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Home on Hoover Street demolished to make way for the final phase of construction of new Downtown Fire Station 6

One month after the new Menlo Park Fire Protection District's downtown Fire Station 6 re-opened, demolition of the small home the Fire District purchased behind the Station ten years ago is complete. "This will allow the final phase of the project to move forward" Fire Chief Schapelhouman said.

The small home was located at 1231 Hoover Street and was purchased by the Fire District in July of 2008 for \$1.5 million dollars, prior to the worldwide economic downturn. Firefighters had been living in and responding from the small home after moving out of the previous fire station in October 2016.

Demolition and replacement of the previous 1953 single story flat top 3,000 square foot fire station started in late November 2016. CJW Architecture completed the design of the station which was built by general contractor Gonsalves & Stronck Construction Co., Inc. who were successful in winning the bid for a more traditional looking but extremely modern \$7.55 million dollar, two story, 8,300 square foot, drive through fire station.

The project now moves to the final phase of construction with the demolition of the Hoover house. Construction of a rear access and drive through concrete ramp for the new station, new fencing, an electric gate, diesel fuel fill station, garbage/recycling storage shed, bio-swale, new vegetation, trees and irrigation, the installation of a new ancillary structure with roof top solar panels that will be used to house old equipment and apparatus, currently taking up floor space in several stations and movement of the original 1899 fire building from Fire Station 1, to the new site. Approximately \$1 million dollars has been set aside for this phase of construction.

Chief Schapelhouman said "there is a lot of excitement and interest in moving the original 1899 Fire building to this site. We will be videotaping and live streaming every step of that move when it occurs. A formal dedication ceremony and community open house for the new station and the new \$600k fire engine is anticipated to occur later in the year, when this final construction phase is completed and this 11 year project is finished".

Fire Station 6 protects and serves downtown Menlo Park, El Camino Real and portions of Atherton. The new Station can accommodate additional response units and personnel, both of which will be needed as new development and population growth continue to occur.

The Fire District provides essential fire and emergency services to District residents who live in the Town of Atherton, Cities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, Unincorporated San Mateo County and on contract to the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratories.



Pictured Above – The Menlo Park Fire Protection District purchased the house and property, located at 1251 Hoover Street, behind Fire Station 6, ten years ago. It was demolished this week and the lot cleared to make way for the next phase of construction. – Photo compliments of Menlo Fire



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Pictured Above - Menlo Park Fire Protection District Station 6 located at 700 Oak Grove Avenue in downtown Menlo Park. On the front ramp is the Fire District's new Pierce 2018 XT Fire Engine and its 1930's Aherns Fox historic Fire Engine and 6th Fire Engine purchased by the District which was established in 1916. Photo Credit – Fire Photographer Peter Mootz

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