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# **Stanford Weekend Acres**

A bent, beat-up green sign declaring "End County Road" greets drivers turning off Alpine Road onto Bishop Lane.

The sign hints at the relative isolation of Stanford Weekend Acres, a strip of unincorporated San Mateo County that lies next to the Stanford University golf

"It's a real rural flavor, rural sense," says Ron Miller, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1988.

Trees hang over narrow Bishop and Homer lanes, and wood fences and older-looking houses that flank the roads enhance the country atmosphere.

Mr. Miller lives in one of 10 tightly packed one-room cabins at the end of Homer Lane on an acre collectively owned by cabin residents.

Residents of the "Tenants in Common" property share expenses for its upkeep and use of a communal washer and dryer, slipping \$2 into a wooden container every time they do a load.

Stanford Weekend Acres is now also dotted with larger, modern-looking houses. Some residents have gone to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in an attempt to limit the size of developments.

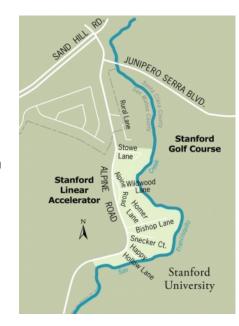
"The biggest concern of mine is people purchasing and building ... a huge mansion that's out of step, out of character with the neighborhood," Mr. Miller says.

Over on Sneckner Court, Tobias Freccia says he's followed residents' opposition to development but hasn't participated himself.

"The neighbors are pretty protective of their land," says Mr. Freccia, who moved to the neighborhood eight years ago.

Sneckner is wider than Bishop or Homer and has fewer trees, giving it a more suburban feel. But it still benefits from the relative isolation of the neighborhood.

Mr. Freccia, an architectural designer who lives with his wife and three children, says many young





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families have moved into the neighborhood since he arrived.

Mr. Miller says he often sees egrets, herons and ducks when he walks down into the creek. When the water level is low enough, he does exercises on the creek bed.

"It lends itself to meditative quietness, and you start listening to the water," he says.

-- Bryce Druzin

### **FACTS**

CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOLS: Trinity School, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

**FIRE STATION:** California Department of Forestry, but closest station is Menlo Park Fire District, 3322 Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Park

**LOCATION:** between Alpine Road and San Francisquito Creek and south of Stowe Lane, between Stanford Linear Accelerator and Stanford Golf Course

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Las Lomitas Elementary School District -- Las Lomitas School, 299 Alameda de las Pulgas, Atherton; La Entrada School, 2200 Sharon Road, Menlo Park

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SHOPPING: Ladera Shopping Center, Portola Valley; Stanford Shopping Center

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