You can help Stanford achieve goals

Under the General Use Permit (GUP) (PDF) issued by the County of Santa Clara, Stanford has a goal to not exceed the 2001 measured number of vehicles entering and exiting the university during peak periods over the life of the GUP.

The “peak commute period” is defined as the one-hour period of time with the highest volume of traffic. Peak times are main campus arrivals 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and departures 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

It is important that Stanford meet its vehicle trip goals to avoid costly mitigation measures and to comply with commitments that allow campus development.

As an SCRL resident, you can help Stanford achieve the goal of “no net new commute trips” by using alternative transportation for your commute and/or avoiding driving alone during peak hours (8 a.m. to 9 a.m. campus arrivals and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. departures).

Eligible residents who choose alternative transportation for their commutes can join the Commute Club and enjoy rewards, including up to $300 per year in Clean Air Cash or Carpool Credit, free hourly car rental vouchers, Zipcar driving credit, member gifts and prize drawings (watch for the upcoming spring promotion), and more.

Faculty Staff Housing

Betty Oen, Associate Director, Retires

With our sincere appreciation, great affection and many thanks for all her contributions, Faculty Staff Housing bid a fond farewell to Betty Oen, former Associate Director, who retired on February 15th after 32 years at Stanford. Betty’s responsibilities have been assumed by the new Associate Director, Anthony Curry, who joined the housing office in December, 2012. Anthony may be reached at 725-6893 or currya@stanford.edu.

New Street Name for housing office address

Lane A has been changed to O’Connor Lane. The new mailing address:
Faculty Staff Housing
Owen House
552 O’Connor Lane
Stanford, CA 94305-8540

Mortgage Loan Refinance: With historically low interest rates offered by many lenders, check the rate on all your loans to see if this may be a good time to refinance your first mortgage and/or pay off higher rate loans. Start with your current lender to explore refinancing options. For additional information, please refer to the FSH website at fsh.stanford.edu/homeowners/index.shtml.

Homeowner Insurance Monitoring: Stanford University has contracted its Certificate of Insurance monitoring to Ebix Inc. Certificates of Insurance are required for homes located on Stanford lands, and/or homes to which Stanford loans are secured. Certificates of Insurance include earthquake insurance if you have a Stanford loan, as well as homeowner’s insurance.
Would you spare an hour of your time to help save a life by donating blood?  

Stanford Blood Center needs new community donors, and hopes you’ll try out its new center in Menlo Park.

The Menlo Park facility sits directly across the street from scenic Burgess Park and is a half-mile from the city’s Caltrain station. The new location replaced campus donor center location at 780 Welch Road in Palo Alto, which closed its doors permanently Dec. 7, 2012, as part of the Stanford University Medical Center renewal project.

Center Administrator Harpreet Sandhu states, “We are very pleased that many of our previous campus center donors have already tried out the new center, and we encourage more donors to give it a try. The lives of patients in the community depend on the blood our donors provide.”

Stanford Blood Center, part of the Stanford University School of Medicine, supplies all of the blood for transfusions performed at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital and Stanford Hospital. The Blood Center also supports five other local hospitals. To meet the needs of our community hospitals, the Blood Center needs new community donors to step forward. Please help spread the word to friends and family in Menlo Park and encourage them to join the community of blood donors.

At the grand opening ceremony for the center on January 31, 2013, Melissa Price (in photo below), a blood recipient, shared that she was able to hold her son Flynn’s hand on his first day of kindergarten because blood donors saved her life. Please donate if you can, and help more people like Melissa enjoy life’s happiest moments.

In addition to the Menlo Park site, Stanford Blood Center will continue to draw blood at its two other locations: 3373 Hillview Ave. in Palo Alto, and 515 South Drive in Mountain View. The Blood Center is also making every effort to hold mobile blood drives on campus. Two upcoming blood drives are: *Wilbur Hall, April 5, 2013: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (bloodmobile). *White Plaza, April 12, 2013: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (bloodmobile)

To make an appointment or for more information, call 888-723-7831 or visit http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu.

The Blood Center currently has a need for all blood types, but there is a particular need for Rh-negative blood types (type O-negative, A-negative, B-negative, and AB-negative).

Donors should be in good health with no cold or flu symptoms. They must eat well prior to donation, drink fluids and present photo identification at the time of donation. The process takes about an hour.
SCRL WINE & CHEESE PARTY

Friday, April 19, 2013

(Rain date Friday, April 26, 2013)

Share a glass of wine, a bit of cheese, and delightful conversation with your neighbors.

Where? Alvarado Park
When? 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
(intersection of Pine Hill & Alvarado Row)
Balloon Business Begun by Young SCRL Member

Gavin Baker, 16, of Tolman Drive, is a balloon artist. In only a minute or two, he can create a colorful balloon cat, multi-hued hat, long-stemmed flower or parrot that can perch on his shoulder. In fact, he’s crafted a Valentine’s Day piece involving two kissing monkeys inside a large, pink heart. His parents, Linda and Laurence, have that work displayed in their living room.

Much of the fun for Gavin’s audience is watching his creations take shape quickly from one or more long lengths of specialty balloons. He then adds final details with a Sharpie. “When you make so many balloons, you get used to the motions,” he says with a smile. And indeed, his hands are a blur as he inflates each balloon with a hand pump, then twists them into the desired shape.

Recently, Gavin entertained the children and accompanying adults at the SCRA Valentine’s Day craft party, organized by Marina Lekova of the Stanford Women’s Club, and Kim Winkelmayer and Audrey Gold, members of Stanford Mom/Dads and Kids (SMAK). Says Gold, “My six-year-old girls were thrilled with Gavin’s balloons. He made them a guinea pig that they named Darwin, and a yellow dog called Humboldt, Jr. All the adults present were impressed with Gavin’s organization and initiative.” Gold adds, “His sister Claire also deserves credit for helping at the party.”

Gavin’s interest in balloon artistry began a year ago after seeing a young man making balloon creations at the Palo Alto Farmers’ Market. He says, “I took home a Minion (a creature from Despicable Me,) and decided to see if I could do it. I got some balloons and a book on the subject, and after practicing some basic designs from the book, my curiosity led me to a YouTube channel that had great demonstrations.”

Gavin performed at some private parties, and recently launched his own business, “Gavin’s Balloons.” He hands out business cards, but has also found that word-of-mouth garners clients. And he’s now starting to get repeat business.

This Gunn High School sophomore, a member of the track team and a tuba player in the school band, works his blossoming avocation into his free time. As busy as he is, he’s keeping his eyes open for opportunities to continue to improve his craft and expand his business. He doesn’t know of any other local balloon artists, and says, “I have the ability to entertain…, and besides, it’s fun to do.”

Gavin can be reached at gavinsballoons@gmail.com or www.gavinsballoons.weebly.com
Greetings, SCRL Residents!

For this newsletter edition, I would like to remind SCRL residents again of the county ordinance that requires all dogs to be leashed AND under the owner’s control AT ALL TIMES (Santa Clara County Ordinance B31-31). If a dog is observed by our deputies to be in violation of this ordinance, the owner may be issued a citation with a possible fine of over $400…..which is not small change! Why the reminder? Recently, I was notified of a troubling incident in which a dog escaped from a residence in our community and entered a neighbor’s residence where it attacked her dog, which happened again days later. Fortunately, neither the dog nor the neighbor suffered any serious injuries as a result of the attacks.

The Department of Public Safety encourages all dog owners to adhere to the ordinance to help prevent any more incidents, which includes taking measures to ensure dogs do not escape. If you observe a dog off leash with the owner present, you should inform the owner of the ordinance. You can also report the violation to the Department of Public Safety by calling the 24/7 non-emergency number at (650) 329-2413. If possible, please keep the dog and the owner under observation until the deputy arrives so that the owner is identified and contacted. For stray, deceased, or aggressive animals, please call the Santa Clara County Animal Care and Control at (408) 201-0660.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in the interest of public safety. If you have any questions concerning this article, or any other safety or security concern, please contact:

Bill Larson
Crime Prevention and Community Safety
Support Services Unit
Department of Public Safety
william.larson@stanford.edu
Do you have fruit trees that you are too busy to harvest? Is some of that delicious fruit going to waste? The Stanford Gleaning Project can help!

We aim to serve both the Stanford Community and the wider local community through our weekly fruit harvests. Stanford’s campus and the faculty neighborhood are full of fruit that goes largely uneaten, but the Gleaning Project is working to transform this unused resource into a source of nutrition for those in the local area who lack access to sufficient food. Our ability to offer fresh fruit makes an especially large impact because fresh fruits and vegetables are often some of the most inaccessible items to people who are struggling to purchase enough food.

This year we are partnering with SPOON (Stanford Project On Hunger) to donate the fruit we harvest to the Ecumenical Hunger Program, which provides food to thousands of people in need every year.

While providing fresh fruit to those in need, we also provide a wonderful experience to Stanford students and other Stanford affiliates when we gather each week to harvest fruit and learn about food justice, and a valuable service to the Stanford community by providing an easy, charitable way to make sure their fruit doesn’t go to waste.

If you would like to offer the Gleaning Project access to your fruit trees, volunteer with us, or if you have any other questions, please email one of the Project’s two co-presidents: Mary Chambers (mary04@stanford.edu) or Gabriela Leslie (gmleslie@stanford.edu).

Stanford Gleaning Project member Jovel Queirolo harvests kumquats in Stanford’s History Corner.

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Food Scraps Collection

40% of America’s food is thrown away, according to a Natural Defense Council report. It is important to reduce food waste where we can and compost the rest. Fortunately, since 2012, Stanford residents can take part in a convenient food scraps and food-soiled paper collection program using your green yard trimmings cart. Yes, the Green Cart isn’t just for yard trimmings. You can now add food scraps and food-soiled paper too! These items will be collected and composted into a soil product. For a successful program, please make sure we receive a clean stream of food, food scraps, food-soiled paper, and compostable plastics with no contamination.

Accepted Material:

- All food, food scraps, food-soiled paper (pizza boxes, donut boxes, napkins).
- Compostables plates (Chinet and the very inexpensive paper plates are compostable, while plates with a petroleum/plastic liner are not).
- Compostable plastics (PLA, Bagasse) that are certified as compostable by BPI. http://bpiworld.org
- Grass clippings, flowers, leaves, weeds, brush, prunings, tree trimmings, and branches not more than 4 inches thick.
- All material must fit into the container with the lid closed.

Tips for Success:

- Wrap food scraps in newspaper or a paper bag before putting them into the cart. Paper absorbs moisture and odor, plus it’s compostable.
- Layer/cover food scraps with yard trimmings.
- Freeze or refrigerate wrapped food scraps before placing them in the cart and/or place the food scraps in the cart just before collection day.
- Keep the lid closed.
- Put the cart out weekly for service (even if it isn’t full).
- When the cart is empty, rinse it out on a landscaped area using only water.

For more information, visit: http://bgm.stanford.edu/pssi_residential_food_scraps

Clothing, Shoes, Textiles and Books Re-use and Recycling

The Stanford Recycling Drop-Center, located at 701 Serra, has one bin for used clothing, shoes, leather belts and purses, towels, sheets, and other textiles; there’s also one bin specifically for sports shoes, and one for used books. The re-use markets have expanded, allowing us to host bins so that the community can use them to hand off their unwanted items. We are working with a company that collects unwanted textiles, sorts them for re-use or recycling and resells them in the U.S. and abroad. Used, relatively clean and dry sports shoes (tennis, running, basketball, etc.) are donated to a local non-profit that sends them to war-torn countries. Lastly, used books are collected to be resold, redistributed or recycled. Please, no wet or muddy shoes or books.

Reminder: Universal Waste Curbside Collection and Drop Off Services

PSSI collects batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) curbside in clear 1 gallon zip-lock style plastic bags, on top of your curbside split recycling cart each week. In addition, Stanford residents can drop off these items, plus latex paint, used oil, and used oil filters at PSSI’s office at 339 Bonair Siding on campus. This is for Stanford Faculty and Staff residents only and you must provide proof of residency. Please see http://bgm.stanford.edu/pssi_residential_universal_waste for specific set-out requirements.

RecycleMania

Stanford is entering its 7th year in the RecycleMania contest, February 3- March 30, and residential recycling and trash are included in the totals, so please reduce your waste and recycle and compost all that you can! RecycleMania is a national competition and benchmarking tool for higher education recycling programs. Check out the results of this eight-week contest on the Office of Sustainability’s webpage: http://sustainable.stanford.edu/recyclemania.
Free Repair Clinic for Small Household Appliances…And Then Some

Repair Café in Palo Alto is a non-profit organization that holds clinics staffed by volunteers who diagnose and repair household items for free. These can include radios, toasters, irons, lamps, etc., even jewelry and bicycles. An item has to be small enough to carry and, if it’s beyond repair, must be taken away by the owner, who hopefully will recycle it.

Customers whose broken objects need parts are asked to pay for those. Palo Alto Hardware, a supporter of the Café’s fix-it events, is nearby, and an employee of that store is available to fetch designated parts.

Says volunteer John Eaton, a mechanical engineer, “We have had overall good success at repairing the broken items brought to the Repair Café. Sometimes we are amazed at how simple some repairs can be, although there are some difficult repairs as well, such as microwave ovens and older CD and DVD players.”

The next local clinics will be held at the Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave, Palo Alto, on Sunday, April 21, 2013, from 11-3, and Sunday, July 21, 2013, from 11-3.

Volunteers are needed for hands-on help (especially small electronics), registration, hospitality, and problem-solving. For more information about the clinic, or to volunteer, please go to Info@repaircafe-paloalto.org.

Save the Date…for the ninth annual Historic House & Garden Tour, Sunday, April 28, 2013. The tour is sponsored by the Stanford Historical Society.

Stanfordhist@stanford.edu.

Save This Date!

The SCRL annual meeting will be held on the evening of Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

Details will be included in a special SCRL mailing that includes profiles of prospective board members and election ballots.

Terrific Local Teenagers

by Audrey Gold

Kudos to high school students Maya and Zoe Mahony, Julia Axelrod, Sophie Zalipsky, and Gavin and Claire Baker for their help with the annual Valentine’s Day Craft Party hosted at SCRA by SMAK (Stanford Moms/Dads and Kids), a part of the Stanford University’s Women’s Club:

http://stanforduw.wordpress.com/

This July, for the second year, Maya, Zoe, Julia and Sophie are organizing CAMP CARNIVAL, a performance day camp to be held July 22-26, 2013.

These four teens, experienced in theater and babysitting, are happy to continue the fun this summer. For more information:

https://sites.google.com/site/campcarnivalsummer/

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Connecting the Community

Families: Are you looking for teenage babysitters, dog-walkers or help with odd jobs?

Teens: Are you looking for work such as babysitting, dog-walking or odd jobs?

Audrey Gold of Lathrop Drive has volunteered to compile a list of names and contact information for each of these two categories. If you’re interested, please email Audrey at Audreygold@gmail.com.
Fun! Fitness! All year ‘round!

Residents of all ages are invited to join…
Stanford Campus Recreation Association (SCRA)

Designed especially for faculty/staff and their families.


Membership Promotions: Refer-A-Friend. Current members who refer a friend eligible for full membership who joins SCRA will receive one month of dues waived. The new member will also have the first month of dues waived. This promotion ends March 31st, 2013.

Any new assistant professors hired within the last 12 months can join SCRA at half off the initiation fee.

Need more information? Contact General Manager Steve.Robe@stanford.edu or call 736-SCRA (7272) option 1. You may schedule a visit or request to be a guest for a day; enjoy the pool, play tennis, have a BBQ/picnic, play in our lush green grass, just hang out at the club, read a book, or relax under the sun in one of our teak loungers.

Complete the application found on our website of SCRA.STANFORD.EDU under “membership” tab and drop it off or mail it to 875 Bowdoin Street, Stanford, CA 94305.

Special Club Activities: Annual 4th of July Party, Halloween Pumpkin Patch and Party, Valentines & Peter Cotton Tail Spring Party, family BBQ & movie night. For our adults, our Annual Wine Tasting Day in June with year ‘round wine club meetings. New activities are happening throughout the year.

Group Fitness Offerings: Master Swim, Yoga, Pilates, Stretch & Strengthen for Seniors, Tai Chi, Music for Kids, & Water Aerobic classes are all year round. There is a Fitness Room with cardio and weight machines; one-on-one instructions available upon request.

For answers to questions about specific programs

Aquatics, Scott Shea, Scott.Shea@stanford.edu or call 736-SCRA (7272) option 5.
Tennis, Andrea Barnes, Andrea.Barnes@stanford.edu or call 736-SCRA (7272) option 2.

General questions
Steve.Robe@stanford.edu or call 736-SCRA (7272) option 1.

See more photos of SCRA on following page
Snapshots from SCRA

Fun at the foam machine

Tennis, anyone?

Quick dip, prolonged paddle, or power-stroking. It’s up to you.
Stanford University’s Grounds Services is a division of Building & Grounds Maintenance (BGM) within the Facilities and Operations Department.

The Mission of the Grounds Services Department is to provide a beautiful outdoor experience for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Here Ben Selga and Ramón Nava are installing mulch at Mayfield Playfield, adjacent to several SCRL households. This enhances the health of the trees and soil in the landscape.

“Ben and Ramón are dedicated and hardworking tree specialists for the Stanford community,” says Grounds Manager Ted Tucholski. “I think they do a great job and I’m very proud of them.”

Photos courtesy of Dick Luthy

From left: Ben Selga and Ramón Nava, tree specialists for the Stanford community.
Stanford Campus Residential Leaseholders
Cordially Invites You and Your Family to Our

Summer Social at SCRA

Friday, June 7th
875 Bowdoin Street | 5:00-7:00pm

Learn about our community center that offers swimming, tennis, exercise classes, children’s music, summer camps and much more.

Food and drinks will be provided by SCRL. Please bring dessert to share. NO NUTS, please.

Come and swim
Lifeguards will be on duty
No RSVP necessary
No pets, please

Food and drinks will be provided by SCRL. Please bring dessert to share. NO NUTS, please.
Environmental Quality & Water Conservation

We want your feedback! Visit our new website:
http://ibre.stanford.edu/sem/Environmental_WaterEfficiency. Please let us know by sending an e-mail to akern@stanford.edu.

Environmental Quality and Water Efficiency

Utilities Services manages Stanford's environmental and compliance programs for domestic water, groundwater, wastewater, storm water, underground storage tanks, and related environmental projects. Utilities also manages Stanford University's award-winning Water Conservation and Efficiency Program.

Although the current weather conditions have been warm and sunny it is still winter and you should be irrigating sparingly. Remember to irrigate in the early morning or late in the evening to reduce water loss to evaporation.

Overwatering of lawns and landscapes is the most common cause of water waste. Irrigation systems on average account for 55-60% of home water use. Consider replacing your clock-based irrigation controller with a new weather-based model. Weather-based controllers take the guesswork out of irrigation scheduling, providing plants the water they need based on current weather. Click on the link below for how to participate.

http://www.valleywater.org/Programs/IrrigationEquipmentUpgradeRebates.aspx
Water Conservation: Current Rebates - Last Updated February 2013

The following table lists all of the water conservation programs available to you.

**Water Wise House Call**: It’s highly recommended and required in order to participate in the Landscape Rebate Program.

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**FREE water efficiency classes for Stanford residents**

The Bay Area Water Conservation and Supply Agency (BAWSCA) are offering their spring 2013 line up of water efficient classes available to all Stanford residents. Classes will be running from March 9th through May 25th. Every class requires pre-registration and are first come first served. Be sure to sign up as soon as possible. For a list of the scheduled classes, and to register online visit the link below; [http://bawsca.org/classes/](http://bawsca.org/classes/)
Environmental Quality

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Disposal
We'd like to remind you that fats, oils and grease (FOG) may help food taste good, but they're bad for your sewer pipes. When grease is washed down the sink it cools and sticks to the insides of sewer pipes. Over time, the build-up can block pipes completely. The result may save you from expensive repairs to fix a clogged sewer pipe or a raw sewage backup. FOG includes items such as cooking oils, butter, margarine, lard, bacon grease, shortening, meat fat, food scraps, baking goods, gravy, sauces, mayonnaise, turkey and beef drippings, salad dressings and dairy products. See the tips below for how you can keep your pipes free of FOG.

Store it, Don’t Pour it!

Don’t
• Pour FOG down sink drains or toilets, garbage disposals, outside, on the ground, or down the storm drain.

Do
• Pour small amounts of grease into a non-recyclable container (juice can, empty milk carton, coffee cans, pet food cans). Make sure the grease hardens before disposing of it in the trash.
• Before washing, scrape and dry wipe pots, pans and dishes with paper towels and dispose of materials in the trash.
• Use sink strainer to catch food items, then empty the strainer into the compost or trash.
The biographies and photos of the current members of the SCRL Board of Directors are posted on the SCRL Website.