

MONTA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

START CLEARING THE WAY FOR GARAGE SALE DAY

Mark your calendar now, and plan to participate as a seller, a shopper, or a meet-your-neighbors stroller.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Our neighborhood garage sale last year gave us all an excuse to walk around the neighborhood and chat with neighbors on a lovely May day. In addition to those who had publicized their sales, many others put out their "giveaways" at the end of their driveways, and some enterprising kids had lemonade stands.

The event was such a success that we're doing it again this year, in conjunction with the city's City Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 2.

If you are planning a garage sale (big or small), this will be the ideal day to attract the most customers. To have your sale be publicized in Monta Loma, register at montaloma.org or contact Marilyn Gildea at marilyn@gildea.com. To also register your sale with the City, go to mountainview.gov/garagesale.

From MLNA President Tricia DelGaudio

Signs of spring are showing in the neighborhood. Trees have buds, daffodils are in bloom. Spring also means the Annual Monta Loma Neighborhood meeting is quickly approaching. This year, I'd like to crowdsource ideas from our residents for our speaker. In previous years we've had representatives from Google X and the police department, even a Mountain View mayor has joined our annual meeting to discuss the future of Mountain View.

What topics do you want to hear about? Is there a specific item affecting the neighborhood that is relevant to most residents? Do any neighborhood musicians want to share their story and talent? Please email me at president@montaloma.org with your suggestions. I look forward to learning what matters to you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

- March 3 Election Day, more info on MontaLoma.org
- March 6 VIP Reading Day at Monta Loma Elementary
- March 14 Arbor Day Celebration, free trees available from the city mountainview.gov/arborday
- April 16 Monta Loma School Open House 6-7:30 pm
- April 17 Monta Loma School Walk-A-Thon
- May 2 MLN Garage Sale
- May 9-10 Silicon Valley Open Studios, Mountain View, <https://www.svos.org>
- May 13 MLNA General Meeting & Board Election

Gear up for Spring

Get ready for spring in Monta Loma style by putting on your hat and tossing a frisbee out in the park! Stock up on Monta Loma gear including mugs, hats, frisbees, and pens. See them at montaloma.org/mln-logo-items and contact Tricia at president@montaloma.org to buy. If you would like a t-shirt, contact Marilyn at marilyn@gildea.com or 650-940-1606 to purchase.



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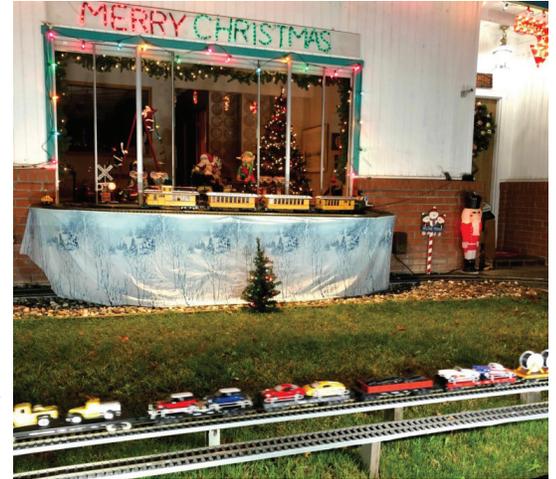
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Monta Loma Celebrates the Holidays with Trains, a Trumpet, and Plenty of Cheer

By Marilyn Gildea

Ernie Bianco’s son, John, continued the tradition of running his model trains evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Kate Shih played her trumpet and Elna Tymes’s daughter-in-law sang on Christmas Eve. Neighbor Elna reported, “Adele Ave.’s houses had more lights than previous years so it was a festive experience. John’s efforts in running the train display every year are really appreciated by the neighbors.”



T. DelGaudio

Neighbors Make Generous Contribution to Food Bank Through Progressive Dinner Party

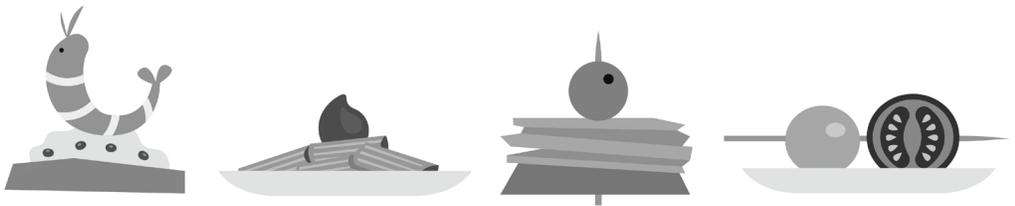
By Marilyn Gildea

Thanks to organizer Karla Valente, the 12th annual Holiday Potluck Progressive Dinner on December 7 was again a warm and festive success. The dozen attendees visited the home of Jeff and Jen Mills for appetizers, and Ann Togaski for desserts. Eliminating a main course greatly simplified the event. Everyone had fun meeting new people, seeing old friends, and eating delicious food.

Karla had set up a website and invited all Monta Loma neighbors to contribute to Second Harvest Food Bank. Contributions totaled \$700, enough for 1400 meals.



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Love Your Community? Interested in Politics? Start Local.

Do you have election fever but not ready to throw your hat in the ring for the big job in Washington? You can always get your start at a very local level, by volunteering to be part of our Monta Loma Board. Although we currently have a full board, all members will be up for re-election and we welcome hearing from anyone who is interested in serving on the board either now or in the future. If you're interested in learning more, the positions are described at montaloma.org under MLNA.

The annual general meeting and board election will take place on Wednesday evening, May 13. If you want to contribute to our Monta Loma community, please contact any board member. (See adjacent list.)

PG&E Transformers are Aging Out

by Wouter Suverkropp

Some of the electrical transformers in Monta Loma still date from the 1950s, and, PG&E admits, are well beyond their service life.

Anything that flickers or sparks should be reported immediately, to 911 as well as to PG&E. Several calls to PG&E may be required, so keep a record and ask for confirmation numbers.

Having a transformer replaced often means the pole is also replaced. Marking "Don't trample" areas of your garden with stakes and tape in advance can help. If a tree is involved, you may be able to show with pictures that trimming, rather than removing, is sufficient.



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Short Term Rentals Update

According to city code, no special events or parties are to be hosted at a short term rental, and STR operators must provide the City and neighbors in properties adjacent to the short-term rental with the contact information for a local person who can respond to concerns and complaints within 60 minutes. If you're concerned about compliance of 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.

Neighborhood Parking Challenges

by Marilyn Gildea and Heather Schoell

Some of the Monta Loma residents whose street parking is impacted by local businesses and residential overflow are looking for options to limit parking to local residents. One solution is establishing a residential parking permit program, although the process is challenging.

Marilyn Gildea, our neighborhood communications director, contacted the City regarding this program, and learned that the City Council plans to review the Residential Parking Permit Guidelines in April or May. A city traffic engineer recommends waiting for the possible revisions, and discussing parking concerns at the biennial City/neighborhood meeting later this year.

The Board will keep the neighborhood updated on when that meeting is scheduled. In the meantime, residents can review the current parking permit program (tinyurl.com/RPPMLN) and consider the impacts of such a program on the neighborhood as a whole.

Residents adjacent to Google X Rails should feel some relief as Google's property liaison recently shared with MLNA's John Canata that they will be expanding their valet spaces.

Thanks to Marilyn and John for helping our neighborhood navigate this challenge.



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Neighborhood Resources

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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

Tom Purcell, (650) 224-5110
MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com

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

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Thanks to those who delivered the last newsletter: Susan Jee, Jessie Holombo, Vickie Lee, Silke Gurlich, Ivy Lu, Jennifer Choy, Dianne McCleary, Maureen Sheehan, Harry Gordon, Maria Harnoto, Jim and Alice Cochran, Paul Kostka, Vannina Champeinois, Shelly Ostman, Herb and Victoria Perry, Martha Elderon, Grant and Birgit Grundler, Shannon Baidee

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.

Get CERT Ready!

By Tim Slattery, 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 any of their 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 meetings will be on March 14, April 11, and May 9. Questions? Contact Tim Slattery at CERT@montaloma.org or 964-6389.

We encourage you to take the city's free CERT course, whether or not you join our neighborhood group. The next series begins on April 2. Visit the CERT page at montaloma.org/cert for a link to info. "First Aid teaches you what to do until the ambulance comes; CERT teaches you what to do when the ambulance isn't going to come."

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.

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

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.

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.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library stops at Monta Loma School every Thursday, from 4:15 to 5:00. For information or special requests, email Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov or call (650) 526-7029.

Register Your Bike for Easier Tracking

By Tom Purcell, Monta Loma Neighborhood Watch Captain

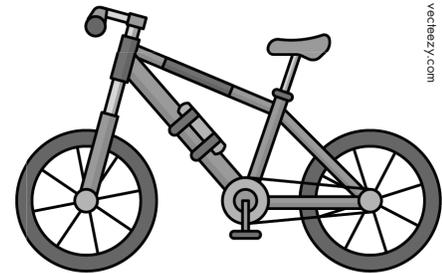
I encourage everyone to register a bike of any value, but many police departments no longer offer this service. Instead, they direct people to <https://bikeindex.org/>, a non-profit online bike registry.

The bikeindex site offers easy, step-by-step instructions for registration and provides a QR sticker to place on the bike. If the bike is found, anyone with a smart phone can quickly determine whether it has been reported as stolen, and reunite the bike with its owner.

But if you prefer not to create an account yourself, I have created a Monta Loma group account to register bikes. The MLNA has generously purchased a supply of the QR stickers, and I am offering them free to any residents who would like to place one on their bike(s).

I'll also give stickers to those who can register bikes themselves, or who have already registered their bikes with bikeindex. Just log onto your bikeindex account on your smart phone, scan the QR code, send me your address, and I'll leave you a sticker. At the URL encoded by the sticker, you can then click a link to register the sticker to your specific bike.

If you would like some help, or to join our Monta Loma bikeindex account, contact me at MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com and I will help you through the process.



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.

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



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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. Recently a few of us each knit squares to make up a full blanket donated to the homeless. 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 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.

Keeping Monta Loma Clean and Green

Paper Shredding:

- March 14, 8:00 to noon at the SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Rd., Sunnyvale.
- Read the guidelines under Events at mvrecycle.org or call (650) 903-6311 so you won't be turned away.
- 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.

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

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: 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14.
- If you have tenants who park on the street, please keep them informed of dates as well.

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.

What goes in which bin: Visit mvrecycle.org

Repair instead of Replace: Visit the Repair Cafe on 3/22 at the Mountain View Community Center 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.



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Monta Loma School News

Monta Loma Elementary Updates

By Gloria Higgins, Principal

Monta Loma Elementary is thrilled with the continued partnership with our wonderful neighbors. Thank you for driving safely and taking care of our campus. The seeds a neighbor planted during our Campus Beautification day have delighted our students. As active community members I'm sure you are aware of the Measure T Bond on the March 3rd Ballot. I encourage you all to vote.

Several events are happening in the next few months at Monta Loma. You are always welcome. Volunteers are even more appreciated. Check out the Monta Loma PTA Website or call our office, (650) 903-6915, for details about VIP Reading Day on March 6, Open House on April 16, or Walk-A-Thon on April 17.

Walk-A-Thon

Monta Loma will hold our annual Walk-a-thon on Friday, April 17th from 3-6:30pm. Please join us for delicious food, music and raffle opportunities!

VIP Reading Day and Used Book Sale

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. Please donate gently loved books appropriate for K-5 in the office between now and Monday, March 2nd. We are most in need of chapter books from grades 2-5, but all books are welcome.

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.btfe.com.

To help in a classroom or the school gardens, or at events, contact montalomapta@gmail.com or (650) 903-6915.

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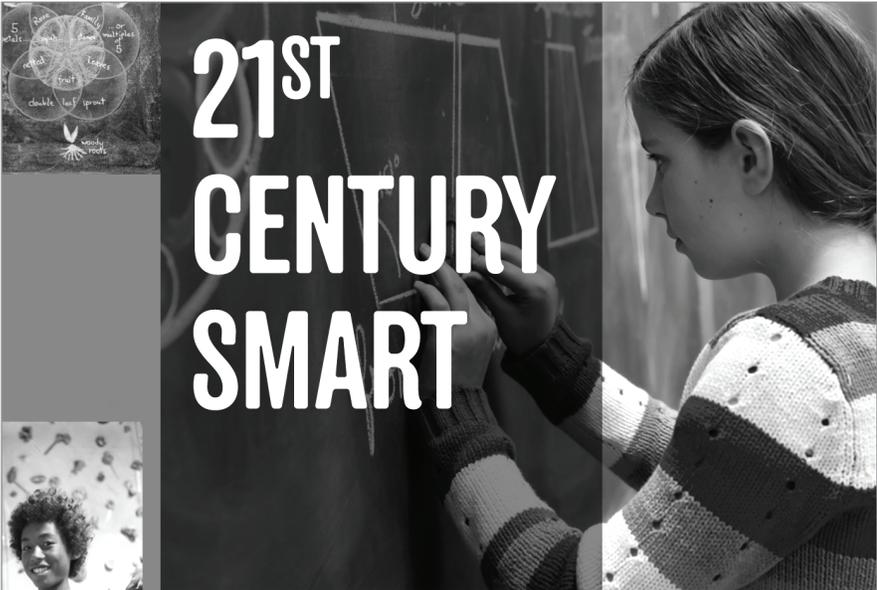
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Cool Block Kick-off

The City of Mountain View is launching a new program called Cool Block to help foster a healthier, happier, resilient, and more environmentally-aware community. Cool Block engages a team of neighbors living on the same block to tackle these topics together through eight structured and collaborative meetings over about five months. Some neighbors have attended the first information sessions and are hoping to recruit more cool block leaders for the neighborhood.

If you're interested, the next leader training meeting is on March 15. Visit collaborate.mountainview.gov/cool-block to learn more and sign up to be a Block Leader.

Connect with **Mountain View Police** and never miss a social beat!

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency: 650-903-6395

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SHELLY POTVIN & MICHAEL SUTTON
YOUR MONTA LOMA TEAM



Please remember we are always here for all of your real estate needs...

We have a variety of tried & true tradespeople, for example: electrician, hardwood floor refinishing, painting, and many more!

Curious as to the current value of your home?

Refinance/Lender Referrals

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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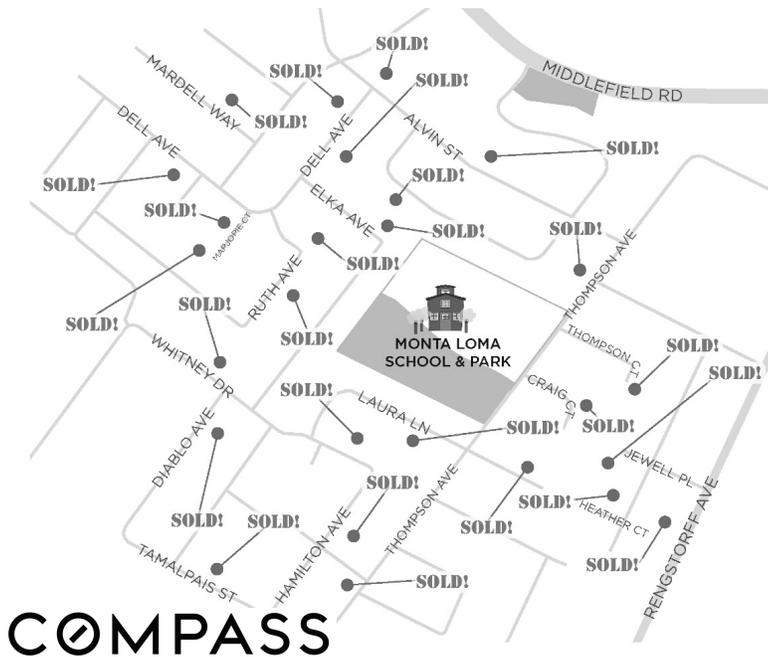


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