



MONTA LOMA NEWS

Seventh Annual Monta Loma Neighborhood Holiday Potluck Progressive Dinner



Mingle with both long-time and new neighbors,
enjoy wonderful food, and contribute to a worthy cause!



Saturday evening, December 6

Hosts and guests bring a potluck dish and their preferred beverage to share. As before, this is a fundraising event for the Second Harvest Food Bank and your donation may be matched (doubled).

You must register in advance with your donation of \$25 per person. Space is limited, so contact Debbie Cunningham now at debbie.cunningham@gmail.com or 964-5677.

Note: The deadline for reservations and payment is Saturday, November 15.

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Can't participate? Why not organize a get-together for your block, friends, or neighbors? It could be a potluck supper, brunch, dessert, hot-cocoa party, or cookie exchange.

Monta Loma School Fall Festival is Friday, October 24

Bring your children and grandchildren to Monta Loma Park between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. to play games, eat yummy treats, and raise money for our school at this annual fundraising event.

Candidates' ads, statements of purpose

The city council candidates were invited to take paid ads in this issue. The revenue helps support MLNA activities.

The eleven school board candidates were invited to submit 60-word statements of purpose at no charge. Read them on pages 3 and 4. Visit www.montaloma.org/candidates-forums for links to the candidates' websites and taped forums.

Mayfield-Google update

MLNA VP Bill Cranston has been talking with Betlo neighbors about the third-story windows and screening the sightlines. Road-closure information and the landscaping plans are at www.montaloma.org under News.

Ernie's trains will run again



John Bianco, Ernie's son, will continue the tradition of running his model trains from Thanksgiving through Christmas Day. Weather permitting, five tracks will run trains every evening except Mondays at 2387 Adele from 6:30 to about 9:00.

The engines and cars change daily. As many as 100 visitors a night — up to 300 on Christmas eve — come, including children brought by parents who themselves watched the trains when they were young.

Ernie also began the Christmas Eve tradition of curbside farolitos (candles in paper bags). Over the years, neighbors have added their own, so a row of the softly glowing lights now lines Adele and stretches around the corner onto Palmer, making the block a must-see on Christmas Eve.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

November 8: CERT Second Saturday (p. 2)

November 15 & 16: Library book sale (www.mvlibraryfriends.org)

December 6: Holiday Progressive Dinner (p. 1)

For your 2015 calendar:

March 7: Spring Fling (p. x)

May 2: Citywide Garage Sales

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Are you ready for the next earthquake or other disaster?

By Tim Slattery, Monta Loma CERT

The recent earthquakes remind us that having some emergency training is part of being a responsible citizen. We encourage you to take one of the city's free CERT courses, whether or not you join our neighborhood group. A link to info is on the CERT page at www.montaloma.org, under MLNA.

You can check out Monta Loma's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) at any of our Saturday Sessions on the second Saturday of the month, between 9 and 11 a.m. at the trailer next to Monta Loma School. The next sessions are on November 8, December 13, January 10, and February 7. Questions? Contact me at tim_slattery@usa.net or 964-6389.

Preschooler Network

To date, the new Monta Loma Preschooler Network has held a watermelon social and a puzzle exchange at Monta Loma park, with more fun to come. If you have children under 6 and want to meet other neighborhood families, contact Maren Whitson at maren.whitson@gmail.com or 450-6354.

Ice Cream Social — bigger and better than ever

Thanks go to everyone, attendees as well as the many volunteers, who helped make this year's event such a huge success that we ran out of ice cream twice. Special thanks go to Jocelyn at Fresh & Easy for donating the ice cream, and to her staff, who brought granola bars and were so quick to re-supply us both times the ice cream ran out. Thank you all!

The root-beer floats and the Monta Loma History display were very popular again this year, as were the CERT team's presentation of their emergency equipment, toppings for the ice cream, face painting, cotton candy, balloon creations, and live music by a young string quintet. The MVFD brought two fire trucks. The Animal Beacons of Light, PTA, Neighborhood Watch, and Monta Loma tee shirt displays were also popular. Attendees could sign up for a new preschooler network, examine the Hausner School's construction plans, and register to vote. The Santa Clara Valley Water District handed out 80 water-saving buckets and "Brown is the New Green" lawn signs.

Almost all of the candidates for City Council and our two school boards came, as did Mayor Chris Clark, new MVPD Chief Max Bosel, and several PD officers. They appreciated the opportunity to meet Monta Loma residents, and their appreciation was echoed by the neighbors.

It took many hands to make this event such a success; thanks to everyone who helped.

Fresh & Easy has been a good neighbor, donating funds to our school and ice cream to our Ice Cream Social. Having a market within walking or biking distance is appreciated by many. Patronizing our local businesses helps our neighborhood and our city, so please continue to support them.

Spring Fling seeks exhibitors, entertainment for March 7

Saturday morning, March 7, is the date for Spring Fling 2015. The purpose is to bring neighbors together to meet and chat, so plan to come, and also browse the PTA's used-book sale.

We're looking for entertainment and non-commercial exhibits such as displays of hobbies. Please contact any board member (see list on left) with offers or suggestions.

Neighborhood Watch reports a quiet summer

By Tom Purcell, Monta Loma Neighborhood Watch Captain

According to crime reports there haven't been any break-ins since May, so keeping doors, windows, and gates secured seems to be paying off.

Remember that the police want you to call if you see anything that seems suspicious. For emergencies and in-progress incidents, call 911. For non-emergencies, suspicious circumstances, or crimes that have already occurred, call 903-6395. The MVPD recommends putting this number in your cell phone, on speed dial or in favorites. See the Neighborhood Watch page (under MLNA) at www.montaloma.org for more information, or email me at MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com.

Middlefield/Independence/Thaddeus crosswalk project

Senior Traffic Engineer Lorenzo Lopez reports, "We finally got the funding 'green light' from MTC in mid-August and will begin the design for Independence/Middlefield/Thaddeus in the next few weeks. We plan to begin construction in early 2015. Once construction starts, it should not take more than 3-4 weeks to complete."

Candidates for the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees

The seven candidates competing for three seats on the five-person board were invited to submit brief statements of purpose. They are listed in the order received.

Sanjay Dave Endorsed by the District Teachers Association, school board members, and MVPD Captain Bruce Barsi. I'm a parent with children in our district, an active volunteer in our schools and community, and a high-tech manager. Founded chess program at Castro Elementary, taught advanced math to 3rd- to 5th-graders, and am an active Rotarian. Learn more at www.facebook.com/Sanjay4MVLA or www.Sanjay4MVLA.com.

Debbie Torok Incumbent elected 2010 focusing on continuing academic growth, preparing all students for post-graduation successes, closing the achievement gap, transitioning to Common Core, overseeing the budget, and leveraging technology in education. 20+ years' experience volunteering for communities and schools. Three children who graduated from MVHS (last 2012) who went to UCs. I have an unbiased commitment to preserving student success. www.reelect-torok-mvla.org

Kevin T. Kramer As the father of a freshman at MVHS, with another son on the way, I want to bring increased transparency to the Board's decision-making process, improve communications between the Board and its constituents, and expand community participation in the Board for the benefit of individual students. See my profile on LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/in/kevinthomaskramer. Please follow me on Twitter @MVLABoard.

Doug Moore As a district parent with many years of corporate board and CEO experience, I want to help improve district governance, reduce the stress level of our students, aggressively close the achievement gap between high-achieving students and those who struggle, and I support school-board term limits. BA, UC Berkeley; MBA, Harvard. 19-year Mountain View resident; married 25 years.

Joe Mitchner I'm a 23-year Mountain View resident with 7 years of Board experience. Our schools have strong positive momentum. Recent District accomplishments include: rising levels of student achievement (API increases 10 consecutive years), a narrowing Achievement Gap (8 consecutive years), and solid fiscal position. My experience, and being a current MVLA parent enable me to continue making meaningful contributions. www.votejoemitchner.com

Fiona Walter I've dedicated the last 12 years to local education, including eight years on the MVWSD school board, executive officer for three parcel taxes, chair of one bond, and multiple PTA roles most recently as MVHS PTSA President. I have a proven track record of success and two children attending MVHS. I'd be honored to have your vote. www.fionaforschoolboard.com

Dana Bunnett As a parent of a senior at LAHS, I am running with the goal of increasing family and community engagement in the district's decision-making processes and of closing the opportunity gap for our low-income students. In my work, I demonstrate creative and inclusive leadership and I am a bridge builder when priorities differ. Learn more about me at www.democracy.com/danabunnettformvla.

Neighborhood Resources

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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Preschooler Network

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To get only official announcements, subscribe at www.montaloma.org.

MLNA Websites

www.montaloma.org
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Thanks to Our Volunteers!

Thanks to those who delivered the August newsletter: John Canata, Vannina Champenois, Donna Clarke, Jim & Alice Cochran, Martha Elderon, Anne Glynn, Harry Gordon, Birgit Grundler, Silke Gurlich, Maria Harnoto, Cookie & Chuck Henderson, Isabella Hill & Eli, Paul Kostka, Vickie Lee, Dave McCleary, Shelly Ostman, Herb & Victoria Perry, John Thomas, and Pat Young.

We welcome more volunteers, even those who can help only occasionally. It's a good way to get to know your neighborhood and get an hour's exercise. Contact the editor to learn more.

Candidates for the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees

The four candidates competing for two seats on the five-person MVWSD Board were invited to submit brief statements of purpose. They are listed in the order received.

Ellen Wheeler You elected me in 2002 to use my skills as an attorney, mediator, former teacher, active volunteer, and mom to help all the children in our community succeed. I take my task seriously. We now have excellent test scores, sports, science kits, the arts, and a sound school budget. Congratulations to Monta Loma — a new California Distinguished School! www.EllenForSchoolBoard.com

Philip Palmer Experience and Humility. Trustee for the Mountain View Whisman School District for the past eight years. Graduate of the California School Boards Association Masters in Governance program. I am the only candidate who attended elementary and middle school in the district. I live in Monta Loma and our children attended our schools; two in college, one graduated. www.electpalmer.org

Hafsa Mirza As an active volunteer/parent in the district, I believe I am able to recognize shortcomings in our schools. MVWSD needs a well-rounded school system, with high and low achievers getting equal attention, more STEM-based programs, hands-on science and math, year-round music and art, anti-bullying programs, more electives for middle-schoolers, and staff training in technology, math, and science. www.hafsamirza4schoolboard.com

Greg Coladonato As the parent of two district students, I would push to close the achievement gap between district schools, and between district students, ASAP. As a businessman with MBA and chairman of the Measure G Oversight Committee, I've been studying the bond's construction plans closely, and would require an updated district-wide facilities plan before spending the remaining \$148 million. greg@electgreg.org www.electgreg.org

~ ~ ~ KEEPING MONTA LOMA CLEAN AND GREEN ~ ~ ~

Free street trees: To be considered for a free street tree to be planted on your property by the City this winter, call the Forestry Division at 903-6273. Staff will evaluate the area to see if a tree can be planted. They have a list of recommended trees and will plant and stake one for you, and trim the tree periodically at no charge. Property owners are responsible for watering, feeding, and general care of the trees. The property owner is the owner of the street tree and the tree is regulated under the street tree provisions in the code. Help reforest our neighborhood!

We, the Milk Pail Family, are deeply saddened to inform our customers about the tragic loss of Lian (James) Liu, our store director and Steve's brother-in-law.

James was a highly respected and brilliant manager, buyer, and grocer who was greatly admired by our staff, customers, and vendors alike. His ability to negotiate and bargain with suppliers single-handedly enabled the Milk Pail to sell quality produce, fine cheeses and European goods at extraordinarily low prices.

James lived and breathed the Milk Pail. He poured his heart into the business, and everything he did he did with honesty and integrity. In the world of retail, James' genius was unparalleled.

All of us at the Milk Pail will work hard to continue the powerful legacy that James has left behind.

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Tree trimming is best done in fall/early winter. Water deeply after trimming.

Paper shredding: Saturday, November 1, at the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. Details at www.mvrecycle.org; click on Events.

Water-saving tips are at goo.gl/UErkFn and www.saveourh2o.org.

Winter watering: Water deeply, very infrequently, and very early in the morning.

Egg cartons, either paper or foam, shouldn't go in the recycling bin.

Hazardous waste: Visit www.hhw.org or call 408-299-7300 to make an appointment to drop off your household hazardous waste and e-waste. Go to www.paintcare.org/locator/ for stores accepting leftover paint. Invite neighbors to help fill your trunk.

Bulky trash: Go to goo.gl/Ka9Que for On Call Plus pickup info.

MARGARET CAPRILES

EXPERIENCE

- Member, Environmental Planning Commission
- 27 Years Hewlett-Packard, internationally
- Owned consulting business
- Graduate, Leadership Mountain View
- LMV Advisory Committee Chair
- Board of Directors, El Camino YMCA
- Distinguished Service Award, YMCA
- Past and current member of local civic organizations
- Regularly attend City Council meetings

As your council member, I will use these experiences, skills, and knowledge to work diligently to solve the challenges Mountain View continually faces.

I believe that I am uniquely qualified to serve competently in the capacity of your Council member.



As a longtime resident of Mountain View for over 45 years, I want to preserve the character and diversity of this beautiful city. My vision is to follow Smart Growth guidelines to develop a reasonable

amount of housing, commercial and retail businesses, while maintaining our precious open space, including effective transportation with safe pedestrian and bicycle routes.

TOP PRIORITIES

1. Work to achieve attainable housing and balanced growth
2. Expand infrastructure to support safe bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation
3. Attain water conservation
4. Maintain Mountain View's strong fiscal position
5. Encourage civic engagement for all residents

ENDORSEMENTS

Anna Eshoo, US Congresswoman
Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View Councilmember
Jerry Hill, California State Senator
Rich Gordon, California State Assembly Member
Matt Pear, Former Mountain View Mayor
Art Takahara, Former Mountain View Mayor
Santa Clara County Democratic Party
Sierra Club
Mountain View Professional Firefighters
South Bay Labor Council, COPE
Silicon Valley Asia Pacific American Democratic Club
CA Apartment Association, Tri-County Division
Gay Krause, Chairperson MV/Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Challenge Team
Liz Kniss, Palo Alto Vice-Mayor
Laura Blakely, Mountain View Resident
Aila Malik, Chief Strategic Officer, Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY)
Sidney Espinosa, Former Palo Alto Mayor and Councilmember
Gianluca and Chiara Pecora, Mtn. View Residents
Peggy Franczyk, Mountain View Resident
Susan and Barry Silver, Mountain View Residents
Fiona Walter, Mountain View Resident



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Lisa Matichak

Mountain View City Council

Key Priorities

Support our neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for our diverse mix of residents
Advocate for high-quality housing that is affordable
Add parks and open space in our increasingly urban environment
Maintain Mountain View as a financially strong city

Qualified to Lead

5th year on Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) (2010 to present), Chair (2013) and Vice Chair (2012)
Founding President Wagon Wheel Neighborhood Assn
15-year resident (8 as renter, 7 as townhouse owner in N. Whisman)
CERT certified since 2008
Master of Business Administration (MBA), Anderson School at UCLA
Over 25 years in the high tech and IT security industries

Endorsement Highlights

Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant, and Jac Siegel
Former Mayors and Current City Councilmembers
Nick Galiotto, Laura Macias, and Matt Pear
Former Mayors and City Councilmembers

California Apartment Association Tri-County Division
M.V. Professional Firefighters
Chamber of Commerce M.V.
South Bay Labor Council
Sierra Club
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Annual Financial Report

By Carolyn Schmittzehl, MLNA Treasurer

We've had a very successful year. The city grant enabled us to hold our signature events: the Spring Fling in March, the Ice Cream Social in August, and five neighborhood block parties. I have met many neighbors at these activities, which contribute to making this neighborhood such a wonderful place to live.

This is a very condensed statement, so contact me if you'd like more detail. Please patronize our advertisers; they make the newsletter possible.

MLNA	Withdrawals	Deposits
Beginning balance 7/1/2013		7,238.53
City of Mountain View Grant	--	1,500.00
Ice Cream Social August 2013		
expense/donations	518.13	64
Block Parties	588.78	--
Spring Fling March 2014		
expense/donations	656.76	79
Newsletter expenses/ad revenue	2,480.11	2,680.00
Miscellaneous expenses/revenue	1,678.19	530
Total Withdrawals/Deposits	5,921.97	4,853.00
Ending balance 6/30/2014		6,169.56

CERT	Withdrawals	Deposits
Beginning balance 7/1/2013		179.55
Donations	--	--
Supplies	21.52	--
Total Withdrawals/Deposits	21.52	--
Ending balance 6/30/2014		158.03

Promote Your Business

Monta Loma residents can list their business or personal websites on the Neighbors' Links page at www.montaloma.org and on the MLN Referral Wiki, mlna.wikispot.org. Email Jeff at webmaster@montaloma.org.

Our email list owner, Peggy Manor, adds, "Any resident may make one announcement per year about his/her business, or post invitations to an open house, open studio, or show for your home-based businesses. Contact me at mamm@pobox.com."

There's also a website to advertise local businesses: www.shopmountainview.com.

Neighbors' Links web page; help keep it current

By Marilyn Gildea

The Neighbors' Links page is at www.montaloma.org under MLNA. If your link is no longer valid or has changed, please let me know so I can update the page. If you are a Monta Loma resident who owns a business and would like to be listed, send me your name, business name/description, and the link to your site. If you know that someone listed no longer lives in the neighborhood, please contact me at marilyn@gildea.com.



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Greg's top three priorities are:

HOUSING



Mountain View needs a better balance between jobs and housing. The rate of office space construction must be tempered. More housing needs to be made available for middle and lower-middle class families.

TRANSPORTATION



We need to shift our transportation focus from a car centric model to a more balanced approach between cars, bikes, pedestrians and other forms of transit. There must be an increased emphasis on creating safe bike & pedestrian routes.

PARK SPACE



As population density increases the demand for park space continues to escalate. We need to take advantage of every opportunity to increase our park acreage. Even small parks are beneficial. Underserved areas should get special attention.

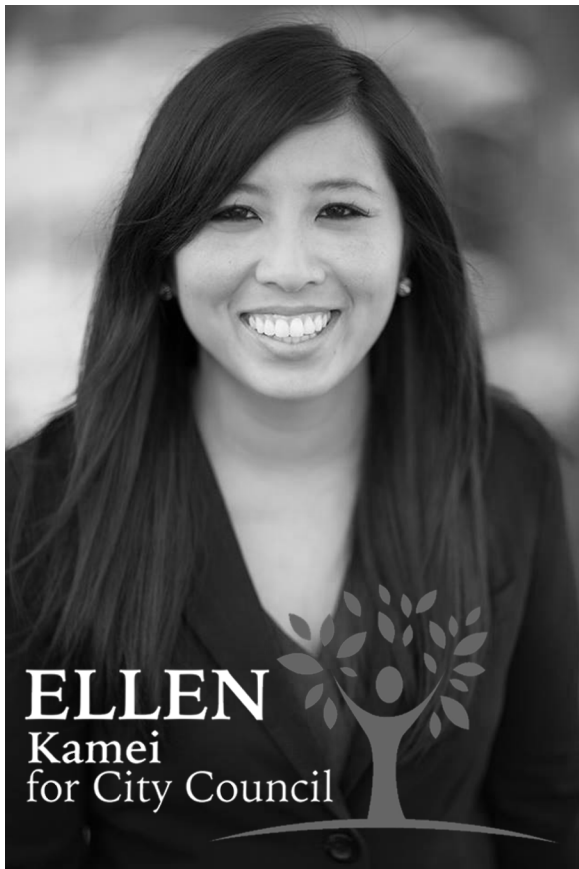
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This year will see one of the most important elections for the Mountain View City Council. There are several issues that the next Council will decide and that could determine the future of Mountain View for decades or even longer.

I was the first candidate to identify all of these issues and to begin talking about them at Council and EPC meetings, as well as writing articles about them in the online version of Mountain View Voice.

The major issues that people have told me that they are concerned about are:

- **Affordable Housing**
- **Preserving Neighborhoods**
- **Parking and Traffic**

Affordable Housing

In the last few years, Mountain View has seen rents increase dramatically while the salaries for most residents has remained the same or declined.

In that same amount of time, far more office space than living space has been approved for development, and even more office space is in the pipeline. I believe that this will make the jobs/housing imbalance even worse.

In order to maintain our quality of life, I believe we need to add housing where possible and greatly reduce the number of new offices to mitigate the jobs/housing imbalance.

The city also needs to encourage the development of housing that is more affordable and engage our larger employers by asking them to "Think Globally and Hire Locally". There are many Mountain View residents unemployed or underemployed; and matching them with local employers would improve residents' ability to pay rent, while also reducing the demand for housing.

Preserving Neighborhoods

Neighborhood Preservation has also been a great concern of mine because I see the pace at which projects are being approved, and many of them at the expense of successful small businesses such as The Milk Pail, Rose Market and La Bamba just to name a few.

Some residents have also been greatly impacted as the homes that they have lived in for many years (some for decades) are torn down and replaced with new offices, retail or far more expensive housing.

I believe that the city should be trying to nurture and protect the successful small businesses that many of us have come to know and love, as well as our homes.

The city should also ensure that any new projects that are approved, fit within the neighborhoods. Many residents chose to live where they do because they like the look, feel and

amenities of their community and I will work very hard to preserve that.

Parking and Traffic

For the last several years I have been speaking out at City Council and Planning Commission meetings to ensure that each project that is approved has adequate parking, and to limit the impacts to neighborhood traffic.

I am against the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Lanes that have been proposed by the VTA after studying the proposal and seeing the results of an earlier BRT project where over 100 trees were cut down in a single block. I believe that the BRT lanes would lead to increased gridlock and the diversion of traffic from El Camino into the neighborhoods.

I am against paid/restricted parking programs. The paid parking program implemented in Old Mountain View has thus far created significant problems for the residents in terms of obtaining parking passes, conflicting parking signs, and arranging parking for guests; and for employees that live outside of Old Mountain View.

I believe that the best solution for parking and traffic issues is to get input from the residents.

My leadership ability has been proven by the fact that I was the first to identify all the important issues in the campaign and the others have followed suit. I am more than a one issue candidate and I am the only one whose campaign is 100% Mountain View Resident Financed! That means I will represent you and not special interests! Please visit:

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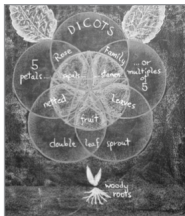
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First Jane Lane block party a success

by Carmen Enciso-Steinberg

Jane Lane's first block party was a great success and we will do it again next year. If you have not had a block party, I highly encourage you to organize one. It's not a lot of work if two or three neighbors help. Questions? Contact me at carmen@findthecat.com or 804-5180.

Thanks to Michelle Schaal for being a great co-organizer and to the MLNA Board for the financial support!

Editor's note: The parties held on Benjamin, Laura, Anna, and Alvin were successes, too, with Alvin's featuring two very special cakes. For how-to information, go to www.montaloma.org and click on Block Parties under Events.

Monta Loma School update

by Angela Lyon, Monta Loma School Principal

Monta Loma embraced Common Core 21st-century learning with a three-day training for our teachers in Project-Based Learning, a teaching method that engages students through a student-influenced inquiry process around real-world problems. Working collaboratively in teams, students guide the learning and develop authentic products that they present to the greater community. Neighbors are invited to attend our grade-level presentations. Dates will be posted in Spotlights, our weekly newsletter. Email eparra@mvwsd.org to subscribe.

How to help Monta Loma School

- To donate financially, go to montaloma.mvwsd.org and click on Fundraising Opportunities; it's under Your Involvement. One option is eScrip, which sends a portion of your shopping dollars to the school.
- To help in a classroom or at events, contact montalomapta@gmail.com or 903-6915.
- To help with the school gardens or campus beautification, contact Lorraine Kostka at lorrainekostka@earthlink.net or 691-0491.
- To keep kids safe from pets and their droppings, please refrain from bringing dogs onto campus and the park during school hours. These areas are closed during school hours. After hours, please clean up after your pet.

Monta Loma School PTA News

Our annual Winter Food Drive will take place December 1-12. Healthy, non-perishable items may be dropped off in the school office and will go to CSA for distribution.

Read Across America Week is March 2-6. If you can be a VIP reader and share a book with a classroom that week, please contact Adrienne Heiskanen at adrienne_heiskanen@yahoo.com or 996-6729.

We will also hold our annual used-book sale that week, and collect book donations for the two weeks prior to the sale. The book sale will culminate on Saturday, March 7, at the MLNA's Spring Fling.

Monta Loma School traffic alert

Plan around these school traffic times: 8:10 – 8:35, 1:50 – 2:10, and 3:00 – 3:30. On Thursdays all students leave at 12:30.

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Facts about Monta Loma School

- Monta Loma was a proud recipient of a California Distinguished School Award in 2014.
- Monta Loma teacher Ellen Rather was honored as the 2013–14 District Teacher of the Year.
- Monta Loma celebrates diversity with over 450 students speaking 22 languages.
- Monta Loma teachers and staff have over 249 years of teaching experience and 15 master's degrees.

MOBILE LIBRARY SCHEDULE, FRIENDS' USED-BOOK SALE

The thrice-yearly used-book sale is on November 15 & 16. Details at www.mvlibraryfriends.org.

The Mobile Library stops at Monta Loma School every Friday from 4:15 to 5:00, and also on Jane at Fay on Oct. 31, Jan. 23, Feb. 20, and March 20 from 9:45 to 10:15. No morning stop in November and December due to holidays. For more information or special requests, email Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov or call 526-7029.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Alice Carter's Little Free Library at 254 Lassen is proving popular. She's installed a bench for those who want to sit while they decide which book(s) to take, and is considering adding one for children. Want one on your street? For information see littlefreelibrary.org

Prevent mail theft

For safety, deposit your outgoing mail in one of these collection boxes: Alvin at Victory, 11:00 a.m. and Thompson at Laura; noon (both Monday/Saturday) or at Independence at Leghorn, 4:00 Monday/Friday.

Peninsula Storage offers U.S. mail services

As gift-mailing time approaches, remember that Peninsula Storage offers all USPS services except rental boxes. The office is at 2409 Leghorn Street; turn left (west) off Independence. Mon.–Fri. 9:00–5:00, Sat. 9:00–2:00. Mail collection is at 4:30; www.peninsulastorage.com; 968-7700.

“Three Feet for Safety” law now in effect

Under this new law, motorists are required to allow at least three feet of space between their vehicle and the cyclist. Where this is not possible, motorists must slow to a prudent speed, and pass only when doing so will not endanger the cyclist. More info at goo.gl/FSOgba.

New neighbors?

Scroll down the home page at www.montaloma.org to the “welcome letter” link, then print a copy for your new neighbors. Click on “New Neighbor?” under MLNA for information about our neighborhood. If you or a neighbor (whether an owner or renter) has lived here less than two years and would like a packet of local information, contact Jenny Coogan at coogan@gmail.com or 963-9811.

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- ♦ 9 sales (Multiple Listing Service only)
- ♦ 15 MLS sales in 2013 during the same period!!
- ♦ High Sales Price \$1,400,000
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