

Facts & Features List

3853 Palo Alto Drive, Lafayette

Home Built: 1960

Purchased: Second Owner

Roof Age: 19 years (40-year architectural shingles)

Roof Solar (Tesla)

- 14.5kW full-house system / 2 inverters / 60 panels
- Installed 2012 – outright purchase
- Managed by Tesla – 6.5 years remaining on 20-year prepaid contract through August 2032

EXTERIOR

Professionally designed and regularly maintained landscape/hardscape exterior

Extensive property walkways/garden, lantern poles and affixed sconces for exterior lighting

Palo Alto Frontage

Distinctive modified single-story ranch home (gray with white trim)

Landscape:

- 3 Manicured lawns with mature trees screening the home for aesthetics, privacy and separation from neighbors, including magnolia, pines, redwoods, and liquidambar
- Mature landscaped vignettes with walkway, poles and chandelier lighting
- Flat lot with ivy-covered slope to street, complemented by bright white window boxes for colorful geraniums
- Flowing large concrete steps from the stone-covered and lit mailbox to the front entrance, featuring a covered porch with chandelier, boxed plantings, wooden benches and a soothing water fountain leading to the double front doors

Cambridge Drive Frontage

- Gated service yard for pool equipment, trash carts, standby generator, ladders and tools hidden by mature oleanders and pine trees between the driveway and the street to the property line for maximum privacy
- Main driveway with dual garages (2 cars + 1 car)
- Landscaped walkway with all utility services and the backyard pet-secure gated entrance

Backyard

- Extensive stone paver patios and walkways throughout for outdoor furniture, entertainment areas, dining and walking paths
- Large in-ground, gas-heated pool with outdoor shower
- Wisteria-covered and lit lanai over propane BBQ kitchen and stone bar area
- Free-standing custom stone propane fire feature with surround seating area
- “Zen” stone retreat area with fountain off master bedroom
- New 8-foot, black-painted, disappearing-style, pet-secure yard fence installed in 2025
- Large stained-wood planters and matching stained-wood trash and recycling bins
- Children’s picnic table
- Mature redwoods, pines, Japanese and Chinese maples, olive and assorted fruit-bearing trees (lemon, lime, apple, orange)

MAIN HOUSE

Utilities / Services

- 200-amp electrical service
- 14.5kW whole-house solar panel system
- 22kW standby Generac generator
- Natural gas, 50-gallon, quick-recovery water heater
- Central HVAC heater and air conditioning system with 5-ton compressor (new in 2025)

Features

- Hardwood flooring throughout
- Stone/hard-surface counters in all bathrooms; Corian and stone countertops in kitchen and family room
- Vaulted ceilings
- Ceiling fans in all 3 bedrooms and open-concept room
- 5-inch baseboards, custom crown moldings and door frames
- Living room bay window
- Recessed lighting throughout
- Plantation shutters and designer window coverings

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- 8 skylights throughout the home for added brightness
 - Solid-core, wood-paneled doors throughout
 - Wi-Fi in place with extenders that cover both buildings and the entire property outside
 - 3 current bedrooms (with 2 additional rooms easily converted back to bedrooms)

Bedrooms

Large Primary Bedroom Suite – featuring:

- Separate walk-in large his/her closets, each with high ceilings, custom shelving/built-ins and operable windows
- Slider to backyard with designer window coverings
- Television (with electronics on adjoining wall shelf in closet)

Second Bedroom – featuring:

- Oversized closet with shelving for storage and large nook for armoire or desk, with slider out to backyard

Third Bedroom – featuring:

- Built-in display shelving, large 3-door closet for clothing and storage, and plantation shutters

Office (bedroom re-conversion opportunity)

- Custom design buildout featuring:
- Custom walnut cabinetry with file drawers, cabinets, display shelves
- Separately wired cabinets for printer and shredder
- Fully wired executive desk
- CONVERSION OPPORTUNITY The office built-ins were designed to fit, with minor alterations, into the clubroom area of the Clubhouse building, should the decision be made to re-convert the current office space back into a 4th bedroom.

Game Room (au pair bedroom re-conversion opportunity)

- Features a closet
- Electronics cabinet
- Plantation shutters
- Recessed lighting
- CONVERSION OPPORTUNITY The original access to the laundry/bathroom and au pair bedroom was through a door connecting the family room to the laundry area to the left of the fireplace built-ins. A simple conversion back to a 5th bedroom is possible but would require closing the archway into the game room.

3 Full Bathrooms

Primary Bathroom

- Double vanity (stone)
- Large stone/tile shower – ceiling rain and wand with glass enclosure

- Large, jetted bathtub
- Private toilet room
- Recessed lighting
- Television over bathtub
- Plantation shutters
- Raised ceiling with skylight

Hall Bathroom

- Shower over tub with glass sliding doors
- Corian vanity counter/full tub and ceiling surround
- Stone flooring
- Built-in cabinet with drawers
- Pony wall for toilet privacy
- Plantation shutters
- Recessed lighting

Laundry Area Bathroom

- Stone and tile shower with wand and glass door
- Stone flooring
- Custom vanity and sink with stone top
- Matching tall custom towel and supplies cabinet
- Matching framed mirror and small shelf
- Recessed lighting

Entry / Living / Dining Room

- Large skylight
- Vaulted beamed ceiling
- Bay window
- Chandeliers
- Access through either the kitchen (pocket door) or brick archway/gallery
- Independent audio speakers for background music
- NOTE: The bay window area was designed for either a formal dining area or a simple extension of the living room.

Open-Concept Rooms

Secondary Dining Area

- Multiple dimmable recessed lighting options
- Large brick archway through gallery and two sliders to backyard

Kitchen

- Large stone island with wrap-around cabinetry, bar seating and pendant lights
 - Corian counters
 - Sub-Zero refrigerator over freezer with cabinetry-matched doors
 - Dacor four-position gas-flame cooktop on island
 - New KitchenAid double wall convection oven (2025)
 - KitchenAid dishwasher
 - GE microwave oven
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- Double porcelain sink
- Multiple pantry cabinets with pull-out drawers
- Double lazy-Susan corner cabinets
- Special mixer pop-up cabinet on island
- Garden window over sink
- Integrated Corian and lit desk area, with fully wired communications hub
- Multiple dimmable recessed lighting options

Family Room

- Brick archways between rooms
- Gas fireplace with mantel and extensive built-ins and cabinetry (includes roll-out cabinet wired for kitchen desk printer)
- Large-screen TV with 5.1 surround sound system
- All electronic components, including DVD and universal remote
- In-floor electrical outlets (3)
- Wired personal device charging drawer
- Multiple dimmable recessed lighting options
- Electric outlet over mantel

Gallery / Wet Bar Area

- Plantation shutter doors
- Wood counter and stainless sink with back mirror and light
- Built-in wine cooler (2024)
- Custom built-in adjacent storage

Laundry and Work Room

- Large stone countertops (2)
- Stone flooring
- Washer and dryer
- Deep porcelain utility sink
- Built-in closet and extensive cabinetry (uppers and lowers)
- Space for wrapping station, crafts, etc.
- Built-in ironing board cabinet
- Multiple lighting options
- Solatube skylight

Garages

2-Car Garage

- Driveway access on the Cambridge side of the home (uninterrupted home frontage)
- Direct access into house from garage
- Extensive storage
- Finished flooring
- Second refrigerator/freezer
- Electric car charger
- Multiple dimmable recessed lighting options
- Plantation shutters

- Operable screened window
- Metal-paneled garage door with remote openers

Workshop

- Finished flooring
- 2 large butcher-block benchtops
- Extensive custom storage
- Multiple dimmable recessed lighting options
- Operable screened window
- Plantation shutters

1-Car Garage

- Driveway access on the Cambridge side of the home
- Direct access into house from garage
- Finished flooring
- Electric car charger
- Recessed lighting
- Operable screened window
- Plantation shutters
- Matching metal-paneled garage door with remote openers

Cellar

- Large concrete cellar area built in 1960 by the original owner as a bomb shelter
- Location: under master bedroom
- Optional use: storage/wine room/other
- Dimensions: approx. 9' high x 15' wide x 45' long
- Electricity
- Water
- Sump pump
- NOTE: Access only through in-floor, lift-up cellar door located in the hallway outside the master bedroom and bedroom #2, with concrete staircase to the cellar below grade.

SEPARATE BUILDING

Utilities / Services

- Tankless gas water heater
- Mini-split heat/air conditioning system
- Cable/Wi-Fi

Features

- Vaulted ceilings
- All custom wood trim, solid-core doors and finishes
- Multiple dimmable recessed lighting options throughout
- Ceiling fans in all three areas
- Operable windows with screens throughout
- Extensive sound system
- Outdoor wall shower adjacent to pool

Clubroom with Kitchenette

- Stainless bar sink with special stone backsplash
- Built-in beverage cooler/refrigerator
- Microwave
- Built-in ice maker
- Large-screen TV and 5.1 surround sound system
- Carpet and stone flooring
- Stone kitchenette counter
- Custom cabinetry and shelving throughout
- Sconces and pendant lighting enhancements
- Operable screened windows (four)

High-End Custom Designed Full-Service Spa

- Large storage and electronics closet including all electronics on rack system
- Changing area with all-wood custom lockers (4)
- Custom vanity with stone/infinity sink and stone top
- Matching wood-framed mirror
- Free-standing matching wood linens and supplies cabinetry
- Custom matching wooden laundry hamper/seating in locker area
- 8-person electric dry sauna with glass door
- 8-person Turkish steam room with in-room separate shower and glass door
- Extensive open shower area – with 7 separate water features
- Private toilet room
- Television and sound system (plus speakers in both sauna and steam room)
- All stone and wood finishes throughout
- Operable screened windows

Separate Entrance – Fully Equipped Gym/Exercise Room

- Treadmill
- Deluxe electronic bicycle
- Weight bench and weights
- Accessories and exercise devices (bands/ropes/balls/mats/steps/etc.)
- Television
- Operable window with screen and private garden view
- Carpeted floor to deaden equipment sound and provide comfort for floor exercises

SAFETY & SECURITY

Bay Home Alarm System (both structures) including:

- Windows
- Doors
- Glass breakage sonic sensors
- Room motion sensors
- Smoke and fire detectors (wired)
- Heat sensors in garages
- NOTE: 2 separate zones tied into master system (main house and clubhouse)

Standby Generator

- Generac 22kW standby full-house natural gas generator (services the full main house only – all systems)

Fire Protection

- Special external roof sprinkler fire protection system installed in 2025 (both buildings)
- City fire hydrant ±100 feet from the home (opposite corner of Palo Alto/Cambridge)

Additional Security Features

- Secure self-closing backyard gate for pets and pool
 - Extensive timer-controlled walkway and landscape lighting throughout all exterior areas
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