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Dear Ms. French,

I would appreciate it if you would answer this question:

How many cell tower applications—including applications to modify existing cell towers—have been submitted or resubmitted to the City of Palo Alto since June 1, 2021?

As you know, I receive both Building Eye’s automatic messaging with respect to building and planning information in Palo Alto, as well as the City’s “Hot Topics” cell tower website automatic messaging. Neither has notified me of any new or resubmitted cell tower applications during this period. So I believe the answer to my question is “zero,” but I want to be sure.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming, PhD  
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Live Webinar December 1st at 11:00AM PST

# Landscape Design: Family Oriented and Budget Conscious

By Mary Bowe, Landscape Designer



## Learning Objectives:

1. Helping clients identify priorities, present and future.
2. Helping clients identify a budget.
3. Working through a design process.

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Live Webinar December 8th at 11:00AM PST

# Bringing Ecology into Urban Environments with Native Plant Polycultures

By David Hopman, ASLA, PLA, Landscape Architecture Professor at the University of Texas, Arlington

## Learning Objectives:

1. Learn the advantages of using native plants in



carefully controlled intermingled combinations called Native Polycultures.

2. Learn techniques for designing successful polycultures using Matrix Plants, Accents, transparent emergent plants, and carefully controlled edges.
3. Learn how ruderals, increasers, and stress tolerators help set the developmental trajectory of plant polycultures.

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Live Webinar December 15th at 11:00AM PST

# Gas Fire Features in Landscape Design

By Ken Love, Outdoor Living



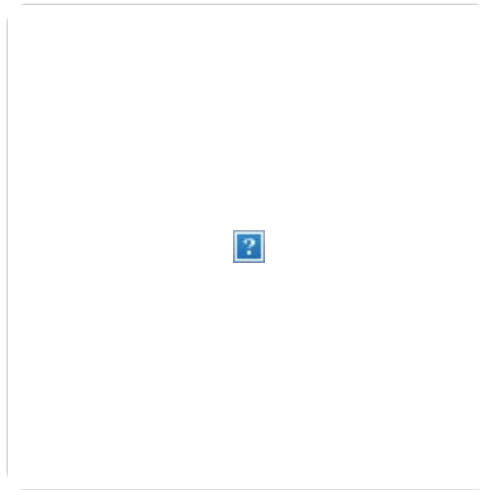
## Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the aspects of gas fire feature design to determine the appropriate product to be used for residential and commercial projects.
2. Gain knowledge of the many types of gas fire feature control systems, components, and accessories available.
3. Learn to utilize a comprehensive check list that outlines the primary considerations when adding a gas fire feature to a design project.

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*November 23rd, 2022*

TALK ABOUT TOWN

**San Jose Election Update:** In the San Jose City Council Races, District 3 Candidate Omar Torres has secured his seat on Council, winning by a landslide against opponent Irene Smith. Peter Ortiz has won the seat for District 5 and Bien Doan is the apparent victor over incumbent Maya Esparza.

The highly anticipated San Jose Mayoral race between Matt Mahan and Cindy Chavez remained neck-and-neck for multiple days following the election. Chavez trailed just slightly behind Mahan, however, and on November 16th, she conceded the race.

With Mahan vacating the District 10 seat and Sylvia Arenas leaving her District 8 seat following her successful race for a seat on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the City will have 2 vacant Council seats to fill. City rules dictate that empty seats can be filled through permanent appointment, special election, or interim appointment until special election. The City's Rules and Open Government Committee recently voted to start the process of determining how to fill these vacant seats, but the Council will have the final say by December 18th. Individuals filling the District 8 and 10 seats will hold office until the next election in 2024.

Follow more updates on the Santa Clara County election results [here](#).

**Oakland Mayoral Update:** In the City of Oakland, the battle for Mayor went through 9 rounds of Ranked-Choice Voting, with Loren Manuel Taylor originally emerging as the victor. However, by November 18th, Sheng Thao had pulled ahead of Taylor by 680 votes. Finally, on November 22nd, Taylor conceded to Thao, who is officially Oakland's next Mayor. In the Council races, incumbent Nikki Fortunato Bas appears to have secured her second term representing District 2, while Janani Ramachandran and Kevin Jenkins are leading in Districts 4 and 6, respectively.

Follow all the Alameda County election updates [here](#).

## HOUSING

**MV Approves Middlefield Park Plan:** The Mountain View City Council has voted unanimously to approve the Middlefield Park Master Plan, Google's mixed-



use development that will add 1,900 residential units, including 1,520 market-rate units and 380 affordable units. The project will also include office space, commercial space, and several public parks. SVLG's Director of Transportation, Marlee Smith, spoke in favor of the project during the meeting, noting that the plan will will implement the city's vision to transform outdated and underutilized office buildings and parking lots into a walkable neighborhood with new homes, parks, amenities, and jobs. Learn more [here](#).

**Oakland Awarded Affordable Housing Funds:** The City of Oakland will receive approximately \$50 million from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and California Strategic Growth Council to fund the development of affordable rental housing. Two new developments totaling 62 new affordable units are set to break ground in the next 6 months and will be available to residents earning 20-to-60 percent of the Area Median Income. Learn more [here](#).

**Menlo Park Discusses Willow Village:** The Menlo Park City council met on November 15th to consider the mixed-use Willow Village development. SVLG's Vice President of Housing, Vince Rocha, provided comment in support of the project, noting that Willow Village's housing plan brings in 1,730 homes, 312 of which are affordable homes, into Menlo Park and will raise the total amount of affordable units in Menlo Park by 60 percent. In addition, the plan includes 1.6 million square feet of commercial and community amenities such as a park, grocery store, and local retail. Further discussion on the plan was continued to the Council's November 30th meeting and a final vote is expected before the end of the year. Learn more about the project [here](#).

**Santa Clara Approves New Affordable Housing:** The Santa Clara City Council has approved the Civic Center Drive Family Housing Project, which will provide 106 new affordable units for low-income residents earning 30-to-50 percent of the Area Median Income. A San Jose based nonprofit, Charities Housing, will be supervising the project. Learn more [here](#).

## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

**Cupertino Named Climate Action Leader:** The City of Cupertino has been recognized by nonprofit environmental organization CDP as one of the 123

cities internationally that demonstrated leadership and commitment to climate action. To receive the distinction, a local government must have a community-wide emissions inventory, a published climate action plan, a climate risk and vulnerability assessment, and have a climate adaptation plan. Learn more [here](#).

## TRANSPORTATION

**MTC Invites Input on Public Participation Plan:** The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is inviting Bay Area residents to share their thoughts on how to best encourage people to be involved in planning for the region's transportation-related future. An online survey has been released and will be available through November 30th. [Click here to participate.](#)

## IN OTHER NEWS

**Sign up for SMC Alert System:** San Mateo County residents are invited to sign up SMCAAlert, an emergency alert and warning system designed to provide text, voice, or email alerts in the event of major traffic delays, floods, wildfires, and other emergencies. The alerts are available in multiple languages and include maps and images for reference. Learn more [here](#).

## SVLG UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO WATCH

### *Exclusive Events for SVLG Members*

#### [December 7:](#)

#### [Property Recovers: Creating a Commercial to Residential Pipeline](#)

Keep an eye out for more information on an upcoming in-person roundtable with Assemblymember Buffy Wicks to discuss the opportunities of converting commercial land to housing. We'll also be diving into the discussion around Assemblymember's bill AB 2011 which was recently signed into law.

#### [December 8:](#)

#### [SVLG Board and All Member Meeting & Reception](#)

We'll be hosting an end-of-year all member reception at the Levi's stadium

following our board meeting. More information to come.

*Keep an eye out for our upcoming events newsletter for more details on our events.*

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# Week in Review 11-23-2022

## SRI Wealth Management Group

### In Focus: **Our Gratitude**

Tomorrow, families and friends will gather without the presence of those killed at Club Q in Colorado Springs, at the University of Virginia, at a Chesapeake supermarket and countless other locations of gun violence. We acknowledge that hurt. And we acknowledge there is always something to be thankful for.

As Simone de Beauvoir said, “The present is not a potential past; it is the moment of choice and action.” Thank you for your choice to be a part of our community of clients, partners and friends. Thank you for the future we are creating together.

Enjoy tomorrow, give thanks, rest well, and we’ll see you next week back in action. There is much to do.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, our office is closed today at 2 pm, all of Thursday, and Friday at 11 am (all in PT). The Week In Review will resume next Friday, December 2. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!!

### **Weekend Reads**

RBC [Global Insight Weekly November 17, 2022](#)

RBC [Global Insight Monthly - November 2022](#)

*Written by Thomas Van Dyck, Catherine Chen, and Farralon Udom, CFA*

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I was a member of the HEWG but these are my personal additional suggestions:

Building **Affordable Housing over Parking Lots** is one of the few opportunities for the city to directly create very low income rental units in Palo Alto. The city council passed a motion that said these needed to be 100% affordable but there is no minimum percentage in the housing element nor in the RFP the city is issuing. I understand that city staff was concerned that at the current density of 50 units per acre it would not pencil out as a self supported project and thus are considering adding other uses than below market housing. However, a goal of this project is to attract funds for affordable housing from non-profits, state and federal to complement our use of public lands and not doing so would be a huge missed opportunity that results in less overall below market housing in Palo Alto. Please add a minimum percentage of 100% or at least 75% below market housing to Program 1.4A, allow for higher density than 50 units per acre and require an outside funding component.

For the **Stanford property at 3300 El Camino**, which will be upzoned to 60 units per acre for housing, please do not allow them to also build office on top of that higher density housing as this just erases any housing affordability gains for this project. Please do this by updating Program 1.5C.

The **GM & Rolm Zones near 101 and San Antonio** are ideal sites for new **housing** because they are large and thus allow economies of scale while going higher has minimal impacts. They are also older buildings which are much more likely economically viable to tear down and rebuild. These sites are biking distance to Google and a bus route along San Antonio is likely given the large amount of housing already added by Mountain View and hopefully soon by Palo Alto. Almost all housing in Palo Alto comes from redevelopment and these sites are very suitable so please leave them in the housing element.

Hamilton Hitchings



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Palo Alto is deservedly facing the “builder’s remedy” due to gross inaction by the NIMBY faction of our city council past and present, our planning and transportation commission, planning department and others. I for one hope the “builder’s remedy” becomes a reality in Palo Alto. And thanks to our bold state legislators who have pushed progressive state housing legislation, like SB 9, down the throats of the NINBY crowd here in Palo Alto and in other recalcitrant wealthy communities in the state.

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SB 9: The California HOME Act  
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> FYI: last one for today—check this out: an alleged shop lifter has her scalp ripped off by a police canine. ( see link to article below)  
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> Now that PAPD Chief Andrew Binder has unilaterally ( no public discussion or public input) decided to bring back a weaponized police canine unit to Palo Alto—you might ask him why!!  
>  
> Better yet: tell Binder we don't need or want fleshing eating police canines in Palo Alto used in our name.  
>  
> In addition, although I have repeatedly asked Binder to consider that police attack canines (since we first had enslaved people in this country) have always been intentionally deployed disproportionately on African Americans, Binder refuses to address the race issue. Why is that Chief Andrew Binder?  
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> Aram "Ban fleshing eating police canines now" James"  
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Hi Mayor Patrick, Kristen, Johnathan & Barton ,

I am writing to introduce myself and the services of my team to improve access for everyone in Palo Alto.

After facing many obstacles and uncertainty when travelling around the country as a tetraplegic, I have decided to use my experience as a researcher and app developer to improve safety and usability of transport networks. My team and I at Smart Access are doing this by collecting accessibility audits of infrastructure, and providing the data to the public with an app.

Smart Access provides comprehensive accessibility surveys collecting GPS location data, photos of the accessibility features, and a timestamp for each Point of Interest (POI). The information is easy to see in the Smart Access app, which allows users to plan a safe journey before leaving their house. Unlike past audits that have only collected data on four accessibility features and have not been easily accessible to the general public, we are collecting detailed data on 40 different variables identified through extensive consultation with the disabled community, with all information easy and free for the public to access with the Smart Access application.

We have now completed surveys for Wellington City Council, Hobart City Council, Hamilton City Council and seven others. You can see the data available by downloading the Smart Access app on Android at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.smartaccess>

We offer data collection only, or the production of a report as well as data to summarize findings. See attached report example, made up of multiple different reports. All of this data can be exported and shared in a KML, CSV, or KMZ format.

I would love the opportunity to speak to you and your team further about this.

Kind regards,

**Tim Young**  
Founder, Chief Executive Officer



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Bay Area Economic Update—November 18— A Jobs Rebound in October, Several Layoffs Announced, Short-Term Slowdown but NOT the dot.com bust or 2008 Foreclosure Crisis

The highlights:

- The Bay Area added 17,600 jobs in October after two months of slow growth. Unemployment rates ticked up slightly but the region's UE rate in October was 2.6%.
- Both the region and state showed conflicting trends between the jobs survey (up) and the household survey with rising unemployment and a decline in the labor force.
- Housing permits for the first nine months of the year surpassed both 2021 and 2019 levels though still well below the region's new RHNA targets.
- Total and per capita income rose sharply across the region and state according to BEA estimates released this week.
- The challenges of high inflation and interest rates remain as well the Bay Area challenges of housing, transportation and supporting competitiveness

I wish everyone a joyous Thanksgiving holiday

The next few months will likely be bumpy but at this point today's events and likely future are nothing like the large job losses

and outmigration following the dot.com bust and foreclosure crisis after which, as following the 1985 semiconductor shakeout and 1990 defense/aerospace cuts

the region roared back constantly reinventing itself

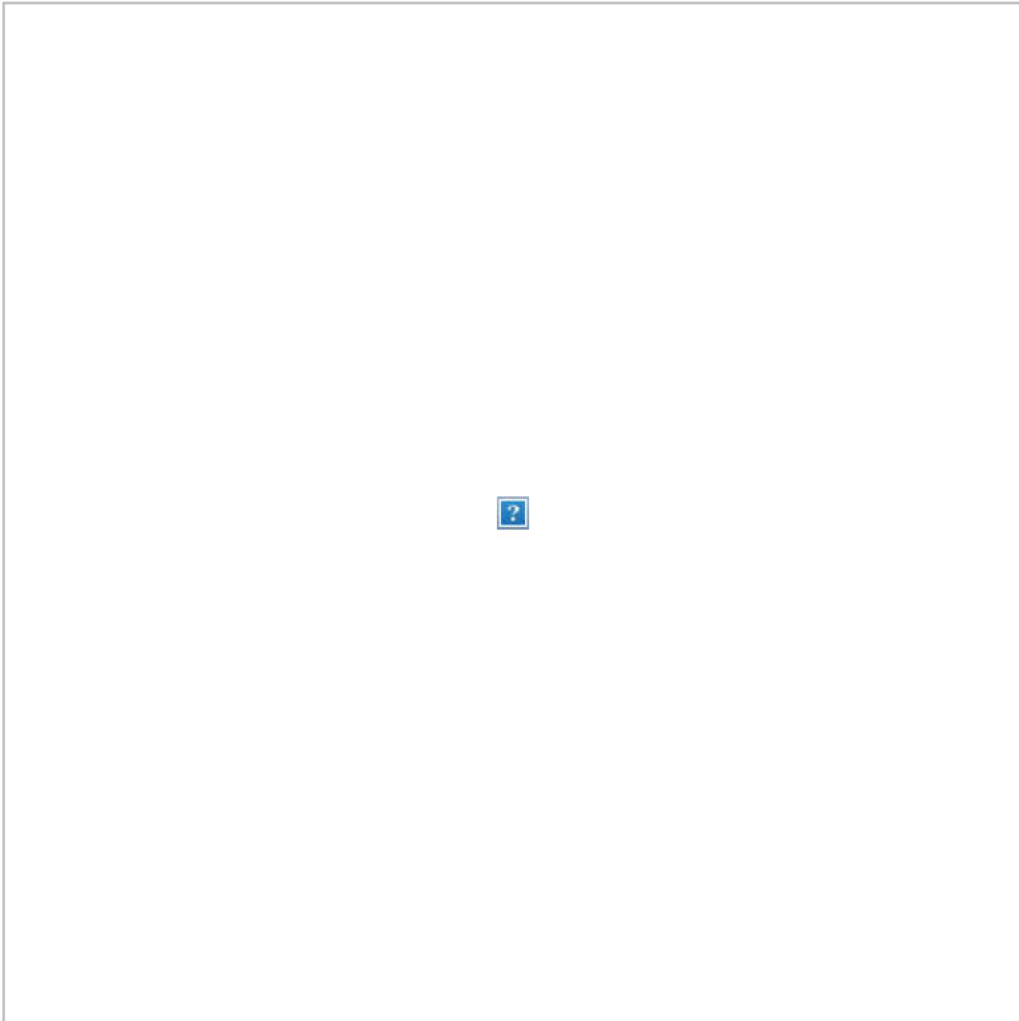
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Dear Aram,

I have been fighting for human rights for all peoples, and against racism and oppression, just about my entire life. I was born in South African and my family immigrated to Montreal when I was four years old because of apartheid. I have seen how systemic discrimination, racism, and oppression destroys lives, families, and communities – indeed, the potential of a country to grow into a harmonious and



diverse place where everyone can flourish.

As a Jew, I find it particularly painful to see the essence of apartheid still thriving in Israel. I am extremely proud to be part of an organization like Independent Jewish Voices that brings people together against this injustice. During my time in office as the MPP for Beaches East York in Ontario, I was one of several Canadian elected representatives who signed IJV's [Together Against Apartheid pledge](#). It was inspiring to see so many others from all levels of government coming out, unafraid to call out Israeli apartheid. This would have been unthinkable a mere 10 years ago.

It is thanks in large part to the work of IJV that so many MP's, MPPs, MLAs, academics, artists, and people like yourself are feeling emboldened to stand with Palestinians.

But we need your support to create these spaces of solidarity, debate, and dissent in Canada. **Aram, please join me in [making a donation to IJV today to ensure that we can keep doing effective anti-apartheid work.](#)**

**Donate today and help us come together against apartheid**

When we were fighting apartheid in South Africa, there was a powerful international solidarity movement, but Western governments were some of the last institutions to cut ties with the old apartheid regime. Today, millions of people around the world are standing with Palestinians against Israeli apartheid – and that number continues to grow, especially as the mountain of evidence of human rights abuses and right-wing extremism becomes impossible to ignore.

But there is still a powerful lobby in Canada that wants to ensure that the Canadian government continues to support Israel regardless of the human rights abuses it commits. Despite the human rights reports. Despite the growing international outrage and solidarity. And despite the fact that Canadians overwhelmingly support Palestinian human rights.

**IJV operates on a fraction of the pro-Israel lobby's budget, but we're able to challenge them, because increasing numbers of Jewish community members are willing to speak up, and because we are stronger together.**

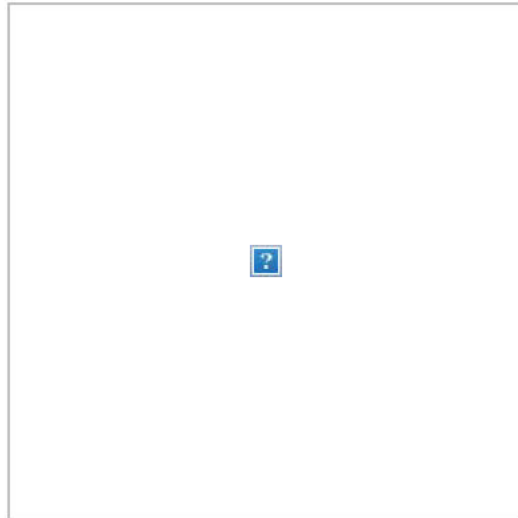
**Challenge the pro-Israel lobby - support our movement**

Just as South Africa was able to throw off apartheid and begin the work

of growing into a country and society that works for everyone who lives within its borders, so too can Israel make that transformation. The building of a just peace is crucial work for every country on the planet – including Canada, of course. But we can't do it if we support legalized systems of apartheid. They didn't work in South Africa and they don't work in Israel. By their nature they are profoundly anti-Judaic.

**[Join me](#)** in helping to create a just society in Israel-Palestine that is true to the Jewish values of social justice and mending the world.

Thanks for your support,



**Rima Berns-McGown, PhD**

**IJV national steering committee member**

**Former Ontario MPP for Beaches-East York**



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