

## MENLO COMMONS FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

### ***Introduction***

Christine and I missed the party for new residents in November, but we have met and got to know quite a few residents in the ten months we have lived here. Some we meet in our garage, some at events, some at the pavilion, some at board workshops, some in the jacuzzi. I met many as I worked on the phone directory. We do our best to remember names and faces 😊. But of course, there are any number of neighbors we have yet to meet and get to know.

I spotted a red binder in the Commons Room, with no less than 54 Jim Palmer interviews of new residents, along with reports on events—a very nice resource introducing our neighbors. With Jim's help I will make a pdf book of these, which will then be available to one and all.

Christine and I just put the finishing touches on our Holiday Letter. In the spirit of a Jim Palmer interview, we want to share it with you to introduce ourselves, at least recent history. This Holiday letter holds links to additional information, including the info shared below.

### ***Menlo Commons drawings***

As a mechanical engineer by training and habit, I expressed my interest in Menlo Commons drawings for the purpose of learning about the facilities here, plumbing systems and more. The board gave me access to well over 100 construction drawings, scanned full size to pdf in the summer of 2017. I undertook to see if these could be made more accessible by lifting portions of these drawings into legal size pages (which show well on a screen and print to regular paper). I created a set for each building from garage to penthouse, and other sets that feature unit layouts. Four so far, covering 78 units. There are 23 different floor plans at Menlo Commons, from 1A to 2Y. I count 14 ea 1A (1 bd, 1 ba, balcony in bldgs A&B), 30 2A corner units, 24 2D stretch units, and 10 2Y penthouse corner units. I figure these will be of interest to any owner considering a remodel, and to a prospective buyer. I will create and post additional unit layout files on request.

These drawings in pdf format are now available on request to Dag or an MC board member.

### ***About remodels***

When I told Ingrid Rogers about my work on these drawings, she expressed an interest in knowing if anyone has remodeled the bathrooms in a corner unit, 2A. Might it be of interest to several other owners to gather info about existing remodels that can serve as a guide or inspiration, showing what can be done? Let me know. Christine and I live in a stretch unit that has been remodeled. We will be happy to show ours for this purpose. In fact, you can see it quite well in the report we prepared as part of our Holiday letter, posted at the link above.

### ***Phone book***

Putting the Information Directory together last July was fun. I have kept the Master Copy in the binder in the Commons Room up to date. Soon it will be time for another door drop with updates, and—time flies—a whole new printing. The most current version is of course available as a pdf file on request. Going forward, be sure to let me know if you want to make a change to your own listing; phone number, cell phone, email address... When you contact me for a change, I will visit with you one way or another to make sure we get it right.

Christine and Dag, Jan 3, 2020    Updated Jan 6.

PS. Some like to read on paper, some like to read on their screen. I'll share this both ways.