

# MONTA LOMA NEWS



## MLNA board election and annual meeting Wednesday, May 29

If you agree that we have a great thing going in our neighborhood, help us keep it that way by volunteering to serve on the MLNA Board. We need "at large" (no designated responsibility) members, and always welcome hearing from anyone interested in joining the board either now or in the future. The positions are described at [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org) under MLNA.

The annual general meeting and board election will take place on Wednesday evening, May 29, but we don't need to wait until then to appoint new members. If you want to contribute to our Monta Loma community, please contact any board member to learn more. (See list on page 2.)



## The new MLN email list is coming soon

The neighborhood email list has long been a wonderful neighborhood resource, allowing us to share requests, information, no-longer-needed items, and much more. Problems with Yahoo Groups have made the list increasingly difficult to use, so Peggy Manor, the list owner, is moving the list to a new host.

This conversion is in process now. Those already on the Yahoo list are being emailed an invitation to join the new list. Once they have had time to answer the invitation, Peggy will activate the new list and retire the old list. The target date to complete the transfer is March 31, with the new list active on April 1.

The new list will have the same rules: Members must be Monta Loma residents or property owners, and it will still be an information and referral list, not a discussion list.

After April 1, Monta Loma residents and property owners who would like to join the list can join by following the instructions at [montaloma.org/mlna/mln-email-lists](http://montaloma.org/mlna/mln-email-lists).

## Focus on Monta Loma

*Compiled by Marilyn Gildea*

At the request of newer resident Tricia DelGaudio, I asked members of the email list to share their favorite reasons for living here, and any special-interest groups they know about. Responses included:

People take pride in knowing their neighbors, and are always willing to lend a helping hand and offer advice via the email list. We have grocery stores within walking distance or short drives. The Midwife and the Baker is an amazing bakery within walking distance on Independence; you can buy fresh bread off the bakery rack. You can always find something to read at one of the many little free libraries, and see some great gardens as you walk to them.

Heather Schöll on Alvin observes that it's difficult to meet people with kids when everyone is so busy, so the Ice Cream Social and other park meet-ups are great. A group of neighbors with young kids go to La Bamba monthly so the kids can play in the bounce house while we have dinner. I'd love to do a summer progressive dinner again as we did in 2012; perhaps a kid-friendly version this time.

Eileen Menteer on Devri wants newcomers to know about our history: The train tracks were originally built during the Civil War. Alvin Street was an airport runway. The Ohlones lived here from 800 b.c. and left a shell mound that evolved from a truck farm and orchard to a curling rink to a shopping mall to HP to Google X. [Visit [montaloma.org/monta-loma/history](http://montaloma.org/monta-loma/history).]

Dotty Calabrese on Richard Ct. cherishes the neighborhood's diversity, in age (ranging from now-elderly original owners to young parents), countries of origin, sexual orientation, religion, and cultures. We proudly carry on Joseph Eichler's non-discrimination policy. [In 1958, Eichler resigned from the National Association of Home Builders when it refused to support a non-discrimination policy.]

Jim Cochran on Thaddeus reminds us to be aware of and grateful for the good city services we receive. The parks are kept very neat, the streets are swept regularly, the police respond to our concerns, and our trash is always picked up. Is everything perfect? No; we still have dangerous intersections and traffic jams at the school, but we enjoy the comfort of our neighborhood while having good support from our city staff.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

- April 5 Monta Loma School Walk-a-Thon (p. 5)
- May 4 MLN garage sale; visit [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org)
- May 29 MLNA Meeting and Election (p. 1)
- August 25 MLNA Ice Cream Social, 3:00-5:00
- Also see the list of Community Events on p. 4.

## MLNA Board Members

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## Newsletter editor seeks replacement

By Marilyn Gildea

I've been producing the Monta Loma quarterly newsletter since 2004 and I'm ready to retire. I will help the new editor for as many issues as requested, and I presume that she/he will do it differently.

If you like gathering and sharing news of coming events and useful information with your neighbors, please contact me at marilyn@gildea.com or 940-1606 to discuss.



## Avoid the Dirty Dozen

The Dirty Dozen are 12 types of items that can mislead anyone trying to be a conscientious recycler. They seem recyclable, but are unwanted by recycling markets and contaminate the recycling process.

China, formerly the major destination for the world's recyclables, recently banned all imports of recyclable paper and plastics because of too many contaminants. The remaining markets expect materials free of contaminants.

This affects both our city's recycling center and the SMaRT Station. The better we are at putting only designated materials into our bins, the easier it will be for the City to continue selling them. The recycling revenue offsets costs and can help moderate garbage rates.

See the Dirty Dozen at [mountainview.gov/dirtydozen](http://mountainview.gov/dirtydozen).

## Explore our website

Visit [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org) and discover its hidden treasures. A small sample: Fun Factoids about Monta Loma, a list of the birds that you might see while walking to visit the little free libraries in our neighborhood, our neighborhood's history dating back to the Ohlone Indians, nearby businesses, businesses owned by neighbors, local weather stations, photos of past events, and recent MLN newsletters.

## Block parties

One of things that make Monta Loma special is our block parties; 13 were held last year. Both newcomers and long-timers appreciated the chance to get to know each other, and everyone is looking forward to a repeat this year.

The map at [tinyurl.com/blkparty18](http://tinyurl.com/blkparty18) shows where the 2018 parties were held. If your street isn't highlighted, talk with your neighbors about organizing one. For how-to information go to [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org) and click on Block Parties under Events.

## Google opens more parking

In late January, John Canata, the MLNA's traffic and parking liaison with Google and the City, received this good news from his contact at Google X: "Two weeks ago we opened up our parking garage to provide 250 additional parking stalls at the main building. I hope that you are starting to see a decrease in cars parked in the neighborhood.

"We are investigating the addition of on-site valet starting in April, which will add about another 150 spaces to the site. These discussions have already begun, but it takes significant time to roll out (contracts, hiring, implementation, etc.).

"Please thank the neighbors for their patience as we know this has been a burden for all of you."



## Water leak; how to check for

To check whether you have a water leak, go to [tinyurl.com/MVH2Oleak](http://tinyurl.com/MVH2Oleak) and click on "Do you have a leak?" for do-it-yourself instructions.



## Neighborhood Watch – Neighbors help after auto burglary

By Tom Purcell, Monta Loma Neighborhood Watch Captain

After a car parked on Emmons was burglarized, the owner posted the news on the mln email list. Neighbors on Thaddeus, Emmons, and Alvin sent him footage from their security cameras to give to the police. The combined footage showed both the young thief and his lookout. This is just one more example of neighbors helping neighbors.

The police urge us to call whenever we 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 MVD's tip sheet on how to prevent burglaries in your home and vehicle is at [tinyurl.com/mvdpdtp](http://tinyurl.com/mvdpdtp) and also at [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org) on the Neighborhood Watch page (under MLNA). Visit [tinyurl.com/prvntthft](http://tinyurl.com/prvntthft) for tips to prevent package thefts.

### "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs installed

After the January 14 collision on W. Middlefield at Independence, Janet Kenney suggested that posting "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs on the Independence and Thaddeus stop signs might help. John Canata, the MLNA's volunteer traffic/parking liaison, submitted a request to the City that the signs be installed. The traffic engineer's office immediately issued a work order, and the signs were installed within two weeks.

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](mailto:traffici liaison@montaloma.org) or 691-5258.

### Traffic/Parking update – Nita/Nita intersection

By John Canata, MLNA Traffic and Parking Liaison

Videos of drivers not stopping at the stop signs and cutting over the double yellow line at the Nita/Nita intersection were shared with the city's traffic engineers. I am working with them to make this intersection safer. Updates will be posted to the MLN and NextDoor email lists and on the Traffic/Parking page at [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org).

I see all the messages posted to MLN, but contact me at 269-5646 or [canata350@comcast.net](mailto:canata350@comcast.net) if you'd like to discuss a traffic or parking concern. Photos and videos are helpful.

### Waymo driverless cars

A school parent has raised concerns about no-human-on-board Waymo cars operating near Monta Loma Elementary School. Comments about Waymo driverless cars should be sent directly to [waymo.com/contact/feedback](http://waymo.com/contact/feedback). This will relieve John Canata, MLNA's traffic/parking liaison, of having to deal with comments and complaints about Waymo vehicles.

If you forget the Feedback URL, go to [waymo.com](http://waymo.com) and scroll down to Contact Us.

### Repair Café May 11

Don't toss it, repair it. The next Repair Café is at the Sunnyvale Public Library on Saturday, May 11, noon to 4:00.

Visit [repaircafemv.org](http://repaircafemv.org) for information and the 2019 schedule.



## Neighborhood Resources

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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### Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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### Traffic/Parking Liaison

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### Preschooler Network

Elisa Ewing and Scott Lamb  
Darcy Koch  
[tinyurl.com/mlpreschoolernetwork](http://tinyurl.com/mlpreschoolernetwork)

### MLN Neighborhood Email List

[mln@yahoo.com](mailto:mln@yahoo.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)  
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### Thanks to our volunteers!

Thanks to those who delivered the November newsletter: John Canata, Vannina Champenois, Donna Clarke, Jim and Alice Cochran, Martha Elderon, Harry Gordon, Grant and Birgit Grundler, Maria Harnoto, Chuck and Cookie Henderson and Griffen, Jessie Holombo, Paul Kostka, Vickie Lee, Joan MacDonald, Herb and Victoria Perry, Linda Powers, Leane Reelfs, Bree Richardson, 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.



## Are you ready for an emergency?

By Tim Slattery, CERT Leader

Are you interested in working with your neighbors to be better able to assist others in an emergency? Members of Monta Loma's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) encourage you to take the city's **free CERT course**, whether or not you join our neighborhood group. The next series **begins on Thursday, March 28**. Visit [montaloma.org/cert](http://montaloma.org/cert) for a link to information.

You can check out Monta Loma's CERT at any of our Saturday sessions on the second Saturday of the month, between 9 and 11 a.m. at our trailer on the north side of the school. Our next sessions are on April 13, May 11, and June 8. Questions? Contact me at [CERT@montaloma.org](mailto:CERT@montaloma.org) or 964-6389.

## CERT tests new lighting

By Tim Slattery, CERT Leader

The test of our new LED-lighted canopy in front of Monta Loma School on Halloween went very well. The lights were bright enough to do any necessary work. The battery was barely drained during the two hours we passed out candy. We attracted many children with the candy, and gave the adults information about CERT and offered emergency-preparedness flyers. We verified that we will be able to operate at night with our existing equipment.

You can find links to emergency-preparedness information at [montaloma.org/cert](http://montaloma.org/cert).

## CERT can accept donations

Monta Loma's CERT is a member of the Association of Mountain View Neighborhood CERTs (AMVNC). The AMVNC was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization to help the Mountain View neighborhood CERT groups share resources, and to make it easy for supporters to make tax-deductible in-kind or money donations to support any or all of the CERTs.

Last year, Sarah and Dox Doxiadis donated several multi-tool knives for the Search-and-Rescue kits, plus a large tent to replace a smaller and difficult-to-set-up medical tent. Visit [montaloma.org/cert](http://montaloma.org/cert) for a link to the AMVNC's donations page.

## Ernie's trains ran again

Ernie's son, John, and the rest of the Bianco family continued the tradition of running his model trains evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The display was featured in the December 21 issue of the *Voice* and drew more than a hundred people on some nights. Sandra H. commented, "We walk over every evening when it's clear. It's a great way to get the kids outside, even though it's dark. It's the highlight of our year. John is a neighborhood hero!"

Adele neighbor Elna Tymes reported, "The trains were a huge success during the evenings leading up to Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Lots of happy, appreciative people, 'kids with their faces all aglow' and adults pretty fascinated, too. Unfortunately, it rained and was windy in the late afternoon and early evening of Christmas Eve, so my daughter-in-law didn't sing, but John Bianco was out by the garage as usual."



## Progressive Dinner a success

Thanks to organizer Karla Valente, the eleventh annual Holiday Potluck Progressive Dinner on December 1 was again a warm and festive success. The 14 attendees went to three homes for the various courses. Everyone had fun meeting new people, seeing old friends, and eating delicious food.

Thanks also to the generous hosts: Linda Powers and Jim Fair, Karla and Andre Valente, and Cathy Blake. Contributions to Second Harvest Food Bank totaled \$375, enough to provide many holiday meals.

## Summer Progressive Dinner?

Participants in the December progressive dinner expressed strong interest in holding a summer progressive dinner, as was held in 2012. If you would like to be included, contact [eventcoordinator@montaloma.org](mailto:eventcoordinator@montaloma.org).

## Tee shirts are available



Thirty-three Monta Loma tee shirts were bought at the Ice Cream Social last August, but some red shirts and gray shirts remain in all the styles listed at [montaloma.org/monta-loma-tee-shirts](http://montaloma.org/monta-loma-tee-shirts) still-available. If you are interested in buying one, contact Marilyn at [marilyn@gildea.com](mailto:marilyn@gildea.com) or 940-1606.

## Community events

**City of Mountain View Multicultural Festival:** Saturday, March 30, 11:00–2:00 at Civic Center Plaza. Info is at [mountainview.gov/culturefest](http://mountainview.gov/culturefest).

**City of Mountain View Spring Family Parade:** Saturday, April 27, 10:00–1:00. Register by Friday, April 12, at [mountainview.gov/parade](http://mountainview.gov/parade) or 903-6442.

**MLN garage sale:** Saturday, May 4. Visit [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org) for information.

**Friends of the Library used-book sale:** Saturday & Sunday, May 4 and 5. Info at [mvlibraryfriends.org](http://mvlibraryfriends.org).

**Citywide garage sale and Community yard sale:** Not being held in 2019 but back in 2020.



## ● Monta Loma School News ●



### How to help Monta Loma School

To help in a classroom, the school gardens, or at events, contact [montalomapta@gmail.com](mailto:montalomapta@gmail.com) or call the office at 903-6915.

To donate financially, email [montalomapta@gmail.com](mailto:montalomapta@gmail.com). Vendors such as Amazon and eScrip send a portion of your shopping dollars to the school. Box tops can be dropped off in the school office.

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.

### Support Monta Loma School's Walk-a-Thon

The annual Walk-a-Thon on Friday afternoon, April 5, is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. They need lots of energetic volunteers to count laps, serve snacks/water, help with the bake sale and auction, or keep the kids on course and excited. If you can volunteer or donate time/food/items for auction/activities (balloon animals, face painting, etc.), please contact [montalomapta@gmail.com](mailto:montalomapta@gmail.com) or drop a note in the PTA box in the office. Neighbors are encouraged to come between 3:00 and 6:00, when you can buy food for dinner.

### Monta Loma School traffic reminder

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.

### Preschooler Network

In January, Elisa Ewing and Scott Lamb invited members and potential members of the Monta Loma Preschooler Network to a hot-cocoa party at their home. If you have children under 6 and want to meet other neighborhood families, visit [tinyurl.com/mlpreschoolernetwork](http://tinyurl.com/mlpreschoolernetwork).



### Knitting group

The Monta Loma Knitting group continues to meet monthly. Whether you knit, crochet, or bring another craft, all are welcome to join. Contact Ann Togasaki at [ann.togasaki@gmail.com](mailto:ann.togasaki@gmail.com) to join the group's email list.

**Enjoy folk music?** Contact Joel Orr at [joel.orr@gmail.com](mailto:joel.orr@gmail.com) or 336-3937 to be notified of this new group's meetings.

**Pet-sitting exchange:** If you would like to join this email list, contact Caroline Chan at [wpturtle@gmail.com](mailto:wpturtle@gmail.com).

### Want more activities in Monta Loma?

The preschooler network, pet-sitting exchange, and knitting and folk-music groups are examples of "More opportunities for us to get to know neighbors beyond our immediate street" requested in a survey. 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](mailto:board@montaloma.org) or 691-5258.

### 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.

### Mobile Library changes schedule

The Mobile Library now stops at Monta Loma School every Thursday, instead of Friday, from 4:15 to 5:00. It also stops on Jane at Fay on these Fridays: April 2 and May 10 from 9:45 to 10:15. For information or special requests, email [Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov](mailto:Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov) or call 526-7029.



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**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. A neighbor requests a reminder about picking up droppings from yards.

**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, recycling, etc.:** Visit [mvrecycle.org](http://mvrecycle.org) for links to information.

**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.

## 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](http://mountainview.gov) and click on Advisory Bodies under City Council.

## 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'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.

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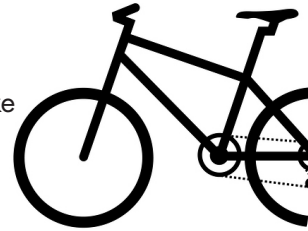
## Let's talk trash

Squirrels have chewed through the lids of some residents' carts to find food. Damaged carts can be replaced free by contacting Recology at [ContactUsRMV@recology.com](mailto:ContactUsRMV@recology.com) or 967-3034. Bagging your trash reduces the odors that attract animals.

- Crows like to raid carts that are too full to close completely, and the items that they pull out litter the street and blow around the neighborhood. If you need a larger cart, contact Recology.
- Please don't deposit doggie bags in neighbors' trash cans after they've been emptied.
- Go to [goo.gl/Ka9Que](http://goo.gl/Ka9Que) for On Call Plus pickup of bulky trash.
- Trash and recycling bins should be out of sight except within 24 hours of pickup time. The recycling collection calendar is at [tinyurl.com/MLcolcal](http://tinyurl.com/MLcolcal).

## Google bikes

If you see a multicolor Google bike where it probably shouldn't be, please email its location and the time spotted to Lost Gbike at [lostgbike@google.com](mailto:lostgbike@google.com) so it can be retrieved. Google prefers email but you can also call 214-9003.





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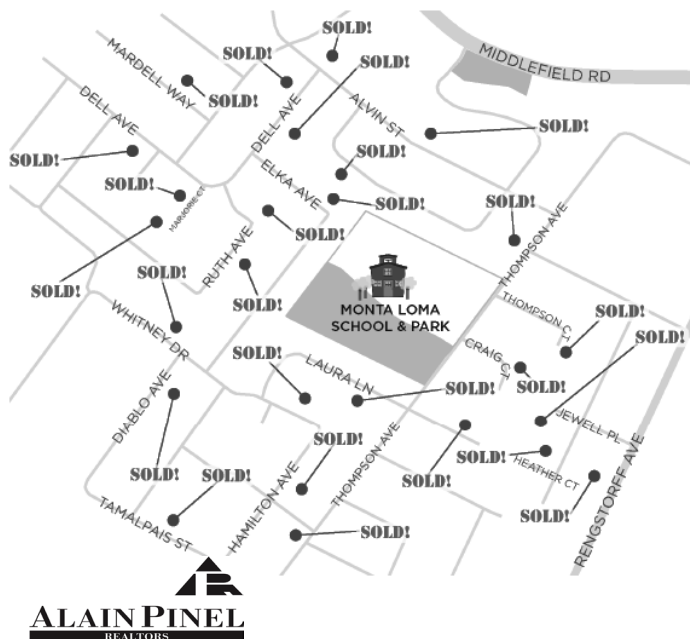
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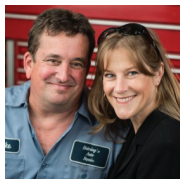
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