



MONTHLY MATTERS

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August 2023 Agenda Topics

Study Session - NONE
Regular Meeting - NONE

Tentative Agenda Topics -

- **August Council Meetings are DARK (no meetings)**
- Encroachment Ordinance/ Sidewalk Ordinance (Sep 6)
- Approval of Grand Jury Response - ADUs (Sep 6)
- Approval of Grand Jury Response - Bicycle Safety (Sep 20)
- Consideration of CEQA Site Additions (Sep 20)
- Consideration of Financial Feasibility Analysis (Sep 20)
- Consideration of Pickleball Enhancements @ Park (Sep 20)

On The Horizon

- September 12 - Champagne Celebration for 100-Year Centennial
- September 24 - 100-Year Centennial Celebration Event
- Amendments to Fee Resolution based on Cost Allocation Study (Oct)
- 2023 Climate Action Plan Update (Oct)



September 20, 2023 - City Council Meeting

At the July Regular City Council meeting, the Council was asked to finalize the Project Description for the Housing Element Update in order for staff to begin moving forward with the necessary environmental review (California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)).

As part of that effort, the Council was tasked with finalizing potential housing opportunity sites for inclusion in the Housing Element - to include the identification of potential sites that might be zoned for multi-family solutions. Not all of the sites added to the CEQA review will ultimately be included in the Housing Element as the Council will review them all again once CEQA completes (4-6 months). All of the existing housing opportunity sites were included in CEQA - 23 Oakwood, Menlo College, Menlo School, ADUs, previously identified vacant lots,



100-Year Celebration

This year the Town is celebrating its 100-Year Anniversary of Incorporation. The Town incorporated on September 12, 1923.

To kick off the celebration, on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6 pm the City Council will host a Council Meeting for a community champagne toast, cake, and unveiling of the Town's new History Video.

Come and join us for the fun!

Then, on Sunday, September 24, the Town will host a Town Center History Celebration from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be exhibits, food, family activities, and a giveaway of 100 Oaks.

Let us know you are coming by registering [HERE](#).

We hope to see you there to enjoy fun and celebrate the Town's 100 Years!

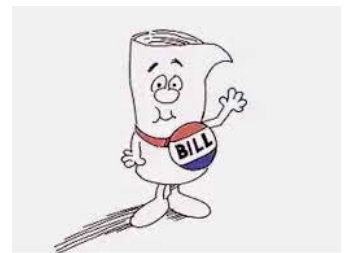
and SB 9 Urban Lot Split opportunities. In addition, the Council added 4 properties fronting along Bay Road - 999 Ringwood, 352 Bay, 318 Bay and 296 Bay. The Council also added for consideration properties in the POS Zone - Circus Club, Holbrook Palmer Park, and Bear Gulch; and 175, 185, and 197 Ravenswood. These latter properties had not previously been considered so the Council will consider them for as final additions at the September 20 Council Meeting.

You are invited to attend the September 20 Regular Meeting - 6 pm to raise any public comment regarding these additional sites for inclusion in the CEQA process.

State Legislation Housing

All new legislation starts off as someone's idea. Once that idea is supported by a

particular legislator (State), the Member sends the idea and the proposed language for the bill to the Legislative Counsel's Office where it is drafted into an actual bill. After that it moves through various committees for review (introduction, 1st reading, 2nd reading, etc.) then, assuming it passes out of its "house of origin" - Senate or Assembly - it moves to the second house and goes through a similar process. At any point in the process, it can be amended. If amended, it goes back to the house of origin for approval. Once approved, it then goes to the Governor. The Governor has 12 days to sign, approve without signing, or veto it.



Legislative sessions in California last for 2 years. In odd numbered years, the legislative year goes from January to October. In even numbered years, it goes from January to August. Over the past decade, on average, the California legislature and its 120 legislators introduced between 1,900 to 2,500 new bills each year of the 2-year sessions. By February 2023, there were a total of 2,632 new bills introduced covering a wide range of topics. About 25% actually become law. How many of these new or potentially new bills relate to housing in some form or another and impose a mandate or new regulatory law on local agencies to address the statewide housing crisis? **500+ and counting.**