

MONTA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Dine Your Way Around the 'Hood for Good

Join in the neighborhood tradition
at the annual Monta Loma Progressive Dinner
December 7th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Neighbors (long-timers, newcomers, couples, and singles) get together for a potluck dinner where they either drive or walk from house-to-house. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and have fun.

This event continues to be a fundraiser with the recommendation that each participant make a donation benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank.

The organizers will send a detailed email to recruit hosts and coordinate food and details. Interested? Email Karla Valente – dinner@montaloma.org. The deadline to sign up is November 24th.

From MLNA President Tricia DelGaudio

As we move into the cooler months of the year, I reflect upon the summer gatherings throughout our neighborhood, from a near-record number of block parties to another well-attended ice cream social. There is one detail about this year's ice cream social that I want to share: Safeway donated ALL of the ice cream! This was not pre-agreed-upon nor arranged, and came as a complete (pleasant) surprise to the MLNA ice cream social committee and board members when we learned of this.

Our neighborhood Safeway is not only a convenient grocery, within walking and biking distance for many residents, but offers quality fresh items and a variety of local items as well. What makes it even nicer is that the store manager, Antonio Cesareo, is a genuinely nice person. On multiple occurrences, I've seen him go out of his way to assist finding items or even bring purchases out to a customer's car.

In past years Antonio has worked with MLNA on pricing, even including extras such as ice cream cones at no charge, but this year he went above and beyond, demonstrating his store's commitment to supporting our neighborhood major event.

I shop our Monta Loma Safeway regularly, showing my commitment to it, just as its manager and staff have shown theirs to our neighborhood. When you see Antonio, take a moment to personally thank him. It's the kind acts of businesses and individuals such as this that bring greater depth and value to our neighborhood.



Stocking Stuffers for Your Neighbors

Get ready for the holidays in Monta Loma style by drinking hot chocolate from a Monta Loma mug or bringing a Monta Loma frisbee full of cookies to your neighbor's party! See the gear at montaloma.org/mln-logo-items and contact Tricia at president@montaloma.org to buy. If a t-shirt is on your list, contact Marilyn or check out the offerings at montaloma.org/monta-loma-tee-shirts-still-available and contact Marilyn at marilyn@gildea.com to buy.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

November 24: Sign-ups due for Progressive Dinner
December 7: Progressive Dinner
December 2-13: ML Elementary Winter Food Drive
November 28-December 25: Ernie's Trains Run

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Annual Financial Report

The Monta Loma Neighborhood Association had a very successful year, supporting the Ice Cream Social in August and numerous neighborhood block parties.

This is a condensed statement—feel free to contact the treasurer if you need more detail.

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Beginning balance (7/1/2018)	\$7,046.70	
	Withdrawals	Deposits
City Grant	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
Ice Cream Social	\$400.47	\$0.00
Block Parties	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
CERT	\$40.00	\$0.00
Newsletter	\$2,089.74	\$3,134.03
T-shirts	\$362.81	\$525.00
Fees	\$220.00	\$0.00
Branded logo items	\$960.16	\$0.00
Supplies	\$244.78	\$0.00
Total	\$5,817.96	\$5,359.03
Ending balance (6/30/2019)	\$6,587.77	

Block Parties Rock the Summer Months in Monta Loma

By Marilyn Gildea

The ten block parties held this year began in June on Benjamin, followed with a Fourth-of-July brunch on Mardell, and the Anna/Elka party in August. September parties included the residents of Thaddeus, Richard Ct., and the 500 block of Emmons; the 2300 block of Laura; the 2400 block of Alvin; Thompson Square; and the 2400 and 2500 blocks of Dell (plus Aldean, Nita, Betlo, Ruth, Devri, Marcelyn, and Marjorie). October parties included Lida, Palmer, and Adele; and the first party in recent memory on Tamalpais.

The Alvin St. "Blocktober Fest" tried going Zero-Waste with party attendees bringing all their own plates, cups, and utensils, to great success. Nobody missed the extra garbage! Neighborhood organizers reported that both newcomers and long-timers appreciated the chance to get together, and everyone is looking forward to a repeat in 2020.

Ice Cream Social is Another Success

By Marilyn Gildea

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's event such a huge success. Over 300 attendees enjoyed the ice cream while meeting their neighbors.

The Mobile Library staff welcomed patrons to the bookmobile, and a crew from the Fire Department brought an engine. The MV Recreation Department offered literature on upcoming classes and events, and Janine McCurdy brought information on the Zero Waste, Food Scraps, & Recycling programs. The Monta Loma History display showed early photos of the neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch information was also on the history table, and the CERT display offered information about keeping us safe during a disaster. Lauren Lam taught us about allergy-fighting plants for our yards. Familiar faces from Mountain View Trees/Canopy answered questions about tree problems.

Attractions for children included Gizmo Gary's balloons, face painting and games, and Gloria's cotton-candy machine.

Mayor Lisa Matichak, Police Chief Max Bosel, and two members of the MV-LAHSD Board attended, but Police Sgt. Wally Magee may have been the most popular guest because he brought a very friendly police dog.



New Rules for Short Term Rentals in Mountain View

A new city ordinance requires owners of short term rentals to register with the city in order to remain in operation, as well as comply with new rules. Rules and registration info is on the city's website: tinyurl.com/MV-STR-info

By mid-September, a dozen properties had already registered; a number had ceased advertising; and many more were in the process to come into compliance with the ordinance.

If you concerned about particular properties, you can provide tips at the STR Hotline 435-STR-HELP (1-435-787-4357) or the STR Tip Website, www.hostcompliance.com/tips.

Neighbors Welcome the Return of a Hardware Store

Local DIY-ers, gardeners, and home renovators are rejoicing as Ace has revived the former OSH site on at 2555 Charleston Rd. Open since September, the store carries many of the same products and services formerly found at OSH, including some Craftsman tools and a garden department. New to the offerings are Big Green Egg BBQs, a kids section with bikes and scooters, and a Hallmark card shop. The store manager, Chris Gueriero, is also a veteran of the previous OSH, bringing with him many of the prior friendly, knowledgeable employees as well. One neighbor who visited recently commented that it was, "A very nice store with a wide variety of merchandise."



Holiday Happenings for Monta Lomans

Ernie's Trains Will Run Again

John Bianco, Ernie's son, will continue the tradition of running his model trains from Thanksgiving through Christmas Day. Weather permitting, five tracks will run trains every evening except Mondays at 2387 Adele from 6:30 to about 9:00. Visit montaloma.org for links to past articles and photos.

Monta Loma Artist's work on display at the MVCPA

Local Monta Loma artist Ann McMillan is exhibiting in the Center for the Performing Arts theatre in downtown MTV. Drop by to see landscapes, still lifes etc. Find unique presents. Open whenever there are performances and Mon, Wed, Fri, Noon-1 p.m. Now until Dec. 8th.

Nutcracker Ballet performance in Mountain View

The Pacific Ballet Academy, a ballet school owned by Monta Loma Rima Chaeff has their annual performance of the Nutcracker at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts Nov. 23-25. A few young Monta Loma dancers are also in the performance.

Ticket information here: www.pacificballet.org/nutcracker

Holiday Open Studio

Dotty Calabrese, a jewelry and textile artist, will be hosting an open studio on Dec. 14-15, 10-5, at 2465 Richard Ct. in Monta Loma. Featured items include hand woven scarves and colorful polymer clay jewelry that make lovely holiday gifts.

Neighborhood Resources

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Tim Slattery, (650) 964-6389
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Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com

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

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To join: mamm@pobox.com

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

MLNA Websites

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Thanks to those who delivered the August newsletter: Shannon Baidee, Vannina Champenois, John Canata, Donna Clarke, Jim and Alice Cochran, Martha Elderon, Harry Gordon, Silke Gurlich, Maria Harnoto, Isabella Hill, Jesslyn Holombo, Paul Kostka, Vickie Lee, Diane and Dave McCleary, Leane Reelfs, Sarah Schachter, Maureen Sheehan, 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 Prepared for Power Outages?

By Tim Slattery, CERT Leader

PG&E has been telling us for months that we may lose power due to a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). If not a PSPS, then surely storms, rodents, or old equipment will have the same result. Are you ready? Do you know what to do to stay safe and comfortable? What if you need power for medical reasons?

For an excellent discussion with links, google "Marin HHS Extended Power Outages" or go to marinhhs.org/preparing-extended-power-outages. There are links for everything from general information to what should respirator users and dialysis patients do. Prepare now, so an inconvenience doesn't become an emergency.

Monta Loma CERT will be getting ready for PSPSs by participating in a city-wide drill on November 16. The scenario will be a winter storm with power outage. You may see CERT members walking the streets in their hard hats and green vests checking out the power lines. The drill will start at noon, and run until 3:00 p.m. If you'd like to learn more about what we do, stop by our trailer at the Monta Loma school, the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.

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. 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 December 14. Contact: 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.

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

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.

Prevent Holiday Thefts

By Tom Purcell, Monta Loma Neighborhood Watch Captain

With the holidays approaching, we can expect a spike in package thefts. Take steps to avoid having deliveries loiter unattended on your doorstep. If you can, have packages delivered to your work, or utilize delivery lockers that some retailers offer. Many package deliveries offer detailed tracking information and delivery preference options so that you can make sure you or a trusted neighbor can secure a package soon after it's delivered.

Visit tinyurl.com/prvnthft for tips to prevent package thefts. A link to the MYPD'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 (under MLNA).

Take care to avoid leaving obvious signs that you're not home, such as empty trash bins at the curb. If you leave before your bins are emptied, ask a neighbor to roll them off the street. If you have home security cameras, include in the coverage area any area where you expect packages to be left.

Thefts from vehicles continue, so avoid leaving valuables in yours, and always lock it. The police urge you to call whenever you see anything that seems suspicious. For emergencies and in-progress incidents, call 911. For other matters, suspicious circumstances, or crimes

that have already occurred, call the non-emergency number (650) 903-6395.



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

Senior Driver Safety Courses

Seniors interested in earning a discount to their auto insurance premium should consider enrolling in a Driver Safety course offered through the AARP, approved by the CA DMV. Neighbor Mani Subramanian has been teaching this course, and would be happy to organize a session for our local community. Visit AARP.org/DSP for more info on the program and contact Mani to coordinate training sessions, nsbrmn85@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Clubs & Activities

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.



Garden Club

Monta Loma Garden Club meets once a month on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The neighborhood gardening enthusiasts have more than 25 members. We get together to share information, monthly tasks, resources, seeds, plants, cuttings, and the love of gardening. If you are interested in joining, write to Karla Valente at klvalente@yahoo.com. Every month we chose a new topic to discuss. Details about topic and location are sent directly to the members prior to each meeting.

Connecting Families

Monta Loma families are welcome to join our membership list by visiting 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.

Pet-Sitting Exchange

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

Yoga for Health

Experienced yoga instructor and MLN resident Mani Subramanian has kindly offered free yoga instruction to neighbors interested in practicing yoga to increase their personal wellbeing. Contact Mani for more information: nsbrmn85@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.

Keeping Monta Loma Clean and Green

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. This is especially important in fall and winter months as leaves can build up in the gutters and block our storm drains.
- Cars should be moved by 6:00 a.m.
- Upcoming street sweeping dates: 12/12, 12/26, 1/9, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27, 3/12. Note there is no cleaning on Thanksgiving day, so please keep an eye out for clogged storm drains during that period.
- If you have tenants who park on the street, please keep them informed of dates as well.



Walkable Sidewalks:

- Please trim shrubs back to the full width of the sidewalk and to a height of seven feet, as req'd by city code.
- Keep sidewalks clear of fallen leaves, especially after rain for the safety of pedestrians.
- Sweep sidewalks after trimming or mowing.

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.

Remember what goes in which bin: mvrecycle.org

Repair instead of Replace: Visit the Repair Cafe on 12/8 at the Sunnyvale Public Library to fix what needs fixing – www.repaircafemv.org

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.





Monta Loma School News

Monta Loma Elementary Updates

By Gloria Higgins, Principal

We are very grateful for wonderful neighbors and community support of our school. Thank you for your continued safe driving and partnership.

October was Safety Month in MVWSD. Students and Staff practiced for emergencies like natural disasters, fires, and dangerous situations. We are lucky to have the dedicated CERT group nearby.

As we head into the end of 2019, we are already planning for enrollment for the 2020-21 school year. All families of entering Kindergarteners are invited to attend our Kindergarten Information Night on December 4th at 6:00pm. We will also be holding school tours on December 11th at 8:45.

Please contact Brenda (baguirrecortez@mvwsd.org) or Corina (coruiz@mvwsd.org) in the office to register for the tour.

Monta Loma PTA Events

The Monta Loma Elementary annual Winter Food Drive will take place December 2-13. Healthy, non-perishable items may be dropped off in the school office and will go to CSA for distribution.

In preparation for Read Across America Week, the first week in March, the school is looking for VIP readers to share a book with a classroom on March 6. If interested, please contact montalomapta@gmail.com. We will also hold our annual used-book sale that week, and collect book donations in February.

Thank you neighbors for supporting our recent Campus Beautification and Fall Festival events!

How to Help Monta Loma School

To donate financially, go to www.montalomapta.org and click on Donate under Support the PTA. Amazon and eScrip will send a portion of your shopping dollars to the school. Box tops can still be dropped off in the school office or use the new scan tool at www.btf.com.

To help in a classroom or the school gardens, or at events, contact montalomapta@gmail.com or 903-6915.



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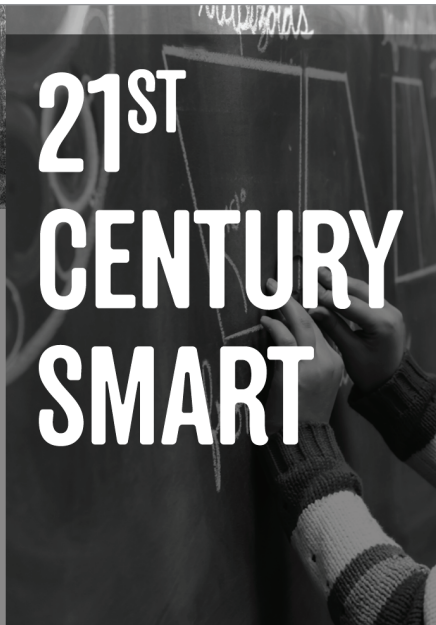
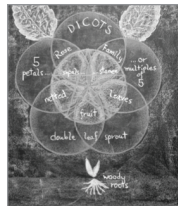
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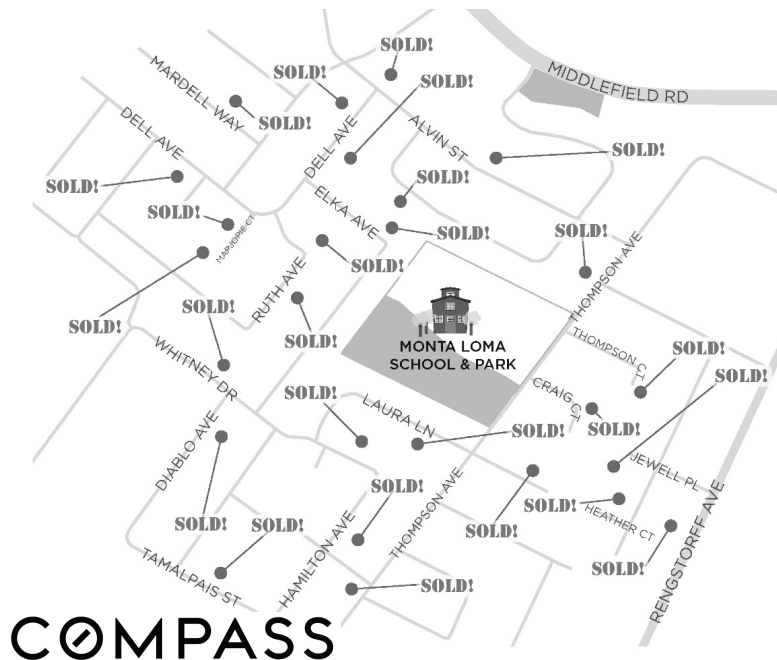


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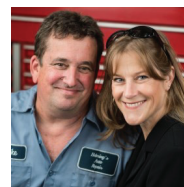
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