

## Melissa Thurman

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**From:** webmaster@portolavalley.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 4, 2022 12:28 PM  
**To:** Town Center  
**Subject:** Committee Application

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

**Form Name:** Committee Application  
**Date & Time:** 12/04/2022 12:28 PM  
**Response #:** 174  
**Submitter ID:** 6823  
**IP address:** 148.64.18.10  
**Time to complete:** 7 min. , 37 sec.

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### Survey Details

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**Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):**

(o) Cultural Arts

#### Applicant Information

<b>Full Name</b>	Ivy Margolis
<b>Email Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Street Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>City/Zip</b>	Portola Valley
<b>Number of years in Portola Valley</b>	5 years
<b>Cell Phone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Home Phone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Other Phone</b>	Not answered
<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	Not answered

#### Preferred Phone Contact Number

(o) Cell

**Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.**

As a mother to a preschooler, I would like to volunteer my time to bring more family-friendly cultural and art events to Portola Valley. My husband and I are both former musicians prior to our legal careers. We are passionate about music and music appreciation education for young children. I look forward to organize musical and other cultural events that are fun for the whole family.

Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.

No.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Generally committees meet monthly and require a significant time commitment and participation at regular meetings. Please consider this level of commitment when evaluating your interest in serving on one of the Town's Committees.

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**From:** webmaster@portolavalley.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 8:37 PM  
**To:** Town Center  
**Subject:** Committee Application

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

**Form Name:** Committee Application  
**Date & Time:** 12/29/2022 8:37 PM  
**Response #:** 178  
**Submitter ID:** 6837  
**IP address:** 98.42.0.60  
**Time to complete:** 7 min. , 32 sec.

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**Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):**

(o) Nature & Science

#### Applicant Information

<b>Full Name</b>	Linda Millard
<b>Email Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Street Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>City/Zip</b>	94028
<b>Number of years in Portola Valley</b>	27
<b>Cell Phone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Home Phone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Other Phone</b>	Not answered
<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	Not answered

#### Preferred Phone Contact Number

(o) Cell

**Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.**

Wildlife conservation in Africa and underwriting graduate students in STEM in northern CA's top universities have been my primary business and personal interests for over 40 years. I have connections in both areas and believe I can be of help on this committee- unless it is already resource rich. iCultural arts would be another area of interest as I've organized years of talks and lectures in this area. True also of both wildlife and science areas.

Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.

No

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**From:** webmaster@portolavalley.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 23, 2022 2:23 PM  
**To:** Town Center  
**Subject:** Committee Application

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

**Form Name:** Committee Application  
**Date & Time:** 10/23/2022 2:23 PM  
**Response #:** 169  
**Submitter ID:** 6802  
**IP address:** 98.51.52.69  
**Time to complete:** 10 min. , 16 sec.

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#### Page 1

**Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):**

(o) Parks & Recreation

#### Applicant Information

<b>Full Name</b>	Maryann Berkowitz
<b>Email Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Street Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>City/Zip</b>	Portola Valley, CA 94028
<b>Number of years in Portola Valley</b>	20
<b>Cell Phone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Home Phone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Other Phone</b>	Not answered
<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	[REDACTED]

#### Preferred Phone Contact Number

(o) Cell

**Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.**

I'm interested as I've recently retired from working 15 years at Apple, and am interesting in helping the local community. I am a dog lover and currently own a 1 year old bernadoodle. I would like to help the town find the right location, gain approvals -- and assist with the planning and execution of dog park. I'm also open to helping in other P&R areas as needed. I've raised two kids here in ladera and have had the benefit of using the Parks available in the area for years. I've also been a avid hiker and jogging through the trails and windy hill.

I've been a board member for Racing Hearts and have volunteered for years at Second Harvest food bank. I am a marketing

communication professional from my high tech career in the valley and am happy to apply my communications, content creation and organizational skills to work.

**Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.**

no

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**From:** webmaster@portolavalley.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2022 12:13 PM  
**To:** Town Center  
**Subject:** Committee Application

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

**Form Name:** Committee Application  
**Date & Time:** 11/23/2022 12:12 PM  
**Response #:** 173  
**Submitter ID:** 6819  
**IP address:** 2603:3024:1849:8800:cc7c:99b8:52b0:1130  
**Time to complete:** 0 min. , 50 sec.

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**Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):**

(o) Emergency Preparedness

#### Applicant Information

<b>Full Name</b>	Randy True
<b>Email Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Street Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>City/Zip</b>	Portola Valley, CA 94028
<b>Number of years in Portola Valley</b>	5
<b>Cell Phone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Home Phone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Other Phone</b>	Not answered
<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	Not answered

#### Preferred Phone Contact Number

(o) Cell

**Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.**

I'm interested in serving on the EPC both to personally understand what I should be doing to be better prepared, and to help neighbors and the town in whatever ways I can. I believe emergency preparedness and response is a critical function for both local and higher levels of government. Given the risk here in Portola Valley of both severe fire and earthquake, it seems like there is a great deal the town council and committees can do to help citizens be more prepared and to coordinate response. I've been giving this area a lot of thought throughout the pandemic. My wife Theresa commented at one point "you have a prepper streak!". The 2019 CA wildfires were a wake up call for us. I prepped go bags, and we even did a mock evacuation. Considering the road bottleneck concerns being voiced on the PV forum, I loaded our scooter into our SUV and

drove down Alpine. But in the years since, we sold the SUV, the scooter died, and we've let those preparations lapse. Moreover we're woefully unprepared for a big earthquake. I'd like to learn more about the best emergency prep practices, for our context here in PV, and then consider how to effectively communicate that to the community.

My background is in technology development and education. I have physics and engineering degrees from Stanford, founded and ran a successful startup in the biotech space, then founded a STEM education nonprofit when Theresa and I moved from San Francisco to PV in 2017. I love the outdoors and prior to kids, spent a lot of time traveling, camping, backpacking, climbing, fishing, and cycling.

**Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.**

I have 2 potential conflicts of interest. I think they are both likely minimal but I should disclose them. I am currently CEO and majority shareholder of a Public Benefit Company, FloodLAMP Biotechnologies, focused on pandemic preparedness and response, specifically technology and programs for disease screening (currently COVID). We're actually located here in PV across from the fire station and have run one local preschool COVID testing program (donated).

The second interest is as Executive Director of Focus on Foundations, a 501(c)3 STEM education nonprofit. The nonprofit's work is on hold due to the pandemic, and it seems unlikely there would be a conflict of interest with town work, but I might as well mention it.

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**Memo**

**To:** Town Council of Portola Valley  
Attention: Mary Hufty

**From:** Chester T. Wrucke, Chair  
Geologic Safety Committee

**Subject:** Recommendation for new member  
of the Geologic Safety Committee

**Date:** January 24, 2023

As Chair and member of the Geologic Safety Committee since the 1960s, I see that our Town now needs the services of the committee more than at any time in recent years. Problems raised by the Draft Safety and Housing Elements emphasize that need. Unfortunately, I now find that decreasing eyesight and hearing are decreasing my capacity to function to the level the committee currently needs. Therefore, I take this opportunity to suggest a new member for the committee for your consideration. I recommend Robert T. Wrucke, who knows the geology of the Town better than most members of the Geologic Safety Committee and has a deep love of Portola Valley. Bob, as my son, functions as my secretary and has an outstanding knowledge of geologic problems facing the Town and the committee. He has studied geology at Humboldt State University in northern California and is junior author (and significant contributor) of a paper on the San Andreas fault in Portola Valley. The paper was published by the Seismological Society of America, a major geologic journal.

I know of no one better qualified for this position than Bob. He is well liked by current members of the committee. Despite recommending him, I would like to remain on the Geologic Safety Committee for the historic information I have on the workings of the committee, but Bob would add new and important insights for the committee and our Town.

Sincerely, Chester T. Wrucke