

# MONTA LOMA NEWS



## Monta Loma Neighborhood Ice Cream Social



Come and meet your neighbors while enjoying free ice cream.

**Sunday, August 26, 3 to 5 p.m.**

Monta Loma Park

### Some of the many things to see and do at the Ice Cream Social (ICS)

- Visit the MLNA welcome table first and sign in. (Our insurance requires it.) Write your name and street on a nametag so your neighbors can meet you.
- Visit the ice cream toppings table for add-ons to enhance your ice cream.
- Buy a Monta Loma tee shirt.
- Stop by the PTA table to learn what is new at our school.
- Watch for a life-size walking robot.
- Visit our Community Emergency Response Team's (CERT) display. Sign up.
- Ask Gizmo Gary to make you a balloon hat.
- Meet members of our police department.
- Contribute some local lore or artifacts at the Monta Loma History table.
- Look for the MVFD (if they're not on a call) and the bookmobile.



### Please volunteer for the Ice Cream Social

It takes many people to make the ICS a success, so please volunteer. Contact Tricia DelGaudio at [eventcoordinator@montaloma.org](mailto:eventcoordinator@montaloma.org) or 691-5258. These are just some of the ways to help:

- Volunteer your folding tables.
- Help set up tables and tape on tablecloths.
- Bring a trash barrel; we have bags.
- Take a shift at the MLNA Welcome table.
- Organize a simple craft project for kids. We have supplies.
- Pick up and return folding tables.
- Bring extra chairs for those who need to sit.
- Take a shift scooping ice cream.
- Take a shift at another table.
- Bring (and take home) large plastic toys for the kids' area.



### Tee shirt order deadline is Monday



Show your pride in our neighborhood by wearing a Monta Loma tee shirt. Explore all the color choices at [www.montaloma.org/shirts](http://www.montaloma.org/shirts). To get the size, color, and style you want, order online or contact Marilyn ([marilyn@gildea.com](mailto:marilyn@gildea.com) or 940-1606) **by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 13**. The once-a-year order goes in on Tuesday morning.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

August 20: School begins; traffic times pg. 5  
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 October TBD: Fall Festival at the school pg. 5  
 December 1: Holiday Progressive Dinner pg. 3

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## **Monta Loma School traffic alert**

Classes begin on Monday, August 20, so plan around these school traffic times: 8:10 – 8:35, 1:50 – 2:10, and 3:00 – 3:30. On Thursdays all students leave at 12:30.

Expect heavy traffic on the first day as most parents come early and stay for part of the morning. It will be a minimum day, with all students released at 12:30.

## **Annual meeting and board election report**

Approximately 75 residents attended the meeting on May 30 in the community room at 250 Mayfield. MLNA President Linda Harvey briefly reviewed the past year's activities and the number of attendees: 11 block parties (200), Ice Cream Social (300), Spring Fling (150), and progressive dinners (36). After introducing the board candidates and our new traffic/parking liaison, John Canata, Linda turned the podium over to Mayor Lenny Siegel.

Mayor Siegel discussed the need for more housing near jobs and better transit options such as increased Caltrain service, including at San Antonio, and offering discounted Lyft or Uber rides to downtown rather than building more parking.

Speakers from Google X explained some of the projects at the "Moonshot Factory" on our border and the progress made in addressing neighbors' concerns about light, noise, and parking problems. Our Google X contact will continue to work with John Canata and the City to address the parking problems, some of which are caused by Caltrain commuters. Audience questions included delivery vans and Uber drivers blocking the bike lanes on Mayfield.

John and Natalie Canata comprised the election committee and collected the ballots. The new board members are listed at left.

## **From MLNA President Linda Harvey**

Due to a drop in the number of attendees this year, the Board decided to cancel the Spring Fling. It's a lot of work for a few people. We are glad for the many held, and are grateful to all who participated. Thank you sincerely.

Should we replace the Spring Fling with something else? I would like to know what you think. At a recent meeting I attended, some events that the city's 17 neighborhood associations hold to promote a sense of community and create opportunities to meet their neighbors were discussed. Ideas included an annual picnic; a summer progressive potluck dinner; a stargazing night; a wine and cheese party; a pumpkin-carving contest; and a Halloween walk.

What would you like to see for activities to meet more of your neighbors, find ways to help each other, and make new friends? Let's figure it out together. Please contact me at president@montaloma.org.

## **Traffic/Parking update**

*By John Canata, MLNA Traffic and Parking Liaison*

MLNA President Linda Harvey and I met in June with two Google X representatives and a city traffic engineer. We discussed the traffic and parking complaints that neighbors had reported on mln, and visited the problem areas. The traffic engineer took many notes and photos. His progress report is posted on montaloma.org.

I see all the messages posted to the mln and NextDoor email lists, but contact me at canata350@comcast.net or 269-5646 if you'd like to discuss a traffic or parking concern. Photos are helpful.

## **Knitting Group**

*By Ann Togasaki*

The Monta Loma Knitting group had its one-year anniversary in June. It is a fun and casual way to meet neighbors. No skills or experience required. Some of us are working on a yarn bomb project for the Ice Cream Social, so look for it there. If you would like to be on our email list, contact me at ann.togasaki@gmail.com.



## Meet the people who run our city on October 25

Every other year three city council members plus the heads of most city departments (including Police and Streets/Parking/Traffic) come to update us on their plans and respond to our questions. This year's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m. at Crittenden School. Please mark your calendar now and bring your concerns to the people who run our city.

## Block parties — is yours scheduled?

At press time eight parties had been held or scheduled. If you haven't yet planned your party, the after-summer-vacation season is a good time to hold it. A block party is great way to meet your neighbors, build the friendships that help keep our neighborhood safe, and compile a list of contact information to share. To promote these goals, the MLNA will help pay for your party.

For how-to information, go to [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org) and click on Block Parties under Events. Find "printable version" at the bottom of the page. Note that to block off a street you must obtain a permit. Allow 30 days for it to be processed.

To borrow and return orange safety cones and Road Closed signs, contact John Thomas at [johnth589@comcast.net](mailto:johnth589@comcast.net).

Our Neighborhood Watch Captain, Tom Purcell on Alvin, would be happy to attend your party. Contact Tom at [MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com](mailto:MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com) or 224-5110. To invite a police officer to stop by, request it on your permit application. To invite city council members, email them all at [citycouncil@mountainview.gov](mailto:citycouncil@mountainview.gov) or individually under Council Roster at [mountainview.gov](http://mountainview.gov).



## Neighborhood Watch – Prevent break-ins

*By Tom Purcell, Monta Loma Neighborhood Watch Captain*

Access for a recent burglary on Alvin was through the one window that didn't have a dowel in it, and had a lock that allowed the window to be lifted out when partially open.

An empty driveway, plus trash cans left curbside, can signal burglars that no one is home. If you don't know your neighbors well enough to ask someone to roll your trash cans off the street when you can't, hold a block party and get acquainted.

Always lock your doors, and consider upgrading to higher-security locks because a skilled thief can bypass most locks. Keep your gate locked and consider adding cameras and motion lights. Visit [montaloma.org/mlna/neighborhood-watch](http://montaloma.org/mlna/neighborhood-watch) for more tips.

The police urge you to call whenever you see anything that seems suspicious. For emergencies and in-progress incidents, call 911. For non-emergencies, suspicious circumstances, or crimes that have already occurred, call 903-6395, which you should have in your cell phone.

## Are you ready for an emergency?

*By Tim Slattery, Monta Loma's CERT Leader*

Having some emergency training is part of being a responsible citizen. You can check out Monta Loma's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) at the Ice Cream Social and at any of our Saturday Sessions on the second Saturday of the month, between 9 and 11 a.m. at the trailer next to Monta Loma School. The next sessions are on August 11, September 8 and October 13. Questions? Contact me at [CERT@montaloma.org](mailto:CERT@montaloma.org).

We encourage you to take the city's free CERT course, whether or not you join our neighborhood group. A link to info is on the CERT page at [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org), under MLNA.

## Progressive dinner planned for December 1

Our annual Holiday Progressive Potluck Dinner is a great way to meet neighbors while enjoying wonderful food and contributing to Second Harvest Food Bank. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday evening, December 1, so note the date. Details in November newsletter.

## Neighborhood Resources

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Tim Slattery, 964-6389  
[CERT@montaloma.org](mailto:CERT@montaloma.org)

### Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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[MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com](mailto:MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com)

### Traffic/Parking Liaison

John Canata, 269-5646  
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### Preschooler Network

Darcy Koch  
[preschooler@montaloma.org](mailto:preschooler@montaloma.org)

### MLN Neighborhood Email List

[mln@yahoogroups.com](mailto:mln@yahoogroups.com)  
List owner: Peggy Manor  
[mlnlist@montaloma.org](mailto:mlnlist@montaloma.org)  
To join this or alternate lists go to [montaloma.org/mlna](http://montaloma.org/mlna) and click on MLNA Email Lists.

### MLNA Websites

[www.montaloma.org](http://www.montaloma.org)  
Referrals: [localwiki.org/montaloma](http://localwiki.org/montaloma)  
Webmaster: Hien Do  
[webmaster@montaloma.org](mailto:webmaster@montaloma.org)



## Thanks to our volunteers!

Thanks to those who delivered the May newsletter: John Canata, Donna Clarke, Jim and Alice Cochran, Maria Harnoto, Chuck and Cookie Henderson, Jessie Holombo, Susan Jee, Paul Kostka, Vickie Lee, Vania Mendonca, Shelly Ostman, Herb and Victoria Perry, Linda Powers, Leanne Reelfs, Cheryl Smith, John Thomas, Andre Valente, Raymond White, and Pat Young.

We welcome more volunteers, even those who can help only occasionally. It's a good way to get to know your neighborhood and get an hour's exercise. Contact the editor to learn more.

## Mobile Library to visit the Ice Cream Social

In addition to exploring the bookmobile during the Ice Cream Social, you can also visit it at Monta Loma School every Friday from 4:15 to 5:00, and also on Jane at Fay on these Fridays: August 31, Sept. 28, and Oct. 26 from 9:45 to 10:15. For more information or special requests, email [Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov](mailto:Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov) or call 526-7029.

## The etiquette of FREE

*By Wouter Suverkropp, former MLNA President*

Over the past 16 years I've made a number of perfectly functional, and sometimes valuable, items available to neighbors. Here are some suggestions to quickly move items to others who can use them:

- Post them to Nextdoor.com, mln, and/or freecycle.org with good descriptions and/or photos. Then post them as "gone" to save others' time.
- Be discreet if placing items and a FREE sign in front of your own house, to prevent blight. (Leaving unwanted items elsewhere is illegal dumping.)
- Leave your items out for no more than two days. If they haven't been picked up by then, re-post and/or contact Goodwill, Ecumenical Hunger, etc. They will pick up larger quantities of decent stuff.
- Remember that the City allows us three free large pickups (a pile 4x8x4 feet), plus three large items (mattress, couch, etc.), a year. It's easy to arrange a collection by calling Recology at 967-3034, but it's going to landfill, so try other methods first.
- Viewed a free item and didn't like it? Please put it back gently so someone else can use it.

I love how this neighborhood shares so generously! Books, food, items looking for a new owner...let's keep it going.

## Wine-tasting group for women

If you are interested meeting monthly to learn about different varietals, contact Sarah Anderson at [sarah@threeundertwo.com](mailto:sarah@threeundertwo.com) or (503) 440-5874.



## Rat poison dangers

A resident's cat died after eating a mouse that had ingested rat poison. Rat poison also kills owls and other rat-eaters, which are important to our ecosystem. Doty Calabrese offers this advice: Keeping cats indoors is the best solution. Keep snap traps out of the reach of pets.

The black plastic kind are easy to set and less likely to bite your fingers than the wood-and-metal ones. Peanut butter is a good bait. High-pitched electric deterrents (available at hardware stores, Orchard, and Home Depot) work very well.



## Neighborhoods Committee awards grant to MLNA

The city's Neighborhood Grant Program provides annual grants "to help resident-based groups carry out programs and activities designed to improve participation and neighborhood conditions." At the June 21 Neighborhoods Committee meeting, MLNA board members Linda Harvey and Marilyn Gildea plus Traffic/Parking Liaison John Canata were gratified to learn that the MLNA was awarded the full grant amount, \$2,000. We receive the funds after MLNA Treasurer Andre Valente submits original receipts for this year's block parties, Spring Fling, and Ice Cream Social.

## Help name the new park

City staff is soliciting names for the new park planned for 2254 Wyandotte (between Independence and Rengstorff). The name-submission deadline is Tuesday, August 21. For details go to [tinyurl.com/Wyandot](http://tinyurl.com/Wyandot) and scroll down to Wyandotte.

Designs for the park were presented and voted on at a public meeting on June 7. The most preferred design, along with the suggested names, will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) at its September 12 meeting. The PRC will then make a recommendation to the City Council in October for approval.

The community is welcome to attend the September 12 meeting. It's at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

## New neighbors?

Look for the "New to Monta Loma?" link on the Home page at [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org), then print a copy for your new neighbors. If you or a neighbor (whether an owner or renter) has lived here less than two years and would like a packet of local information, contact Marilyn at [marilyn@gildea.com](mailto:marilyn@gildea.com) or 940-1606.

## City boards and commissions

Want to help make Mountain View a better place to live? Consider serving on one of the city's boards, commissions, or committees. These groups provide advice in their areas of expertise to the City Council. Being part of one gives you an ongoing first-hand look at matters that usually come before the City Council, but at the point where (sometimes substantial) changes can be made.

It's wise to attend a few meetings of the board that interests you before applying. Applicants who don't are rarely selected to serve. Go to [mountainview.gov](http://mountainview.gov) and click on Advisory Bodies under City Council.

## Be an informed voter

To help you decide among the candidates running for local offices, their websites and public forums will be posted at [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org). The web page will be kept updated and notices sent to the mln email list.







## How to help Monta Loma School

- To donate financially, go to [montaloma.mvwsd.org](http://montaloma.mvwsd.org) and click on Donate under Support Us. Amazon, eScrip, and Office Depot will send a portion of your shopping dollars to the school. Box tops can be dropped off in the school office.
- To help in a classroom or the school gardens, or at events, contact [montalomapta@gmail.com](mailto:montalomapta@gmail.com) or 903-6915.
- To keep kids safe from pets and their droppings, please refrain from bringing dogs onto campus and the park during school hours. These areas are closed during school hours. After hours, please clean up after your pet.



## Monta Loma School Fall Festival

Which Friday afternoon in October this annual fundraising event will be held wasn't confirmed by press time, so watch for the date on mln, [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org), and the notice board in Monta Loma Park. Then bring your children and grandchildren to the park to play games, eat yummy treats, and raise money for our school at this annual fundraising event.



## School/park use rules posted on new signs

Please read the new white signs at Monta Loma Park stating the city's and school district's rules for using the park and fields. They supplement the older blue signs that read "Public use of school grounds is not allowed during school hours M-F 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM."

The entire playing field and baseball area are school property, with the paved path the boundary. The space outside the paved path, including the playground on the south side of the park (nearest to Laura), is open to the public when not needed for school events and programs. The posted city park rules apply.

## Monta Loma Safeway

by Marilyn Gildea

Harry Gordon reports that "The checkout clerks at our Monta Loma Safeway are now as fast and friendly as those at Whole Foods and Costco." Peggy Manor was pleased that the manager special-ordered sour cherries at her request. Silke Gürlich praises the flower department: "The flowers are fresh and the staff does a great job putting together bouquets and arrangements." And I appreciated a deli clerk cooking an order of barbecue sausages, which I had assumed would be available on Sunday.

We enjoy the convenience of having the store in the neighborhood, but to keep it we need to support it. If the checkout lines are long, and you don't have liquor, or produce that needs to be weighed to be priced, you can ask the deli or service-desk staff to check you out. Note: If your cart doesn't pass through a checkstand, its wheels will lock when you leave, so hand-carry those purchases out.

## Shopping carts pickup

Please report abandoned shopping carts to All American Shopping Carts at [allamericancartservice.com](http://allamericancartservice.com) or 1-800-913-5639.

## Neighbors' Websites page; help keep it current

by Marilyn Gildea

The Neighbors' Links page is at [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org) under MLNA. If you are a Monta Loma resident who owns a business and would like to be listed, send your name, business name/description, and the link to your site to me at [newsletter@montaloma.org](mailto:newsletter@montaloma.org). If your link is no longer valid or has changed, please let me know so I can update the page. If you know that someone listed no longer lives in the neighborhood, please contact me.



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## Friends of the Library book sale August 18 and 19

The thrice-yearly used-book sale usually has over 5,000 books, DVDs, CDs, videos and games to choose from, most of which are \$1 or less. Details are at [mvlibraryfriends.org](http://mvlibraryfriends.org).

## Ask Mountain View

Using Ask Mountain View on the city's website is a very effective way to get a response to any inquiry or request. Click on the words "Ask MV" on the bottom of the home page, [mountainview.gov](http://mountainview.gov). If you can't find the appropriate topic, someone at City Hall will forward your message to the right person.

If you're not already signed up with Ask Mountain View, you will be asked to provide contact information for a response, or to click on Remain Anonymous. If you are registered, remember to log in first.

## Permanente Creek Trail extended to W. Middlefield

by Jim Cochran

The Permanente Creek Trail is now open between Rock Street and West Middlefield. It runs beside the Crittenden School field and is a beautiful way to bike or hike to Shoreline Park.

## Repair Café

Don't toss it, repair it. The next Repair Café sessions are at the Museum of American Heritage in Palo Alto on Sunday, August 19, and Sunday, October 14, 11:00 – 3:00. Visit [repaircafemv.org](http://repaircafemv.org) for information.

## Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT)

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## Keeping Monta Loma clean and green

**Dogs:** Monta Loma Park fields and school grounds are off limits to dogs during school hours. Pick up dog messes deposited at other times. Please don't deposit doggie bags in neighbors' trash cans after they've been emptied. Incontinent dogs should be walked in the gutter, not on sidewalks.




**Walkable Sidewalks:** Please trim your greenery back to the full width of the sidewalk and to a height of seven feet, as required by city code.

**Hazardous waste:** Visit [hhw.org](http://hhw.org) or call 408-299-7300 to make an appointment to drop off your household hazardous waste and e-waste. Go to [paintcare.org/locator/](http://paintcare.org/locator/) for stores accepting leftover paint. Invite neighbors to help fill your trunk.

**Bulky trash:** Go to [goo.gl/Ka9Que](http://goo.gl/Ka9Que) for On Call Plus pickup info.



**Street sweeping:** Help the sweeper clean your gutter by moving your vehicles and trash bins off the street the evening before the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

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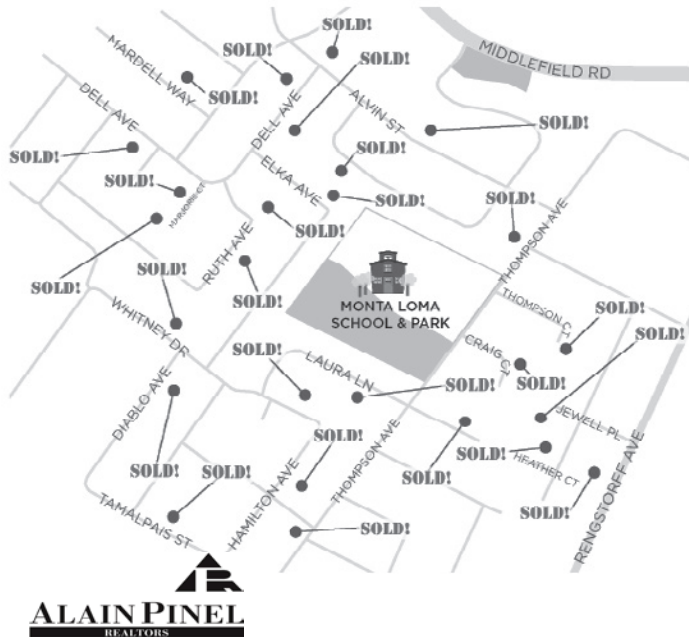
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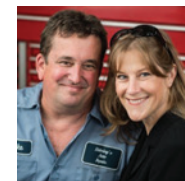
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