

# MONTA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## ANNUAL MEETING IN JUNE

Join the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association in-person for our annual meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Chat with neighbors, elect new board members, hear from esteemed speakers, and win a door prize!

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 15

**LOCATION:** GoogleX / Rails, 250 Mayfield Ave. (south west corner of Monta Loma Neighborhood)

Please arrive early. Google has generously offered use of their meeting space, but we must comply with their COVID safety guidelines, which includes checking of a required proof of vaccination.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:00 p.m. Doors open for setup, sign-in, mingle.  
 7:15 p.m. Meeting begins with president's update.  
 7:20 p.m. Presentation of candidates and voting.  
 7:35 p.m. City-official presentation: Alison Hicks speaks on the Urban Forest in Mountain View  
 8:30 p.m. Conclude meeting

## Summer is Time for Neighborhood Activities!

*By the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association Board*

**JUNE:** Kick off the summer in Monta Loma by joining the annual Neighborhood Association meeting. After being held virtually the past two years, it is moving back to a completely in-person event. The association bylaws indicate that we hold a yearly election for neighborhood board seats, so that is the business part of the meeting, but the fun part is to catch up with neighbors and meet news ones, put faces to names, and to hear from our speakers. This year, Mountain View City Councilmember Alison Hicks will be speaking about the Urban Forest.

**AUGUST:** Mark your calendar for the Ice Cream Social on August 28, as an end-of-summer celebration in the park. Plan to volunteer to support the many activities or attend with your family and neighbors to mix and mingle, eat ice cream, and learn more about the neighborhood. For more information or to be on the volunteer list, reach out to the board via email: [volunteer@montaloma.org](mailto:volunteer@montaloma.org)

**ALL SUMMER** (or really any time): Get with your neighbors and plan your block party! Take advantage of the city subsidy (up to \$150 for food/supplies) and the opportunity to close your block to traffic for some neighborly hang-out time. Party ideas have included: Pizza party, brunch buffet, international pot-luck, live music by neighbors, s'mores over a fire pit, BBQ ribs and brisket, magician, fun on wheels (bikes, skates, scooters with NO CARS!), Blocktoberfest pretzels and sausages, homebrew tasting, and more! Get creative and have fun! More info on the Monta Loma web-site here: <https://www.montaloma.org/events/block-parties/>

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**Nirvana Nwokidu, candidate for President**, moved to Monta Loma in 2002, and lives here with her husband and 3 kids. She was attracted to the architecture of the homes, but she also felt a sense of community in the helpful and friendly neighbors whom she first met. She knew this was a place where she wanted to be an involved resident, and soon joined CERT, later the MLNA Board, and currently serves as Second Vice President. She enjoys conversations with her neighbors and others in the community. She also enjoys sharing gardening tips, and organizing events for her street. She cherishes the friendships and connections formed here over these past years.



**Olga Bright, candidate for Second Vice President**, has lived in Monta Loma for two years. "My husband and I moved here after we retired to be closer to our five grandchildren. We love Monta Loma because its cohesive neighborhood identity makes it a great community to live in. We enjoy walking to the park, bicycling to Shoreline, playing tennis, and participating in area hikes. I hope to contribute to building this vibrant community by volunteering for our local neighborhood events."



**Andre Valente, candidate for Treasurer**, has lived in Monta Loma for 10 years and has been the MLNA Treasurer for seven. He also helps run the MLNA online services (site, lists, emails). He's more introverted, but you may have met his wife, Karla, who has been active in many neighborhood activities including the Progressive Dinner, the Garden Club, and setting up the Little Free Library on the corner of Fay and Jewell. Andre feels very lucky to have found Monta Loma.



**Baidra Murphy, candidate for Member-at-Large**, is a life-long resident of the Bay Area and has been in Monta Loma for 16 years, most recently serving as MLNA Secretary for five years. She truly believes it is a special neighborhood. She has one child at Los Altos High School, and she works in Los Altos as a real estate broker. She earned her BFA in photography, loves to knit with our knitting group, and is an avid genealogist. She thanks you for making Monta Loma a special place to call home.



**Marilyn Gildea, candidate for Member-at-Large**, moved from a second-floor condo in Tahoe to an Eichler so she wouldn't have to move again until she is wheeled out. Two years after her arrival, she became the newsletter editor from 2004 until 2019. She also helps organize many MLNA events. As the longest-serving member, she is the Board's institutional memory.



**Tricia DelGaudio, candidate for Member-at-Large**, has lived in Monta Loma for almost 5 years, serving as MLNA President for 3 years. She, her husband, and elder son moved from New York City, seeking a forever home to enjoy 265 days of sunshine and pursue careers. You will find her swapping fruit with her neighbors and chalking up the sidewalks with her kids in front of her home. She will take over the newsletter layout for the next term



## FRESH FACES TO JOIN THE BOARD

**Jennifer Dell-Ernstrom** moved to Monta Loma in May 2021 with her husband,



Lars. She wants to join the MLNA board to help strengthen community bonds. She has distributed the newsletter, volunteered at the ice cream social, and begun helping with editing the newsletter. Jennifer organized a neighborhood block group with her nearest neighbors, and looks forward to sharing info and ideas with them. You can find her taking walks during work breaks or on her way to The Midwife and the Baker.

**Anish Morakhia**, and his wife, Priyanka, and moved here in June 2020 and immediately realized that this neighborhood was special when they joined the MLN email list. As first-time homeowners, the advice of the community has helped them not to be overwhelmed by the challenges they encountered. The Ice Cream Social and the newsletter are really important in maintaining connections with the community. He wants to serve on the Board to help keep these traditions going, and perhaps create new ones. Anish hopes to bring a different perspective to the community. He moved to this country for graduate school in 2015, having lived in Malaysia, UAE, and India. Living in Monta Loma is the closest thing to putting down roots he has done, and he is eager to contribute to a community that has made them feel so welcome.



**Alice Pang** and husband Lukas Kaul moved to Monta Loma in 2021. The wide streets and abundant greenery drew her family in, but it's the friendly neighbors and sense of community that convinced them to make their first house a true home to grow in. Alice and Lukas take daily walks around the neighborhood with their baby, Leon, and dog, Marnie, and all four (especially the dog) love meeting and saying hello to passersby.



**Alan Whitaker**, a local native born into an Eichler home, continues his family tradition as a Monta Loma Eichler homeowner for 28 years. Socially conscious, he is on the Community Emergency Response Team, is the liaison to the Palo Alto Garden Apartments, and is very active in the Garden Club. He is seeking to put his enthusiasm, resourcefulness, talents, and energy to strengthen our unique and extraordinary community. Alan will bring a dedication to stimulate and enhance neighborhood opportunities for participation in activities and events for the benefit of all Monta Lomans.



*This summer's election is expected to be an uncontested election with everyone who volunteers to have a seat on the board. We're looking for new candidates to take on the roles of First VP and Secretary. We thank all of our prior board members who have chosen to pass the torch for their service to the community.*

*Please join your neighbors for the annual meeting to formally elect this group of dedicated individuals.*

Meeting details on page 1.

### Neighborhood Resources

#### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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#### Stay Connected with MLN

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Or find Monta Loma on NextDoor

#### MLNA Websites

[www.montaloma.org](http://www.montaloma.org)

Referrals: [localwiki.org/montaloma](http://localwiki.org/montaloma)  
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Thanks to those who delivered the last newsletter:

Linda Harvey, Silke Gurlich, Dave Erskine, Lindsay Sterling, Ivy Lu, Linda Powers, John Thomas, Liz Wee, John Canata, Maria Harnoto, Diane McCleary, Trisha DelGaudio, Paul Kostka, Leanne Reelfs, Dave McCleary, Chuck and Cookie Henderson, Griffen Auckland, Herb & Victoria Perry, Birgit and Grant Grundler, Andy Coe, Raymond White

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](mailto:lindapowers.007@gmail.com) to learn more.

## Monta Loma Welcome Wagon

By Debbie Cunningham

Are you interested in welcoming new neighbors to our wonderful neighborhood? Twenty-six years ago when my family moved into the neighborhood we instantly made friends with our immediate neighbors but also got to know neighbors not on our street through the babysitting co-op, the ice cream social, and block parties. In a current effort to warmly welcome new residents, we are looking for people who can help us do that.

If you notice a moving truck on your street, run into a new friendly face, or strike up a conversation at the park and realize you are talking to someone new, you are in a great position to help welcome them to Monta Loma. Nirvana Nwokidu and myself are gathering ideas and inviting folks willing to be our ambassadors to help extend hospitality and welcome to new neighbors. Please contact us at [volunteer@montaloma.org](mailto:volunteer@montaloma.org). Below is a link with information for those new to our neighborhood.

<https://www.montaloma.org/mlna/new-neighbor/>

### Kids of all ages!

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## Will I Be Able to Use the Internet After an Earthquake?

By Tim Slattery, CERT Leader

In Monta Loma there are two primary methods of connecting to the Internet, AT&T fiber and Xfinity cable. For fiber you may have a different service provider (e.g., Sonic) but AT&T owns the fiber lines. DSL connections were all forced to convert to fiber optic lines about a year ago. A dial-up connection is still possible, but the use is virtually non-existent.

Satellite connections exist, but are not generally used where fiber and cable connections are available. Satellite connections will be covered in a later article.

In Monta Loma, we have fiber to the home on a Gigabit Passive Optical Network that does not need power to transmit the signal to the central office. The central office should have generators, so if the equipment and building are not damaged, fiber should continue to operate after an earthquake.

Cable Internet will probably fail during a wide-area power outage. There are many powered devices between the home and the Head-End Node, and if any lose power, the connection goes out. Local power outages might not effect any of those intermediate devices, but a regional power outage would. It is possible that Xfinity has battery backup that could keep their systems operating for several hours, but it is not clear if that is the case in our neighborhood.

If you have a working Internet connection, you will also need to power your local equipment. For a newer AT&T system it may be a single box that combines the Optical Network Terminal (ONT), router, and Wi-Fi. It may be a separate ONT and a router/Wi-Fi box. Cable systems will have similar connection boxes and Wi-Fi systems that need power. In addition, whatever device you use will need to be powered. Laptops and phones may have several hours of built-in battery, but desktop computers will need an external source of power.

An uninterruptible power supply (UPS) can provide hours of operation for the connection, and is probably a good investment, especially to deal with the local power outages. There are many online resources to help size the UPS to your equipment and the time you want to operate with the power off.

Using a cell phone to send email is the method that uses the least power to get a message out. A desktop uses far more power, and even a laptop does not have the battery operating time of most cell phones. Email is the best method of sending messages after a disaster since it is low bandwidth, and has flexible routing that can find a way around local outages.

If this sounds interesting, visit [montaloma.org/mlna/cert](http://montaloma.org/mlna/cert) and consider joining CERT. Meetings are held monthly on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am at the CERT trailer located at the Monta Loma school. Contact Tim Slattery at [CERT@montaloma.org](mailto:CERT@montaloma.org).



## Monta Loma School News: From the Principal

By Trisha Lee, Principal, Monta Loma  
Elementary School

The 2021-22 school year comes to a close on Friday, June 3rd. We will be celebrating our 5th graders as they promote to 6th grade on Thursday, June 2nd.

With district summer programs being held at Mistral and Castro Elementary Schools this summer, the Monta Loma campus will be buzzing with construction and upgrades. Below is an overview of the various projects planned.

Solar arrays will be installed on rooftops and on a structure over the front parking lot on Thompson Avenue. On May 7th, several non-mature trees were removed to make way for solar construction. Two trees will be planted for every one removed. Solar panels will save the district \$600,000 annually in electrical costs.

Aging HVAC units will be replaced and moved to the roof. The existing system has been updated to include MERV-13 filters, the highest-grade filter available for our units.

New lights and/or bollard style light posts will be installed to illuminate a path of travel between campus and parking lots. The light locations were determined by photometric survey data. This additional lighting is an important safety measure for staff members and guests using the campus in the evenings and winter late afternoons.

Security cameras in public areas will be installed at all school sites to increase safety for students and staff members by deterring misconduct and preventing vandalism.

Feedback and suggestions were gathered from our school staff, parent, and neighborhood community on lighting and security-camera projects. The district has provided our Board of Trustee updates on the development of our plans, and presentations can be found posted on our district's website. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [tlee@mvwsd.org](mailto:tlee@mvwsd.org). You can find more information on our district's construction website for Monta Loma Elementary School, [tinyurl.com/MLE-Construction](http://tinyurl.com/MLE-Construction).



KTVU Channel 2 News  
reported from Alvin Street

## MLN Garage Sales Make Prime Time

By Marilyn Gildea

Everyone enjoyed sharing smiles and finding bargains on a warm sunny day, making the May 7 garage sale another huge success. More than 25 people registered to hold a sale or set out their free items in their driveway. Many others also posted their addresses and items on the MLN email list during the day.

Joan MacDonald was delighted to collect almost \$750 for CHAC (Community Health Awareness Council), and Jen Mills and Jo Chun-Wood on Alvin were equally happy to collect over \$725 for Scout Troop 87.

Perhaps because Monta Loma had the most dots on the citywide-sales map, a TV film crew visited Alvin Street. See the footage at [tinyurl.com/MLNonTV](http://tinyurl.com/MLNonTV).



Several garage sales were fundraisers for organizations.



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Neighbor Ken Wallace sold his pottery from his garage.



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## Keeping Monta Loma Clean and Green

### Dogs:

- In addition to always picking up your dog's 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 breaks.
- 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.

### Walkable Sidewalks:

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

**Paper Shredding Event:** Recycle confidential or sensitive paper documents, tax returns, bank statements, or health records at the Sunnyvale SMaRT Station on June 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. More info at [tinyurl.com/MLNshred](https://tinyurl.com/MLNshred)

**Recycling of Old Clothes:** Place clothing and textiles in a securely closed, clear plastic bag (preferred) or paper bag marked TEXTILES. Place the bag next to or on top of your compost cart on your regular collection day so that it is clearly visible to the driver of the collection truck. Clothing and textiles do need to be clean (washed) prior to placing curbside. Shoes of all kinds (even singles) are accepted if placed in a clear bag separate from clothing and textiles.

### 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.
- The next street sweeping dates are: 5/26, 6/9, 6/23, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11. Details are at [tinyurl.com/swpng](https://tinyurl.com/swpng).
- If you have tenants who park on the street, please keep them informed of dates as well.

**What goes in which bin:** Visit [mvrecycle.org](https://mvrecycle.org).

**Don't Toss It, Repair It:** The next Repair Café sessions are scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at the Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave.; and Sunday, July 10, at the Museum of American Heritage in Palo Alto; both 11:00 – 3:00. Visit [repaircafemv.org/events](https://repaircafemv.org/events) to verify dates.

## Regular Service vs. Tune-Up

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

For those of us who have been driving for a few decades, we remember having to do a tune-up every 30k miles or so. This meant replacing the spark plugs, wires, distributor cap, and rotor. Spark plugs got fouled fairly easily because cars didn't run as cleanly as they do today. But these days, most cars don't need spark plugs replaced until around 100k miles. Back in the day, it took an hour or so to do the plugs whereas these days, it can take between 2-6 hours, depending on the car.



We get a lot of calls from people who want to get a tune-up. What they really mean is that they need regular service (or maintenance); whatever service required at the mileage interval. Typically, that's an oil change (2-4 times a year, depending on your mileage. We do ours every 4,500 miles) and a vehicle inspection. The vehicle inspection is done once a year and covers all the items in your manual that says, "inspect," and allows your mechanic to keep an eye on your brakes, belts, hoses, fluids, suspension and charging system. A tire rotation is also done at this time.

Times may have changed, but regular maintenance is still the best way to get the most out of your vehicle.

## Neighbor connections, free stuff, and more!

The 20+ year old Monta Loma Neighborhood email list is a major part of our close-knit community, and we encourage you to join if you haven't already. Information about the list is at [www.montaloma-post.org](http://www.montaloma-post.org).

## Leadership Mountain View Taking Applications Now

By Marilyn Gildea

"Leadership Mountain View is where good people become great leaders," agree the graduates of this course on how the city works. If you contemplate becoming more involved in the community, consider taking this one-Friday-a-month class. It begins in September, but spaces fill early. Visit [lmv.education](https://lmv.education) or contact Brian Kosinski at [brian.kosinski@lmv.education](mailto:brian.kosinski@lmv.education) or 650-279-9853.

*Note: Some elected officials say that participation in the League of Women Voters provides an even more valuable experience. (Yes, the LWV welcomes men, too.)*

## Get the Street to Yourselves at a Block Party

Block parties have already been planned, and we look forward to more this summer and fall. A block party is a great way to meet your neighbors, build the camaraderie that helps keep our neighborhood safe, and compile a list of each other's contact information to share. To promote these goals, the MLNA will help pay for your party.

It's wise to set the date for your street's party now. Note that to block off a street you must obtain a permit and allow at least 30 days for it to be processed. For how-to information, including how to borrow orange safety cones and Road Closed signs, go to [montaloma.org](http://montaloma.org) and click on Block Parties under Events. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "printable version."

Our Neighborhood Watch Captain, Tom Purcell, would be happy to visit your party to meet your neighbors and discuss security. Contact Tom at [MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com](mailto:MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com).



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# NEIGHBORHOOD FOODIES

credit: Julie Baher



Overstuffed Macarons at Oh Honey Bakery look incredibly tempting!

## Sweet Treats at Oh Honey Bakery

By Julie Baher

If you want to visit a charming new small business, stop into Oh Honey Bakery at 1030 Castro St. Suite A. It is a very tiny shop (I recommend you find the parking behind Rose International Market and grab some great Persian food to go for your dinner.) Oh Honey sells cream puffs and overstuffed macarons. The cream puffs come in a variety of flavors—try the black sesame, salted cheese, or more traditional vanilla and chocolate. There are seasonal and holiday ones and adorable gift boxes. These would make perfect inexpensive (~\$4) birthday gifts for a co-worker or your favorite neighbor (hint hint!). Delivery also available.

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## Rozmary Kitchen- East Coast Hoagie Sandwiches with West Coast Ingredients

By Anish Morakhia

"I just want to make a really great sandwich without cutting any corners," says chef Nick Rappoport of the Rozmary Kitchen. He uses a freshly baked Dutch crunch roll developed in collaboration with The Midwife and the Baker. Most ingredients including pickles, meat, and jams are made in-house. Every sandwich is an attempt to hit every flavor profile. The net result is truly creative restaurant-type dishes presented in the form of a sandwich.

We recommend the Mo'betta Turchetta, a turkey sandwich which is delightfully sweet and savory, or the K-Town, which pairs roast beef & poblano kimchi and leaves you amazed by how someone could think of creating such a pairing. The salad on the seasonal menu is also packed with flavor.

On a personal note, this pop-up has become a weekly ritual that signals the beginning of the weekend. Paired with an almond croissant from the Midwife and the Baker, this perfect Friday lunch has brought us a lot of joy this past year. Rozmary Kitchen pops up at 846 Independence Ave next to the Midwife and the Baker every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Pre-order at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.)



Chef Nick prepares a batch of turkey sandwiches at the Rozmary Kitchen pop-up. Mo'betta Turchetta and K-Town sandwiches surprise and delight.



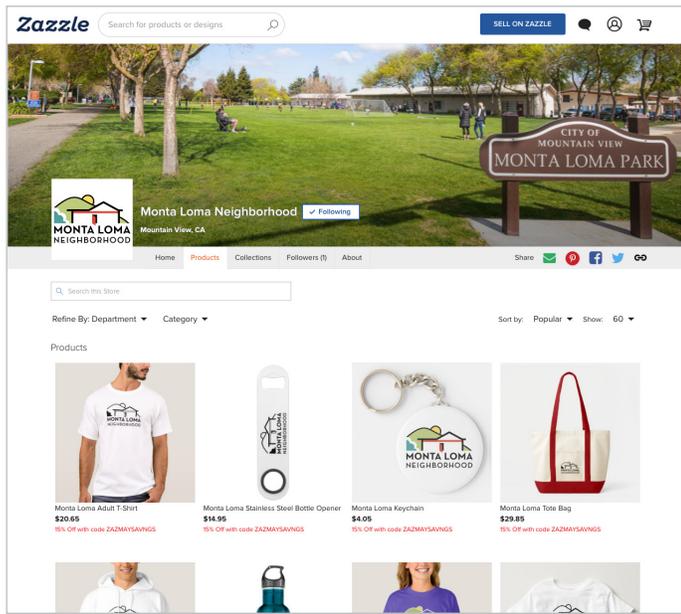
credit: Rozmary Kitchen

# MONTA LOMA FUN & GAMES

## Check Out the New Gear on the Monta Loma Zazzle Site

More options than ever are now available on the new website for Monta Loma Gear. Stock up on your neighborhood gear for your summer block party and Ice Cream Social. You may also customize the options with different styles and colors.

Visit the new store at:  
[www.zazzle.com/store/MontaLomaMV](http://www.zazzle.com/store/MontaLomaMV)



Special Thanks to Amanda Odette for setting up the new store. If you have ideas for other MLN designs, please email [volunteer@montaloma.org](mailto:volunteer@montaloma.org)

## Ready-Printed Gear Still Available

Don't wait for printing or pay for shipping if you'd like a Monta Loma mug, baseball cap or some t-shirts. See the Monta Loma swag at [montaloma.org/mln-logo-items](http://montaloma.org/mln-logo-items) and contact [info@montaloma.org](mailto:info@montaloma.org) to buy. If a t-shirt is what you'd like, visit: <https://www.montaloma.org/monta-loma-tee-shirts-still-available/> to view styles and sizes available today for only \$15. There will be a gift with purchase of these pre-printed items of a Monta Loma pen.



## Neighborhood Puzzler—Can You Guess?

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- 1: It's what Monta Means
- 2: Yellow bird recently spotted in the 'hood
- 3: Short street in the neighborhood
- 4: We have many kinds of these around
- 5: Street that used to be an airport runway
- 6: Street that is also a Mountain
- 7: Native tree that grows well here
- 8: Street that is a U shape
- 9: Month for the Ice Cream Social (August)

\* Answers on Page 11

## Local Biking Enthusiast Shares her Summer Bike Ride Ideas and Favorite Events

By Cheryl Smith

Bicycling is good for your health and the environment! May is the perfect month to celebrate this wonderful means of transportation, with long days of sunshine. Whether you are a new cyclist who bought a bicycle during the pandemic or have been cycling for years, there are events for all.

Due to the pandemic, the annual Bike to Work Day pivoted to Bike to Wherever Days. With so many employees working at home it just made sense to expand the event. Now, instead of just one day, the celebration goes on for 4 days (May 19 - 22) and includes many more family-friendly locations. Energizer Stations with tasty treats, maps and biking information are located at libraries and parks over the weekend as well as the traditional stands at train stations and companies during the week. For example, the Mitchell Library (Palo Alto), will have a station open on Saturday, 5/21, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.. Visit the website at the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to plan your route and register for your free canvas messenger bag (which has an updated, groovy logo this year). It is a perfect time to find the most sustainable way to get to your place of employment or recreation. The Monta Loma neighborhood proximity to the San Antonio CalTrain station gives us many possibilities for sustainable travel. The Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition also conducts many classes to teach people how to tune up their bikes, become more comfortable on the roads and even how to be an advocate.



Cheryl Smith checking out her route using the new Pedestrian/Cycling bridge to the Meta Campus in Menlo Park, which crosses the Bayfront Expressway from the Bay trail.

### Other events that incorporate fun and cycling:

#### Silicon Valley Open Studios - May21-22 from 11 to 5 p.m.

Not a bike event per se but pedaling to nearby artist studios is a great way to combine a little exercise and culture.

Plot your route using the interactive map: <https://svos.org/event-map/> <https://svos.org/>

#### Wheelie Home Ride - Sunday, May 22

Join Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Palo Alto Forward, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and Housing Trust Silicon Valley for an affordable housing tour by bike. The ride will be joined by Mountain View Mayor, Lucas Ramirez and County Supervisor Joe Simitian. Both have helped champion City and County efforts to fund, preserve, and build affordable housing. The ride will also traverse El Camino Real and provide an opportunity to learn the most recent progress on building high quality bike lanes on this stretch. All are welcome! <https://tinyurl.com/WheelieHomeRide>

### Local Bicycling clubs

If you want to keep the exercise and good times rolling, consider joining one of the local bicycle clubs. Truly this area is one of the best for bicycle routes and infrastructure (bike trails etc.). Western Wheelers Bicycle Club is based in Palo Alto and has a wide range of rides with a wide variety of different speeds, distance, and hilliness. Almaden Cycle Touring Club is based in San Jose and also does many local rides. Attend a few rides as a guest to see if you like riding with a group and then consider joining (yearly dues are approximately \$25 with a few yearly picnics, BBQs, etc.).

#### Western Wheeler's Monday Morning Coffee ride

Meet at Rengstorff Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mtn. View. Meet at 8:45 AM for a 9:00 AM departure for coffee at Peet's Coffee in Menlo Park. Travel at a mild, social, and comfortable pace through residential neighborhoods to reach our destination. After purchasing coffee at Peet's, go to the park across the street to enjoy them. The ride is expected to last about 3 hours returning to Rengstorff Community Center around 11:50 AM.



2022 BTWD bike bag

## Neighbors Advocate for More Park Space

By Robin Lin

Friends of Mountain View Parks (501(c)(4)) was established by a group of your fellow neighbors in 2020 to advocate for the right of each Mountain View resident to accessible, public park space within safe walking distance of their home. We are circulating a petition to gather enough signatures to qualify for the November ballot. The initiative directs the City of Mountain View to adopt a goal of providing at least 5 acres of City-owned publicly accessible parkland within a 1/2-mile safe walking distance of every residence in Mountain View. To sign the petition, help us gather signatures, or find out more, please visit [tinyurl.com/ym7dzyep](http://tinyurl.com/ym7dzyep).



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 in Monta Loma Park  
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credit: Liliana, age 9

## Traffic & Parking Resources

By John Canata, MLNA Traffic and Parking Liaison

A few contacts for your reference:

- Non emergency MVPD phone number: (650) 903-6395
- Abandoned vehicle (more than 3 days): call (650) 903-6358
- Traffic Hotline / Police enforcement at a specific intersection: (650) 903-6146
- Burned-out street light (give pole #): (650) 903-6514
- Other traffic concerns or concerns about Google X Rails: email [trafficliaison@montaloma.org](mailto:trafficliaison@montaloma.org) and John will forward concerns to the correct contact.

Answers to Puzzle on Page 9 — 1: Mountain, 2: Oriole, 3: Nita, 4: Trees, 5: Alvin, 6: Lassen, 7: Oak, 8: Mardell, 9: August

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