict resolution was particularly helpful in resolving disagreements



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among competing interests. Steve always encouraged the open discussion of diverse perspectives and was willing to invest his personal time and effort to reach consensus on difficult issues facing the Town.

He encouraged open and clear communications between the Council and our residents as well. Those who worked with him mentioned an appreciation of his belief in community outreach, and his conducting many, many public workshops over the years on topics such as barking dogs, green building and airplane noise.

Steve was central to the Town's sustainability efforts beginning in 2006 when he first signed the Mayor's Climate Agreement. He was not alone in his focus and interest, but at the time the Climate Change Agreement was proposed, he was Mayor and therefore, the one to champion the cause and

sign the Agreement. He was a strong proponent of energy conservation in our homes through green design and sustainability considerations.

He was the number one guy in Town for preparing and energizing both the staff/Council and community for an emergency such as wildfire or earthquake, insisting that the Council spend every fifth Wednesday of the month addressing the topic.

He persisted in convincing residents that they needed to be prepared for an inevitable disaster as

He managed his role as a Town leader with competence and integrity.

they might well be dependent on their own resources for an extended period of time.

He was a key player in getting both the political will and funding to build our Town Center campus. When people learn that we raised \$17 million in private funds for the new Town Center, their jaws just drop. Steve was the Council liaison for the effort and headed the fundraising committee. His persuasive, informed presentations to groups at fundraising gatherings with major potential donors were critical to the effort. He was the public face that brought a degree of formality and recognition at gatherings of potential major donors and he effectively delivered the closing argument.

He was a tireless advocate for the Town in dealing with noise from commercial airliners over Portola Valley as a member of the county Airport Roundtable Board. The Roundtable is made up of cities surrounding SFO, many of them primarily middle-class communities such as San Bruno, South San Francisco and Millbrae, whose proximity to the airport causes serious noise issues. Steve's job was to try to convince them that the wealthy community of Portola Valley that is not near the airport has issues. He gave up many an evening of his time to fight for our community.

He is a wonderful example of a volunteer who has made the Council and our Town work well over the years. Thank you, Steve, for your generous volunteer service.

Rolling in the Grass

By Susan Thomas

Rosie Luce made some mean chili for the Portola Valley Town Picnic - that was many years ago but I remember it well; all picnickers awaited its arrival and the smell would permeate the Town Center. Rosie is Italian and we all knew when she arrived. She sold it and the money went to the Town.

Under the direction of John Bartlett, the Parks and Recreation Committee ran a HANDS ON celebration with the theme that you can't have a picnic on a hot summer day without beer - how un-American! We had a source and sold lots of beer to the thirsty picnic folk with the money going to the Town.

Bob Brown was major in those years having served as Councilman. He was a developer and a guy with a hammer that could be heard often doing what needed to be done at any hour of the day. He was a gentleman and he was affordable. "Why call someone when you can do it yourself?" was his motto, and he did do it himself. Pat his wife was a puppeteer and story teller whose puppets charmed the most bouncy of kids and adults, too. During the picnic Pat's puppet shows were embraced in the dependable hall of the multi-use room - the MUR. Enthusiastic echoes rang out as people of all ages assembled for an imaginary journey.

A group of confident, well maybe "cocky," Portola Valley women decided to challenge the Woodside women to a softball game on our home field. The men always had a game, and it was time for the women to "grab some pine." We were a nasty bunch living up with country pride to the name printed in red on our navy T shirts - HOTISH. Woodside's pitcher was ready to give birth, and she threw the ball with every intention of giving birth at home plate. She also hit the ball, sending

it over the fence and down Portola Road; I know this because I pitched to her. Woodside killed us. I never knew when the birth came, nor did I inquire.

No PV picnic was ever complete without the infamous Los Trancos Marching Band, who paraded the streets in outrageous attire. The Band was made up of all sizes, all shapes and all ages and their tunes, their notes and their sounds dropped from the hills and filled the Valley with delicious music - all for a couple of beers, a couple bucks and a ticket for the dunk tank.

The dunk tank was created by Jim Thornley, who built it so it could be taken apart easily and re-assembled. It was a big, popular item, as many of us know having taken our turn. Water balloons and kids and a dunk tank and baseball and beer - all GOOD STUFF.

Cathy and Jeannie kept the kids' art room open, and the kids created wonderful, whimsical projects displayed through smiles of the artists and their family and friends. Adult artists on campus had their doors open, too, for lazy afternoon viewing and conversation.

The picnic's finale was always a favorite of mine; a music group set up on the concrete steps of the MUR and folks dancing and eating on the grass, tired kids lying on blankets, moms and dads chatting with neighbors, sharing and connecting.

Legacy and tradition - our stuff passes through from generation to generation. Stuff to be savored and each generation brings their best stuff for their "remember when?"

The generous sun that day slipped quietly behind Windy Hill, and we watched it while "rolling on the grass."



Photo: Shelly Breiner

Bike, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee

If you stopped by the Town Center on Earth Day, April 28, you probably saw residents lined up for espressos and homemade goodies under the tent of the new Bike, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee. Kids were treated to something even better - the chance to get their bike helmets fitted by past Olympians Christine Thorburn (Beijing and Athens) and Ted Huang (Sydney and Atlanta).

This is the first of many community outreach activities planned by the BPTS Committee, newly reformed in February 2012 with 11 members. Our mission centers on public roadway safety for all users; to provide a 2-way channel of communications locally and regionally for the Town; to iden-

tify potential improvements that can be made to roadways with the Town's approval and participation; and to work with schools to increase participation in Safe Routes to School programs, which are already gaining traction.

We want to hear from you. Our public meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 8:15am in the Old School House. We'll post notice of other meetings and events on the Town website and PV Forum. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know by mailing traffic@portolavalley.net.

Leslie Latham

Dwight Crowder Trail Official Opening

June 9 will be the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the scenic, new renovated Dwight Crowder path along Alpine Road (aka C1 Trail), a project for which planning began in February of 2010. Howard Young, the Town's Director of Public Works served as project manager and worked with many Town volunteers to make the mile of new trail a reality. "The Trails and Paths Committee was very involved, as were the Conservation Committee, members of the Town Council and the previous Town Planner, George Mader. There were lots of site visits to reach consensus," Howard stated.

Stanford, to satisfy conditions under a General Use Permit with Santa Clara County, proposed a conceptual design for the modified trail. Then public process took over and the Portola Valley team finalized a plan that included realignment and creek bank stabilization, which was essential as the existing trail was subject to erosion. "Stanford gave the Town the required easements to modify the trail onto Stanford property and the result is an improved scenic corridor, and the new meandering path offers trail users a more enjoyable experience.

Once the finalized design was approved by the committees, the Town Council and Stanford, the Town put the job out for bid and began the process of building the new path, which was the Town's responsibility to construct. Stanford gave the Town a deposit up front and the Town never had to cover any expenses related to the trail. Further payments were made in phases as the trail was completed. Additionally, Stanford has offered the Town a fund for on-going maintenance.

The working relationship and experience with Stanford's team was very positive and resulted in a path that has received many positive comments.

Construction began in June 2011 with lots of brush clearing first. The construction was completed in November 2011 and the area around the new trail was planted with native plants and seeded with native grasses. It's a lovely experience to stroll along this path, and the Trails and Paths Committee hopes you will enjoy it soon!

The Time to Prepare is Now

Take the first steps today to be prepared for a natural disaster

We can't predict when the next natural disaster will occur. But living in Northern California means sooner or later we'll be hit with a big earthquake, or perhaps a wildland fire.

CERPP, the Citizens Emergency Response Preparedness Program, helps promote emergency preparedness and response capability at the citizen and neighborhood level.

With 32 miles of wildland to cover, the Woodside Fire Protection District may not be able to quickly serve all emergency response needs in a disaster. That's why it's important for individuals and families to take steps now to prepare for emergencies and develop neighborhood disaster response teams.

CERPP is an integral and vital source of support in our community, working together with the Portola Valley Emergency Response Committee, as well as Woodside, Ladera, Vista Verde, Los Trancos, Emerald Hills and Skyline, to keep residents informed and prepared for disaster.

CERPP's emergency response training programs teach residents skills that help save lives and protect property. The Disaster Animal Rescue Team (DART) plans the successful rescue, evacuation, and safe return of companion animals and livestock in the event of an emergency.



Students practice lifting a heavy object to rescue a disaster victim



Extinguishing a fire with the support of a buddy.

Here's how you can be prepared:

- Talk about your disaster plans with family and neighbors. How will you contact each other? What about children and pets?
- Create a disaster supplies kit with basic items your household would need in case of a disaster. Keep this in a portable container close to the exit door. Consider family members with special needs, like pets and the elderly.
- Prepare for earthquakes by ensuring your home is secured to its foundation and water heaters and gas appliances are bolted down and braced. Practice drop, cover, and hold in safe places to be prepared.
- Clear a defensible perimeter around your home to help protect it from wildland fire. Choose building material and plants that resist fire, rather than fueling it.
- Plan and practice two ways out of your neighborhood—in case a primary route is blocked by fallen trees or power lines.
- Stock enough food and water for up to two weeks. Have a 3-day supply of nonperishable food and water ready in case of evacuation. Keep important papers and medications in an easily accessible place.
- Get to know your neighbors. Know who has special equipment or skills (e.g., a chainsaw to clear fallen trees), and who with special needs may need extra attention in the case of a disaster.
- Have a backup communication plan. Set up a friend or relative outside the area as a contact. Discuss how you'll reach family members if phone lines are down.
- Follow CERPP on Twitter for real-time updates in case of a disaster: @bereadytoday
- Volunteer! CERPP is looking for local residents to help train and prepare the community. Help yourself and your family, as well as others, while having fun, too.
- Learn more about disaster preparedness. The CERPP website, www.bereadytoday.org, is a great place to start.

Talk about LOCAL Veggies!

Have you seen the incredible array of heirloom tomatoes, many blueberries and strawberry varieties and even different asparagus popping up in local nurseries? It seems there is a renaissance in vegetable gardening. Between the two local garden clubs, Westridge and Portola Valley, there are well over 100 avid gardeners in Town. We see fabulous rhododendron forests, native prairies and riparian hill-sides and some of us are food growers.

In these times of Monsanto and genetically engineered food, the concept of growing one's own food is compelling and the notion of trading crops with other community members even more so. I have been trading fresh eggs for lemons in the last month. Portola Valley Ranch has a community garden where many residents grow fabulous berries, veggies and cut flowers, and there are still properties that do homage to the old orchards of yesteryear including the old Jellich ranch whose orchards are presently being restored.

Janet Aldag, a former president of the Westridge Garden Club, was an astute vegetable gardener and often hosted garden clubs in her garden to show us that not only were tomatoes and lettuce possibilities, but rutabagas? From seed to table, arugula takes about three weeks so it is also rewarding.

In light of these wonderful developments, here are some ideas to help you get started.

- First of all, it is easy if you have an **area protected from deer, rabbits and birds**, which are occasionally a problem when plants are young.
- Janice Aldag was a big believer in **knowing your soil**, which is why she recommended having your soil tested and using the right amend-

ments. You can create raised beds with rolled hay most often used for erosion control. Or anything. Or plant right into the ground.

- **Preparing the soil is the first step.** People used to rototill, but studies show that rototilling is actually deleterious to soil mycelium, insects and structure. Sheet mulching, a technique of building up the soil by using layers of newspaper or cardboard, compost and wood chips helps keep weeds down and creates a soil condition that supports beneficial insects and flora. Resident Don Weaver, an organic gardener, is enthusiastic about glacial dust available at Lyngso and Lyngso also carries all types of other wonderful new products like Diestal turkey compost. Our own GreenWaste company was giving compost away recently at the Earth Day Fair. I came home and dumped mine into the vegetable garden and worked it in among tomatoes and beans.
- **Organic fertilizers are helpful** and many PV Garden Club members use Dr. Earth products, but there are lots of other organic products available as well.
- **Water early in the morning** rather than at night to reduce the risk of fungal problems.
- Slugs and snails will not cross copper wire or use Sluggo Plus, another organic snail bait.

Hope you are all willing to trade your bounty. Happy gardening, keep your eye on the pumpkin patch at corner of Portola and Alpine Road this summer and help us to keep the patch watered using the can provided.

Danna Breen

Blues and BBQ is Back!

The Portola Valley Blues & BBQ is back after a two-year hiatus. On Sunday, September 16, 2012 from 2:00 to 7:00 at Town Center we will celebrate our wonderful community and raise money to help support the Portola Valley Open Space Fund.

Come and enjoy delicious BBQ faire, a petting zoo and fun games for the kids with live bands providing music throughout the day. There will be a silent auction with items ranging from time at a vacation home, wine, art and other items. To donate items to be auctioned, please contact Sandra Welch at bossmom-doc@me.com.

If you would like to get involved with Blues & BBQ, please get in touch with Karen Mobley at kspmobley@gmail.com or Diana Raines at diana.raines@sbcglobal.net.

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