



MONTA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SWEET SUMMER IN MLN

Back after a pandemic break, the Monta Loma Ice Cream Social is planned for Sunday, September 5, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the park. Neighbors are welcome to safely gather outside to reconnect, check out information tables, catch a frisbee, and eat ice cream.

This event can't happen without our volunteer support! E-mail board@montaloma.org if you can help out.

Please check montaloma.org website for changes due to COVID or smoke.

What to See and Do at the Ice Cream Social

By Marilyn Gildea

In addition to free ice cream, you can enjoy Gizmo Gary's balloon creations, Tom Purcell's Monta Loma History display and Neighborhood Watch information, and (barring an emergency) chatting with Mountain View police officers.

Members of the City Council and school boards have been invited, as has Thor, the always-popular police dog.

Monta Loma Neighborhood t-shirts, hats, and mugs will be available for purchase. Frisbees will be free to all comers.

CERT members will display equipment and information to help us stay safe during a disaster.

The MLNA will host a "Frisbee Toss" just before 4 p.m.

Gloria Jackson will make cotton-candy from 4-5 p.m.

The Mountain View Recreation Department will offer information on city activities.

The Monta Loma Elementary PTA will be there selling spirit wear and for membership and volunteer sign ups.

Patrick Neschleba will bring information about the Mountain View Educational Foundation, which helps our schools.

Canopy will provide "robust/timely/science-based tree information. Bring your tree questions!"

Monta Loma Gardeners will enjoy a "Friends of Monarch Butterflies" information table and a garden club sponsored plant exchange table.

A few other surprises may show up as well!



Gizmo Gary brings smiles and balloon art to the Ice Cream Social

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Catch a frisbee at the Ice Cream Social frisbee toss!



No shortage of sweets at the Ice Cream social! Gloria's cotton candy is always a treat.



Monta Loma's history is on display at Tom Purcell's history table.

T-Shirt Sales at the ICS

Show your pride in our neighborhood by visiting the tee shirt table at the Ice Cream Social to pick up an official Monta Loma tee shirt for just \$15



ICS Photos by Jim Cochran and Baidra Murphy

Monarchs and Milkweed in Monta Loma at the ICS

By Alan Whitaker

Thanks to many neighbors planting California Native Milkweed, there has been an increase in monarch butterflies in Monta Loma. Come to the Ice Cream Social and learn how doing a little can make a big impact for the monarchs around us. There will be information on monarchs and their habitat, seed giveaways, and a milkweed-plant raffle, which participants need not be present to win. Contact alanwhitaker1@me.com for details.



Monarch raised on native and tropical milkweed on Aldean Ave.
— Ann McMillan

Coming this Fall: Monta Loma Open Studios

By Marleen Nyst and Dotty Calabrese

This Fall will be the first ever Monta Loma Open Studios event. This 2-day event will be held over the weekend of November 13-14 with a rain date of November 20-21 this year. During the Open Studios, the interested neighborhood artists, craftspeople, makers, and tinkerers open up their studios, workplaces or yards to the rest of the neighborhood to share their work, showcase their craft and sell their products (if they wish).

If you are interested in participating as an artist, please e-mail marleennyst@gmail.com and/or dottycala@aol.com and they will be in contact with all participants to begin organizing.



Monta Loma School News: From the Principal

By Trisha Lee, Principal, Monta Loma Elementary School

On August 11th, Monta Loma Elementary School and the Mountain View Whisman School District welcomed 100% of our students to campus for in-person learning! The Monta Loma Elementary bell schedule has shifted slightly, with school starting at 8:15 a.m. and dismissal ranging from 12:10 p.m. to 2:55 p.m., depending on grade level and day. Our school bell schedule and calendar of events can be found on our school website,

www.montaloma.mvwsd.org. Feel free to give the front office a call with questions and concerns at (650) 903-6915, or e-mail me at tlee@mvwsd.org.

After a restful summer break and hosting our district summer school and Extended School Year programs, I would like to remind the community that the Monta Loma Elementary campus and fields are closed for community use during school-business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are a handful of after-school programs, such as Beyond the Bell, that utilize our campus and fields after hours and that have priority use of our spaces. If out between 7:30 am and 4:00 p.m. for some fresh air, exercising, or walking your dog, please be sure to avoid walking through our campus and fields. The tot lot and public rest rooms by the Laura entrance are accessible at all hours. We invite you to enjoy and use our school fields during non-school-business hours.

This school year, we focused our first weeks of school on community building, social-emotional learning, and cultivating a community of belonging with a school-wide theme of "Better Together." Check future issues of the MLN Newsletter for updates on how the community, and each of you, can join in on this important work. We are all "Better Together!"



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MLN E-mail List

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Thanks to those who delivered the last newsletter:

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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 Linda Powers at lindapowers.007@gmail.com to learn more.

CERT Runs Successful Drill this June

By Tim Slattery, CERT Leader

On June 12 CERT held a drill practicing an initial damage assessment survey. This would be the first step after an earthquake or other widespread disaster. The purpose is to find out what kinds of damage and how extensive that damage is and report it to the city office of emergency services. We sent teams to each part of the neighborhood and used a visual cue-to-incident table (for example, a red car in the drive way meant a fire) to simulate damage. The incidents were called in to a radio operator at the trailer and compiled on the standard form used for reporting to the city.

The drill went well, and everyone got practice in good radio procedures. We managed to survey nearly the entire neighborhood in under two hours using a combination of teams walking, riding bicycles, and driving. We learned several lessons that will be incorporated into future training.

July marked our first in-person meeting in over a year. We also had a Zoom meeting in parallel. Future meetings will be in-person, and we will maintain the Zoom meetings while we have members who are not comfortable meeting in-person.

CERT is always ready to welcome new volunteers to participate with us. If you are interested you can contact Tim Slattery at CERT@montaloma.org. The City normally runs CERT training classes four times a year, but those classes are currently suspended due to the pandemic.

New Narrow Streets Ordinance Update

By Marilyn Gildea

Enforcement of the ordinance prohibiting oversize vehicles from parking on our neighborhood streets will begin after all the signs are installed. There is no provision for short-term visitors, but one city council member believes that the police officers will enforce it as they do for overtime parking: Only following a complaint, and after giving several days notice before issuing a ticket. But the council member stressed that this is only an opinion.

The City Attorney is quite clear that there is no exemption in the ordinance for short-term visitors, and that it cannot be modified sooner than one year after adoption.



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Neshama Dishes Up Fresh Flavors

By Julie Baher

Neshama Foods, located in the Palo Alto JCC, is within walking or biking distance. Enter, by foot or vehicle, on Fabian Street off Charleston, or use one of the delivery options. We have sampled chef Spencer's Mediterranean Protein Bowls — both the vegetarian (chickpea) and Beef n' Lamb combo. We also recommend the hummus and baba ghanoush (and the fries, for something less healthy). You can customize the bowls with different ingredients -- they are all very tasty and use fresh ingredients. Consult their website for hours and online ordering. www.neshamafoods.com/menus



MLN Artist to Showcase Work in San Jose

On Sept. 25- 26 Ayelet Gal-On will be participating in Silicon Valley Open Studio in her studio in San Jose.

Address: 1068 The Alameda, San Jose.
svos.org/artist/ayelet-gal-on/



The Minor Giants playing at ML Park —Leane Reelfs

Shelly Potvin & Michael Sutton

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Keeping Monta Loma Clean and Green

Water Conservation:

- California has hit a mega-drought year due to exceedingly low rainfall over the last year.
- Do your part to save water by checking your sprinklers.
- More details from the City here: [tinyurl/mlncnsrv](https://www.tinyurl.com/mlncnsrv)

Street sweeping has resumed!

- 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.
- The next street sweeping dates are: 9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28 and 11/11.
- If you have tenants who park on the street, please keep them informed of dates as well. www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/transport/schedule.asp

NEW Recycling of Old Clothes: Place clothing and textiles in a secured, clear plastic bag marked for donation on the ground next to carts on your regular collection day. Clothing and textiles do need to be clean (as in washed) prior to placing curbside. Shoes of all kinds (even singles) are accepted if placed in a clear bag separate from clothing and textiles.

What goes in which bin: Visit mvrecycle.org

Hide those bins: Remove carts from the street the evening after garbage collection or no later than the next day. Store the carts inside the garage or screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.

Walkable Sidewalks:

- Please keep weeds under control, especially those nasty foxtails that get into our pets' toes, ears, and noses. Sweep sidewalks after mowing weeds.
- Please trim shrubs back to the full width of the sidewalk and to a height of seven feet, as recommended by the city.
- Keep sidewalks clear of debris, especially after rain, for the safety of pedestrians.

Dogs:

- In addition to always picking up dog droppings from others' yards, always pick up dog messes deposited at the Monta Loma Park fields. Dogs are not allowed on fields when school is in session, including during summer.
- 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.

Check Your Car's Air Filters

By Leane Reelfs, *The Car Gal at Helming's Automotive*

Last summer, along with the pandemic, we dealt with terrible fires. We had masks to prevent breathing the smoke...and we tried to get home air filtration systems. But did you know your car was protecting you too?



Our cars have two filters: one to filter the air that goes into the engine and one to filter the air that comes into the cabin through the vents. The cabin air filter can get especially dirty and impacted with leaves and debris because of its location, under the dash, where all the leaves accumulate at the base of the windshield. Nearly every cabin air filter we have inspected needs replacing because of the fires. They are black with soot.

In general, it takes a little time to replace them; often the glove box needs to be removed, but it is something a handy person can do. And the engine's air filter is generally easy to change and should be checked and changed as well. To see if it needs replacing, even if it doesn't look dirty, try shining a flashlight through it to see how much light gets through.

Last year, some asked about HEPA filters for the cars. They do exist, but they can make the blower motor work really hard to push the air through the denser filter, putting strain on the blower motor, with is the same problem as driving around with an impacted cabin air filter.

Our shop manuals recommend changing cabin and engine air filters every 15,000-30,000 miles, but if you live in a dusty area, have an extreme fire season or are sensitive to pollen, change it more frequently.



Credit: Navied Mahdavian — instagram @naviedm

Save Water, Save Money!

By Hether Cowper

Residents can request a free Water Wise Outdoor Survey and receive a comprehensive consultation from a trained irrigation professional. The consultation includes evaluating the irrigation system, flagging issues on site, identifying rebate programs, and creating a custom report detailing the survey findings.

To schedule a survey call 408-630-2000 or e-mail water-wise@valleywater.org. A recent copy of your water bill will be requested when scheduling your survey. More info from the state of California: saveourwater.com/en/



Our neighbors the Waldorf school community has transformed what used to be an ugly chain link fence into a spectacular piece of outdoor art. If you haven't seen the work in progress, it's worth an excursion, and admission is free. It's the fence between the church parking lot and the adjacent strip mall. —Liz Wee

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