

# NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, MAY 6

Start sorting through your garage in advance of the Monta Loma garage sale, learn about native trees, local birds, and the future park coming to Monta Loma.

# National Arbor Day is April 28

Celebrate Arbor Day by planting a new tree in your yard or enjoy a stroll in Monta Loma and notice all the beautiful trees in our park and neighborhood. Trees are an important part of our community and have value on many levels - environmental, economic, social, and spiritual.



# Save the date - Ice Cream Social will be August 27, 3:00 to 5:00 pm



Mark your calendars! The annual neighborhood Ice Cream Social will be held as usual at the Monta Loma Park on Sunday, August 27. It's a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and chat with old friends. Stay tuned for more details in the summer newsletter.

# Plan your 2023 Block party

Though many block parties aren't held until late summer and early fall, it's not too early to contact a neighbor and set a date for yours. For how-to information, go to <u>montaloma.org</u> and click **Block Parties** under **Events**.



## Mark Your Calendars for the Monta Loma Garage Sale

The Monta Loma Neighborhood will again hold its annual garage-sale/ driveway-giveaway event on the first Saturday in May, to coincide with the Citywide Garage Sale.



In 2022, more than 30 households participated, some registering on the Monta Loma list and map, others on the citywide site, and still others on both lists.

A multi-family sale raised over \$740 for a local scout troop, and a set-your-own-price sale to benefit CHAC (Community Health Awareness Council) raised \$727.

Perhaps because our neighborhood had the most dots on the city's citywide garage-sale map, a TV film crew visited Monta Loma.

Registration information for both the Monta Loma and the City events will be posted on montaloma.org in March.

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# TREES IN MONTA LOMA

### Monta Loma Trees: The Coast Redwood (Sequoia sempervirens)

By Olga Bright

Monta Loma Park is fortunate to have so many magnificent Coast Redwood trees, one of three types of redwoods (Dawn Redwood, the Giant Sequoia, and the Coast Redwood).

It is worth stopping to admire the 23 magnificent Coast Redwoods that manage to survive in our park. You can identify them by the fact that they are evergreen, and have needles one-half to one inch long that are shaped like a flat double-edged sword,



forming sprays. The cones are about an inch long and made up of hard scales. The bark is reddish brown in color and is very thick with deep furrows. It is the thick bark that enables Coast Redwoods to survive fires, and this contributes to their longevity, with some living as long as 2,200 years!

Redwoods are among the world's tallest trees. It is common for Coast Redwood trees to be over 200 feet (61 m) and many are over 300 feet (91 m). A mature tree

is on average 15 or 20 feet in diameter. The circumference of the largest Redwood in Monta Loma Park is about 100 inches, but it is difficult to estimate how old it

is because there is considerable variability in how much a Coast Redwood will grow in one year. Growth rates are heavily dependent on rainfall. They may grow one inch or several feet in a year. It is estimated that young redwoods can grow to 100 or 150' in height in 50 years and they can grow more than an inch in diameter per year.

Redwoods reproduce in a number of ways. In addition to growing from the cones they drop, redwoods can grow from cut stumps, their roots, and burls. This is also an important



The Coast Redwood ©Calscape

adaptation to fire. It is common to see new growth shoot up from a fire-damaged tree from the stump. Redwoods do not have long taproots, but rather wide root systems which can intertwine with the roots of other redwood trees. The trees like to grow in clusters so their root systems provide stability for each other. This is evident in the two clusters of redwood trees in Monta Loma Park.

Although redwoods are able to survive fires because of their great height, their thick bark, and their ability to sprout from the stump, they are vulnerable to the California drought because of their dependence on a moist environment. We should cherish these remarkable trees and hope that they can adapt and survive in the face of climate change.

# Street Tree Program - get a tree planted and pruned for free!

By Anish Morakhia

The City of Mountain View offers to plant and prune trees for you if your property has appropriate planting space. Considerations for planting include spacing, proximity to sewer, gas and water service lines, as well as proximity to sidewalks, driveways, and streetlights. Usually, street trees are required to be planted 5 feet from the back edge of the sidewalk. The property owner is responsible for watering young street trees. The first two years are critical, and the tree will need to be watered weekly from spring through fall.

Street trees planted in Mountain View are owned by the property owner. The city has the authority to plant, prune, or remove street trees. However, this does not affect ownership or liability. Property owners are not permitted to prune street trees without written permission from the city, but are expected to keep them trimmed to a height of seven feet and the full width of the sidewalk.

Street trees are planted year-round. The timeline of the planting of a street tree depends on the number of street trees requested and the date of the submission to the planting contractor. The city batches 20 trees into one request to the planting contractor, so if you are at the end of the batch, or if a group of neighbors' request street trees at once, the wait time can be minimal. The current typical timeline is 3-4 months from the request date.

Although the city specifies a street tree per street, any tree can be picked from the master street tree list found on the City's website. Pick wisely as normally, a street tree is removed only if it is dead, dying, structurally unsound, or creating a problem that cannot be resolved without causing great harm to the tree.

Please contact the Forestry Division at (650) 903-6273 or by email at <u>parks@moun-tainview.gov</u> for all street tree related requests.

# Arbor Day free tree give-away from the City of Mountain View

Each year in connection with Arbor Day, the City offers a free tree to Mountain View residents for planting on their property. Residents agree to plant and maintain the tree. There are 14 types of trees to choose from including favorites such as Ginkgo, Green Japanese Maple, Eastern Redbud, and Crape Myrtle. Check out the sign-up information and the complete list of available trees at <u>tinyurl.com/freetreemv</u>.





Eastern Redbud

Green Japanese Maple



The Arbor Day program allows you to plant a tree anywhere on your property, while the Street Tree Program offers trees planted and pruned by the City of Mountain View and which are close to the sidewalk.

#### Neighborhood Resources

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Do you have an hour to spare? We welcome new volunteers, even if you can help only occasionally. It's a great way to get to know your neighborhood and get an hour's exercise.

Contact Linda Powers at lindapowers.007@gmail.com

# Alzheimer's and effective communication strategies

By Dr. Elna Tymes

#### www.cognitashealth.com

There are a number of people living among us who have Alzheimer's or one of the other dementias. You can help family and friends connect and communicate with their loved ones who have Alzheimer's or dementia by following some of these tips:

- Think about how to start talking with the person. For example, make eye contact and approach the person from the front. Say the person's name and name yourself.
  Example: "Hello George, I'm John. We used to work together."
- Keep sentences clear and straightforward and do not use open-ended questions. Slow down before you respond and use short sentences and basic words.
- Don't be surprised if the person doesn't recognize you, even if you are a son or daughter. Don't belabor the point, just move on to something else.
- Avoid correcting the person with Alzheimer's if he or she makes a mistake or forgets something. Instead, respond to the feelings and emotions behind their statements or behavior. Pay attention to your tone and try to reassure them or redirect them to another activity or topic.
- Help family and friends plan fun activities with the person, such as family reunions or visiting old friends. Video calls can be a great way to connect too. Viewing a photo album together can help if the person is bored or confused and needs to be distracted. It might be helpful to label the pictures in the album. Family and friends can also create a care package or make a photo album or video to send to the person.

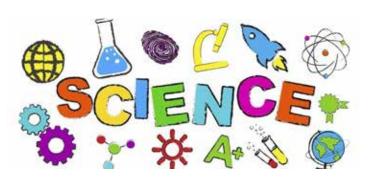
- Remind family and friends to call or video chat at times of day when the person with Alzheimer's is at his or her best.
- Be calm and quiet when talking to the person. Don't use a loud voice or talk to the person as if he or she were a child.
- Respect the person's personal space, and don't get too close.
- Encourage a two-way conversation for as long as possible. Be patient when someone has trouble finding the right words or putting feelings into words. You can help them but try not to speak for them.
- Try not to take it personally if the person is unkind or gets angry. He or she is acting out of confusion.
- Communicate using all 5 senses:
  - 1. Connect through touch visit with animals, give hand massages.
  - Connect through sight photo albums, videos of animals, nature, or travel, do bird watching, go outdoors or sit by an open window together.

- Connect through sound listen to familiar music or recordings of nature, read books or newspaper articles to the person.
- 4. Connect through smell use fragrant lotions for hand massages, enjoy fragrant teas or coffee.
- 5. Connect through taste share favorite foods!

There's no single right way to tell others about Alzheimer's disease. When the time seems right, be honest with family, friends, and others. Use this as a chance to educate them about Alzheimer's.

You can:

- Tell friends and family about how Alzheimer's disease affects memory, thinking, and behavior.
- Share articles, websites, and other information about the disease. In particular, the Alzheimer's Association at <u>alz.org</u> is a good place to start.
- Tell them concrete ways that they can help, such as calling the person with Alzheimer's disease, providing meals, or helping with home repairs or safety modifications.



# Sign up for the Science lectures email list

About once a week Dotty Calabrese compiles a list of upcoming science/tech lectures and events in our area, and sends it to those interested. If you would like to join her email list (which isn't shared), contact Dotty at <u>dottycala@aol.com</u>.

## Invasive foxtails menace our pets

Foxtails (tinyurl.com/fxtlmln) are proliferating in the neighborhood and are a hazard to pets and wildlife. Pets require expensive surgery when the seeds embed themselves in the nose, ears, or paws. Please pull up the plants wherever you can and bag in compostable yard-waste bags. If you must mow, bag for disposal. If using plastic bags, place them in the garbage bin.



#### List your website on montaloma.org

If you are a Monta Loma resident who owns a business and would like to be listed, send your name, business name/ description, and the link to your site to <u>marilyn@gildea</u>. <u>com</u>. If your link is no longer valid or has changed, or you know that someone listed no longer lives in the neighborhood, please let Marilyn know so she can update the page <u>montaloma.org/mlna/neighbors-websites</u>

# 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 <u>montaloma-post.org</u>.

### Future park at 538 Thompson Avenue

The City has completed the purchase of 538 Thompson Ave., the flagpole property across from Junction Ave. Funding



and timing for park design and construction will be considered by the City Council as part of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (fiscal years 2023-24 through 2027-28) to be adopted by the Council in June 2023.

When the park project is ready to move forward, the City will follow its park-development process. This multi-year project will include two or three community meetings for input on park features and design.

## Upcoming FREE community concerts at the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA):

- Music of the Great French Innovators Sunday, March 5, at 2:00 pm An afternoon of music by beloved French composers.
- Taylor Eigsti and Paul Hanson

Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 pm GRAMMY-award winning jazz pianist and composer Taylor Eigsti and jazz bassoonist Paul Hanson offer an evening of jazz improvisation.



• Temirzhan Yerzhanov: Music Zoo Sunday, April 16, at 2:00 pm Enjoy a special afternoon family concert featuring beloved music based on fairy tales and children's stories.

Location: CSMA – Tateuchi Hall 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View

Note: These are free community concerts and seating is first-come, first-served. No advance tickets are available. Face masks are strongly recommended inside Tateuchi Hall.

For more information visit <a>arts4</a>all.org

### Next Garden Club meeting - Saturday, March 18th at 10 am

The garden club will resume its activities on March 18th at 10:00 am (the third Saturday of the month) and will have a more formal agenda organized by a Santa Clara Master Gardener. The meetings will continue to take place at the Waldorf School community garden. Please see the Monta Loma webpage for more information about the activities and membership: <u>montaloma.org/events</u>



Waldorf School community garden chickens wander the garden during club meetings

# Satellite-based Communications

by Tim Slattery, CERT Leader

This is part five of a series addressing the question: "How can I let my family know that I'm OK after an earthquake?" Previously articles covered the most common and

easily available methods of communication. The others are satellite-based.

Many of these devices are equivalent to common cell phones or Internet connections, but are intended for



remote, off-the-grid, or emergency communications. They usually cost more and have fewer features than their on-thegrid cousins.

#### Satellite Messengers

The three basic types of satellite messengers are SOS, oneway, and two-way, but only the two-way messengers will allow you to communicate with your family.

Two-way messengers can send an SOS, usually with a single button push. This will transmit your location to services such as GEOS or Global Rescue. In addition, these can send and receive text messages similar to SMS on a cellphone. The character limit may be as low as 160 per message, but it will allow you to text back and forth to family and friends. Slightly cheaper than texting, you can send messages that you have preprogrammed, such as "We are all OK." Your GPS location is usually included with that message.

Because these use the satellite network (Iridium, Globalstar, or Intelsat), they are capable of connecting almost anywhere you have a clear view of the sky. They don't work indoors, inside cars, or under trees. Some have built-in keyboards, while others pair with a cell phone to create and read messages.

One downside of satellite messengers is that for most of us, it's an additional cell phone, one that you hope never to use. In addition, you must maintain the device, and practice using it enough so that it will work for you in the stress of an emergency. Also, it must be with you or be accessible when an emergency strikes. Another downside for some people is not having voice capability, and to gain that, you need to move up to the satellite phone.

#### Satellite Phone

Satellite phones are capable of all the features of the satellite messenger, including SOS and text messages, but adds voice calling. They are the top-tier communication for remote, offgrid emergency situations. The primary satellite networks are Iridium, Globalstar, and Inmarsat. They provide communications over most of the globe. If you are traveling beyond North America, you would need to confirm coverage where you are going. Also keep in mind that sat phones are illegal in some countries (e.g., India), and permits are required in others.

A satellite phone is basically a primitive cell phone, some with a large antenna. Costs have been dropping significantly over the past few years. The phone itself costs between \$500 and \$1500. Calls to some countries can incur significant surcharges.

For this, you are paying for a capability parallel to your normal cell phone, at about the same monthly cost, with far fewer usable minutes. Like the messenger, you must use it enough that it is maintained and you are familiar enough with it that you know how to use it.

#### Satellite Internet

With a satellite uplink, you can access the Internet just as your cable or fiber does. In an emergency you could send text messages and videos, or do any online activities, as long as you have power for the computer and peripherals, but this is more expensive and not what most would choose for everyday use.

#### Overall considerations

All three of these satellite-based systems would provide reliable communications after a major earthquake. But to use them, you would have to maintain the equipment in working and ready condition, and use it enough that you could use it effectively under stress.

All this equipment would require charging and/or power to operate, so in addition you would need to have and maintain whatever method you would use to power your equipment when grid power is off.

This adds to the cost, which is already high when considering that these duplicate the function of services you are already paying for. Under normal circumstances, normal cellular will do more, at lower cost, and with greater convenience.

Next time we'll conclude with a discussion of a technology that is over 100 years old, still viable, and a standard for emergency communication.

To learn more about disaster preparedness, consider joining CERT. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the CERT trailer, located on the north side of Monta Loma School. Upcoming meetings are on March 11, April 8 and May 13. Donuts served! Feel free to contact me at CERT@montaloma.org.

# Monta Loma Welcome Wagon needs volunteer ambassadors

By John Canata

Are you interested in welcoming new neighbors to our wonderful neighborhood? In an 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, see a new 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 our active Monta Loma neighborhood. John Canata, Debbie Cunningham, Alice Pang, and our MLNA President Nirvana Nwokidu are gathering ideas, and we hope that we can count on more of you to be ambassadors to help extend hospitality and welcome new neighbors.

Please contact us if you would like to be a part of the team. Your input is needed. Debbie, John, Alice, and Nirvana (and anyone else interested) will meet soon to discuss what steps we can take to welcome new residents to our neighborhood. We would also appreciate you letting us know of any new residents (including yourself) to Monta Loma.

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# Monta Loma School News: From the PTA

By Tanya Ngo, Vice President

The PTA has had a busy and successful winter! Our annual Winter Clothing & Food Drive collected over 600 clothing and food items for Hope's Corner. We also had the kids' favorite Movie Night. Dozens of kids got to enjoy Ice Age with their friends and family while munching away on a variety of treats.



We're also thrilled to announce that our annual Walkathon is back (Monta Loma Park, March 31st from 3 - 6 pm)! This is the biggest PTA fundraiser of the year, and your financial support is key. Proceeds will be used for student learning enrichment; you can sponsor the event at <u>app.99pledges.</u> <u>com/fund/montaloma/donate</u>. Community members are encouraged to join us at the event to cheer on the students. See you there!

# Water inside your car?

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

During the recent storms, more people made appointments for water inside their car than we have ever experienced. One car had three inches of water in the rear footwell! The underseat area may contain electronics, including a computer, so water is definitely a concern. This also creates a



mold situation, so we recommend a detailer to vacuum and remove all water.

The main reason for water intrusion is that a car's drains can become clogged with dirt and debris from parking under trees and the leaves decomposing, as well as tiny spiders making webs in them. It is very important to keep the area at the base of your windshield free of debris. Pop the hood and brush or blow all the leaves and junk out. If the debris has begun to compost (everything is decaying), use a hose and spray it out. In previous articles, I've mentioned that cabin air filters become impacted with leaves and debris because of this, so it is important to keep a car's windshield clear all year round.

Cars with sunroofs can also be prone to leaks, not because of a bad seal, but because there are drains in each forward corner of the sunroof that can get clogged with debris. YouTube has some videos that can be helpful, but you can always call your mechanic for help.

# Monta Loma Elementary School update

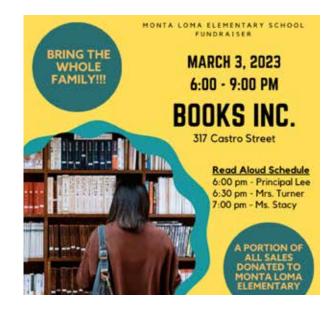
By Trisha Lee, Principal

#### Monta Loma is closed for Winter Break

Monta Loma Elementary School will not be in session during Winter Break, February 20 - 25. School resumes on Monday, February 27th. We ask that during this time, the community keep a caring eye on our beloved campus and report any safety concerns to me at <u>tlee@mvwsd.org</u>.

#### Love of Reading Week - February 27 - March 3

During Love of Reading Week, Monta Loma students will be engaged in various daily activities that promote a love of reading. We begin with our PTA Used Book Sale which takes place on February 27 and 28 in our Multi-Use Room and ends with our Books Inc. Fundraiser in downtown Mountain View! Books Inc. has generously pledged to donate 20% of all sales between 6 pm and 9 pm on Friday, March 3rd. While you shop for gifts for others or your next good read, drop off your children with one of our staff for story-telling time! All community members are welcome!





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# **BIRDING IN MONTA LOMA**

# Part 3: Common neighborhood birds

By Dotty Calabrese

Since my last column in November, I hope you've been able to spot a Turkey Vulture, a Cooper's Hawk, a Red-tailed Hawk, and/or an Anna's Hummingbird.

Fall migrants, such as Yellow-rumped Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, and Ruby-crowned Kinglet, are still wintering in our neighborhood, along with our year-round avian residents.

#### American Crow





Below I've listed four more common birds I see yearround, as I stroll through our neighborhood, with a few facts to help you identify them. Bird lengths below are measured from tip of beak to tip of tail.

#### Overhead noisemakers:

American Crow - 17" – Iridescent jet black, usually found in small family groups or large flocks.

Western Scrub Jay 10" blue, white, and gray - will steal your dog's dry food if left outside.

### Catching insects over compost piles, perched on water foun-

tains or tops of bushes/fences: Black Phoebe -

5 3/4"- black head, back, throat, and breast - white belly and under tail - sometimes called the "Tuxedo Bird" - viewed from the front, it looks like it is wearing a tux!

#### Hammering holes in tree trunks and branches:

Nutall's Woodpecker -6 3/4" - black/white ladder striped back, red on crown of head (female lacks red crown).

For visuals, songs, and more information, search any of these birds' names online. Now see how many of these four you can find over the next few months.

Email your bird questions to me at dottycala@aol.com

Check the full list of birds seen in the Monta Loma neighborhood in the last 40 years at <u>montaloma.org/monta-loma/</u><u>neighborhood-birds</u>

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Nuttall's Woodpecker, male

# The Great Backyard Bird Count



Neighbors: I encourage you to participate! The Great Backyard Bird Count - February 17-20, 2023

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Count birds for as little as 15 minutes on one or more days of the fourday event and report your sightings online at <u>birdcount.org</u>.

Email your bird questions to me at <a href="https://dottycala@aol.com">dottycala@aol.com</a>



# AROUND THE BLOCK



# For Bibliophiles — Upcoming book sales

Friends of Mountain View Library Book Sale (4 times per year): Location: Bookmobile garage behind Mountain View Public Library on Mercy Street. Shopping with the Friends helps fund programs at the Mountain View Public Library such as author visits, musical performances, art camps, and much more.

#### Saturday, February 18

#### Sunday, February 19

- 9:30 am 10:30 am Members Only Sale
- 10:30 am 4:00 pm General Sale
- 11:00 am 4:00 pm Bag Sale (All the books you can put into a grocery-sized bag for \$5)

Have a little free time to help a great cause? Volunteer with the Friends of the Mountain View Library! They're looking for



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help with quarterly Book Sales, which are held on Saturdays and Sundays. No experience necessary and training will be provided. Two-hour minimum time commitment and duties range can include setting up books for sale, working checkout stations and handling cash, and cleaning up after the event. The date of the spring Book Sale is currently scheduled for May 20-21. Learn more about volunteer opportunities at mvlibraryfriends.org/volunteer-book-sales.

#### Friends of Palo Alto Library Book Sale (every month on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday):

Location: Cubberley Community Center 4000 Middlefield Road. Palo Alto

#### Saturday, March 11

Sunday, March 12

• Bargain Room 9:30 am – 4 pm

• All Rooms 11 am – 4 pm

- Children's Room 10 am 4 pm
- Main Room 11 am 4 pm

#### Bookmobile schedule in our community

The Bookmobile will visit Monta Loma Elementary School on these Thursdays: March 23, April 27, and May 25. Neighbors may visit it only after classes are dismissed at 12:10. According

to School Principal Trisha Lee, the vehicle is technically on the school campus, which is closed until dismissal. so "No visitors until after 12:10 pm."

Get a new library card, pick up your [prearranged] holds, borrow or renew library materials, and save yourself a trip downtown! More information is at MountainView. gov/bookmobile.





#### Little Free Libraries update

We currently have nine Little Free Libraries (LFL) in Monta Loma as well as a Little Free Food Pantry and a Little Free Puzzle Library. Their locations are listed on the montaloma. org website (montaloma.org/little-free-libraries). Many of us enjoy peeking in to see the latest titles as we take our daily strolls around the neighborhood. Unfortunately the Little Free Library on Hamilton was vandalized and has since been dismantled, and others have experienced issues of being emptied. Please notify Marilyn (marilyn@gildea.com) if updates are needed to the LFL page on the montaloma.org website.

# BIRDING IN MONTA LOMA CONT.

#### BirdCast - tune into bird migrations

By Jennifer Dell-Ernstrom

BirdCast (<u>dashboard.birdcast.info</u>) is a website where you can check bird migrations across the United States. It features a dashboard where you can search specific locations to see

how many birds flew over an area during an evening. BirdCast uses data from 143 U.S. government radar installations (the



same ones that track weather) to monitor, track, and forecast bird migration. For Santa Clara County, live feed data will run from March 1 to June 15 during spring migration, and from August 1 to November 15 during fall migration.

Migrating birds will soon be here! Check out this website later this spring to see how many birds pass over our county and which nocturnally migrating bird species are most likely to arrive and depart from our region.

# Merlin bird app – What's that bird?

By Jennifer Dell-Ernstrom

Have you tried the free Merlin Bird app? It is a great way for beginning bird enthusiasts to learn new birds. I find its recording feature

to be so useful in helping me identify birds. When out walking in the neighborhood, if I hear a bird singing, I select Sound ID to record the song.

Then the Merlin Bird app will identify the best bird match for me.



If you are interested in trying it and want some help, please contact me at <u>jdellern@gmail.com</u>. I'm happy to help you get started.

# Selling Homes For Top Dollar In Mountain View Over 25 Years...

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With no obligation we have helped many Sellers in Monta Loma with the following:

#### **NOT SELLING!**

 Great up-to-date ideas for home improvements with minimal investment, as well as medium to large sized remodeling projects

#### **SELLING WITHIN 3 YEARS?**

Unfortunately, most people improve their home just before they sell and never enjoy those upgrades...how sad!

- Call us for a walkthrough to share our proven marketpreparation upgrades that provide the biggest bang for your buck / ROI when you are ready to sell
- · Access to our Rolodex of tradespeople for those improvements

- YOUR MONTA LOMA TEAM NeighborhoodSpecialist
- Access to our Rolodex of tradespeople
- · Names of local lenders for re-fi and lines of credit
- Understand the true value of your home verses what the websites say which are traditionally inaccurate
- Considering selling in 2022...call us for a zero-obligation consultation. Our Plan-Of-Action will ultimately provide the highest possible price for your home



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# Serving Monta Loma for More than 42 Years!



# The Market is Picking Up Again...

If selling your home is in your plans for this year,

Be sure to contact Lynne Mercer... The Monta Loma Specialist

Visit my blog at <u>www.Lmercer.com</u> for market updates and home improvement ideas.

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