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MONTA LOMA NEWS

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Meet Your City Council Candidates

at Monta Loma's Candidates Forum

Saturday morning, October 23, 9:30 to 11:30
Monta Loma School Multipurpose Room

Doors open at 9:15 for setup, hot drinks, and baked goods.

The formal forum will be from 10:00 to 11:00,

but plan to come early and/or stay after to chat with the candidates face-to-face.
If possible, walk, don't drive; there's a soccer game that morning so parking will be difficult.

Monta Loma's Candidates' Forum

All six city council candidates say they look forward to our forum. We hope for an equally good turnout from Monta Loma residents. This is your chance to be seen and heard, and show what an active neighborhood we are. Neighbors who attended past forums say it really helped them decide how to vote.

Submit questions for the candidates to Helen Wolter at helenwolter@yahoo.com or 691-1291 by Oct. 21, or bring your questions with you; we'll supply index cards.

If you can't make our forum, the League of Women Voters' candidates forum is Oct. 14, 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

Progressive Dinners Planned Again

Elna Tymes will organize a repeat of the progressive dinners that Pat Jordan coordinated the last two years. The date is Saturday, December 11, and this year, a donation of $20 to a food bank is appreciated but not required.

To make a reservation, contact Debbie Cunningham (debbie.cunningham@gmail.com or 964-5677) and let her know whether you'll bring an appetizer, a dessert, or a side dish for the main course. If you can volunteer your home for either the appetizer or dessert courses, please let her know that, too.

Mail-in Ballots, Voter Registration

Mail-in ballots were mailed starting on Oct. 4, but you don't have to return yours until Oct. 30 (if mailed) or on Election Day, Nov. 2, if hand-delivered to any polling place in the county before 8 p.m. "Sometimes the most important facts come out at the end. Mailing a ballot early is like a juror reaching a verdict halfway through the trial."

You can check your registration at www.sos.ca.gov or 1-866-430-8683 (toll free) by entering your birthdate and house number. If you need to register, during that phone call you can request that a form be mailed to you, or print one at the website. The registration deadline is Oct. 18, but if you need to register, don't wait, especially if you want a mail-in ballot sent.

Also mark your calendar for: Oct. 17 Dog-behavior seminar, p. 2

Ice Cream Social: Thank you!

By Wouter Suverkropp, MLNA President

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event such a success. At least 35 people volunteered their time, in addition to those who pitched in to help during the event.

We served 30 gallons of ice cream to at least 300 people, including almost all the city council members and candidates. Police personnel helped kids make buttons, and firefighters displayed their new "rolling toolbox" rescue truck. The CERT team displayed their trailer of emergency equipment to prospective new members.

Other features included add-ons for the ice cream, the Monta Loma tee shirt and information tables, a bicycle parade, face painting, cotton candy, giant bubbles, balloon creations, and the Animal Beacons of Light table.

This is your event, and it gets better every year. Ideas are always welcome. Thank you, all!

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

Mayfield Housing Meeting

By Wouter Suverkropp, MLNA President

Summit Land Partners LLC, acting on behalf of William Lyon Homes, presented the new plans for the HP Mayfield site to approximately 50 very interested Monta Loma residents on September 23 at St. Athanasius Church's social hall. After the presentation, many thoughtful questions were asked and answered.

Summit has signed a purchase agreement with HP and will buy the land if its plans are approved by the City Council. Summit plans 300 units, 181 fewer than previously approved. The buildings in the high-density areas (around the larger park and bordering Central Expressway) will be lower. Single-family, 2.5-story houses will abut Monta Loma, except for 3.5-story town homes on the Palo Alto/Monta Loma border.

All units will have two parking spaces in a garage. The proposed underground garages have been eliminated, meaning less earth moving, less traffic, and significantly shorter construction times.

The building-façade designs might be made more compatible with Monta Loma as they go through approvals with the various city departments. If you care about the these matters, please sign up at www.mountainview.gov to receive the Planning Commission's meeting agendas.

The number of parking spaces is reduced by only 38, improving the parking situation and reducing the risk of overflow parking in Monta Loma. Street layout, parks, the tunnel under Central Expressway, and other elements of Toll Brothers' original plan remain the same. In coming months, Summit will submit a proposal to the city, including proposals regarding trees, demolition plans, and other negotiated aspects of the project. It will be up to us to keep an eye on the proceedings, to ensure that the impact on Monta Loma is limited.

Overall, I feel that this is a very positive development in the HP Mayfield saga, and this new proposal looks significantly better for us. But much work remains to be done in the areas of cut-through traffic, tree preservation, and building design. Watch (or join) the mln email list to keep abreast of this project.

A copy of the presentation will be available soon either on or via montaloma.org.

Neighborhood Resources

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Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
Open, please volunteer!

Activities Committee
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Parents' Network and Babysitting Co-op
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MLN Neighborhood Email List
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To get only official announcements, subscribe at www.montaloma.org.

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Dog Behavior and Kid Safety Seminar October 17

By Jimi Dixon

Parents, when you're walking with your kids and see a dog, is your first reaction to cross the street to avoid a confrontation because you fear what might happen? Have you explained to your kids that they need to ask the dog's handler if it's safe for them to greet the dog?

I am a dog behaviorist and people trainer who wants to teach kids to be safe and comfortable with dogs. I am offering a free seminar for kids and their parents in Monta Loma Park on Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m. We'll have some fun learning to recognize dog behaviors and to respond in a way that is calming to the dog and safe for kids.

I hope to see you there! Let's meet by the bulletin board on the restrooms building. If you'll let me know that you're planning to attend, I can alert you if there's a change in time or place. Contact me at 965-1460 or jimidix@pacbell.net.

Jimi Dixon lives on Lida.

News from Monta Loma School

By Leane Reelfs

Thanks to all our neighbors who visited the Monta Loma School table at the Ice Cream Social. One person asked how people can donate money, books, binders, etc., to the school. You can always make a cash donation to Monta Loma Elementary, to Monta Loma PTA, or to Monta Loma CEL, our 501(c)3; that money is used for enrichment. If you have books for our classroom libraries (ages 5 to 12) or binders or such, call the office (903-6915) to ask if there is a need.

Despite what you may have read recently in the *Voice* (numbers taken from two years ago), Monta Loma is thrilled with the significant jump in our test scores this year. The California State Department of Education just released the new API (Academic Performance Index) and AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) results based on last year's California Standards test. Monta Loma continues to make gains in both areas. This year our API soared another 26 points to place us at 820. We have gained 46 points in the last two years! Additionally, ML met all AYP targets in English Language Arts and Math. We were one of only three schools in the district to meet the overall target for all of our subgroups. For more detailed information, feel free to contact Principal Cathy Baur at cbaur@mvwsd.org.

Would you like to work with children but don't know where to start? Contact me, Leane Reelfs, Volunteer Coordinator for Monta Loma School, at reelfs@comcast.net or 255-4851, and I will help you find the best fit.

Read Candidate Interviews Online

You can read the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association's interviews with the six council candidates online at www.omvna.org. Click on each candidate's name in the left column.
(Note: Dan Waylonis does not live in Monta Loma; author's error.)

Monta Loma's Airport in 1948

Compiled by Marilyn Gildea

"It is so cool to see what the neighborhood looked like before the houses were built," remarked Dhananjay Ragade after a recent exchange on our neighborhood email list (mln).

Harry Gordon had emailed, "At Costco I found a book of aerial photos, *Over Time: Palo Alto, 1947–1980,* by Ben Hatfield. As a former private pilot, I've always been interested in the airport that was located where Monta Loma is now, so I leafed through the book and was rewarded on page 74 with a 1948 aerial photo of "Progressive Airport" at Middlefield and San Antonio. The photo shows two buildings, about seven planes in the tie-down area, an apparently bare-dirt taxiway, and no paved runway, just an open grassy field with a north-south wear pattern. The area surrounding the airport is open country.

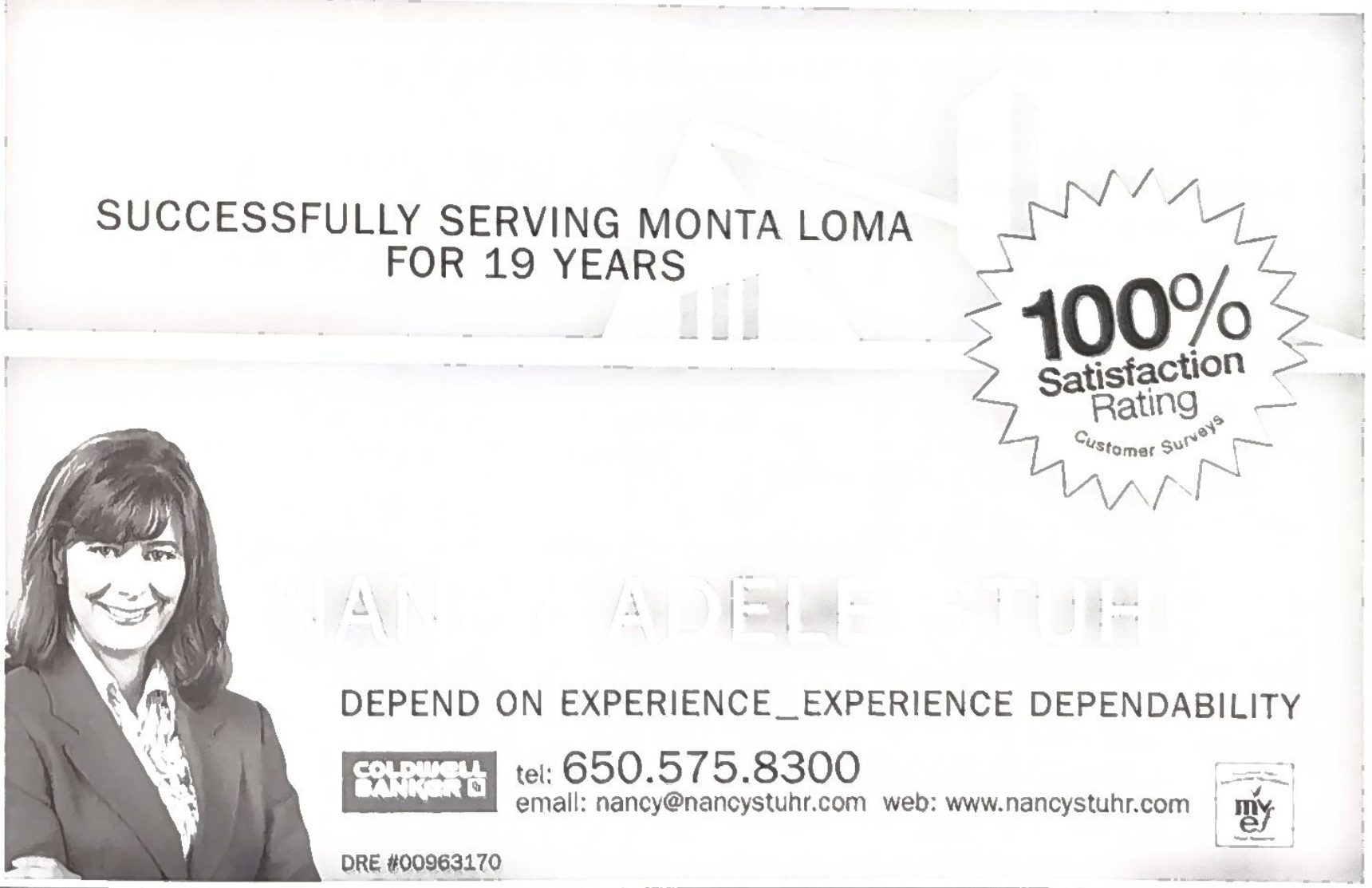
"I bought the book. Aside from airports and Monta Loma, it is well worth the $17 Costco price for the many photos of Palo Alto during the 1947–1980 growth years." [Ed. note: The author, Ben Hatfield, is the son of Adrian Hatfield, who founded Hatfield Aerial Survey and "worked with developers such as Joseph Eichler to help build Palo Alto."]

Andy Graybeal then directed us to Google Earth, and Dhananjay Ragade shared these instructions to see the 1948 photo:

1) Get the latest Google Earth from http://earth.google.com/; install and launch it.
2) Enter your address in the "Fly to" text box in the upper left corner. Hit Return.
3) Click the clock icon on the upper menu bar. A time slider will pop up. Drag this to the far left (1948).
4) Zoom and pan by "grabbing" the map and dragging, or by using the controls in the upper right corner.

Then Ben Baumgartner added, "I am probably the only person living in the area, or alive today, who has flown out of that airport. During the war (1941–45) the airport was closed, but around 1944, when I was 13, some friends and I rode our bikes out there. We went into the hangers and sat in some of the planes and played with the controls.

"Sometime after the war, possibly in 1947, my brother had a friend who worked at the airport and had learned to fly. He bought a surplus Stearman biplane trainer and took me up in it. I still remember that flight. I stuck my head out into the 90-mile-per-hour airstream to look at the ground falling away and the cars on Middlefield Road. The runway went almost to Middlefield. Some planes were still low as they flew over the road, and startled the drivers passing under them. The block of Alvin north of Victory was one-half of the runway, with the end at Elka."



CERT Urges Preparedness

By Jim Cochran

The San Bruno pipeline explosion reminds us that we never know when a disaster may strike. Monta Loma's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) needs interested neighbors to join us to be better prepared for one. No special skills are required, but if you are a retired doctor, nurse, and other medical professional, or have industrial ERT or ham radio training, you are particularly needed.

You can check out CERT 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. There is a session this Saturday, October 9. The next ones are November 13 and December 11. No cost or obligation! You may contact me at jimcoch@comcast.net or call 207-5518.

The City of Mountain View conducts free CERT training, and we encourage you to take the course, whether or not you join our neighborhood group. For information contact Lynn Brown (Lynn.Brown@MountainView.gov; 903-6825) or visit www.mountainview.gov.

Stuffed Animals Table at ICS

By Ellen Henson

Thank you to all the wonderful people who stopped by our table at the Ice Cream Social to talk about Animal Beacons of Light. Volunteer coordinator Pat Jordan and I are always happy to describe our mission to distribute new and gently-used soft stuffed animals to children of all ages around the world who need extra love and something to cuddle."

This year we received 105 stuffed animals, almost double from last year. We look forward to freshening these contributions, filling them with love and healing energies, and readying them for their journey into the arms of those who await them.

Stuffed animals are currently on their way to Paris, Madagascar, and Uganda. More will go to India, Watsonville, and South San Francisco. Other recent batches went to Chile, Santa Cruz County, and Peru.

I so appreciate the support the neighborhood gives our project. Cntact me at animalbeacons@yahoo.com or 961-8777, or visit http://mlna.wikispot.org/Stuffed_Animals.

Local Banking Now Available

By Wouter Suverkropp

We now have banking services within walking distance! Meriwest Credit Union opens in Monta Loma Plaza this Tuesday, October 12; see the ad in this issue. Credit unions are community owned, not-for-profit member organizations. Anyone may join, and there are no fees. Typically, rates are lower and returns higher, and most credit unions do not engage in the more risky banking practices. A thriving local shopping center is good for our neighborhood and for home values, so consider a visit to the plaza the next time you're out and about!

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Thanks to those who delivered the August newsletter: John Canata, Donna Clarke, Jim and Alice Cochran, Martha Elderon, Grant and Birgit Grundler, Maria Harnoto, Chuck and Cookie Henderson, Isabella Hill, Jessie Holombo, Paul Kostka, Bill Lambert (2), Vickie Lee, Allison McGill, Ann McMillan, Victoria Perry, Elizabeth Wee, 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.

Basic Things You Can Do to Safely Age in Place

By Elna Tymes

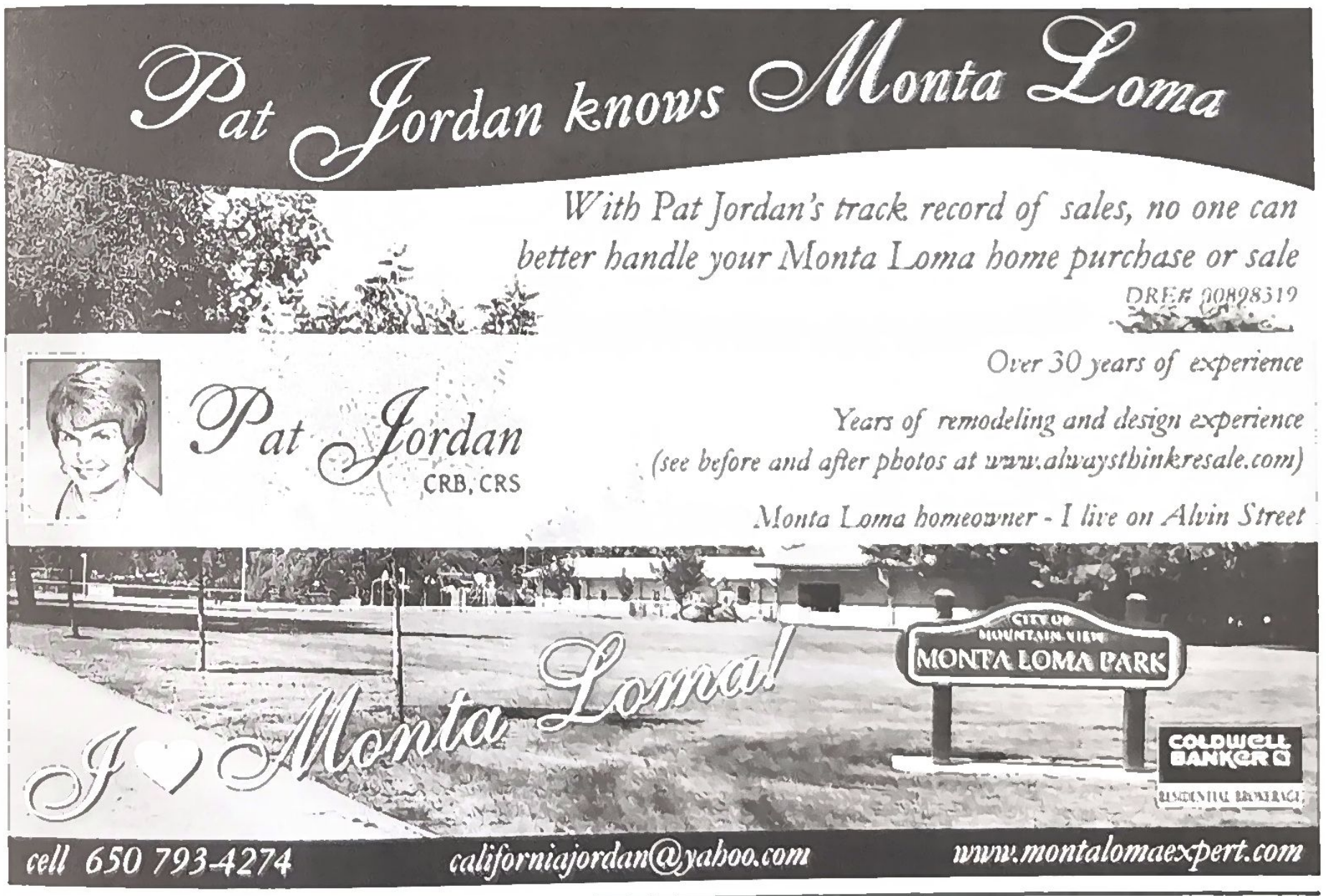
According to a recent study, 90% of American seniors are living in conventional housing, as opposed to congregate care, assisted living facilities, or nursing homes. But most of those homes were built with the assumption that the residents were healthy and active, when in fact only about half of those over 65 have the home modifications they believe they now need to successfully age in place.

The most requested home modifications for seniors include a bedroom and bathroom on the first floor, hand rails where there are steps, grab bars in bathrooms, and the ability to sit (rather than stand) while preparing food. Most of us in Monta Loma have single-story homes, although most of these homes have at least one step to enter. Even that one step can be a problem for those with mobility problems, so a handrail or other support by the door can help when entering with a bag of groceries.

Surprisingly, a recent survey at the Mountain View Senior Center found that more than half the seniors didn't know what a grab bar is or where to install one. Grab bars are inexpensive, come in a wide variety of shapes and colors, are available at all local hardware stores, and can be installed with a couple of screws. The grab bar should be attached to a stud or other structural member, not just to drywall or tile, so it won't pull out if the person holding it is falling. If you don't have someone who can install a grab bar for you, call the Senior Center (903-6330) to arrange for a discounted rate on a handyman who will come to your home and install it.

Local companies, notably Harrell Remodeling on Old Middlefield, can install cabinets and counters at lower heights so the cook can sit during food preparation. This is particularly useful if the user is in a wheelchair. If you're not in a wheelchair, a bar stool lets you sit at normal counter height while you're cooking.

Slide-out shelves and wire baskets that bring the contents of your lower cupboards out to you are available at most local hardware stores.



Annual Financial Report

By Carolyn Schmittzeh, MLNA Treasurer

We've had a very successful year. Grants from the city enabled us to hold three events again, the Spring Fling in March, the Shredder Day/E-Waste Collection in April, and the Ice Cream Social in August. MLNA has continued to support many events, including a number of 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 7/1/09		6,449.01
Silicon Valley Community Foundation Award	–	1,000.00
Ice Cream Social 8/09	422.59	–
Block Parties	380.06	–
Spring Fling 3/10	199.44	–
General Meetings/Board Election	343.5	–
Newsletter & Flyers/Ad Revenue	2,098.85	2,682.50
Miscellaneous Expenses/Revenue	754.56	579.65
Total Withdrawals/Deposits	4,199.00	4,262.15
Ending balance 6/30/10		6,511.51
CERT		
Beginning balance 7/1/09		373.2
Withdrawals/Deposits	–	–
Ending balance 6/30/10		373.2

Note: The city's Neighborhoods Grant for FY '08 and '09 were both received between 7/1/08 and 6/30/09 and accounted for in last year's report. The $1,500 grant for FY '10 was received in August and is not reflected on this schedule.

Mobile Library

The library's mobile unit stops on Jane at Fay on these Fridays: Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 28, and Feb. 25 from 9:45 to 10:15. It stops at Redwood Villa (on Montecito) from 3:00 to 3:30 on alternate Thursdays: Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2, 16, and 30, etc. For more information or special requests, call 526-7029 or email mobile.library@mountainview.gov

Benjamin-Plus Block Party

By Gloria Jackson

On Sunday, July 25, we held the first-ever Benjamin Drive block party. After living here for over 20 years, I thought it was about time. It turned out even better than I imagined. The only complaints were from neighbors who were already booked and couldn't make it, or who missed it.

I'd arranged with the police department to close the street from 5 to 7 p.m. The party was still going on after dark, which shows how social and friendly we all are. About 40 people attended, ages one to 87, new residents and original owners; quite a mix. My only regret is that we didn't do this sooner. Thanks to all for the good food and memories. We'll do it again next summer!

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Keeping Monta Loma Safe...and Clean...and Green

Free Street Trees

By Dianne Dryer

To be considered for a free street tree to be planted this fall, call the City at 903-6273. They have a list of recommended trees. They will trim the trees periodically at no charge. Property owners are responsible for watering the trees for the first few years. Trees provide shade and beauty, as well as habitat for our birds, bees, and butterflies. Let's reforest our neighborhood!

Monta Loma Park Notice Board

Don't forget to check (and to contribute to) our community notice board on the restrooms building in Monta Loma Park. The board is for both city and community announcements and information. Thanks to Micah Laaker for taking responsibility for the board. We welcome your suggestions for what he should post. Send your ideas and any announcements you'd like posted to Micah at noticeboard@montaloma.org.

NEW MAP AT MONTA LOMA SCHOOL

There's a new map of the U.S. on the blacktop behind Monta Loma School, courtesy of your MLNA. Thanks to Isabella Hill for ordering the map, to Wouter Suverkropp for organizing the project, and to Jennifer Coogan, Marilyn Gildea, Grant Grundler, Ann McMillan, Mike Montemerlo, and Isaac Taylor, who joined Wouter to paint it. Funds from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation BRICC Award paid for the stencil, and the school district donated the paint.

Can you name all the states? Their capitals?

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- **Neighborhood Preservation & Accountability to Mountain View Residents**
- **More Parks, Open Space, and Athletic Fields**

In my more than thirty years in this community, I have been a renter, a home-owner, a landlord, an engineer and a senior manager in a number of aerospace companies. I have also been a small business owner, and my children attended Mountain View public schools.

I have served the city in various roles, including chair of the Environmental Planning Commision, and on the council, as Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee. I am currently serving as Vice-Mayor. All of this has prepared me well for the important job of recognizing and balancing the needs and interests of all people in Mountain View.

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BIRDING IN THE MONTA LOMA NEIGHBORHOOD: THE DARK-EYED JUNCO

by Dotty Calabrese

The Dark-eyed Junco is a type of sparrow that feeds on the ground. It is 5 to 6.5 inches long, with a dark head, pinkish cone-shaped bill, rusty back, grayish wings, pale peach flanks, white belly, dark tail with white outer tail feathers, and yellow legs. Dark-eyed Juncos are usually found in pairs. The female's head is gray, while the male's is black.

Dark-eyed Juncos are ground-feeding seed eaters that prefer the habitat of deciduous trees. You will find them foraging for insects and seed under your seed feeders, flying low into nearby bushes when disturbed.

The male sings a loud trill in spring. High chip notes are heard from both sexes as they feed and during their long, low flights.

Dark-eyed Juncos live all across North America, and were once considered five separate species. Ours is the Oregon Junco race, and is found all up and down the Pacific Coast from Southeastern Alaska to northern Baja California.

E-mail your bird questions to me at dottycala@aol.com

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- For well over 20 years, as a neighborhood activist, parent of children attending public schools, and city volunteer, I worked to improve the quality of life in Mountain View (focusing on pedestrian safety on the way to school, building more parks and distributing them evenly around town, engaging parents and residents in school and city affairs).
- In 2006 I was elected to City Council, pledging to make Mountain View a more livable and green city, enhance outreach and youth services, and safeguard our economic standing.
- I am proud to have achieved much of what I promised to do. I ask for your vote again to consolidate these achievements and deal with new challenges.

Done (2007-2010)
- Environmental Sustainability Plan
- Balanced budget
- General Plan being updated
- Enhanced youth services
- Broadened public outreach
- Development only where it fits

To Do (2011+)
- Make sure High Speed Rail enhances rather than degrades our city
- Formulate policies and actions to turn our vision for Mountain View into reality
- Maintain the city's finances

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The Monta Loma Neighborhood is one of Mountain View's gems. It has been an honor to serve on the Mountain View City Council for the last four years and as Mayor in 2009, where I have worked with many of you on community initiatives and advocated to preserve and enhance Monta Loma's quality of life and for the entire city. I am proud of my proven track record of results despite these challenging economic times:

Sound and Responsible City Management. I have worked hard with my colleagues to achieve a structurally balanced budget, preserve healthy reserves and maintain Mountain View's AAA credit rating.

A Strong Local Economy. I have promoted economic growth by reaching out to businesses, visiting 25 of them when I was Mayor, streamlining development and permitting processes, and investing in infrastructure to support businesses.

Comprehensive Human Services and Public Safety. We have maintained our outstanding level of services as I have championed investments in fire, police, and emergency response; supported the addition of new parks and trails; encouraged library improvements; and advocated for positive activities for youth and for addressing our seniors' needs.

Sustainable and Equitable Growth. I helped initiate a General Plan Update, advanced an Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, and signed Mountain View onto the Bay Area Climate Compact. As your VTA representative, I secured our city's fair share of funding for transportation projects and transit service. I have initiated housing assistance programs for our first responder employees and advanced affordable housing developments.

I seek re-election to continue to be accessible, encouraging community input and inclusiveness as we work together to make Mountain View the best city to live, work and play.

I would be honored to have your vote on November 2nd!

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Get Connected

Among the advantages of living in Monta Loma are the neighborhood email list, website, and referral wiki. The mln email list is for residents only and is monitored by its owner, Peggy Manor, as a community service. You'll find news affecting our neighborhood, recommendations and warnings, items for sale, and free stuff. It is not a discussion or chat list.

Join the mln email list or the announcements-only list via the MLN website, www.montaloma.org. The site also has information about neighborhood groups and events, the MLN Referral Wiki, links to the city, and more.

Don't have a computer? Librarians at local libraries will help you set up a free email account on a public computer.

Promote Your Business

Webmaster Cheryl Jasper reminds us that neighbors can list their business or personal web sites on the Neighbors' Links page of the MLN web site (http://www.montaloma.org/neighbors.shtml). To be listed on this page, send your full name, the name of your business or purpose of your personal website, and your website URL to webmaster@montaloma.org.

Neighbors can also post a blurb about their business on the MLN Referral Wiki. Note that to write to the wiki, you must have a wiki account. To advertise your business on the wiki, go to www.montaloma.org/wiki, log in (or sign up for an account and then log in), and click Businesses Owned By Our Neighbors below the list of referral links. Add your blurb to that page in a format similar to the listings there. If you need help, click Help on the navigation bar on the left side of the page.

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Email list owner Peggy Manor adds: To encourage patronage of Monta Loma businesses, any Monta Loma resident may make one announcement per year about his/her business on the neighborhood email list. The person making the announcement must own the business, but it need not be located in Monta Loma. Use the designation [biz ad] or [self-promotion] in the subject line, and keep your announcement brief. If you have more than one business, you may make a separate announcement for each.

If you are hosting an open house, open studio, or show for your home-based businesses, you may post an invitation once a quarter. Please check it with me first at mamm@pobox.com.

If you would like to coordinate with me in holding an open house/open studio event this fall, contact me.

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Marilyn Gildea adds: There's a new website to advertise local businesses, www.shopmountainview.com. You can sign up for the Basic Package for no charge. I join Peggy in encouraging all of us to recommend our neighbors' businesses to our friends.

GREG DAVID

For Mountain View City Council

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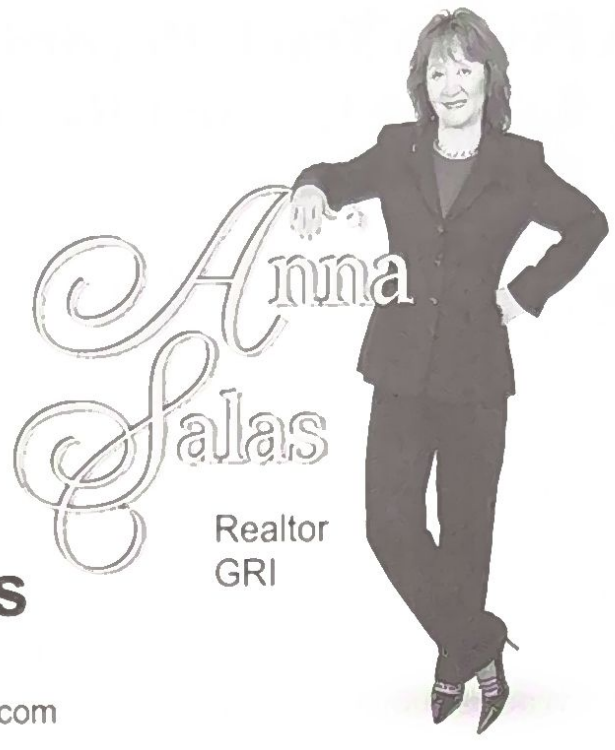


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