



David & Carol's Top Fifteen Favorite Things about Los Altos

1. The Los Altos Schools – whether it is the Los Altos School District, Cupertino District, or the Mountain View/Los Altos High School District, or any number of the private schools, you have great schools to attend.
2. Close knit community where you can walk to town and see many people you know.
3. The New Years Day Fun Run in Downtown – you can walk, run, scooter, rollerblade, or watch it all from the sidelines. It is a wonderful community event.
4. The Los Altos Pet Parade in May – it is the only parade we have ever been to where more people are in the parade than watch it. And those “pets” range from horses, iguanas, dogs, cats, snakes ... and even the occasional stuffed variety.
5. Los Altos Arts and Wine Festival in July. Main and State Streets are shut down for 2 days and vendors line the town. It is fun for the whole family or just an adult day out for wine tasting, live music and great food.
6. How our Recreation Department engages the youth in our community ... from their wonderful programs, to sponsoring our Music-In-The-Park, or helping the community children paint business windows in preparation of Halloween.
7. Fall Festival in October. This is another great community event where vendors come, great food is served, and the Chamber of Commerce hosts a Children's Ally with rides, crafts, games and more.
8. Los Altos Community Picnic – During late summer, the city of Los Altos hosts a picnic at Hillview Park where great food is served, entertainment abounds, fabulous old cars are displayed, and fun jumpers are set up for the kids.
9. Festival of Lights Parade is by far our family's favorite Los Altos Tradition. Every year on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the Los Altos Kiwanis Club hosts this nighttime parade through downtown Los Altos. All the floats have holiday lights, many High School Marching bands participate, and the crowds of kids lining the street to get their first glimpse of Santa for the season are amazing. It is a perfect jump start event for the holiday season.
10. Downtown Los Altos Stroll. This event takes place in early December to spark the holiday shopping season. Los Altos stores stay open late so that residents can stroll the sidewalks, get started with holiday shopping, take a ride in a horse drawn carriage, listen to Caroler's or just have a late dinner in the village.



11. The other holiday events we enjoy are the tree lighting and menorah ceremony on the Main/State street plaza. Both occur in December. The tree ceremony includes another visit from Santa for the kids and great musical performance from local schools.
12. Junior High kids enjoy monthly dances at the Los Altos Youth Center put on by the Los Altos Youth Commission which is part of the Los Altos Recreation Department. This dance is specifically for Los Altos residents and is a fully chaperoned dance. The kids have a blast.
13. Shops and Restaurants are definitely a plus in Los Altos. The small town feel is great but it is also nice to know that you can shop in town and eat well. You can eat casual burgers or a high end meal and everything in between. Breakfast, lunch or dinner – Los Altos serves it all.
14. Downtown Movie Nights are another great idea that the Los Altos Village Association put into place about 5 years ago. From June through August, each Friday night, Main Street is closed, a huge movie screen goes up, and the outdoor theatre comes alive. Los Altos residents of all ages bring folding chairs, blankets, appetizers, dinner, etc...and fill up the middle of Main Street to watch a movie after dark. Prior to sun down, the jumpers go up for the kids to play, popcorn, candy and soda are sold, and it's a great time to visit with friends and neighbors. This is truly a social event each week throughout the summer.
15. Thursday Night Farmers Market. We love this weekly tradition between May and September. State Street, between 2nd and 4th, is closed every Thursday night between 4pm and 7pm so that vendors can sell all their fresh produce. It is such a great way to spend warm evening in the spring and summer and the food is wonderful. In addition to selling fruits and vegetables, you can pick up organic rotisserie chickens, freshly made crepes, or fabulous baked goods. It's a great night to walk downtown and eat dinner out.

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Best,

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