

MONTA LOMA NEWS



Ninth 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 3

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 will probably be matched (doubled) again.

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

Note: The deadline for reservations and payment is Friday, November 18.



*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 28

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.

November 8 election; can you vote?

You can check your registration at tinyurl.com/ckvtreg or 1-866-430-8683 toll free. If you need to update your registration, you can do it online at registertovote.ca.gov. The registration deadline is Monday, October 24.

If you request a mail-in ballot, you can drop it off on election day at any polling place in the county, including at the Canata home at 2552 Mardell Way. You'll get an "I voted" sticker plus a chance to visit with neighbors and say thank you to Natalie and her staff.

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 school board candidates were invited to submit 60-word statements of purpose at no charge. Read them on page 3.

Visit montaloma.org for forum dates and links to the local candidates' websites.

Meet our mayor

Mayor Pat Showalter invites residents to meet with her informally at Le Boulanger Cafe, 650 Castro Street. Chats with Pat are normally on the second Tuesday of the month 11:00 a.m. to noon, and on the last Saturday of the month 3:00-4:00 p.m. The next meetings are on Tuesday, October 11, and Saturday, October 29.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

October 8 & November 12: CERT Second Saturday (p. 2)

October 30: Halloween Party (p. 2)

November 5: Paper shredding at SMaRT Station (p. 10)

November 12 & 13: Library book sale (p. 4)

December 3: Holiday Progressive Dinner (p. 1)

March 4: MLNA Spring Fling (p. 2)

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Are you ready for an emergency?

Having some emergency training is part of being a responsible citizen. You can check out Monta Loma's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) at any of their 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 October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, and February 11. Questions? Contact Tim Slattery at CERT@montaloma.org or 964-6389.

CERT members encourage you to take the city's free CERT course, whether or not you join the neighborhood group. The 2016 classes filled early, so register now to be notified of the 2017 sessions. A link to info is on the CERT page at montaloma.org, under MLNA.

Halloween Party

By Alice Hazelgrove and Karla Valente

Our Little Free Libraries and Alice's story hours have inspired us to plan a Monta Loma Halloween party for Sunday, October 30, 3 to 6 pm in the court end of Jewell Place. All ages are invited for a costume parade, games, crafts, stories, and snacks. Watch for more information on the MLN email list. We're looking for helpers, especially neighborhood teens. If you can help, contact alice.hazelgrove@gmail.com.

Spring Fling seeks exhibitors, entertainment for March 4

Mark your calendar now for Saturday morning, March 4. Spring Fling is our other big MLN social event. 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 – Guard against vehicle burglaries

By Tom Purcell, Monta Loma Neighborhood Watch Captain

We've seen a recent spate of vehicle break-ins but also some arrests, thanks to alert bystanders. Always lock your vehicle, but it's more important to avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle, particularly where someone can see them. Watch a 17-second smash & grab at tinyurl.com/smsh-grb.

The police urge you to call whenever 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, which you should have in your cell phone. A link to the MVRD's tip sheet on how to prevent burglaries in your home and vehicle is at tinyurl.com/mvrdtips and also at montaloma.org on the Neighborhood Watch page (under MLNA).

Preschooler Network

Monta Loma Preschooler Network members have been enjoying playdates around the neighborhood, and are planning a costume parade close to Halloween. If you have children under 6 and want to meet other neighborhood families, contact Darcy Koch at preschooler@montaloma.org or 507-358-1522.

Peninsula Storage cancels mail services

Peninsula Storage on Leghorn Street will no longer offer any USPS mailing services, but visiting usps.com will enable you to avoid trips to a post office to buy stamps or mail packages.

Monta Loma Plaza; update on Safeway

The shopping center owner reports, "Construction is supposedly scheduled to commence in early November. Given the holiday season, I do not anticipate much will be happening. I am highly doubtful that the store will open by the end of the year. I am guessing more realistically by June or July."

The July 2016 press release is at tinyurl.com/MLPSafeway.

Little Free Libraries inspire additions

Thanks to her visiting mother, Karla Valente's Little Free Library on Jewell now has a fairy door near it. Photos of both are at montaloma.org/little-free-libraries. There's another fairy door near the LFL on Hamilton. It's very small, so look closely.

On Lassen, Alice's Hazelgrove's story hours have inspired her to re-landscape her front yard to better accommodate readers and listeners.

If you'd like a LFL at your home, see littlefreelibrary.org for information. The City has authorized the MLNA to partially pay for them from our grant, so contact an MLNA board member if you are interested.

Candidates for the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees

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

Laura Blakely My top goals are: 1) re-centering focus on the students to close the achievement gap, challenge all students and support teachers in their teaching; 2) reestablishing trust, professionalism, collaboration, and respect on the Board and among staff, teachers, parents, and community members; and 3) ensuring financial stability and securing passage of a replacement parcel tax initiative. lauraforschoolboard.net

José Gutiérrez I was appointed to serve on the MVWSD board last year. I value teamwork, inclusion and pro-active change, and know working for the best interests of all students, faculty, and staff is essential to the well-being of a learning community. I advocate early childhood education and providing meaningful enrichment for all of our 21st century learners. Learn more at joseforschoolboard2016.com.

Peter Darrah I'm running to tackle the challenges facing our schools. I've served on a variety of MVWSD boards and committees over the last 10 years. My kids attended Landels and Graham. My goals are to make everyone in Mountain View proud of their neighborhood school, ensure every student is taught to their potential, and manage our dollars wisely. Thanks. darrah.org

Tamara Wilson Parent, scientist, educator, community advocate, with 1st grader in District. Northeast Mountain View has long been under-served on the Board and in volunteer committees. I intend to change that. I will advocate for smaller class sizes, closing the achievement gap by involving established community leaders, STEAM and project-based learning, and neighborhood/walkable schools. Let's bring stability and effectiveness back to MVWSD. wilson4schools.org.

Ice Cream Social — bigger and better than ever

Thanks go to everyone, the many volunteers as well as the 400+ attendees, who helped make this year's event such a huge success.

Mountain View Trees members answered questions about tree problems, and Wouter Suverkropp offered rides on his walking robot's chariot. The root-beer floats and the Monta Loma History and Neighborhood Watch displays were popular once more, as were the face painting, balloon creations, cotton candy, and the CERT members' presentation of their emergency equipment. The MVFD brought a fire truck. Attendees could sign up for the Preschooler Network and the PTA, and learn about planting an allergy-fighting and a bee-friendly yard. The Animal Beacons of Light and Monta Loma tee shirt displays were also popular.

Gloria Higgins, Monta Loma School's new principal, took a shift at the ice cream toppings table. All the candidates for City Council and the MVWSD Board came, as did Mayor Pat Showalter, City Manager Dan Rich, MVPD Chief Max Bosel, and several police officers. A surprise guest was our congresswoman, Anna Eshoo. They all appreciated the opportunity to meet Monta Loma residents, and their appreciation was echoed by the neighbors.

Neighborhood Resources

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Tim Slattery, 964-6389
CERT@montaloma.org

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Tom Purcell, 224-5110
MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com

Activities Committee

Alice Hazelgrove, 204-5105
secretary@montaloma.org

Preschooler Network

Darcy Koch, 507-358-1522
preschooler@montaloma.org

MLN Neighborhood Email List

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mlnlist@montaloma.org
To join this or alternate lists go to montaloma.org/mlna and click on MLNA Email Lists.

MLNA Websites

www.montaloma.org
Referrals:
localwiki.org/montaloma
Webmaster: Hien Do
webmaster@montaloma.org

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to those who delivered the August newsletter: Vannina Champenois, Donna Clarke, Jim & Alice Cochran, Martha Elderon, Harry Gordon, Silke Gurlich, Birgit Grundler, Maria Harnoto, Linda Harvey, Chuck & Cookie Henderson, Isabella Hill, Jessie Holombo, Paul Kostka, Vickie Lee, Diane McCleary, Shelly Ostman, Leane Reelfs, John Thomas, and Sarah & Tom Tidwell.

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.

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.

City boards and commissions

Want to help make Mountain View a better place to live? Consider serving on one of the city's boards, commissions, or committees. These groups provide advice in their areas of expertise to the City Council. Being part of one gives you an ongoing first-hand look at matters that usually come before the City Council, but at the point where (sometimes substantial) changes can be made.

It's wise to attend a few meetings of the board that interests you before applying. Applicants who don't are rarely selected to serve. Go to mountainview.gov and click on Advisory Bodies under City Council. The deadline to apply is 5pm on Monday, November 14.

Tree care for winter

For watering guidelines, Gloria Jackson recommends Canopy.org's "Caring for Trees" page and TreePeople.org's tips at tinyurl.com/treeH2O.

Tree trimming is best done in fall/early winter. Water deeply after trimming. Some gardeners suggest that any aggressive pruning/trimming be done in early January. That allows the leaves to continue to absorb as much sun as possible now and gives the tree/bush time to recover before its heaviest growing season begins. Dotty Calabrese reminds us that trimming between September and early January is best for nesting birds.

Trees within ten feet of the curb are regulated by the City. See tinyurl.com/StrtreesQs or call 903-6273 for care instructions.

Street trees — how to get one and how to care for it

By Bruce Hurlburt, City of Mountain View Parks and Open Space Manager

If you would like a street tree planted on your property by the City this winter, email parcs@mountainview.gov or call 903-6273. The City will plant and stake the tree, and trim it periodically over its lifetime at no charge. Property owners are responsible for watering new trees, which require only 10 gallons a week to get established. Help keep the Monta Loma neighborhood looking its best.

MLN email list

It seems that Yahoo has been diverting requests to join the neighborhood email list (mln), and the list owner isn't receiving them. A solution is being sought. In the meantime, please use the Contact page at montaloma.org to send your request.

Annual Financial Report

By Andre Valente, 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 numerous 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 7/1/2015		7,650.51
City of Mountain View Grant		1,500.00
Ice Cream Social August 2015	593.63	
Block Parties (8) 2015	206.29	
Progressive Dinner Dec. 2015	84.79	
Spring Fling March 2016	413.46	
General Meeting June 2016	37.65	
Newsletter expenses/ad revenue	3,194.39	3,767.93
Miscellaneous expenses/revenue	994.05	474.49
CERT Expenses	194.04	
Donations		109.00
Total Withdrawals/Deposits	5,718.30	5,851.42
Ending balance 6/30/2016		7,783.63

Turf replacement rebates www.water.ca.gov/turf email confirms that rebates are still available via saveourh2o.org.

Mobile Library schedule, Friends' used-book sale

The quarterly used-book sale is on November 12 & 13. Details are at mvlibraryfriends.org.

The Mobile Library stops at Monta Loma School every Friday from 4:15 to 5:00 with the exception of the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday weekends, Nov. 25 and Dec. 23 and 30. It also stops on Jane at Fay on Oct. 28, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17 from 9:45 to 10:15. No morning stop in November and December due to holidays. For information or special requests, call 526-7029 or email Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov.

Block parties set a new record

The thirteen parties held this year far exceeded last year's record of eight. Between Jane Lane's first (of two) on June 26 and the wind-up on Devri on October 2 for Aldean, Dell, Devri, Marcelyn, and Marjorie neighbors, parties were held, almost one each weekend, on Mardell, Benjamin, Lassen, Hamilton, Thompson Court, Thompson Square, Anna, the 2300 block of Laura, and the 2400 and 2500 blocks of Alvin.

The organizers reported that both newcomers and long-timers appreciated the chance to get together, and everyone is looking forward to a repeat in 2017. This year's parties were made safer by the orange traffic cones and Road Closed signs loaned out by CERT's John Thomas.

Monta Loma Neighborhood *Holiday Open Studios*

Dotty's Holiday Open Studio

Hand-Weaving & Polymer Clay by Dotty Calabrese & Kim Korringa

Sat. 12/10 & Sun. 12/11 - 10 am to 4 pm

2465 Richard Ct. (across from Thaddeus Park)

Stop by for holiday shopping, weaving demonstrations, hot cider, and cookies. Elegant hand-woven scarves & herbal pillows, polymer clothing buttons, needle cases, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, pins, badge holders, hair barrettes, cuff links, & eyeglass chains. All original designs.

Check out our work at www.DottyCalabrese.com & www.KimCreates.com

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Mary Partlan & Cinzilla Design Holiday Open Studio

Sun. 11/27 & Sun. 12/18 - 11 am to 5 pm - 321 Anna Ave.

Come see my handmade jewelry, necklaces, earrings, and bracelets made of sterling silver and beads.

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Peggy's Annual Holiday Boutique

Sat. 12/4 & Sun. 12/5 - 10 am to 5 pm - 210 Thompson Square

Cards, vintage mouth-blown glass ornaments, potpourri, sachets, hoops, ornament balls filled with potpourri, and moth and ant repellent sachets. Visit margueriteblogs.blogspot.com or

www.etsy.com/shop/margueritemanor to see these items.



RE-ELECT

**Chris
CLARK**

Mountain View City Council

Paid for by Chris Clark for Council 2016 FPPC#1382606

Proven Leadership & Experience

Experience

- Mayor (2014), Vice Mayor (2013)
- City Councilmember (2013-Present)
- Member of Key Regional Planning Agencies & Governing Bodies
- Homeowner and Former Renter in Several Mtn View Neighborhoods

Education

- B.A. in Political Science from Stanford with a Minor in Economics

Council Projects & Focus

- Neighborhoods Committee
- Environmental Sustainability
- Affordable Housing Comm. Chair

Priorities for the Next 4 Years

1. Balanced, Sustainable Growth and Development
2. Proven Strategies to Address Affordable Housing
3. Responsible Fiscal Management
4. Environmental Sustainability and Preservation
5. Economic Vitality and Support for Small Businesses

Broad Community Support

- Congresswoman Anna Eshoo
- State Legislators Rich Gordon, Jerry Hill, & Evan Low
- Several Local Officials, Former Mayors, & Community Leaders
- MV Chamber of Commerce
- Local School District Trustees & Parents
- Sierra Club & League of Conservation Voters
- Democratic Party
- Silicon Valley Association of Realtors
- For a complete list, visit www.ElectChrisClark.com

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CITY COUNCIL

Vote **Lucas Ramirez** for
Mountain View City Council
on **November 8** or by mail

To learn more, visit ramirezforcouncil.com or email him at Lucas@RamirezForCouncil.com
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Vote For



Lisa Matichak

Mountain View City Council

"Good For Your Neighborhood"



I am running for City Council because I care deeply about Mountain View and am passionate about having it be a great place to live. I want to continue to help residents have their voices heard when it comes to what matters most to them. I am a 17-year resident of Mountain View, the founding President of the Wagon Wheel Neighborhood Association, and am in my 7th year as a Mountain View Planning Commissioner. I would be honored to have your vote.

Endorsement Highlights (for a complete list visit www.LisaForCouncil.com)

Mountain View Elected Officials:

Nick Galiotto, Laura Macias, Matt Pear, Jac Siegel
Former Mayors and City Councilmembers
Christopher Chiang
Former Trustee, Mountain View Whisman School District
Sanjay Dave (elect), Joe Mitchner
Trustees, Mountain View Los Altos High School District

Organizations and Local Businesses:

Mountain View Chamber of Commerce
Mountain View Professional Firefighters
Sierra Club
Steve Rasmussen, Milk Pail Market



Mountain View Commission & Committee Members:

Margaret Capriles & Robert Cox, Environmental Planning Commission; Jonathan Herbach & Katherine Naegele, Parks and Recreation Commission; Jim Neal, Human Relations Commission; Jamil Shaikh, Downtown Committee; Elna Tymes, Senior Advisory Committee

Mountain View Residents:

Marsha & Bill Adler; Bill Cranston, Monta Loma Neighborhood Association President; Rebecca Galiotto; Julia Ha; David Lewis, Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association Chair; Roberto Miller; Melissa Phillips; Nancy Stuhr; Kathy Thibodeaux; Alan Whitaker

Paid for by Matichak for City Council 2016

Vote for Lisa Matichak, #7 on the ballot

FPPC# 1386899

THIDA CORNES

for Mountain View City Council

As your City Council member, I will:

- Build a 21st century transportation system.
- Preserve the character, diversity, and community spirit of Mountain View as we evolve.
- Increase housing options for all.
- Advance environmental sustainability.



- Mountain View resident for 17 years.
- Parks and Recreation Commissioner since 2009 including two years as Chair.
- Co-founded Great Streets Mountain View, a non-profit that advocated for safety improvements in front of Graham School.
- Served on School District Facility and Tax Oversight Committees.
- Earned MBA from UC Berkeley while working full-time in high-tech middle management.

www.thidacornes.com

Paid for by Thida Cornes for City Council 2016 FPPC#1378273

RE-ELECT JOHN MCALISTER

"John really knows the city from the ground up. And he works hard to make sure that every segment of the community is heard at the City Council.

"John's experience and understanding of the community serves us well. He has my enthusiastic support."

— Joe Simitian

John McAlister with Santa Clara County Supervisor, Joe Simitian, in front of John's Baskin Robbins store in Mountain View.



5 REASONS TO VOTE FOR JOHN

Top Priorities – Quality of Life:

1. Housing

Plan for a diverse housing stock that is affordable for all income levels both present and future generations.

Have developments fees help fund housing options

New developments need to be compatible with the surrounding neighborhoods and are located near transit options

2. Transportation

Reduce commuter cut-throughs in our local neighborhoods by working with our transit authorities and major employers to provide an efficient and comprehensive transit system that will reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gases.

-Mass transit needs to improve on El Camino, but a bus only lane is not the solution.

-We must develop a comprehensive system of bike and pedestrian routes and ensure every school has designated safe routes

3. Sustainability

That the city set good examples of how to protect the environment with policies that reflect using renewable energy and minimize greenhouse gases.

4. Neighborhood Preservation

Increase open space

5 Financially Strong City

Budget within our means

Protect our small businesses

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LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Mountain View City Council

Mayor – Lead the effort to increase housing stock, renter's rights, reduce greenhouse gases, improved relationships with our military families stationed in MV.

- **Founded and chaired the North/West County Cities Coalition for Regional Transportation Planning.** Lead the effort for MV to receive its fair share of transit tax dollars.

Vice Mayor / Council Member

Environmental Planning Commission, 5 years

- Past Chair and Vice Chair – Helped to increase community benefits on large projects

Valley Transit Authority (VTA)

- Board member (alternate)
- Policy Advisory Board – 3 years
- Co-Chair Highway 85 Policy Advisory Board – 2 years

Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

- Founding City member and Current Board Director – 2 years
- Lead MV to commit to buying 100% renewable energy.

Mountain View/Whisman School District

- Huff Elementary School Site Council
- Huff Elementary School PTA Treasurer

Dunkin Brands

- Regional Advisory Board Member – 5 years

Professional Business Owner

- Baskin Robbins – MV & Los Gatos – 14 years current
- Stepping Stones Preschool – 16 years current
- ARCO AM/PM – 14 years

Community Commitment

- Fundraiser for local schools
- Youth Sports Coach: YMCA, Mountain View Little League, NJB, Graham Middle School basketball, Pony baseball
- Mountain View Chamber of Commerce
- Rotarian since 1990
- Assembly 22-Small Business of the Year 2009

Education

Certified Public Accountant since 1981

UC Berkeley – B.S – Business Administration

Foothill College

Awalt High School - Graham Middle School - Huff Elementary School

59 Year Resident

Family – Married – Wife, Gwen, employed at SRI

Daughter – Chesley – Graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Son – John – Cal Poly

Dog – Yogi – our Golden Retriever

Tried and True Leadership to Keep Mountain View Thriving



I love Mountain View, where my husband and I have been able to purchase our first home, raise two daughters, care for my aging parents and be civically engaged. Through the years, I've served the city I love in various ways including as a school volunteer, County School Board Trustee, boardmember of nonprofits, your City Councilmember and Mayor. As Mayor, I led this city out of the deep recession of 2008, and worked collaboratively to make Mountain View a prosperous and highly desirable place to live, work, learn, and play.

Accomplishments on the City Council:

- ✓ Balanced budgets each year and maintained our AAA credit rating
- ✓ Transportation improvements locally such as bringing to the City the Mountain View Intercity Shuttle, the Bike Share Program, bike and pedestrian access improvements and extending the Stevens Creek Trail; and regionally as VTA Board Chair saving Caltrain service during the recession, advancing the BART extension project, and light rail express service
- ✓ Established an Environmental Sustainability Plan and led the City's membership in the Silicon Valley Community Choice Energy Authority- providing renewable energy to the region
- ✓ Ensured safe and strong neighborhoods with investments in police, fire and emergency response service

I now seek to once again serve as your Councilmember to:

- ✓ Maintain Mountain View's excellent financial position to sustain the next economic cycle
- ✓ Recruit and retain top notch city employees to provide excellent community services
- ✓ Ensure sensible growth that benefits everyone and maintains a strong mix of businesses as well as our socio-economic diversity
- ✓ Implement innovative strategies to address housing and transportation challenges
- ✓ Expand the City's inventory of parks, green and open space, unique wildlife habitats and tree canopy
- ✓ Improve the City's infrastructure with continued focus on public safety, environmental sustainability, and preparation for expected challenges of sea level rise

Endorsed by:

Mountain View Chamber of Commerce
Mountain View Professional Firefighters
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Former Mountain View Mayor and Councilmember Matt Pear
Former Mountain View Mayor and Councilmember Nick Galiotto
Former Mountain View Mayor and Councilmember Ronit Bryant
Former Mountain View Mayor and Councilmember Jac Siegel
Mountain View-Los Altos High School Board Trustee Fiona Walter
Mountain View-Los Altos High School Board Trustee Joe Mitchner
Mountain View Whisman School Board Trustee Jose Gutierrez
(and many other elected and community leaders)



On November 8th, Vote #2 on the Ballot!

Paid for by Margaret for Council FPPC ID# 1386424

Monta Loma School extends an invitation

Do you have a child who will enter kindergarten next year? Are you curious about what our local school, Monta Loma Elementary (MLE) is like? Principal Gloria Higgins will host an information session and campus tour for future school parents at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 18. Come hear about Monta Loma's instructional program and take tour of the campus. This is an ideal way to learn about MLE.

Please let the office know that you plan to attend by contacting school secretary Dafne Minera at 903-6915 or dmineraacuna@mvwsd.org by November 16. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in and receive a visitor's badge. Parking is limited and attendees are encouraged to walk. This event is designed for adults.

Monta Loma School PTA News

Our annual Winter Food Drive will take place November 28 to December 9. Healthy, non-perishable items may be dropped off in the school office and will go to CSA for distribution.

Read Across America Week is the first week in March. If you can be a VIP reader and share a book with a classroom on March 3, please contact Debbie Chin at montalomapta@gmail.com or 796-1773.

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 4, at the MLNA's Spring Fling.

How to help Monta Loma School

- To donate financially, go to montaloma.mvwsd.org and click on Fundraising Opportunities; it's under Your Involvement. Vendors such as Amazon and eScrip send a portion of your shopping dollars to the school. Box tops can be dropped off in the school office.
- To help in a classroom or the school gardens, or at events, contact montalomapta@gmail.com or 903-6915.
- 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 traffic reminder 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.



Weather stations in Monta Loma

"How much rain did my plants get last night?" is a question we hope to be asking often this winter. Visit montaloma.org/weather-stations for very local weather information, plus sunrise, sunset, moon phase, and more.

Google bikes

Google bikes are intended for Google employees to travel around campus or from one campus to another. If you see a multicolor Google bike where it probably shouldn't be, report its location and the time spotted to Google Security (253-5353) and they will pick it up. Some bikes have that phone number in the basket, but it's easy to remember.

Middlefield crosswalk project meets approval

Those who activate the new flashing lights report that crossing Middlefield to Thaddeus is much safer now, and express their appreciation to the City. Drivers entering the intersection from Independence still can't see vehicles approaching from Rengstorff, so many choose an alternate route.

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More Sales, Stable Prices It Is Still a Seller's Market!

Monta Loma year over year sales (MLS, Single Family)

Jan. 1 through Sept. 30, 2016 vs 2015:

	2016	2015
# of Sales	16	12
Avg. List Price	\$1,451,243	\$1,299,917
Avg. Sale Price	\$1,532,945	\$1,528,208
Avg. Sq. Ft.	1,378	1,297
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