

MONTA LOMA NEWS



Monta Loma Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting and Board Election

Wednesday, May 30, 7:00 p.m., at 250 Mayfield Ave.

(It's the smaller Google building, on the east side of Mayfield.)

- 7:00 p.m. Doors open for setup, sign-in, and refreshments. Chat with the board members and candidates.
- 7:15 p.m. Meeting begins with president's update.
- 7:30 p.m. Presentation of candidates and voting.
- 7:45 p.m. Program: Mayor Lenny Siegel will bring us up to date on topics such as regulating vehicle dwellers and short-term rentals such as Airbnb. Google X's Dan Della Maggiora will discuss parking, traffic, and other topics of neighborhood interest. For background about the "Moonshot Factory" on our doorstep, watch CEO Astro Teller's 15-minute TED talk before the meeting. Find it at tinyurl.com/MLNGGLX.

MLNA Board Election

Please participate in the election on May 30 to vote on your board members. If you like what we're doing, come and vote for us. If not, replace any or all of us. As always, all positions are open. The positions are described at montaloma.org under MLNA.

All but one of the current board members have agreed to continue to serve if reelected. We do have candidates for the two vacant positions, but we welcome hearing from anyone interested in joining the Board in the future. If you appreciate living in our neighborhood, this is a good way to give back.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the election (with the consent of the nominee), but to place your name on the printed ballot, or to obtain an absentee ballot, contact Baidra Murphy at secretary@montaloma.org or 691-5258 by **6 p.m. on Friday, May 25**.

Monta Loma tee shirts



Show your pride in our neighborhood by wearing a Monta Loma tee shirt. You can order shirts at the annual meeting or until early August. The once-a-year order will be submitted in early August so we'll have them in time for the Ice Cream Social. We will order some gray and some red shirts for sale at the ICS, but many other colors are available if you special-order your preferred style and color in advance. Ordering instructions are on montaloma.org, or contact Marilyn at marilyn@gildea.com or 940-1606. Also contact Marilyn if you want one of the shirts remaining from last year's order.

Foxtails menace our pets

Foxtails (tinyurl.com/fxtlmln) are proliferating in the neighborhood and are a hazard to pets and wildlife. Expensive surgery is required when the seeds embed themselves in tender places such as nose, ears, or paws. Please pull up the plants wherever you can and bag in compostable yard-waste bags. If you must mow, bag for disposal. If using plastic bags, place in garbage bin.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

- May 30: MLNA General Meeting and Election (pp. 1 and 2)
- August 26: MLNA Ice Cream Social (p. 3)
- October 25: City/Neighborhood meeting (p. 2)

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From MLNA President Linda Harvey

I've been going to city council meetings lately because of the topics, and I'm wondering how interested you are in them, too.

The first was on RVs in Mountain View. Could RVs come into MLN, park on our streets, and move every few days only to be replaced by others? There are 300–400 of them in MV now, and the expectation is that the number will grow and soon reach 1,000 or more. The short answer is Yes, of course they can come to our neighborhood, because ours are city streets and anyone can use them.

The second council meeting I attended was about short-term rentals (STRs) such as Airbnb. How many STRs should be allowed in MV? How many days should one be allowed to operate per year until it becomes a permanent or long-term rental? What about parking? What if there's a problem with plumbing, for example, and the owner is not on the premises? Should there be a mandatory go-to person who lives nearby to take care of emergencies? These and many more issues were brought up.

Our mayor, Lenny Siegel, will speak and take your questions at our annual meeting on May 30. (See page 1.) I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

MLNA board candidates

With the exception of retiring First Vice President Ann Togasaki, the current board members (listed on left) have agreed to continue to serve if reelected. We are fortunate to have these new candidates:

Tricia DelGaudio for First Vice President. Tricia and her husband, Michael, moved to Emmons in 2017, looking for a family-focused neighborhood to raise their son, Bryce (3.5 yrs). Tricia has enjoyed meeting neighbors, connecting with other parents, and being able to regularly bike to work. In her free time, Tricia will often be found baking with her son, enjoying local farmers markets, or practicing yoga. Tricia served on the board of her previous residence for four years.

Isabella Hill for Member-at-Large. Isabella moved to Monta Loma with her husband Brian in 2005 before they added two boys (ages 9 and 3) and two Labrador Retrievers (ages 13 and 3) to their family. Having moved every four years throughout her childhood and early adulthood, Isabella is thrilled to have found Monta Loma, where her roots have deepened as a natural response to this tight-knit, family-focused, and diverse community. She can be seen walking all members of her family in various configurations throughout the day. Isabella has been a newsletter deliverer and helped organize Lassen's block parties.



Neighborhood Watch – Prevent break-ins

By Tom Purcell, Monta Loma Neighborhood Watch Captain

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. 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 this summer.

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.

A link to the MVPD's tip sheet on how to prevent burglaries in your home and vehicle is at tinyurl.com/mvpdtips and also at montaloma.org on the Neighborhood Watch page. Visit tinyurl.com/prvnthft for tips to prevent package thefts.

Meet the people who run our city on October 25

Every other year three city council members plus the heads of most of the city departments (including police and planning) 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 come meet the people who run our city.

Traffic/Parking Liaison — John Canata

John Canata volunteered to deal with neighborhood traffic and parking issues with Google and the City, and was appointed by the MLNA Board to the position of MLNA Traffic and Parking Liaison. John coordinates with our Google X contact and the city's traffic engineers. One of John's suggestions to help keep everyone safe resulted in the red flags on the stop signs at each end of the driveway that connects Nita with Mayfield.

John sees all the messages posted to the mln and NextDoor email lists, but if you want to discuss a traffic or parking concern with him alone, and not everyone on the list, contact him at traffici liaison@montaloma.org or 691-5258.

New parking procedures at Google X will be explained at the annual meeting on May 30.

Plan a block party

Last year's 11 block parties were all greatly enjoyed. Go to tinyurl.com/Blkpartymp to see where they were held.

Now it's time to set the date for your street's 2018 party. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, build the camaraderie that helps keep our neighborhood safe, and compile a list of each other's contact information to share. To promote these goals, the MLNA will help pay for your party.

Note that to block off a street you must obtain a permit and **allow at least 30 days** for it to be processed. For how-to information, including how to borrow orange safety cones and Road Closed signs, go to montaloma.org and click on Block Parties under Events. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "printable version."

Our Neighborhood Watch Captain, Tom Purcell on Alvin, would be happy to visit your party to meet your neighbors and discuss security. Contact Tom at MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com.

CERT course begins on May 31

By Tim Slattery, CERT Leader

Are you ready for an emergency? We encourage you to take the city's free CERT course that begins on May 31, whether or not you join the neighborhood group. A link to registration information is at montaloma.org/mlna/cert.

You can check out Monta Loma's CERT at any of their Saturday sessions on the second Saturday of the month, between 9 and 11 a.m. at their trailer on the north side of the school. The next sessions are on June 9, July 7, and August 11, at the CERT trailer.

We thank Sarah and Dox Doxiadis for donating several multi-tool knives for the Search-and-Rescue kits and a large tent to replace the current medical tent, which was smaller and difficult to set up.

CERT distributed preparedness information

In conjunction with the city-wide drill on Saturday, April 21, teams of CERT members delivered disaster-preparedness information door-to-door to 80% of Monta Loma households. If your home was missed or you want extra copies, go to tinyurl.com/CERTDPI or contact CERT@montaloma.org.



Ice Cream Social; volunteer now

The MLNA Ice Cream Social, our biggest event of the year, is scheduled for Sunday, August 26, 3 to 5 p.m. It will again feature free ice cream and toppings, plus entertainment for the kids and displays of neighborhood information. It's all designed to entice you to Monta Loma Park to meet your neighbors, which is its real purpose.

We always get great neighborhood response for help for the day of the event, but we need help in advance. We also welcome volunteers for activities. Do you juggle? Perform magic tricks? Please sign up at the May 30 MLNA election meeting or email eventcoordinator@montaloma.org.

Neighborhood Resources

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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Preschooler Network

Darcy Koch
preschooler@montaloma.org

MLN Neighborhood Email List

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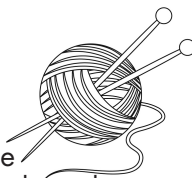
Thanks to those who delivered the March newsletter: Vannina Champenois, Donna Clarke, Jim and Alice Cochran, Harry Gordon, Birgit Grundler, Silke Gurlich, Maria Harnoto, Chuck and Cookie Henderson, Paul Kostka, Vickie Lee, Shelly Ostman, Herb and Victoria Perry, Linda Powers, Cheryl Smith, Leanne Reelfs, Andre Valente, Jen Wakefield, 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.

Knitting Group in Monta Loma

By Ann Togatashi, MLNA First Vice President

The Monta Loma Knitting list has grown to 25 people. Different neighbors are available to join us each month so we meet new people and always have a great time. Whether you knit, crochet, or bring another craft, all are welcome to join. If you would like to be on our email list, contact me at ann.togatashi@gmail.com.



Enjoy folk music? Contact Joel Orr at joel.orr@gmail.com or 336-3937 to be notified of this group's meetings.

Want more activities in Monta Loma?

The knitting and the folk-music groups are examples of "More opportunities for us to get to know neighbors beyond our immediate street" requested in last year's survey. Someone wrote "local hiking" on the interest sheet at the Spring Fling, but we could not read the e-address and hope that he/she will contact a board member.

If you wish to help organize a group or project, look for the sign-up sheet on the mln info table at the annual meeting or contact the MLNA Board at board@montaloma.org or 691-5258.



Spring Fling a success

Those who attended our neighborhood social event on March 3 enjoyed the larger space of the school's newly expanded multipurpose room, and especially appreciated the two "sit and chat" chair circles in the center. The adults chatted with long-time and new neighbors, plus representatives of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Mountain View Trees, and Rebuilding Together Peninsula. The city's police department, community outreach, zero-waste recycling, and aquatics programs also sent members to answer questions. See photos under Events at montaloma.org.

So that parents could chat, children were entertained at the crafts table and were also offered balloon creations and cotton candy. The event was held in conjunction with Monta Loma School's PTA's very successful used-book sale, and many attendees said how much they enjoyed and appreciated both events. Thanks to everyone who helped or attended, especially to MLE Principal Gloria Higgins, who helped with setup and take down.

Little Free Libraries update

Sarah and Dox Doxiadis welcome browsers to their LFL on Adele at Palmer. They offer books for the very young, for grade-schoolers, tweens and teens, young adults, and families. They curate the books on Sunday afternoons and exchange those that have been there too long with another LFL. They also offer a bench so you can sit while you decide among the choices. Photos of all the LFLs are at montaloma.org/little-free-libraries.

Pete Adamson

By Linda Harvey, MLNA President

Long-time resident Peter Baillie Adamson died on March 29. Pete and Irene moved into their home on Palmer 55 years ago. They attended progressive dinners and could often be found enjoying lunch at Hobee's. Pete improved many Monta Loma homes with his handiwork and artistry. He was kind and generous and spoke with a beautiful Scottish brogue. We have lost a good and faithful friend. Pete will be greatly missed.

CERT joins city-wide association

The MLNA Board approved an annual payment of \$40 to enable Monta Loma's CERT to join the Association of Mountain View Neighborhood CERTs (AMVNC). The AMVNC is a 501(c)(3) organization that was incorporated to help the Mountain View neighborhood CERT groups share resources and to make it easy for supporters to make tax deductible donations to support all or any of the CERTs.

New neighbors?

Look for the "New to Monta Loma?" link on the Home page at 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 or 940-1606.

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 or call 408-299-7300 to make an appointment to drop off your household hazardous waste and e-waste. Go to paintcare.org/locator/ for stores accepting leftover paint. Invite neighbors to help fill your trunk.

Bulky trash: Go to 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.

Trash and recycling bins should be out of sight except within 24 hours of pickup time.



Monta Loma School update

By Gloria Higgins, Monta Loma School Principal

Construction resumes this summer as the roofs on all buildings are modernized, and the staff room and office interiors are remodeled. Thanks to your support of Measure G, we have been enjoying new technology in classrooms and the remodeled Multi Use Room. It was a treat to have you there for your Spring Fling! Monta Loma School is so grateful for the support of the Monta Loma Neighborhood in all the ways you share it. Whether through social events, volunteerism, voting on funding measures, or emergency preparedness, our students and staff benefit tremendously from your contributions. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Leadership Mountain View taking applications

"Leadership Mountain View is where good people become great leaders," agree the graduates of this course on how the city works. If you contemplate becoming more involved in the community, consider taking this one-Friday-a-month course. It begins in September but spaces fill early. Visit lmv.education or contact Bruce Humphrey at bruce.humphrey@lmv.education or 968-8378.

Editor's note: Some elected officials say that participation in the League of Women Voters provides an even more valuable experience. (Yes, the LWV welcomes men, too.)

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.

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 and click on Advisory Bodies under City Council.

Mobile Library and summer reading info

The Mobile Library stops at Monta Loma School every Friday from 4:15 to 5:00 and also on Jane at Fay on June 8, July 6, and August 3, from 9:45 to 10:15. For information or special requests, email Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov or call 526-7029. Go to mountainview.beanstack.org for information on the summer reading program.

Monta Loma Safeway

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.

Walgreens Plaza has new tenants

The empty Walgreens store space on Rengstorff at Central has been filled with a class-based fitness gym, NC Fit. Bamboo Garden is now Dumpling Garden, with new owners.

Community events

Paper Shredding: The next shredding opportunity is on Saturday, July 14, 8:00 to noon at the SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Rd. in Sunnyvale. You may want to arrange a carpool via the mln email list. See mvrecycle.org and click on Events, or call 903-6311.

If you shred at home, please put the shreds in paper bags, stapled shut, so they won't litter the street when the recycling cart is emptied.

Repair Café: Do you have things that you like, but no longer work? Don't toss them, repair them on August 19, 11:00 to 3:00 at the Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Visit repaircafemv.org for info.



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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.

Wyandotte Street Park design meetings

By Marilyn Gildea

Several years ago then-MLNA President Bill Cranston happened to walk by the property at 2254 Wyandotte (between Independence and Rengstorff) and noticed that it was for sale. He knew that the City was looking for places to build more parks in this underserved area, so he relayed the information, and the City bought the lot.

City representatives held a meeting on April 26 to solicit public input on the features the new park should have, and opinions varied widely. I voted for a playground for 2-5-year-olds because crossing Middlefield from Independence to get to Thaddeus Park is still dangerous, despite the flashing lights.

The designers will present their proposed plan on the evening of June 7 at the Senior Center. Visit tinyurl.com/Wyandot for information.

Swim at Greenmeadow's pool

Memberships are available for the Greenmeadow Community Association pool, located within easy walking/biking distance via the Nita/San Antonio crosswalk. This community swim club offers lap swimming, swim team, swim lessons, water exercise, and family events for all ages. Info at greenmeadow.org.

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Alternatives to air conditioning

For those not interested in installing AC, here are some ways to keep your house cool. Keep the sun off windows and sliding doors with outdoor blinds such as Coolaroo roll-up sunshades. Leave windows open 4 inches at night, secured with locks or dowels. Open windows and doors very early in the morning to let the cool air in. Use a fan or run your bathroom fan (or kitchen fan if it leads to outside) to pull in cool air. Close the house before it's warmer outside than in; this may be only an hour after sunrise.

Turn off non-essential lights and electronics. Replace older appliances with energy-efficient models. Plant deciduous trees, which shade your home in summer but let in the sun's warmth in winter. Insulate your roof, and/or have it painted white. Insulate the walls and floor. Install double-paned windows.



Chatter bars installed on Victory

The yellow center-line bumps installed on Victory at Dell in January were requested by the MLNA after a board member saw two people walking home from the train in the dark almost get hit by a driver cutting the corner. The lane divider has made this unlighted intersection safer.



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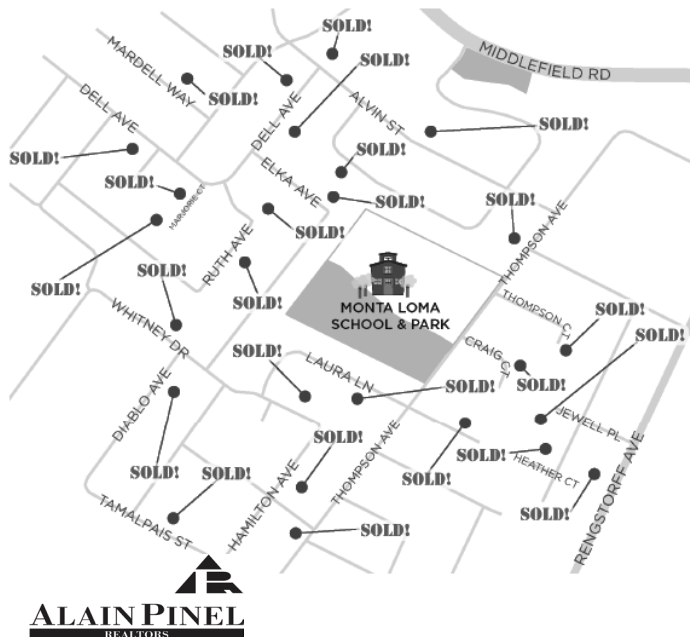
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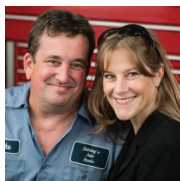
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