Mountain View, California May 2017

# MONTA LOMA NEWS



# Monta Loma Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting and Board Election

Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 p.m., at 250 Mayfield Ave. (It's the smaller Google building, on the east side of Mayfield.)

7:00 p.m. Doors open for setup, sign-in, and refreshments. Chat with the board members and candidates.

7:15 p.m. President's update

7:30 p.m. Presentation of candidates and voting

7:45 p.m. Program: An explanation of the city's coming food-scraps recycling program and

an update on the Google X site, known to them as The Rails (www.x.company)

Please participate in the election on May 31 to vote on your board members. If you like what we're doing, come and vote for us. If not, replace any or all of us. The positions are described at montaloma.org under MLNA.

All but one of the current board members have agreed to continue to serve if reelected. We do have candidates for the seats that will become vacant (see page 2), but as always, all positions are open, so please feel free to volunteer to run. We also welcome hearing from anyone interested in joining the Board in the future. If you appreciate and enjoy living in our neighborhood, this is a good way to give back.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the election (with the consent of the nominee), but <u>to place your name</u> on the printed ballot, or if you need an <u>absentee ballot</u>, contact Linda Harvey at member-at-large@montaloma.org or 961-7098 by 6 p.m. on Friday, May 26.

#### Food scraps recycling program

By Cynthia Palacio, City of Mountain View Recycling Department

Starting in mid-July, a new Food Scraps Program will begin for residents with curbside service (individual carts). The food scraps and food-soiled paper will be accepted in your yard trimmings cart and collected weekly. There will be no change to garbage and recycling schedules. The City will send a postcard to residents in mid-June providing more detail.

Come to the MLNA Annual Meeting on May 31 to learn about the new curbside program or visit MVrecycle.org. (A food scraps program for apartments will be developed in late 2017.)

# Monta Loma School reconstruction project

By Gloria Higgins, Monta Loma School Principal

Construction has begun at Monta Loma Elementary School. The project plan includes demolition of the kitchen in early May, which will impact parking. Next, storage containers, trailers, and dumpsters will be placed around campus. After school ends on June 6, more fencing will go up and the campus will be closed for the summer. Crews will expand the multi-use room, demolish two pods, remodel student restrooms, install a new fire loop, and remodel the kitchen.

With the exception of the multi-use room expansion, which will continue through late October, work will be complete by the start of school on August 14. More information is at mvwsd.org/community-page/measure-g.

We are grateful for the community support of our schools. Thank you for your patience as we modernize.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

May 31: MLNA General Meeting and Election (pp. 1 & 2)

June 10: CERT (p. 3)

August 27: MLNA Ice Cream Social (p. 3)

# **MLNA Board Members**

# **President**

Jill Rakestraw, 966-8494 president@montaloma.org

#### **First Vice President**

Ann Togasaki, 415-314-7166 vp1@montaloma.org

#### **Second Vice President**

Mary Partlan, 961-2912 vp2@montaloma.org

#### **Treasurer**

Andre Valente, 310-986-3356 treasurer@montaloma.org

# **Secretary**

Alice Hazelgrove, 204-5105 secretary@montaloma.org

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Marilyn Gildea, 940-1606 newsletter@montaloma.org

# Member-at-Large

Linda Harvey, 961-7098 member-at-large@montaloma.org

Area code is 650 unless otherwise specified.

#### **MLNA Newsletter**

#### **Editor**

Marilyn Gildea, 940-1606 newsletter@montaloma.org

#### **Advertising Manager**

Sumanth Rajagopal, 967-9967 ads@montaloma.org

# Layout

Mary Partlan, 961-2912 vp2@montaloma.org

Copyright 2017 by the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association. All rights, including electronic posting and distribution, reserved. Individual article rights revert to the authors, and permission must be obtained from them to re-use their articles in any way.

#### MLNA board candidates

With the exception of board secretary Alice Hazelgrove, who is moving, the current board members (listed on left) have agreed to continue to serve if reelected. Linda Harvey had earlier offered to serve on the Board, and was appointed a member-at-large (i.e., not an officer) in January to keep the board at seven members when Bill Cranston resigned due to work commitments.

Linda has volunteered to be our secretary. That leaves the member-at-large position open, and the Nominating Committee (John Canata and Alice Hazelgrove) has chosen Baidra Murphy as its candidate for that seat.

Linda Harvey for Secretary: Linda (and Patrick) Harvey moved to Thaddeus in 2011 after their 2010 wedding. Pat has been a Monta Loma resident since 2002, and Linda raised a son who attended Monta Loma, Crittenden, and Los Altos High. Both Linda and Pat have worked in many of the high-tech companies of Silicon Valley. Linda is currently a substitute teacher for all the public schools in Mountain View. They volunteer for the Spring Fling, Ice Cream Social, and progressive dinners, and have made many friends in the neighborhood.

**Baidra Murphy** for Member at Large: Baidra and Sean moved to Mardell in 2006 when their son, Aiden, was six months old. Baidra has enjoyed getting to know many neighbors and loves seeing her son play with the neighborhood kids on the street. Baidra is a past member & director of the Rotary Club of Los Altos and is the Managing Broker of The Troyer Group at Intero Real Estate.

# Goodbye, Alice

#### Monta Loma Plaza Safeway to open June 18

By Marilyn Gildea

The project manager has confirmed that the refurbished store will open on Sunday, June 18. Having a store within walking and biking distance makes it easier to have really fresh food, and allows us to combine exercise with shopping. I plan to use my umbrella stroller again to carry several bags at once, but folding carts are also an option. Let's support our new store!

#### Plan a block party

Last year's record-setting 13 block parties were all greatly enjoyed. Now it's time to set the date for your street's 2017 party. It's 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.

Note that to block off a street you must obtain a permit and allow 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 on Block Parties under Events. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "printable version."

Our Neighborhood Watch Captain, Tom Purcell on Alvin, would be happy to visit your party to meet your neighbors and discuss security. Contact Tom at MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com or 224-5110.

Did your street hold a party last year? See where they were held at tinyurl.com/Blkprtymp, on the map that Tom created.

#### Monta Loma tee shirts

Show your pride in our neighborhood by wearing a Monta Loma tee shirt. You can order shirts at the annual meeting or until late July. The once-a-year order will be submitted in early August so we'll have them in time for the Ice Cream Social. We will order some shirts for sale at the ICS, but the only way to ensure having a shirt in your size

and preferred style and color is to order it in advance.

Ordering instructions are on montaloma.org, or contact Marilyn at marilyn@gildea.com or 940-1606.

The shirts remaining from last year's order will be for sale at the annual meeting on May 31. Contact Marilyn if you want one earlier to wear to the meeting.

The shirts remaining from last year's order will be for sale at the annual meeting on May 31. Contact Marilyn if you want one earlier to wear to the meeting.

#### Ice Cream Social; volunteer now

The MLNA Ice Cream Social, our biggest event of the year, is scheduled for <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 27, 3 to 5 p.m.</u> It will feature the usual free ice cream and toppings, plus entertainment for the kids and displays of neighborhood information. It's all designed to entice you to Monta Loma Park to meet your neighbors, which is its real purpose.

We always gets great neighborhood response for help for the day of the event, but we need help in advance. We also welcome volunteers for activities. Do you juggle? Perform magic tricks? Please sign up at the May 31 MLNA election meeting or email eventcoordinator@montaloma.org.



# Is your house number visible?

A recent emergency-preparedness drill pointed out that the first responder to a suspicious activity or emergency at your home may be a neighbor or a passerby. When he/she calls 911, they'll be asked for the house number. Is your house number clearly visible from the street, as required by the fire code?

# Are you ready for an emergency?

You can check out Monta Loma's CERT at any of their Saturday sessions on the second Saturday of the month, between 9 and 11 a.m. at their trailer on the north side of the school. The next sessions are on June 10, July 8, and August 12, at the CERT trailer.

CERT members encourage you to take the city's free CERT course, whether or not you join the neighborhood group. The June class filled early, so don't wait to register for the September series. A link to info is on the CERT page at montaloma.org, under MLNA.

#### **CERT** participates in city-wide drill

By Tim Slattery

During the city-wide drill on April 29, Monta Loma's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) did a full-scale simulation of a major earthquake. Nine members of the Monta Loman CERT and eleven members of other neighborhood CERT groups came to Monta Loma to participate. We practiced what we would do with more volunteers and a fully staffed command post.

We sent Damage Assessment, First Aid, and Search and Rescue teams into the neighborhood to respond to simulated incidents, and communicated with the teams using FRS radios. It was the largest group we have ever had for a drill, and we all learned a lot.

# **Neighborhood Resources**

# Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Tim Slattery, 964-6389 CERT@montaloma.org

# Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Contact: Tom Purcell, 224-5110 MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com

#### **Preschooler Network**

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

#### **MLN Neighborhood Email List**

mln@yahoogroups.com List owner: Peggy Manor, 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 March newsletter: John Canata, Donna Clarke, Jim & Alice Cochran, Martha Elderon, Harry Gordon, Birgit Grundler, Maria Harnoto, Marianna Harvey, Chuck & Cookie Henderson, Paul Kostka, Vania Mendonca, Jen Mills, Shelly Ostman, John Partlan, Herb & Victoria Perry, Leane Reelfs, Tom & Sarah Tidwell, Pat Young, and Raymond White.

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.

#### **Left-leaning Monta Lomans**

By Geri Weitzman

Given that the MLN email list is not meant for political discussion, I have created a discussion group, Left Leaning Lomans, for MLN folks who are left-leaning politically to discuss politics, plan gatherings to support each other in responding to the events of our times, and consciously promote our neighborhood as one that cherishes and welcomes diversity. To join the group email me at geriweitzman@gmail.com. The posts are visible only to the group's members. Politically right-leaning MLN folks are, of course, welcome to organize a similar group.

#### Little Free Libraries update

Maricar Abaya-Antonio has installed a Little Free Library for children's books at 263 Fay Way. You can walk to it from Lida, and tour the Waldorf School's garden on your way.

The new LFL at 2508 Dell is a gift from the children of Jim and Judy Saccheri, who moved to Monta Loma last year.

Winter storms forced the temporary removal of Karla Valente's mini British phone booth on Jewell. When it's refurbished she will place it on Fay.

Unfortunately, Alice Hazelgrove, who installed the first LFL in 2014, is leaving us and taking her LFL on Lassen with her.

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.

# Spring Fling a success

A larger-than-ever crowd of neighbors enjoyed our Spring Fling on March 4. The adults chatted with long-time and new neighbors, Mayor Ken Rosenberg and city council members Lisa Matichak and John McAlister, plus representatives of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the police, Neighborhood Watch, Mountain View Trees, Community Outreach, and the MV Mediation Program. New attractions were the city's bookmobile and recycling program. See photos under Events at montaloma.org.

So that parents could chat, children made superhero capes at the crafts table and were offered balloon creations and cotton candy. The event was held in conjunction with Monta Loma School's PTA's very successful used-book sale, and many attendees said how much they enjoyed and appreciated both events. Thanks to everyone who helped.

# Mobile Library and summer reading info

The Mobile Library stops at Monta Loma School every Friday from 4:15 to 5:00 and also on Jane at Fay on June 9, July 9, and August 4, from 9:45 to 10:15. For information or special requests, call 526-7029 or email Mobile.Library@mountainview.gov. Go to mountainview.beanstack.org for information on the summer reading program.

# Leadership Mountain View taking applications

"Leadership Mountain View is where good people become great leaders," agree the graduates of this course on how the city works. If you contemplate becoming more involved in the community, consider taking this one-Friday-a-month course. It begins in September but spaces fill early. Visit lmv.education or contact Julie Conde at julie@mvcocef.org or 968-8378.

Editor's note: Some elected officials say that participation in the League of Women Voters provides an even more valuable experience. (Yes, the LWV welcomes men, too.)

# 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.

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.



# Alternatives to air conditioning

For those not interested in installing AC, here are some ways to keep your house cool. Keep the sun off windows and sliding doors with outdoor blinds such as Coolaroo roll-up sunshades. Leave windows open 4 inches at night, secured with locks or dowels. Open windows and doors very early in the morning to let the cool air in. Use a fan or run your bathroom fan (or kitchen fan if it leads to outside) to pull in cool air. Close the house before it's warmer outside than in; this may be only an hour after sunrise.

Turn off non-essential lights and electronics. Replace older appliances with energy-efficient models. Plant deciduous trees, which shade your home in summer but let in the sun's warmth in winter. Insulate your roof, and/or have it painted white. Insulate the walls and floor. Install double-paned windows.

# New neighbors?

Scroll down the home page at montaloma.org to the "New to Monta Loma?" 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 want a packet of local information, contact Marilyn at marilyn@gildea.com or 940-1606.

# Neighborhood Watch - Secure your home and vehicles

By Tom Purcell, Monta Loma Neighborhood Watch Captain

Burglaries of both continue, so keep all gates, doors, and windows secured. Use window locks or dowels to prevent windows from being opened more than 4 inches. Always lock your vehicle, and avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle, particularly where someone can see them.

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 call 903-6395, which you should have in your cell phone. For more information see the

have already occurred, call 903-6395, which you should have in your cell phone. For more information see the Neighborhood Watch page (under MLNA) at montaloma.org.

#### 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; is monitored by its owner, Peggy Manor, as a community service; and has over 700 members. You'll find news affecting our neighborhood, recommendations and warnings, and items for sale or free. It is not a discussion or chat list.

Join the mln email list under MLNA at montaloma.org. To get only announcements from the Board, scroll to the bottom of the MLN Email Lists page.

The website also has a welcome letter, information about neighborhood events, groups such as CERT, the MLN Referral Wiki, links to the city, and more.

# Nextdoor neighborhoods website

Nextdoor.com is a private social network that enables members to post messages to nearby neighborhoods, too, if they choose. Use "Email settings" to choose the types of messages you receive, such as urgent alerts and the Daily Digest. At press time, montaloma.nextdoor.com had 724 members.

#### mln vs. Nextdoor.com email lists

A recent discussion on the mln list concluded that both lists have their uses. Respondents appreciate that the mln list doesn't have ads and is moderated (by list owner Peggy Manor, whom several thanked). Many residents opt for the digest version of both. You can learn about the mln list at montaloma.org/mlna/mln-email-lists.

# Keeping Monta Loma clean and green

Walkable Sidewalks: If your greenery is hampering passersby, please trim it back to a height of seven feet and the full width of the sidewalk.

**Dogs**: Monta Loma Park fields and school grounds are off limits to dogs during school hours. Pick up dog messes deposited at other times. Please don't deposit doggie bags in neighbors' trash cans after they've been emptied. Incontinent dogs should be walked in the gutter, not on sidewalks.

Hazardous waste: Visit hhw.org or call 408-299-7300 to make an appointment to drop off your household hazardous waste and e-waste. Go to paint-care.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.

**Trash and recycling bins** should be out of sight except within 24 hours of pickup

# TRUST YOUR NEIGHBOR TO SELL OUR GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD!

#### **MONTA LOMA RESIDENT SINCE 2004**

Even in this strong sellers' market which we are currently enjoying, one of the most important decisions you can make is which realtor you choose to represent you. As real estate agents, we don't just sell your house, we sell the neighborhood, so it's important as a home seller to choose an agent with local market knowledge and expertise. An open house is a great opportunity for your agent to answer specific questions and concerns from potential buyers, to talk up your home and our wonderful Monta Loma area – from our neighborhood email list and website, to the activities at the school, and the short commute to trains, shops and restaurants. Generating lots of interest at this time can result in more offers for the seller and a higher sales price.

If you're thinking of selling, now is the time to get planning. Please contact me for a free market analysis or home preparation advice.



#### **JOAN SWEETMAN**

650-917-5807 jsweetman@cbnorcal.com CalBre 01323814

COLDWELL BANKER 13

#### **Ask Mountain View**

Using Ask Mountain View on the city's website is a very effective way to get a response to any inquiry or request. Click on the words "Ask MV" on the bottom of the home page, mountainview.gov. If you can't find the appropriate topic, someone at City Hall will forward your message to the right person.

If you're not already signed up with Ask Mountain View, you will be asked to provide contact information for a response, or to click on Remain Anonymous. If you are registered, remember to log in first.

# Roadways through Google

In March, a new stop sign on the connector driveway between Nita and Whitney prompted questions on the mln email list. The ensuing discussion reminded us that the property belongs to Google, as does the connector to the tunnel under San Antonio Road, and we are allowed to use these connectors by courtesy.

It's wise to use caution when approaching Mayfield from Whitney because some drivers exiting the Nita/Whitney connector ignore the stop sign.

#### **Prevent mail theft**

For safety, deposit your outgoing mail in a collection box. The posted pickup time is the <u>earliest</u> that mail is collected, but it's often emptied more than an hour later. The label at Alvin at Victory reads 11:00 a.m. and Thompson at Laura says noon (both Monday/Saturday). The box at Independence at Leghorn says 4:00 Monday/Friday.





# **Community events**

**Repair Café**: Do you have things that you like, but no longer work? Don't toss them, repair them on June 25 or August 27, 11:00 to 3:00 at the Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd. Visit repaircafemv.org for info and other dates and locations.

**Paper Shredding**: The next shredding opportunity is on Saturday, July 22, 8:00 to noon at the SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Rd. in Sunnyvale. You may want to arrange a carpool via the mln email list. See mvrecycle.org and click on Events, or call 903-6311.

If you shred at home, please put the shreds in paper bags, stapled shut, so they won't litter the street when the recycling cart is emptied.

# Swim at Greenmeadow's pool

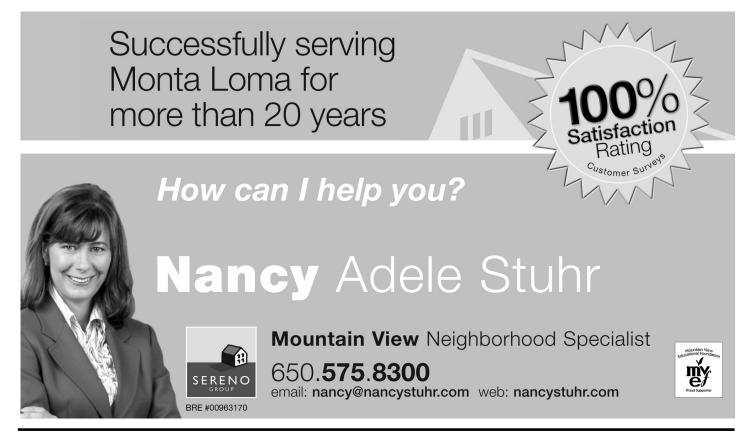
Memberships are available for the Greenmeadow Community Association pool, located within easy walking/biking distance via the Nita/San Antonio crosswalk. This community swim club offers lap swimming, swim team, swim lessons, water exercise, and family events for all ages. Info at greenmeadow.org.

#### **Bike Helmets**

Most bike riders, adults and kids, wear helmets, but often the helmets aren't tightly buckled on. When the rider goes flying, the helmet does, too.







# Dove Dental Smiles Shirley Irudayaraj DDS

Monta Loma Resident since 2004

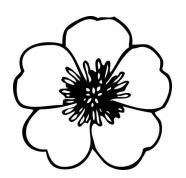


Modern Office
All PPO Insurances Accepted
Open Saturdays
Senior Discounts
Affordable Monthly Payments

877 W Fremont Ave, Ste L1 Sunnyvale CA 94087

(408) 498-0244

www.DoveDentalSmiles.com





Complete Car Care and Maintenance

Serving the community since 1976!

- Owned by a Monta Loma Family
- All Makes and Models
- Convenient 24-Hour Drop Off
- Certified Bay Area Green Business
- Superior Service You Can Trust
- A Certified Smog Check Facility
- Expert Diagnosis Using State-of-the-Art Equipment



Become a fan of us on Facebook to find out about upcoming car care seminars!

Mike and Leane Reelfs, Owners









Helming's Auto Repair 2520-G Wyandotte Street Mountain View, CA 94043

650/988-0460

www.helmings.com

Approved Auto Repair Connect with
Mountain View
Police
and never miss a
social beat!

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non Emergency: 650-903-6344

www.mvpd.gov mountainviewpoliceblog.com

Receive MVPD alerts via text/email: local.nixle.com/mountain-view-police-department

Facebook
/ mountainviewpolicedepartment

Twitter
@MountainViewPD

MVPD collision report: ecrash.lexisnexis.com



Call a Realtor® Who Gets Results

# LYNNE MERCER

650-906-0162 • Imercer@apr.com • Imercer.com

# Montessori

# Hobbledehoy

Pre-school and Child Development Center

Full and part-time

Owner operated since 1990

2321 Jane Lane

650-968-1155

www.hobbledehoy.com