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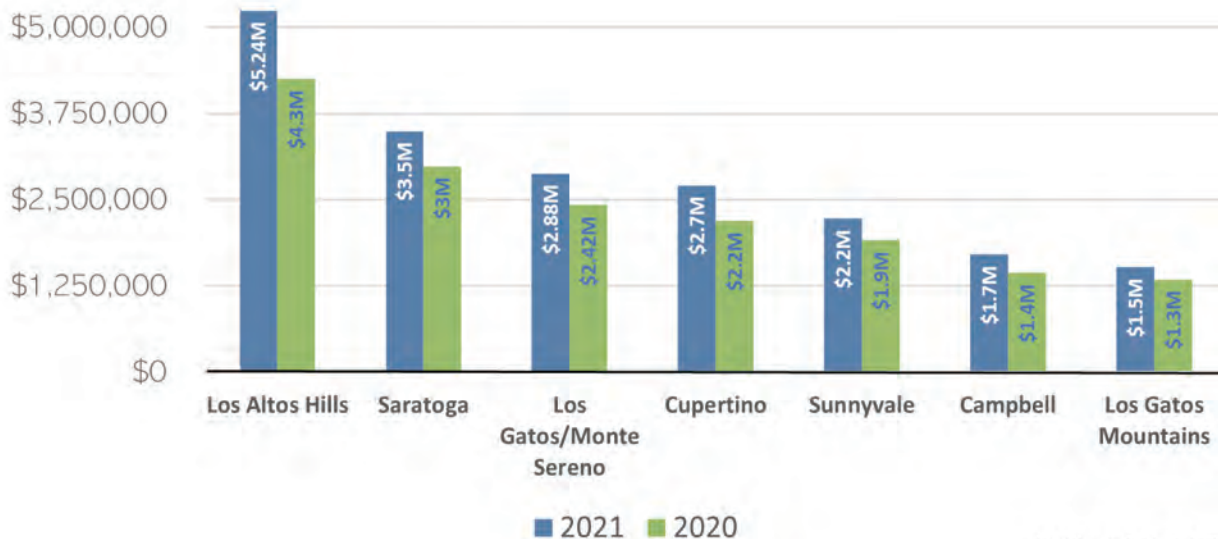
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our carbon footprint?

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events

Las Cumbres Holiday Bazaar Vicki Perkins

This is a call to local artists and winemakers. Our annual Las Cumbres Holiday Bazaar is a virtual event from **November 1 to 30**. The Holiday Bazaar benefits South Skyline Fire and Rescue (Santa Cruz Company 29) and the South Skyline FireSafe Council, two volunteer-based organizations important to all of us in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

South Skyline Fire and Rescue plans to use funds for emergency medical supplies and a shelter for their water tender. The South Skyline FireSafe Council will use funds for their spring and fall chipping program.

If you are a local artist, winery, or service provider with a web-based store, you can participate by downloading an application from our website, lascumbresholidaybazaar.org. You can also email bazaar@lascumbres.org to request an application. All types of businesses are welcome. Last year we had jewelry, pottery, paintings, soaps, wine, home goods, and fitness services. Be sure to apply by **Sunday, October 10**.

We are asking participating businesses to donate a portion of their proceeds to one

or both of our beneficiaries. This is a great opportunity to promote your business while supporting local organizations dedicated to reducing wildfire risk.

We hope to be able to gather as a community again in November 2022 for an in-person Holiday Bazaar with delicious soups, local artists, wine tasting, and children's activities.



Celebration of Life Charlie Norman

Join us for a celebration of the life of Charlie Norman on **Saturday, October 2**, at the Loma Prieta Playfield and Gazebo, beginning at 11 a.m. Your remembrances are welcomed. For information, email Dana Juncker at summitvending@gmail.com.

LPEF

The Gala Kate Eldridge

The Loma Prieta Education Fund's annual Gala is on **Saturday, October 2**, from 4 to 10 p.m. Tickets are available at lpof.org.

LPEF raises funds for educational programs at Loma and C.T. English, including music, band, STEAM, library services, student counseling and intervention support, education-technology support, developmental P.E., middle-school electives, and art.



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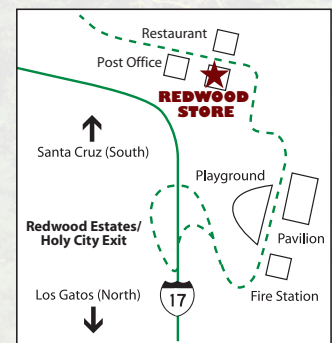
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Kristen Hunsbedt

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As a former college admissions representative, I've read thousands of UC applications. I can help students learn what makes an impactful essay. (And, what doesn't.)

Participants should bring something to write on (paper or digital). For more information, email klhadvising@gmail.com, or visit klhadvising.weebly.com.

Pioneer Spirit Day

Roger Mason

Enjoy food, music, children's games, and pioneer history on **Saturday, October 2**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Mason-Taylor Ranch, 22849 Summit Road.

This community history event, following health-department guidelines, will include a history scavenger hunt (with prizes) for children, old-fashioned children's games, music by the Wildcat Mountain Ramblers, a barbecue lunch (vegetarian and vegan meals available), short history talks, and a silent auction of merchant donations. Lunch tickets are available at the Summit Store and on Eventbrite.com. (Adults: \$20, children: \$5.)



The meal includes a barbecue item, two sides, dessert, and a drink. If you need help finding tickets, call or text 408-529-0254.

Pioneer family descendants and historians will present short family stories describing what it was like growing up in the Santa Cruz Mountains as early settlers. See if you can solve some of the history mysteries that will be presented.

We thank our volunteers who helped

bring together this local event to share the fascinating history of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Thanks to those who donated to make this event a success.

If you would like to know more about us, visit facebook.com/LomaPrietaMuseum. If you have questions, email us at LomaPrietaMuseum@gmail.com.

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resources

Disaster Preparedness Get Ready with a Go Bag Shawn Miller

Flashlights, a first-aid kit, and ready-to-eat meal packs line the living-room table. Our family is not going camping—we are preparing for a potential disaster by putting together a Go Bag. Preparing in advance with a disaster-ready kit has helped families nationwide through extreme and abnormal weather events.

I've lived in Santa Cruz County for over fifteen years and I'm a firefighter with the San Jose Fire Department. I experienced the potential dangers of earthquakes, fires, and flooding that threaten my home in Ben Lomond, and the surrounding areas. I've always worked during disasters and emergencies, but when they threaten your own home, it becomes personal.

During last year's fire season, my family and many others in our community had to evacuate. Two of our friends lost their homes to raging fires. Disaster-preparedness items played a vital role in protecting our friends and their families.

Having a preparedness plan increases your chances of staying safe, according



The Millers prepare for a natural disaster at their home in Santa Cruz County.

to a training program from Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness.

Jolted awake by a neighbor's urgent knocking, Aaron and Jacqueline Pate were horrified to see the encroaching flames of the fast-moving Woolsey fire that had been miles away when they went to bed. It burned to within 100 feet of their Westlake

Village home in 2018.

"Because we had Go Bags, we weren't running around trying to pack things at the last minute," Jacqueline Pate said. "We had the time we needed to comfort our kids and get everyone safely into the car."

Disaster-preparedness suggestions and tips for putting together a Go Bag are available from FEMA at [ready.gov](https://www.fema.gov/ready.gov).



Fire Mitigation/Preparedness and Road Improvements

Manu Koenig

Supervisor, First District, Santa Cruz County

Our fire-prevention and mitigation efforts continued in September. At the board of supervisors meeting on September 14, our office introduced an item to improve our county's early fire-detection system by installing new fire-camera sites. Santa Cruz County uses the ALERTWildfire camera system for early detection of wildfires.

Four cameras now provide coverage for the entire county. Our office, working together with County Fire, identified twelve potential new sites. In our September 14 board letter, we requested approval for these new fire-camera sites. We asked the Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience to work with County Fire and other relevant parties to obtain permission, receive quotes, and satisfy other logistical needs for these camera installations.

We also asked the OR3 to provide a status update on progress and budget needs by October 5, and every ninety days thereafter, until at least seven cameras are operational in the county. Our goal is to have as many of these new camera sites up and running as soon as possible. We have secured funding from a private donor for a fire camera to



A new fire camera will be installed at Silver Mountain Winery.

be located at the Silver Mountain Winery near the Summit. This will greatly expand fire-camera coverage and early detection capabilities for the Summit area and Soquel.

Continuing with our goal of public outreach and involvement, our office hosted a community meeting, "Prepared Not Scared." Presenters included the Central Fire District, CalFire, OR3, the FireSafe Council of Santa Cruz, FireWise, and the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County.

Our focus was on how residents can reduce wildfire risk. The meeting was informative and well attended. I applaud county residents for working together to address fire risk and increase prevention and mitigation efforts in our neighborhoods.

Together we can become FireWise. For information about becoming a FireWise community, visit firesafesantacruz.org.

Another major focus of our office continues to be road repairs and improvements. While road maintenance has always been a priority, this issue is more important than ever, especially for rural residents. We need reliable and safe evacuation routes in the case of a fire.

We are pleased with the work done over recent weeks in rural First District areas by the Department of Public Works. Storm damage repair is underway, or beginning soon, on sites including Branciforte Drive (PM 0.92 and 2.22) and Laurel Road (PM 1.97). Work began on Mt. Bache Road (PM 0.14) in September, and is expected to be completed by October 22, weather permitting. These projects will be subject to traffic delays with potential lane closures between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For up-to-date information on road repairs and closures, visit: <http://www.sccroadclosure.org/>.

We invite you to call us at 831-454-2200, email us at first.district@santacruzcounty.ca.us, visit our website at District 1 (santa-cruz.ca.us), or join us for a community meeting. A list of upcoming meetings is available on the website.

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community

PG&E Protest Safety and Service Eric Horton

In mid-September, more than thirty residents from the 95033 zip code participated in a protest at the PG&E office in San Jose. The protest was in response to frequent power outages due to PG&E's failure to provide safe and reliable electrical power to the residents of the 95033 zip code.

Our community is economically penalized by a single power-interruption device serving ninety-eight miles of mountain wiring. This power-interruption device is apparently near the limit of its operating capabilities. This results in many false alarms, which then require even more lengthy (and expensive) manual line checks, including low flying helicopters, before power can be restored safely. If one neighborhood loses power, then all neighborhoods go dark until safety checks can be completed.

We have experienced nearly two hundred hours of outages since January. August alone had seven outages lasting many hours or days each. While we are pleased that PG&E has some concern for safety, the safest approach would be to implement an electrical supply that is reliable and safe by design. These frequent, lengthy power outages have direct and indirect financial burden on residents in our community.

Residents, especially those without backup power in the form of automatic generators, solar, or battery backup, are exposed to potentially dangerous conditions. These include no reverse 911 calls in the event of a fire and an inability to contact 911 for criminal or medical emergencies. It means no power for medical equipment; no running water for many, also meaning no way for firefighters to use residents' water supplies in case of fire; food spoilage; an inability to work remotely during a pandemic; and schools without power for water or necessary COVID-19 related air-filtration systems.

For those with generators, there is a risk of fires from over-taxed generators and the significant cost of fuel to power them. Generators also cause additional air and noise pollution.

I appreciate the mountain residents who showed up to bring attention to this issue that is adversely affecting our community. Our protest was featured on the evening news, radio news, and in print media. If you would like to get involved, visit www.Hwy17.org and click on "Contact Us" to send an email.

*Photos by Kevin McKinney,
Ian Young, and Robin Horton*



Los Gatos Measure B on November Ballot

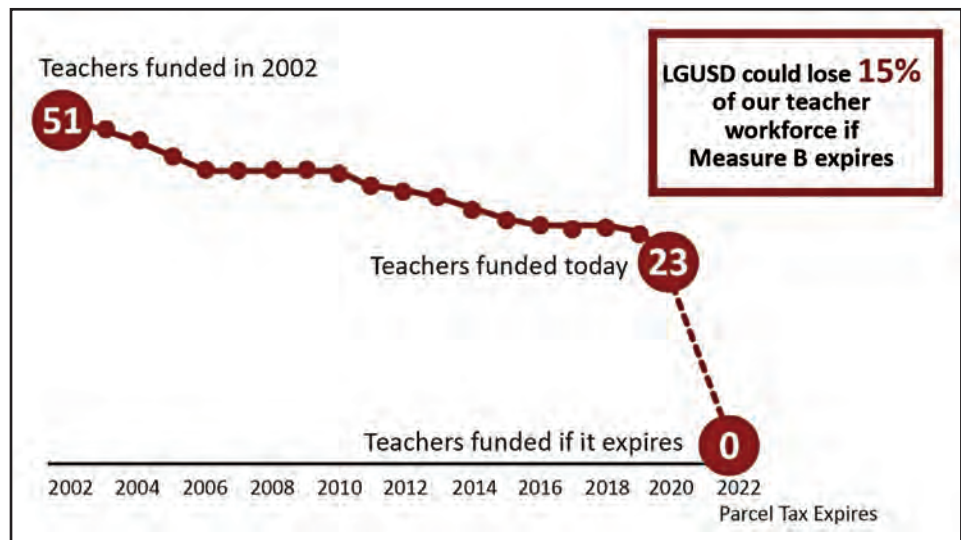
Ryan Rosenberg

Twenty-three teacher jobs are at stake. For thirty years, voters have supported our schools by regularly renewing a local-funding measure (parcel tax). Voters will soon have the opportunity to continue this tradition with Measure B, a special ballot measure that arrives in local mailboxes starting **Monday, October 4**.

The existing measure, which expires in June 2022, funds twenty-three teachers. If Measure B is not passed, those positions will be lost. To put it in perspective, this is the number of teachers at one of our local elementary schools (which include Lexington, Van Meter, Blossom Hill, and Daves Avenue).

This expiring measure is set at \$290 per parcel. This amount has not changed in twenty years. Unfortunately, over the past decades, inflation has steadily eroded the "purchasing power" of the existing measure, and therefore the funds available to the schools. Measure B attempts to address that through a modest increase of \$45 per parcel, plus a two-percent annual inflation adjustment. Measure B is time-limited and will expire in eight years.

Measure B contains a number of taxpayer protections. Senior homeowners aged sixty-five and older may file an exemption with a one-time form located on the district



website. (Those who are already exempt under the existing measure will remain so.) An independent oversight committee must be appointed. They publish annual audits that ensure that all funds are spent as promised.

Local-funding measures are one of only two ways a school district can raise funds that are guaranteed to stay local. They can't be taken by the state. (Neither can donations.)

Many local leaders are publicly supporting Measure B, including community leaders, elected officials, teachers, parents, and citizens. They cite concern for the quality of our children's education, maintaining

property values, and civic pride as the reasons they support the measure.

Marico Sayoc, mayor of Los Gatos, says, "The town's identity is anchored by the excellence of our public schools and the strength of community support for our children." Former school principal and longtime local resident Jim Russell adds, "For communities to thrive, and property values to grow, local public schools must thrive as well."

A committee of local citizens has formed to help Measure B pass. To learn more, hear from other supporters, or to volunteer, visit www.YesOnBforLG.com.



Blossom Hill Elementary



Lexington Elementary



Daves Avenue Elementary



Louise Van Meter Elementary



RJ Fisher Middle School

These are the elementary and middle schools that will benefit from Measure B funding.

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people

Obituary

Maryetta Euvena Stebbins

Susan DeCamp

My mom, Maryetta Euvena Stebbins, was born on Christmas Day, 1931, in Little Rock, Arkansas. She passed away May 21, 2021, at my sister's (Karen Adney) home in Soquel, California.

To me she was just a great mom, but now that she's gone, I see what an incredible person she was. She had a love of learning. She excelled at cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and everything related to horses. She taught my brother, sister, and me these things, too. Our involvement with horses included barrel racing, dressage, and competitive trail riding.

Mom loved travel, her family, and adventure. She took grandchildren on trips when they graduated from high school to Ireland, Argentina, Spain, Italy, or a trip around the country in her motorhome.

She knitted each of her eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren a special blanket. She never made the same blanket twice. She also made cute baby outfits for each new great grandchild. For many years she travelled throughout the world while knitting something special for members of her family.

She was always there for us when we needed her. At age sixty-seven, she and my dad decided to part ways, but that didn't slow her down. Instead, she made it an opportunity for a new adventure. My family moved with her from our home on Spanish Ranch to Watsonville, but she didn't stay still for long. She bought a bigger motorhome that she and Bo, her standard poodle, used to travel the country with friends and family for many years.

Whatever she did, she did an excellent job. She was president, newsletter editor, and ride secretary for the Summit Riders. She was newsletter editor, social chair, and hostess chair for the Loma Prieta Club. She worked hard while she enjoyed the social life of her clubs.

She competed in trail riding at the national level for many years. She taught her grandchildren to ride a horse. My daughter, Shauna, was privileged to join her grandmother on several competitive rides.

Mom was involved in so many things and wrote so many newsletters it was hard for us to keep up with her activities. She was intelligent, and had a passion for good books, classical music, fine wine, good friends, and of course, Arabian horses. She had a beautiful smile and a wonderful laugh. She was an excellent horsewoman, a good friend, a giving mother, and a very special Grandma and Nana. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but we are grateful for her amazing legacy.



Lisa's Little Mare is a Big Winner Neil Wiley

Lisa (Wiley) Woelfel's mare Delilah was entered in three dressage events at the San Francisco Peninsula Annual Show of the California Dressage Society in Woodside, California. Although it was Delilah's first show, she won three first-place blue ribbons.

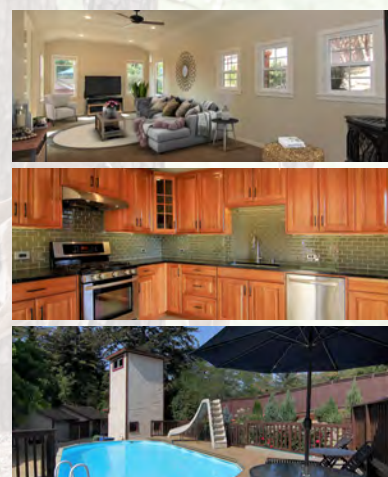
Lisa raised her first horse in the Villa del Monte neighborhood. She is a graduate of Loma Prieta, C.T. English, Los Gatos High School, and the University of California at Santa Barbara.



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SCUBA Diving with a GPS

Bruce Sudweeks

Technology has brought many improvements to SCUBA diving in the last forty years that I have been a diver.

When I was first certified in the 1980s, I used U.S. Navy diving tables to plan my dives. Now, I wear a sophisticated computer on my wrist that can be used to plan my dive and warn me if things are not going to plan.

GPS has not made a splash in the diving world. Why? Conventional GPS simply does not work underwater.

For underwater navigation, divers still use the compass invented in the 11th century. Above water, however, a GPS gadget comes in handy for locating a dive site.

I'll never forget a dive that made use of a GPS and compass. Our plan was to load up our dive gear in individual kayaks and paddle out to a new dive site in hopes of finding and photographing wolf eels. Diving from a kayak involved getting partially geared up on land, paddling out to the dive site, hopping off the kayak, and donning the remaining gear in the water.

This kayak-based dive left from Stillwater Cove accessed by land via the 17-mile drive in Carmel. When my buddy and I reached the dive site, we attached our kayaks to the kelp via homemade kelp clamps made from automotive jumper cable clamps. We also lashed our kayaks together with ropes for

extra security. We hopped into the water and had a great dive.

During the dive we used our compasses to find our way back to the kayaks. Our navigation skills were flawless. At the end of the dive we surfaced exactly where we left our kayaks.

Oops! Our kayaks were not where we left them. After a few seconds of searching, we spotted the kayaks on the horizon —about three miles away. We began a swim back to shore that lasted 2.5 hours.

Back on shore we fired up my buddy's cell phone and initiated the "find my phone" feature. Immediately my cell phone showed up on a map of the Pacific Ocean showing my cell phone was resting in a dry bag on my kayak. It was GPS to the rescue.

Watching the progress of the kayaks, we could see that they were headed toward Point Lobos State Park. Driving to Point

Lobos, we were concerned that the kayaks would reach land after Point Lobos had closed for the day.

Swimming out to meet the kayaks and using one kayak to tow the other back to shore was possible, but then we saw a Monterey Fire Department crew finishing a marine-training exercise at Point Lobos.

We asked if they would rescue our kayaks. It turns out that one of the firefighters was a dive buddy so they were sympathetic. They returned the kayaks still lashed together, containing my cell phone, and dragging a huge clump of kelp.

We did not find any wolf eels on our ill-fated dive, but it was a memorable experience. I photographed this young wolf eel in the same general area. He wasn't seen on my GPS.




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Mercury Freedom's White Dolphin Neil Wiley

Our guest photographers have shared many interesting and beautiful nature pictures, but Mercury's photos of a white Risso dolphin border on the fantastic. He shot these pictures in August from the Monterey Bay Whale Watch boat.

Even the experts don't know if this is an albino or leucistic. They aren't even sure if it is male or female, but they call him Casper. It is a perfect name for a white ghost rarely seen. He travels with a dolphin pod that frequents Monterey Bay. Mercury says that the scratches on Casper's back may be claw marks from one of his favorite foods: squid.



Two egrets fight for territory.

Photo by Bruce Fournier

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ON-GOING CLASSES AND MEETINGS

Class and meeting schedules are valid as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Call or email to confirm dates and times.

Sundays

Dog agility, 24900 Highland Way, 9 to 11 a.m. Call 408-506-8670, or email in8runner@aol.com to confirm dates.

Mondays

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at Skyland Church, 8 p.m.

Tuesdays

Qi-gong classes, 8:45 to 10 a.m. at Skyland Church. Call 831-247-5617.

Pilates mat class, 7 to 8 p.m., via Zoom. Email altesta@gmail.com or text 650-465-8513.

Wednesdays

Tai chi for beginners is held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Los Gatos Recreation Center.



Thursdays

Yoga at the Redwood Estates Pavilion, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. We meet on Zoom and (weather permitting) on the Pavilion lawn. Visit pamsyogafitness.com for details.

Pilates mat class, 7 to 8 p.m., via Zoom. Email altesta@gmail.com or text 650-465-8513.

Yoga at Skyland Church, 7 p.m. \$10 per class

Integral yoga at Lakeside School (held online currently), 6:30 to 8 p.m. Visit www.lgsrecreation.org.

Loma Prieta Amateur Radio Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Burrell CDF station on Highland Way.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Redwood Estates Pavilion, 7:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings, 7 p.m. at Mountain Bible Church, 23946 Summit Road. Call 408-353-2302.

Saturdays

Summit Toastmasters 95033, meets on Zoom, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, visit <https://summittoastmasters95033.toastmastersclubs.org> or call Laur d'Armien, 408-634-3493.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Saturday, October 2

Loma Public Education Fund hosts its annual Gala and auction, from 4 to 10 p.m., at *Maison du Lac*. For more information, visit lpef.org.

Loma Prieta Museum hosts a Pioneer Spirit Day, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Mason-Taylor Ranch, 22849 Summit Road. For more information or tickets, email LomaPrietaMuseum@gmail.com, or call 408-529-0254.

Charlie Norman's Celebration of Life will be at the Loma Prieta Playfield Gazebo at 11 a.m. Your remembrances are welcomed. For information, email Dana Juncker at summitvending@gmail.com.

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A free college-essay workshop for high-school seniors ready to start applying for college will be held at Mountain Bible Church, 23946 Summit Road, from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, email klhadvising@gmail.com or visit klhadvising.weebly.com.

Sunday, October 10

Deadline for vendors to apply for the virtual Las Cumbres Holiday Bazaar. For more information, visit lascumbresholidaybazaar.org, or email bazaar@lascumbres.org.

Thursday, October 14

The Bookmobile visits the mountains

Lakeside School

9:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Building Blocks Preschool

12:15 to 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Redwood Estates Pavillion

4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20

Santa Cruz County Supervisor Manu Koenig hosts a Summit town-hall meeting on Zoom, from 6 to 7 p.m. Register at www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us (select District 1)

Saturday, October 23

Ladies Paint Night to benefit the Lakeside School Community Foundation. Visit www.LakesideSCF.org/events for more information and to register.

Thursday, October 28

The Bookmobile visits the mountains

Lakeside School

9:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Building Blocks Preschool

12:15 to 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Redwood Estates Pavillion

4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Monday, November 1 through

Tuesday, November 30

The virtual Las Cumbres Holiday Bazaar will be held online. Find out more at lascumbresholidaybazaar.org.

Saturday, November 6

Lakeside School Community Foundation holds a Goodwill drive at Lakeside School, 19621 Black Road. Save your items to donate, and watch for more information in the November issue of *Mountain Network News*.

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Coasting Manresa and Sunset State Beaches

Neil Wiley

If you are looking for a place to relax for a day or more, Manresa and Sunset are good options. Located between Aptos and the Monterey County border, these two beaches share miles of golden, unspoiled, sandy shoreline below forested bluffs, perfect for a day hike or overnight camping.

These parks are far less crowded than other Santa Cruz County beaches. Although people cluster near the entrances, a short walk north or south along the wide and uninterrupted beaches will give you all the room and quiet you want.

You could walk north on the beach to LaSelva Beach, or south to the Pajaro River in Monterey County. In fact, if you don't mind a detour around Moss Landing, you could hike all the way to Monterey.

The Manresa Uplands section of the park does offer some short, forested trails, but there are only two public-access points between the beach and the uplands: the beach stairs near the park entrance, and a ramp at the south end of the park. Across from each entrance is a lifeguard tower.

Tables at the top of the bluff with panoramic views encourage picnicking at Manresa. Sunset counters with picnic tables and two large ramadas for special events.

If you need to carry umbrellas, food, ice chests, blankets, and other paraphernalia to the beach, Sunset makes life easier. You can drive south on Shell Road to a parking area next to the beach. No stairs! Manresa Uplands campers do have a paved ramp to the beach that allows use of carts, wagons, and wheelchairs.

Manresa has posted warnings about hazardous swimming and surfing, but I saw many young surfers and boogie boarders enjoying the mild surf conditions. Children were wading in shallow water. Be careful. Rip currents, cold water, offshore holes, and high-surf conditions can be dangerous.

Camping. If you have a tent, the Manresa Uplands is a good choice. No RVs are permitted. A separate parking lot for campers serves 64 walk-in tent sites. Overnight parking is a long way from the beach, but you can unpack at a twenty-minute-limit lot that is a bit closer.

Sunset has ninety shady, dune-protected





sites without hookups along Shell Road that can accept vehicles up to 31 feet long. Each site has a lock box for food, a metal fire pit, and a picnic table. Cost per night per car is \$35. If you bike or hike in, the cost is \$5.

Choose your camp site. The Sunset Dunes Camp has the most shade. The Sunset South Camp is closer to the beach.

Fishing. I saw fishermen on both beaches. The ones I talked to hadn't caught any fish. The official brochure reports that flounder,



halibut, perch, and bass have been caught at Manresa. Sunset fishermen have claimed perch, sardine, and bass. You'll need a sport fishing license before casting your line.

Wildlife. Birdlife includes the typical shorebirds, especially the federally protected western snowy plovers that nest on the beach, flocks of walking sandpipers, and flying pelicans. In the scrub brush, you may see quail, little towhees, and several lizard species. The intertidal areas host sand crabs, purple olive snails, beach hoppers, and Pismo clams. Sea otters swim offshore. Further out, you may see gray whales.

Both parks have bathrooms and coin-operated showers. Dogs are allowed on-leash at Manresa, but only in the campground at Sunset. Parking at either park for day use is \$10 (\$9 for seniors). If you wish to see Sunset and Manresa in the same day, your day pass allows entry to both.

It's a good idea to bring a map. You can use the map shown in this article, get one at the park entrance, or print one from the Sunset and Manresa State Beaches brochure



available at the website: www.parks.ca.gov.

Directions. To reach the parks, take Highway 17 or Soquel/San Jose Road south to Highway 1 south. For Manresa and Sunset, turn right at San Andreas Road. Watch for the park signs.

For Manresa Beach and Manresa Upland, turn right on Manresa State Beach Road. For Sunset State Beach, pass Manresa State Beach Road and Monterey Bay Academy. Turn right on Sunset Beach Road.

To use your GPS, select one of these addresses. Manresa State Beach (Day-use only), 1445 San Andreas Road, Watsonville, CA, 95076. For Manresa Upland (Campground), 205 Manresa Upland Road, Watsonville, CA 95076. For Sunset State Beach, 201 Sunset Beach Road, Watsonville, CA 95076.

To make camping reservations for either park, visit reservcalifornia.com.

It may be a little longer drive, but these beaches offer smaller crowds, nicer sand, and cleaner water.

Enjoy.

history

October 17, 1989
5:04 p.m.

Earthquake

Neil Wiley

It was a beautiful day. I looked out through a wall of glass at my forest view behind Villa del Monte, then walked downstairs to the library to watch the World Series game between the Athletics and Giants. Life was good. Then it wasn't.

The earth moved. The house shook, again and again. Then, everything in the house moved. I could hear glass breaking. Hundreds of books took flight as freestanding bookshelves fell.

After several books hit me, I stumbled through broken lamps, pictures, and household debris to what I hoped would be a safer place outside. (I learned later that—at that moment—several shoppers were killed in Santa Cruz when they ran out of buildings that were raining bricks.)

My wife and one daughter were in Campbell on Highway 17. They felt their car shake, so they stopped. So did the car in front of them. The driver jumped out of his car. He yelled "earthquake, earthquake!" My wife said, "No, I just had a flat tire." As she looked down the highway, she realized the truth when she saw the long row of cars blocking both sides of the road. It was several days before my wife and daughter could get home. My daughter soon moved to the valley.

What should I do first? I recalled a story on earthquake preparedness that I wrote for the very first issue of *Mountain Network News* in March 1988. One thing I remembered was to turn off the electricity, gas, and water. I tried to follow these directions, but the power was already off. Many poles and wires were down.

The water was gone. The earthquake had spilled the water out of the Villa del Monte reservoir, and many distribution pipes were broken. Many people who had wells were no better off. Well casings and pumps were mangled.

I did shut off the propane tank valves, but some folks were not so lucky. Some tanks had fallen off their platforms. You could smell gas in the air.

My story warned our readers not to panic. I was still checking for damages when a neighbor boy rode by on his motorcycle. He yelled "I smell gas! We are going to die!" I told him that riding a motorcycle through



a cloud of gas wasn't helping. He rode away, and we didn't die, but at least seven mountain homes did burn to the ground when leaking propane ignited.

Another neighbor came running up the road. She was crying. She said, "My house has fallen down the hill!" The previous owner—an amateur builder—had not attached the framing to the foundation. It was a total loss, but the owners were able to recover some of their possessions before demolition.

By now it was getting dark, and I could see fires across the canyon. It was scary. The telephone lines were down, and my little battery radio wasn't much help. Damages were reported throughout Northern California, but one newscaster said, "We have heard nothing from the Santa Cruz Mountains." I yelled for help, but he didn't hear me.

The next morning, I inspected our damage. Our refrigerator had danced across the floor, broken through a cabinet door, and into the dining room where it destroyed most of the glassware. Back in the kitchen, several bottles of rum purchased on a Club Med trip to Guadalupe were soaking the tile floor. My wife cried as I shoveled generations of glass into a garbage can. (Although I recommend latching all cabinet doors, I haven't done it yet.)

In the living room, more than 1000 LPs were spread across the floor. None were broken, but I put them away without any organized structure. I can't find any specific record, but I just listen to what I find.

In our bedroom, a giant mirror had fallen and shattered in our bed. Tall cabinets on each side of the bed had fallen. (We didn't replace the mirror or the tall cabinets.)

The good news was that structural damage was minimal. A few wall boards had minor, easily repairable cracks. The thick redwood panels didn't have a scratch. Our wall of eight-foot-high single-pane glass running the length of the house had no cracks, but one double-pane sliding door shattered.

Many houses were damaged when brick chimneys fell through a roof. Our two-story, two fireplace brick chimney didn't lose a brick.

Some houses were severely damaged when fissures went across the foundation, splitting the house in two. I could see several cracks in the dirt around the house, but none under it. This was lucky because we had a combination of wall and slab foundations that don't work well together with severe ground cracking.

Fortunately, structural damage is usually slight in wood-frame houses (if they are bolted to the foundation.) Unreinforced masonry buildings are more subject to

failure. In previous California earthquakes, five out of six of these structures were severely damaged.

In the mountains, people did better than structures. Twenty people in the Summit area were airlifted with minor injuries, but no one died.

Our electric power returned on October 19. (We had one bad night when wires were sparking in front of our house. A fire crew waited several hours for PG&E.)

It took longer to get water. Repairs of our Villa del Monte water system were



not completed until November 18. In the meantime, we lived on five-gallon bottles of water drawn from a U.S. Army water truck based at Loma Prieta School. We also drank from Anheuser-Busch cans filled with precious drinking water.

Our local schools were centers for communications, food, medical help, community, and a safe place to sleep. Without the schools, volunteer groups, and support from caring people, life in the mountains would have been far more difficult, perhaps impossible.

In the meantime, local government often made things worse by red-tagging homes and processing permits at a snail's pace. Five months after the quake, only 19 homeowners had received permits out of 45 applications. Half of the homes in Villa del Monte were empty. Homes were sold at low prices, some to greedy developers who took advantage of fear, did a quick cosmetic repair, and resold these properties at a profit.

The Santa Cruz County board of supervisors considered closing selected areas of the mountains to housing without the restitution of condemnation. They didn't do this for public safety, but rather for fear of lawsuits based on permitting of poorly constructed housing. Poor construction practices and failure to enforce codes did significantly increase damage. We might be living downtown, if it wasn't for our champion, supervisor Jan Beautz, who convinced the board to save our community by allowing building repairs.

Many mountain residents moved out. I asked one couple why. They said they left their home, not because of the earthquake, but because of the Santa Cruz County Planning Department. It didn't help when some geologists exaggerated the risk in exchange for more profit.

Those homeowners with less fear or more resources repaired their houses. In spite of undependable power, poor roads, limited infrastructure, fire danger, mud slides, and little governmental support, we have earned a good life in a beautiful environment.

What did we learn? What doesn't kill you makes you stronger.



schools

Lakeside School Community Foundation Foundation News Holly Stewart

It was wonderful to see parents, friends, and neighbors at Lakeside School Community Foundation's non-hosted mixer at Hapa's in early September. We enjoyed fantastic beer, sumptuous wine, tasty bites, and great conversations between new and old friends. Hapa's Brewing Company was one of our generous auction supporters last year. We are extremely grateful for the continuous community support of Lakeside School and the Community Foundation.



LSCF and our Lakeside students are ramping up for our annual Walk-a-Thon on **Friday, October 8**. This tradition is a great source of exercise and fun for the students. The money raised is a critical step in funding our enrichment programs. During the Walk-a-Thon, our students raise money by asking supporters for pledges for walking or running as many laps as they can. If the Lakeside student in your life asks for support, cheer them on by donating.

Many students submitted artwork for our annual Walk-a-Thon T-shirt contest. The winning design, created by third-grader Lemon Cisler, will be proudly printed on the front of our shirts that are worn by students, staff, and volunteers the day of our event.

We are very grateful to the gold sponsors of our Walk-a-Thon, Karen Izzo and Rebecca Smith of Sereno Group. Thank you for your support.

Ladies' Paint Night is back. Join us on **Saturday, October 23**, to get out of the house and have some fun. We will be doing intuitive art-acrylic painting and essential oils led by Sharon Elkins, where emotions are expressed by using a specific combination of painting and aromatic tools. The event is led by an art therapist,

but it is not therapy. There are fifteen spots available. The cost to participate is \$25, which covers materials, wine, and snacks. The location will be near Las Cumbres. Tickets are available on our website at www.LakesideSCF.org/events.

The Goodwill truck is returning to Lakeside School on **Saturday, November 6**. Watch for more details in the November issue of *Mountain Network News*, but start cleaning out your closets in preparation for the holiday season, and save your items to support Lakeside School.

LSCF is always seeking volunteers, including parents, grandparents, and community members who may have a bit of spare time on their hands. We have opportunities to help in a variety of ways, from reading and leading pre-planned activities for YMCA's Project Cornerstone on Zoom, soliciting donations/sponsorships from businesses you frequent, watering the

school garden, and more. LSCF, our school, and our programs need you. Volunteer opportunities are added frequently and are listed at www.LakesideSCF.org/volunteer. To learn more, email foundation@lakesidelosgatos.org.

All LSCF events will be conducted in a COVID-19-compliant manner in accordance with public health and Lakeside School requirements.

Check out our new website at www.LakesideSCF.org. You can learn more about LSCF and our mission, purchase Lakeside gear, explore volunteer opportunities, view our events calendar, click to donate, and get help with company matching. We can't do this without your financial support and volunteer hours. Helping our students takes our entire community. Thank you.

Note: Lakeside School Community Foundation is not affiliated with "Friends of Lakeside School."



Lemon Cisler's winning Walk-a-Thon T-shirt artwork

Lakeside School News

Kathy McKinney

In September, the Lakeside School Community Foundation sponsored an assembly featuring a dance performance from *Folklorico Los Laureles*, in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The *Folklorico Los Laureles* dance group is dedicated to bringing the artistic creations of Mexico to life. Following the performance, students and staff enjoyed *pan dulce* (sweet bread) and chocolate. Teachers followed up with lessons to deepen students' understanding of the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

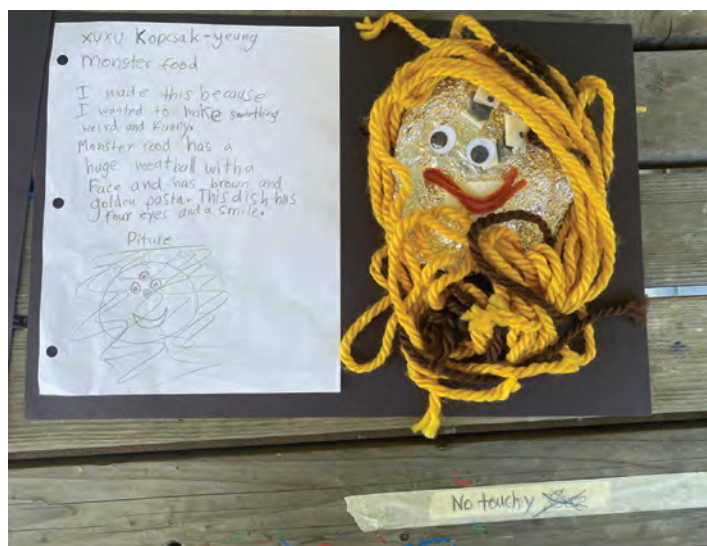
In art, our students began the year with a virtual field trip with the New Museum of Los Gatos. Students toured the "Carrying Stones" exhibit and learned about the work of local artist Sawyer Rose. They also made sketches based on the works they saw in the exhibit.

Students used this as inspiration to create their own found-object assemblages. The art room was filled with imaginative sculptures ranging from adorable monsters and foxes to volcanoes. One



class set up an art gallery of their own, complete with artist statements and signage reminding visitors to refrain from touching the artwork.

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schools

Loma Prieta School District Student Safety is Paramount Superintendent Kevin Grier

We are thrilled to welcome our students, staff, and parents back to school. We remain committed to the safe return of everyone.

Most of our students are not yet eligible to receive a vaccine. This makes them more vulnerable. Therefore, we continue to implement state and county regulations that require mask-wearing indoors at all times and strongly encourage mask-wearing outdoors. In addition, hand-sanitizing stations are located throughout our schools. Students are required to sanitize before entering classrooms and buildings. It is good to see so many of our students making the conscious decision to act in a safe manner while on campus.

Through a state-funded initiative, we continue to provide our staff with on-site COVID-19 testing at no cost, regardless of vaccination status. This PCR testing provides our staff, as well as our parents, the peace of mind knowing that our schools continue to provide a safe and healthy environment. In addition, our staff has completed the required training to provide the Binax antigen rapid tests to staff and students who may show symptoms or be concerned that they may have COVID-19. The benefit of the rapid test is that the results are ready in fifteen minutes.

We are reincorporating volunteers back into our school settings. Out of an abundance of caution, we require that all volunteers have TB clearance by a negative test or risk assessment (both of which must be within the last four years). In addition, we require that volunteers provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. We are grateful to those parents who are willing to meet these health and safety requirements while volunteering their time to support our students.

Budget Advisory Committee Vacancies

The Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee currently has two committee membership vacancies. This committee meets monthly to advise and offer input to the superintendent on matters related to the annual budget. Each member commits to serve a two-year term. If you are interested, email Eileen Bevans-Franks at e.bevans@loma.k12.ca.us no later than **Sunday, October 31**.



Loma Public Education Fund Katie Eldridge

The Loma Public Education Fund announces the appointment of new key board positions. Stephanie Wells has been elected president, and Eleanna Kim is the new vice-president. These talented women bring enthusiasm, professionalism, and a commitment to serve our schools and community. We thank our outgoing president and vice-president, Diane Tosetti and Ruth Gantly. LPEF is stronger thanks to their tenure.

Preparations for the LPEF Gala on **Saturday, October 2**, continue. Join us for dinner, music from The Summit Sisters, and live and silent auctions under the stars at *Maison Du Lac*. Tickets are still on sale at LPEF.org.

We are excited to announce that Cole & Riese is the title sponsor for the event. We are grateful that this group continues to support our community and schools.

We also thank our other sponsors: Young Naturopathic Center for Wellness, Rebecca Smith and Karen Izzo (Serenio Group), Hall & Burnett Orthodontics, Mark Smith Home Loans, Advanced Chiropractic, Ed Dee - Sanctuary Real Estate, Cunningham Tractor, New Bohemia Brewing Company, Summit Store, Arns Carpet Cleaning, and Elodie and Brian Storm.

Stay tuned for information about more events coming later in the school year, including our "Fore the Kids" Golf Tournament at Seascap Golf Club on **Friday, May 20, 2022**. We can't wait!

Are you interested in being more involved? We are looking for additional board members and volunteers to fill other important roles, such as marketing and communications, technology, donor and volunteer cultivation, and data entry assistance. We also need event volunteers.

Find out more at LPEF.org.

Building Blocks Preschool Back to School Alexandra Hughmanick

What a great start to our school year. The students are amazing people. Our teachers and parents enjoy getting to know everyone.

Teacher Nicole's class of two- and three-year-olds are a joyous bunch, eager to play and begin interacting cooperatively with their classmates. Teacher Sally's class of four- and five-year-olds are adjusting well to class three days a week. They have been working on building a sense of community. The students worked together to make buddy volcanos, problem-solve scenarios from storybooks, and make friendship bracelets. Sally shared, "We recently paired the children up to make friendship bracelets. It was a challenge! We modeled what it might feel like if you don't get the partner you wanted, and they rose to that occasion. It's hard to sit with a new friend and ask them what color beads they would like on their bracelet. It is much easier to just make your



own bracelet, but the children rallied, and new friendships were born.”

Building Blocks is a parent cooperative, play-based preschool that supports our student’s development with skilled early-childhood educators, family volunteers, and play. The American Academy of Pediatrics emphasizes the power of play in enhancing the development of young children: “Children need to develop a variety of skill sets to optimize their development and manage toxic stress. Research demonstrates that developmentally appropriate play with parents and peers is a singular opportunity



to promote the social-emotional, cognitive, language, and self-regulation skills that build executive function and a prosocial brain. Play supports the formation of the safe, stable, and nurturing relationships with all caregivers that children need to thrive.”

We are grateful for the opportunity to have our children and their families back in the classroom this school year and for

their resilience. A special thank you to our families who participated in the Summer Maintenance Day to prepare for the school year, our neighbors Wendy and Bill Roster for their pumpkin donations, our classroom volunteers, steering committee, and wonderful teachers.

Here’s to a safe, enriching, and joyful school year.



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Lexington School

Deanna Wilk

Lexington's first month back to fully reopened school has been truly that—back to school. Parents visited their child's classroom during back-to-school night. After-school enrichment programs have begun. Clubhouse, our before- and after-school care program, has resumed regular hours, until 6 p.m.

Parent volunteers are back on campus, with running club, Project Cornerstone, LexEcology, clay, and other programs. Our music, art, library, and P.E. specialists are helping students play, create, explore books, and be active on campus. Students are collaborating, designing their classroom nooks, and establishing classroom rules.

We have many new Lexington families and Lexington staff. Welcome!

Haley Brodeur is our new third-grade teacher. She graduated from Eastern Connecticut University with a bachelor's degree



in sociology and early childhood education, with an endorsement in special education. She previously taught at the International Baccalaureate-accredited West County Mandarin School in Richmond, California. The oldest of five children, she has always loved teaching, starting as a swim instructor while a teenager, and eventually becoming the head coach of the swim team. She loves the flexibility to spend more time with subject matter when students want to inquire more deeply. Our third-graders enjoy her enthusiasm. They are working hard, and love the new fish tank and student-designed mindfulness nook in their classroom.

Dorte Fondeur is Lexington's new resource teacher. She has taught for twenty-four years, fifteen of them in the district. On afternoons, she will also teach children in the early-intervention program that is beginning at Lexington. This program serves children ages three to five who need direct, explicit instruction in special education, speech, or occupational therapy. She describes a perfect day of



teaching as, "witnessing students feel pride in their efforts and expressing a desire for more learning. Seeing a child light up when they are able to do or understand something that has previously been challenging for them is the most exciting part of teaching." She highlights the strengths she sees in students' work and effort, encourage their confidence to keep trying, and help them understand that errors are part of learning. She is originally from Denmark, has three children, and is an avid hiker and camper. Working with her is new instructional aide Alex Divina.



Patricia Diaz is Lexington's new school counselor. She counsels two days per week and teaches a social-emotional-learning lesson each month. She is excited to work with elementary students again, after counseling middle-schoolers for many years. She enjoys



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quilting, vintage and thrift shopping, time spent with family, and camping with her two dogs.

Lex custodian, Jose Valdez-Villa, joins us from Fisher Middle School, where he worked for fourteen years. He says that he appreciates the helpful Lex students. He loves to cook and play soccer.



New to Lexington are Coach Rance Hodge, our new PE specialist who also teaches at Daves Avenue Elementary, and Peggy Anderson, our new district art teacher.



Our dedicated Home and School Club board members are in full swing, excited to revive as many Lex traditions and events as soon as possible. These include the Halloween parade and carnival, jogathon, fun day, and many more.

It takes a village to make these events possible for our children. Please help, try something new, and have some fun creating new memories for our students. Thank you to our new 2021/2022 HSC board members (pictured at top right).



(Left to right): Catalina Rupert (co-treasurer), Rachel Beckerman (communications), Beth Stark (parliamentarian), Tin Tin Wisniewski (vice-president), Ruth Gerson (secretary), Jennifer Pan (co-treasurer), Kristin Johnson (teacher rep), Victoria Lerman (volunteer Cordinator), John Kuntzmann (visitor and Los Gatos Union School Board Trustee Member), Nitze Dormady (Hospitality), Jason Deppong (second-vice-president), and Adrienne Cox (president).

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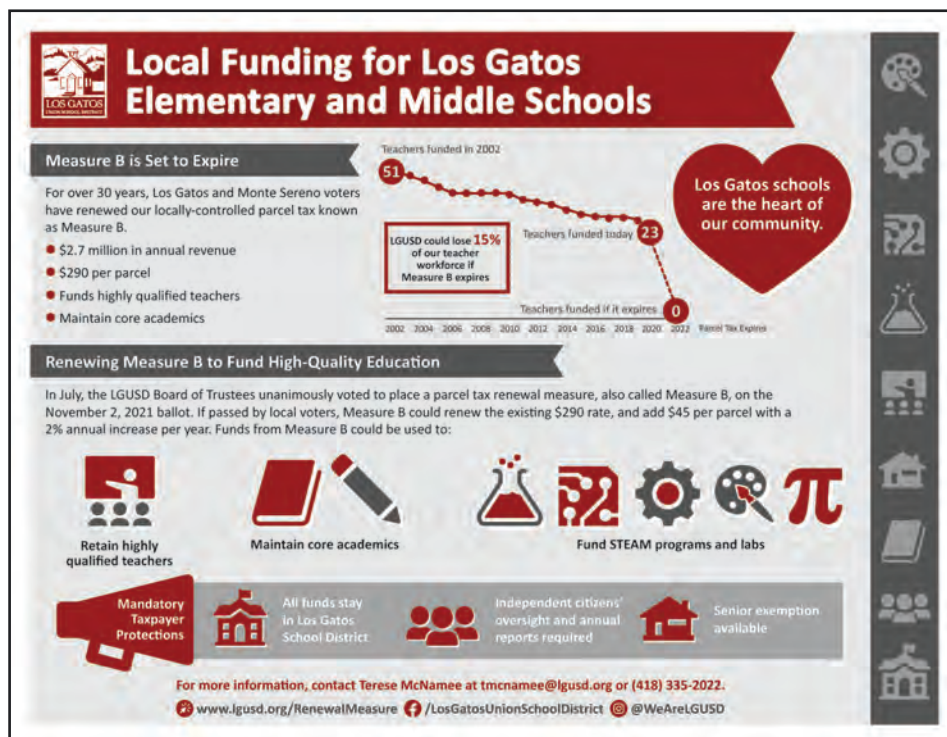
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Measure B Parcel Tax

Local voters vote for the Measure B parcel tax on the November 2 ballot. This parcel tax renews the previous parcel tax set to expire. It affects the Los Gatos Union School District, of which Lexington School is a member. The measure will prevent the loss of twenty-three full-time teachers, protect core academic programs, and expand programs and labs in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

The parcel tax has been \$290 for nearly twenty years, originally funding fifty-one full-time teachers. Fiscal accountability has allowed the district to remain competitive while keeping the parcel tax low. Many similarly performing districts have increased parcel taxes to over \$500. The new parcel tax will have a \$45 add on and a two-percent yearly inflation increase, costing \$335 in the first year. It will be up for renewal in eight years. Proceeds will stay local and



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