



MONTA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING

Join the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association for our annual meeting and elect your board members on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

LOCATION:

**Monta Loma Elementary School
Multi-use Room**

460 Thompson Ave, Mountain View, CA
(Enter through front of the school)

Please arrive early to say hello to neighbors, board candidates, and guests.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association.

>> Check montaloma.org for updates and candidates' names.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

6:30 pm Doors open for socializing

7:00 pm Meeting begins

7:20 pm Speaker: City Mayor Emily Ann Ramos

Topics: San Antonio Redevelopment Project, SB-79 (more density around mass transit), and park development on Thompson/Middlefield — renovations for the field and playground at Monta Loma Park.

7:40 pm Questions

8:00 pm Meeting adjournment

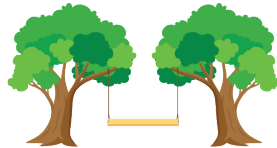
Mini Park Community Meeting May 28

Several years ago the City bought the properties at 538 Thompson Ave. and 2231 W. Middlefield Rd. to provide additional park and open space in our neighborhood. The 0.43-acre mini park is intended to create a welcoming and functional space for everyday park use.

This first community meeting will provide an overview of the project and invite input on desired amenities. City staff will return at a future date with concept plans for further input.

Please attend this meeting to share your thoughts on the project.

Thurs., May 28, 6:30–7:30 pm
Monta Loma Elementary School
Multi-Use Room,
460 Thompson Ave.



Contact: Senior Project Manager Tsan Liu, 650-903-6533
or tsan.liu@mountainview.gov.

Ice Cream Social: Volunteers Needed

The MLNA Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 30, 3:00–5:00 pm. It's a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and chat with old friends.

We always get great neighborhood responses for help for the day of the event, but we need help in advance. Please sign up at the June 3 MLNA Annual Meeting or email eventcoordinator@montaloma.org.



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We need YOU on the Monta Loma Board!

The Monta Loma Neighborhood Association was organized in the 1970's. Fifty years later, it is one of the most respected neighborhood associations in the City, thanks to hundreds of volunteers over those years.



Though our main events are the Ice Cream Social and the Annual Meeting, we also facilitate special events. The most recent one was the plant exchange on May 3rd.

The board members meet every six weeks for one hour, normally over Zoom, and we pride ourselves on efficient meetings. Because we meet online, there's no limit to the number who can sit at the board "table." Any resident or property owner is eligible to run.

If you are ready to take your turn on the MLNA Board, send an email to president@montaloma.org by **Saturday, May 23**.

The election is expected to be uncontested, so we plan to vote by acclamation again this year, rather than by ballot.

Please join your neighbors for the annual meeting, Wednesday, June 3, to formally elect this group of dedicated individuals.

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Environmental Events

- **Tree Giveaway Program**
 Free trees are available now until August 27 to Mountain View homeowners to plant. This program supports the city's urban forest restoration and enhancement efforts. Registration details are at tinyurl.com/treemln.
- **Compost Basics Workshop:**
 May 30, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
- **Repair Café**
 Mountain View Senior Center
 Saturday, June 13, 11:00 am–3:00 pm
repaircafesv.org
- **Paper Shredding:**
 July 11 & Nov. 7, 8:00 am–3:00 pm
- **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off:** Aug. 22, 8:00 am–12:00 pm
- **Citywide Garage Sale:**
 Sept. 19 & 20, 8:00 am–2:00 pm

Details are at tinyurl.com/mln-environment

City Events

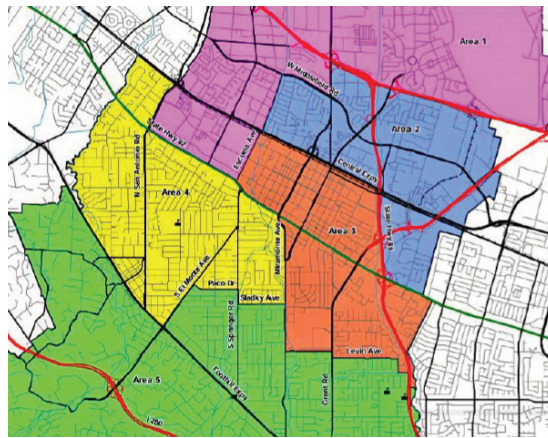
- **Magical Bridge Performance Series:** May 20, June 3 & 24, 4:00–5:00 pm
MountainView.gov/MagicalBridgeSeries
- **Music on Castro:**
 Wed., May 20, 5:00–6:45 pm
MountainView.gov/MusicOnCastro
- **Senior Resource Fair:**
 Tues., May 19, 3:00–6:00 pm
 Civic Center Plaza
- **Concerts on the Plaza:**
 Fridays, 6:00 pm beginning June 5
MountainView.gov/ConcertsOnThePlaza
- **Second Pride Celebration:**
 Sat., June 20, 11:00 am–3:00 pm
 Civic Center Plaza
MountainView.gov/Pride
- **Summer Outdoor Movies:**
 Fridays, July 10 through Aug. 14
MountainView.gov/SummerMovies

Run for public office

By Bill Lambert, Trustee MVWSD

This November, Monta Loma residents have an opportunity—not just to vote, but to serve. Three separate elections offer open seats at the city, elementary school district, and high school district levels.

Candidates have until Aug. 7 to file.



MVLA High School Voting Areas

Mountain View City Council

Three seats on the Mountain View City Council will be on the November ballot, as three incumbents have reached their term limits and cannot seek reelection.

The issues that most affect our neighborhood such as housing density, traffic congestion, parking, and parks and open space, are precisely the issues that the City Council shapes through policy, ordinances, and zoning decisions. Residents who wish to see our neighborhood's interests represented at the highest level of local government are encouraged to consider running.

Mountain View Whisman School District

Two seats on the Mountain View Whisman School District board will also be on the November ballot. It is not yet known whether the incumbents will seek reelection. The district has recently welcomed a new superintendent, and the staff and board anticipate making changes to public education in Mountain View. This is an important moment for engaged community members with a passion for public education to help guide that transition.

Mountain View Los Altos High School District - Area 1

MVLA has transitioned from an at-large election system to an area-based one, dividing the district into five trustee areas. Area 1 (which includes the Monta Loma neighborhood) currently has no sitting board member. This is an historic opportunity for our neighborhood to have dedicated representation on the MVLA board. The map above shows the trustee areas.

How to get involved

Whether you run or encourage a neighbor to do so, your participation matters. Reach out to the City of Mountain View or the respective school districts listed below for filing information and deadlines, or contact me directly at lambert_william@att.net.

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city.clerk@mountainview.gov
650-903-6304

MVWSD
mvwsd.org/home
650-526-3500

MVLAHSD
superintendent.office@mvla.net
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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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Also, thank you to Bill Cranston for printing the newsletters.

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

Happy May days from the Monta Loma Welcome Team

By John Canata

Team Members Nirvana Nwokidu, Andrea Thomas, and myself meet on a quarterly basis to brainstorm and come up with ideas to welcome all new residents. Our last Meet and Greet was held on Saturday, March 21, at our local Starbucks in the Monta Loma Plaza. It gave us the opportunity to show our stuff, and indeed we did meet up with one new family and were really happy that they came to check us out. Jennifer Pascua, the manager of the store, has been so kind to always allow us to be there to set up a table with information about our wonderful neighborhood.



Andrea Thomas, John Canata, and Susan Slater enjoying conversation and coffee

We hope to see you at our next one, the date of which is TBD. We're always eager to have more people on our welcome team, so if this is something that interests you, please e-mail me at canata350@comcast.net.

Plan a block party

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



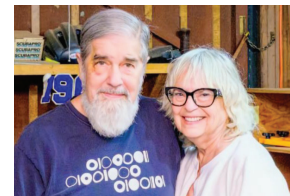
you must obtain a permit and allow at least 30 days for it to be processed. For how-to information, including how to borrow orange safety cones and Road Closed signs, go to montaloma.org and click Block Parties under Events. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the printable version.

Our Neighborhood Watch Captain, Tom Purcell on Alvin, would be happy to visit your party to meet your neighbors and discuss security. Email Tom at MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com.

The voice on the answering machine

By Jasper Herman

In capturing the stories and culture of Monta Loma's older residents, I spoke with Ruth, a Long Island native and retired high school ESL teacher, and her partner, Ken, a woodworker and retired Apple engineer, about their reunion.



Ken and Ruth

Ruth introduced herself: "I'm a grandmother of five, a mother of two, and a partner of one, Ken, who I met in seventh grade." After meeting in French class, they were "platonic friends until high school, when we became an item."

"I remember liking her," Ken said. "We broke up after our junior year when Ruth traveled to Europe, but neither of us knows who ended it. It must have been amicable, or we wouldn't remember each other so fondly." Fifty years later, he searched for her online. "She was the one that got away."

"I finally found a listing that looked right and left a message," Ken said. "A few weeks later, she called me out of the blue."

Ruth recalled, "I never checked my answering machine. Everyone called my cell. But one day I did. The minute he said, 'Hi, Ruthie,' I knew. I recognized his voice."

Ruth soon flew to California. "My daughter said, 'Suppose he's an axe murderer?' I said, 'Well, he wasn't then. I don't think he is now.' And we've been together ever since."

Now their relationship is thriving. "No argument is big enough to get in the way," Ken said.

Their message: "If you see an opportunity, take it. Life is too short not to do something you think will be spectacular."



In Monta Loma, May Day means more than a date on the calendar. Every May 1st, one special neighbor takes it upon themselves to leave small hand-tied bouquets on the doorsteps of friends and nearby homes — carrying forward a tradition that holds flowers delivered on this day bring good luck and happiness to all who receive them.

Craftsman and Wolves

By Sarah Doxiadis

Have you met and enjoyed “The Rebel Within”? (It’s a soft, tasty muffin with a soft boiled egg embedded in the middle.) Or enjoyed an avocado toast that is loaded to the max? If not, you will want to stop by this new eatery on San Antonio Road.

Craftsman and Wolves started in San Francisco, and Mountain View is its third location. Its rotating offerings have been praised in *Bon Appetit*, *GQ*, *Martha Stewart*, *Food & Wine*, and *Food Network*.

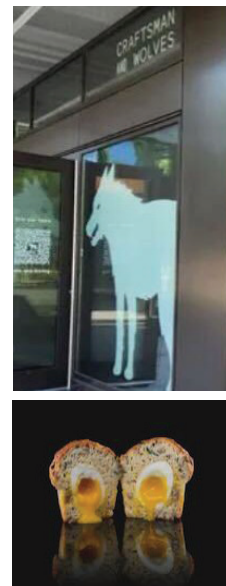
Whether enjoying something savory or sweet, even the non-adventurous eater will find something to enjoy!

Craftsman and Wolves offers creative and seasonal foods, including pastries, breads, egg dishes, warm morning grain bowls, salads, sandwiches, and sweet treats. Some vegetarian and gluten-free offerings are available, as are tasty teas, coffees, and other refreshing hot and cold beverages.

Most inside seating is for two people and is often busy during prime mealtime hours, so you may enjoy eating outside, or taking your treats home.

Craftsman and Wolves is open Monday–Friday, 7:30 am–3:30 pm, and Saturday–Sunday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, with options for onsite dining, takeout, or delivery. Prices are comparable to local quality bakeries; The Rebel Within is \$10.75, but is an ample portion. 400 San Antonio Rd., Suite 4, with free retail parking under the building.

tinyurl.com/mln-wolves



Rebel Within
Pork sausage, asiago and parmesan cheese, scallion, and soft cooked egg

San Antonio Road Area Plan: What Monta Loma residents should know

By Bill Lambert, SARAP Community Member

The City of Palo Alto is moving forward with the San Antonio Road Area Plan (SARAP), a long-term vision for the 275-acre corridor along San Antonio Road near the Mountain View border—right next to our Monta Loma neighborhood.

City staff are currently presenting several land use and transportation options to the City Council. A preferred plan is expected to be selected at the June 8, 2026, Council meeting.

What’s being considered?

The biggest differences between the proposals come down to building height and density. Options range from mid-rise buildings (about 5 stories/60 feet) to taller mid-rise (8 stories/90 feet), up to high-rise towers (160–250 feet). Over the next 25 years, this could bring roughly 3,800 to 7,400 new housing units to the area.

Right now, the 90-foot mid-rise option appears the most financially realistic, while taller high-rise projects may be harder to build under current market conditions.

Another key question is retail. The City is considering requiring ground-floor retail only in certain core areas where it’s most viable, while allowing (but not requiring) it elsewhere. The focus would be on small, neighborhood-serving businesses—cafés, local shops, and gathering spaces—rather than large destination retail.

Transportation changes on San Antonio Road

Proposed transportation updates range from modest tweaks to major redesigns of the corridor. A major decision point is what type of bike infrastructure to include: options include standard bike lanes, protected bikeways at sidewalk level, or multi-use paths.

Some plans would remove on-street parking to make room for these improvements, while others would keep more parking but could require additional land or affect existing trees.



SARAP Plan Area and Monta Loma Neighborhood

Get involved

Because Monta Loma borders this corridor, residents have a direct stake in how it develops. To learn more and share your input, visit tinyurl.com/mln-SARAP.

Monta Loma Elementary PTA Update

By Amanda Odette, Communication Chair



The Monta Loma Elementary PTA extends our deepest gratitude to our incredible community as the school year comes to a close. Your support is what makes our school such a special place.

Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we exceeded our Walk-a-Thon fundraising goal, raising over \$27,000! These funds will directly benefit our students, support our staff, and help provide valuable enrichment programs.

As we wrap up the year, we're excited for the many events ahead, including Teacher Appreciation Week, spirit days, and our end-of-year park party on the last day of school.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to welcome everyone back in early August for our annual Juice Box Social. We invite all new and returning families to join us and connect before the new school year begins. Be sure to stay informed by joining our communication platform, Konstella (use QR code).



Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting not only Monta Loma families, but also the military families who are part of our school community. Your collective effort truly makes a difference in the lives of our students.

What's happening at the Mountain View Whisman School District?

Both Superintendent Jeff Baier and School Board President Charles DiFazio publish very readable newsletters to inform us of the district's struggles to educate our children within budget limitations.



Join their mailing lists by sending a request to supt@mvwsd.org and cdifazio.mvwsd@gmail.com.

Honoring our Past, Celebrating our Present and Building our Future

By Meghan Jinguji, Monta Loma Elementary Principal

As the school year comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on what a special place Monta Loma is. This year has been one of meaningful progress. Today, we proudly serve over 325 students—a sign that families are continuing to find strength and value in our school community.



Celebrating students is at the heart of Monta Loma. Our Open House and Art Show highlighted the creativity and hard work of our students, while our School Board Showcase gave us the opportunity to present our Recess Activity Director (RAD) program. We also proudly honored our military-connected students during the Day of the Military Child, and our campus has been filled with music with student performances. In honor of Autism Awareness Month, our campus wore blue to promote awareness, understanding, and acceptance of individuals with autism and in celebration of our students who are served in our extensive service needs program. We look forward to capturing these special memories in the beautifully crafted yearbook that our PTA puts together each year.

While the school year is full of life and activity, summer is a critical time for growth in a different way. Over the past several years, we have been carefully planning enhancements to our campus. I am excited to share that this summer, our Outdoor Learning Spaces will finally come to life. To ensure the safety of our community and the timely completion of this work, we kindly ask that neighbors avoid the interior of campus during construction.

Monta Loma has always been a place where memories are made—across generations. It is an honor to be part of continuing that legacy while also building for the future. I look forward to sharing more updates in the fall about these exciting improvements.

Free CERT course begins on Sept. 10

Having some emergency training is part of being a responsible citizen, so we encourage you to take the city's free CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) course, whether or not you join our neighborhood group. The Fall course begins on **Sept. 10**. Visit tinyurl.com/mln-cert-course for registration information.



You can check out Monta Loma's CERT at any of their Saturday sessions on the second Saturday of the month, between 9:00 and 11:00 am at the trailer next to Monta Loma School. The next meetings will be on June 13, July 11, and August 8. Questions? Contact Tim Slattery at CERT@montaloma.org or 650-964-6389.

Bookmobile summer schedule

Stops are scheduled on Thursdays in June and July at the Magical Bridge Playground, Rengstorff Park, and other locations, but not in Monta Loma. The bookmobile's summer schedule is at tinyurl.com/mln-book-cal.



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