

MONTA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Come and Meet Your Neighbors While Enjoying *Free Ice Cream* at Monta Loma Park

Sunday, August 25th, 3 to 5 p.m.

Join the activities at the 2019 Ice Cream Social.

- Visit the MLNA welcome table first and sign in. (Our insurance requires it.)
- Eat ice cream and toppings (until we run out).
- Buy a Monta Loma tee shirt (\$15), hat (\$18), mug (\$5) or frisbee (\$2). Cash only.
- Visit our Community Emergency Response Team's (CERT) display and sign up to support.

For your ice cream, BYO mug and spoon or buy a Monta Loma Mug and be Eco-Groovy this year!

- Ask "Gizmo Gary" Heyman to make you a balloon hat, animal or flower.
- Satisfy your sweet tooth with cotton candy from Gloria Jackson.
- Brush up on local trivia at the Monta Loma History table, and contribute your stories and artifacts.
- Look for the fire truck from the MVFD (if they're not on a call).
- Check out end-of-summer reads at the Bookmobile.
- Stop by the PTA table to learn what is new and coming at our Monta Loma Elementary school



Illustration: L. Schell

Ice Cream Doesn't Scoop Itself (yet...)

Volunteers are needed to make our annual Ice Cream Social a screaming success. Some ways to help:

- Lend folding tables / chairs
- Set-up of tables
- Work the Welcome Table sign-in
- Scoop Ice Cream
- Break down tables after event / clean up

Email eventcoordinator@montaloma.org to volunteer.

Order your Monta Loma T-shirt by Monday

Show your pride in our neighborhood by wearing a Monta Loma tee shirt. Explore all the color choices at www.montaloma.org/shirts. To get the size, color, and style you want, order online or contact Marilyn by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 12. The once-a-year order goes in on Tuesday morning. marilyn@gildea.com / (650) 940-1606



From MLNA President Tricia DelGaudio

Part of what makes Monta Loma stand out is our commitment to community and our neighborhood events such as the Ice Cream Social and block parties, but it doesn't have to stop there. The relationships these events foster unite us.

The board is always looking for more ways to bring the neighborhood together through clubs and events. Share with me your ideas. A few ideas have included an annual picnic; a summer progressive potluck dinner; a Fourth of July parade; a stargazing night; movies in the park; a pumpkin-carving contest; and a seasonal fruit swap. What ideas or activities interest you? Together we can make them happen, but it takes a neighborhood. Please contact me at president@montaloma.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

- August 19: First day of School (Monta Loma Elem.)
- August 25: MLNA Ice Cream Social 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- October 18: Monta Loma Elementary Fall Festival
- December 7: Progressive Dinner

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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 13 Neighborhoods Committee meeting, MLNA board members Tricia DelGaudio, Andre Valente, and Marilyn Gildea 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 receipts for this year's block parties and Ice Cream Social.

MV Police: Have Block Parties and Don't Leave WiFi on in Car

At our May 29 annual meeting, guest speakers Community Services Officer Jodie Pierce and Sgt. Wahed Magee from the MVPD spoke about safety.

They mentioned the importance of block parties, which encourage neighbors to know and to watch out for each other. Officer Pierce said that 40% of the block parties held in Mountain View are in Monta Loma.

Sgt. Magee stressed the importance of reducing theft from vehicles. If a laptop, iPad, or mobile device is not completely shut down, it constantly looks for WiFi, and burglars use devices that can detect them. Rental cars and Teslas are prime targets for auto burglaries. Parking lots are prime car-burglary spots, so your items should be put in the trunk before reaching your destination.

Close out the Summer with a Block Party

by Marilyn Gildea

The Benjamin block party was held in June, and the Mardell party was on the Fourth of July with a decorated-bikes parade. Three other streets' parties are already planned. Has your block set its party date?

Many parties are held after school reopens when families are back from vacation. But it's not too early to set your street's party date now, and apply for a permit if you want to block off your street. You need to allow 30 days for the City to process your permit application.

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. Everything you need to know to plan your party (and get reimbursed up to \$150) is at montaloma.org/events/block-parties/. Scroll to the bottom of the page for a printable copy.

"Road Closed" signs and orange safety cones are available for loan by CERT. There are enough cones for two parties held on the same day, but there are only two Road Closed signs. To ensure that these will be available when you want them, let CERT's John Thomas (john589@comcast.net) know as soon as you've set your date.

Our Neighborhood Watch Captain, Tom Purcell on Alvin, would be happy to attend your party. Contact Tom at MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com or (650) 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 or individually under Council Roster at mountainview.gov.

Traffic Updates

By John Canata, MLNA Traffic and Parking Liaison

A few traffic resources for your reference:

- Abandoned vehicle (more than 3 days): call (650) 903-6358.
- Police enforcement at a specific intersection: call (650) 903-6146.
- Other traffic related concerns: e-mail traffici liaison@montaloma.org

Block parties connect neighbors through food, conversation, and middle of the street dining.

Pictured: Neighbors enjoying their 2018 Block Party on Richard Ct.; Generations of residents of 2500 block of Alvin street range from newborns to original owners.



Updated MLN Email List is Up and Running

By Peggy Manor

The neighborhood email list, a neighborhood resource for about twenty-one years, now has a new home as a Mailman list on the neighborhood website. If you wish to be added, please email Peggy Manor at mamm@pobox.com. Include your name and address to verify that you are a Monta Loma resident. This applies whether you were on the old list and wish to be continued on the new one, or if you are new and wish to be included for the first time.

The new list has the same rules that the old list had: Members must be Monta Loma residents or property owners, and it is an information and referral list, not a discussion list.

Emergency Response Volunteers Welcome

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 October 3. Visit 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 session is on September 14.

Questions? Contact me at CERT@montaloma.org or (650) 964-6389.

CERT is Accepting 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.

This year neighbors have donated a compact stretcher and ham radio equipment that will enhance our ability to respond to emergencies.

Visit montaloma.org/cert for a link to the AMVNC's donations page.

Neighborhood Resources

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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CERT@montaloma.org

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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Traffic/Parking Liaison

John Canata, (650) 269-5646
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MLN Neighborhood Email List

List owner: Peggy Manor
To join: mamm@pobox.com

To join the Announcements-Only list, go to montaloma.org/mlna and click on MLNA Email Lists.

MLNA Websites

www.montaloma.org
Referrals: localwiki.org/montaloma
Webmaster: Hien Do
webmaster@montaloma.org

Linda Powers has volunteered to take over coordination of the newsletter delivery from Peggy Manor and Marilyn Gildea. Peggy and Marilyn are both very grateful to Linda for allowing them to retire from these responsibilities, after 17 and 14 years respectively.

Thanks to those who delivered the May newsletter: Sarah Anderson and son, Vannina Champenois, Donna Clarke, Jim and Alice Cochran, Martha Elderon, Harry Gordon, Grant and Birgit Grundler, Marianna Harvey, Jesslyn Holombo, Paul Kostka, Vickie Lee, Diane McCleary, Shelly Ostman, Linda Powers, Maureen Sheehan, Cheryl Smith, John Thomas, Raymond White, and Pat Young. We welcome more volunteers. Contact the editor to learn more.

Keeping Monta Loma Clean and Green

Remember what goes in which bin: mvrecycle.org

Repair instead of Replace: Visit the Repair Cafe in Mountain View on August 24 at the MV Senior Center to fix what needs fixing—repaircafemv.org

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.
- Please keep weeds under control, especially those nasty foxtails that get into our pets' toes, ears, and noses.
- Sweep sidewalks after mowing weeds.

Dogs:

- Monta Loma Park fields and school grounds are off limits to dogs during school hours. Pick up dog messes deposited at other times.
- Pick up droppings from yards.
- 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.

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.
- Cars should be moved by 6:00 a.m.
- Upcoming street sweeping dates: 8/8, 8/22, 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24.
- If you have tenants who park on the street, please keep them informed of dates as well.

Moving out? Go to HHW.org or call (408) 299-7300 for a list of household hazardous waste collection options.

Moving in? If you found unwanted household chemicals in your new house, visit or call HHW to find nearby household hazardous waste drop-off locations.

Abandoned Objects Pickup

Dumped items (including furniture and large items not obviously left for trash day pick-up): Call the city's Public Services Department (650) 903-6329, Option #6, with the exact location.

Shopping Carts: Santa Clara County guidelines—tinyurl.com/y5pqtogs

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. If you can't find the appropriate topic, someone at City Hall will forward your message to the right person.

Aw, Rats, We Have Rats!

By Heather Schoell and Isaac Taylor

Please don't poison pets in trying to rid your yard of rats. We can all share the stories—that beautiful tomato with a nibble out of it, a sweet orange with the peel eaten clean off, and droppings to sweep up behind your BBQ, all evidence of RATS. But if you put out poison, the rat eats it, and then your cat catches the rat... it might mean too bad for the rat, and the cat. Let's do our best to manage the things the rats like most about Monta Loma: plentiful food and good hiding places.

1. Keep your compost secure, and don't leave tempting fruit on the trees/vines.
2. Seal your house. Fill even the smallest holes with screens, steel wool, screws, whatever they can't chew through.
3. Bait multiple traps, multiple nights. Be vigilant and consistent. Cheese and peanut butter work well.
4. Get a pet that likes to catch rats. Garden cats are an option, as are barn owls (install an owl box to give them a nice home).
hssv.org/what-we-do/adopt/garden-cats.html
5. Block drains, pipes, gutters, vents with water-permeable steel wool or screens.
6. Trim up and back dense vegetation. "Rat City" is what my kids like to call ivy and juniper bushes.



Google Bikes

If you see a multi-color Google bike where it shouldn't be, please email its location and the time spotted to Lost Gbike at lostgbike@google.com so it can be retrieved.

Waymo Driverless Cars

Anyone with questions about Waymo cars on our neighborhood streets is encouraged to contact Waymo directly, waymo.com/contact/feedback before contacting John Canata, MLNA's traffic/parking liaison.

Welcoming New Neighbors

The New Neighbor page on the Monta Loma website (montaloma.org/mlna/new-neighbor) is a one-stop-shop for neighborhood resources and information.

Neighborhood Clubs in Monta Loma

The Garden Club is Growing

Monta Loma's gardening enthusiasts get together once a month, exchange seeds, cuttings, and information. Each month has a theme and will cover monthly/seasonal garden tips. All gardeners are welcome, from first time veggie growers to experienced native plant experts. Email Karla Valente for more information or to be added to the group email list. klvalente@yahoo.com

Connecting Families, Trading LEGO

The MLPreschooler group is interested in setting up a LEGO set exchange. Anyone interested please join the membership list and contact the group. The exchange can be for kids of all ages, not just preschoolers. To join this membership list, visit tinyurl.com/mlpreschoolernetwork.

Enjoy Folk Music?

Contact Joel Orr at joel.orr@gmail.com or (650) 336-3937 to be notified of this group's meetings.

Knitting Group

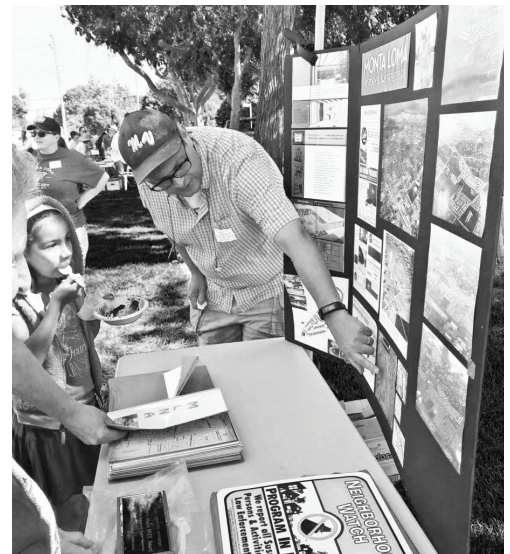
The Monta Loma Knitting group continues to meet monthly. Whether you knit, crochet, or bring another craft, all are welcome to join. Contact Ann Togasaki at ann.togasaki@gmail.com to join the group's email list.

Pet-Sitting Exchange

If you would like to join this email list, contact Caroline Chan at wpturtle@gmail.com.

Want More Activities in Monta Loma?

The many established and new clubs formed in Monta Loma are great ways to get to know your neighbors beyond next door. If you wish to help organize a group or project, contact the MLNA Board at board@montaloma.org or (650) 691-5258.



Neighbors enjoyed the 2018 Ice Cream Social.



Milkweed for Monarch Butterflies

By Heather Schoell

After much discussion on the MLN email list, it's clear that this neighborhood really cares about their monarchs. This is a good thing, given that the monarch population has declined 99.4% since the 1980s. A visit to the local nursery can be confusing when you're looking for a treat to help build up our local monarch butterfly population. Advice from the Santa Clara County Master Gardeners indicates that the best variety of milkweed for local monarchs is *Asclepias fascicularis* (narrow leaved) or *Asclepias speciosa* ("Davis" or "showy," both broader leaved). These plants can be found at Summer Winds or other local garden centers with CA natives.

Best is to steer clear of the tropical varieties (*Asclepias curassavica*) since they do not die back in fall and therefore can end up spreading a parasite if the monarchs don't migrate when the plants die back. Since native milkweeds die back after blooming, the parasite dies along with them. This ensures that the next season's monarchs are feeding on fresh (non-infested) growth.

A helpful resource with information about saving the monarchs is the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. xerces.org/western-monarchs-are-in-trouble-this-is-how-you-can-help/



Monta Loma School News

Monta Loma Elementary Loves Monta Loma Neighborhood

By Gloria Higgins, Principal

Monta Loma School is proud to be part of such a wonderful neighborhood. We are grateful for all our volunteers, families, and neighbors who support our after-school programs, tend our gardens, or keep us safe through CERT activities.

We have many opportunities for those of you interested in getting involved or learning more about Monta Loma School. Please visit our website, montaloma.mvwsd.org for more information.

Monta Loma School Traffic Reminder

This year school starts on Monday, August 19th. Monta Loma's school day is from 8:30 to 3:15. On Thursdays, students are dismissed at 12:30. You may experience traffic during our morning drop-off and afternoon pick up times, especially on Thompson Avenue. Thank you for your patience and safe driving.

Are you Captain Hook, Tinkerbell or Peter Pan?

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT) will hold auditions for ages 8 to 18 for Peter Pan on August 17 & 18. Go to pytnet.org/auditions for info.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library stops at Monta Loma School every Thursday, from 4:15 to 5:00. It also stops on Jane at Fay on these Fridays: August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25 from 9:45 to 10:15. For information or special requests, email Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov or call 526-7029.

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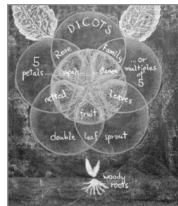
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BBQ tips (Michael is a Pitmaster for a cook-off team)

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW?

Join your neighbors in receiving
our weekly email list that provides
you with the weeks worth of
real estate activity!

Go to: **YourMontaLomaTeam.com**
and click on 'join email list'



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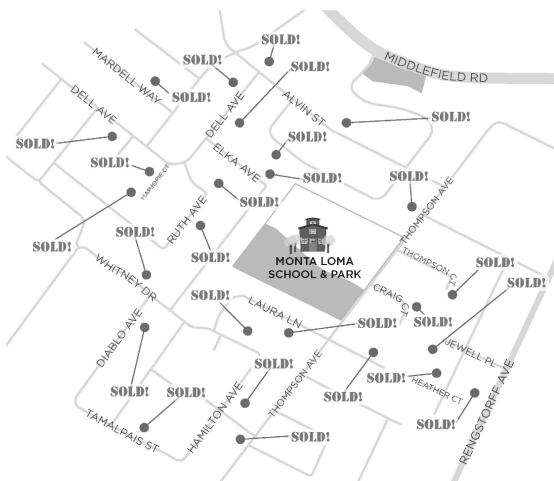


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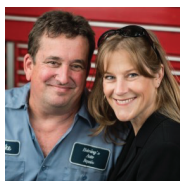
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