

Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Volume 1, Number 6 • Saturday, June 10, 1989

The Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association is made up of residents interested in preserving the quality of life in our neighborhood. Together we can make a difference—join us.

Off to a Good Start

The first Neighborhood Preservation Workshop drew 60 residents. The May 17th meeting was the first in a series jointly sponsored by the City of Mountain View and the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association.

The purpose of this "Kick-Off" workshop was to identify the issues to be addressed in the Neighborhood Preservation Plan. Terry Bottomley, a consultant hired by the City, explained the background behind the workshops and how the monthly series will lead to the creation of the Neighborhood Preservation Plan (see "What Will Happen at Future Workshops" later in this newsletter).

Trucks, Cars, and More Cars

Approximately 75% of the residents came to the workshop because of their concern about current levels of traffic. Most of the remainder indicated that they had worries about increasing future traffic. However, a variety of other issues emerged at the workshop. A summary of these concerns is being distributed with this newsletter.

An "Issue Identification Survey" was distributed at the workshop, allowing attendees to express their likes and dislikes about their own street and other areas of the neighborhood. The results of this survey will help shape the Preservation Plan.

What Will Happen at Future Workshops?

So far, the City Council has funded the first half of the Preservation Planning process, including three workshops, a study session with the Environmental Planning Commission, and a Hearing before the City Council, (expected to occur around the end of August).

The focus of the second Neighborhood Preservation Workshop (see announcement, this page) is "Background Research." City staff will present information relevant to the creation of the plan, such as development around our

neighborhood and recent traffic studies. Some time will be spent prioritizing concerns that have been voiced so far. To prepare for this, you might want to make notes on the summary distributed with this newsletter.

At the 3rd workshop, scheduled for mid-July, attendees will discuss specific proposals for dealing with the identified problems. This "Alternative Concepts" workshop offers you the chance to participate in dealing with the challenges our neighborhood faces.

Your continued participation is crucial: we can't count on the City Council funding the full planning process unless

this first phase is productive. Please attend as many workshops as you can.

Confused by Workshops and OMVNA Meetings?

The Neighborhood Preservation Plan Workshops are jointly sponsored by the City and the Old Mountain View

Neighborhood Association (OMVNA). Funding is provided by the City to pay for a consultant (Terry Bottomley of Freedman Tung & Bottomley) and his staff. OMVNA members volunteer their time (and money) to produce and distribute this newsletter.

OMVNA has also held one general meeting: on April 2nd, at St. Joseph's Church. The second general meeting, originally planned for June 18th, has been canceled so that we can concentrate on the workshops. Once the workshop series is complete, we'll resume general OMVNA meetings. It was clear from the April 2nd meeting that people feel a neighborhood association is of continuing value.

Mountain View's New City Manager

Congratulations to Ralph Jaeck, who has been named City Manager. Ralph has been Acting City Manager for some time and was formally appointed to the position at the May 30th City Council Meeting. Approximately 100 candidates were reviewed during the selection process.

Your Involvement Is Crucial

The second Neighborhood Preservation Workshop will be held this **Wednesday, June 21st, from 7-9 pm** at the Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue (same location as the first workshop).
Mark Your Calendar

What Was That in the Sky?

People in the vicinity of View and Sierra Streets saw a unique sight the morning of May 23rd: a helicopter landing in the intersection. This was not an emergency, but a carefully scheduled operation. The helicopter was used to place new utility poles in the easement between Sierra and Church. A PG&E spokesperson explained this is cheaper and less disruptive than carrying the poles through back yards.

What Are Front Yards For?

At its recent meetings, the City Council Neighborhoods Committee has been considering complaints about unsightly front yards. The Committee is considering an ordinance that would disallow such things as parking outside of the driveway, storage of appliances, lumber, and equipment, and repairing of cars for longer than 72 hours. The exact ordinance, along with a new ordinance controlling the parking of Recreational Vehicles, will be proposed at the June 22nd meeting of the Neighborhood Committee (at the Police/Fire Station, 1000 Villa).

Light Rail Coming to Mountain View?

The Fremont/South Bay Study taking place right now is studying the possibility of extending the existing San Jose light rail system (which currently runs between San Jose and Santa Clara) westward to Sunnyvale and/or Mountain View and eastward to meet BART somewhere in Milpitas. Mountain View has been participating in this study, but no final decision on whether to allow light rail stations within the city will be made until the study—including an Environmental Impact Report—is complete.

Current plans envision a light rail station at the existing downtown CalTrain station. Light rail has potential benefits for everyone in the region. The Neighborhood Preservation Plan can help us ensure that negative local impact is avoided.

Summer: The Season for Block Parties

Does your neighborhood hold a block party each year? If so, you know that it is a pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon, sitting around a picnic table and talking with friends. If your neighborhood hasn't been holding one, why don't you organize one? To get a permit to close your

block for an afternoon, call 966-6350 and ask for Jo (in Police Administration). She'll send you a form which you fill out and return. After the Police, Fire, and Traffic Departments process this form, you'll be sent a letter that your permit. This will take a week or two, so plan ahead.

Don't Forget to Recycle

Recycling newspapers, metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and motor oil makes sense for the environment. The City provides pickup service every other week on the same day as your trash pick up. For details, call Dianne Dryer at Mountain View Recycling, 966-6301.

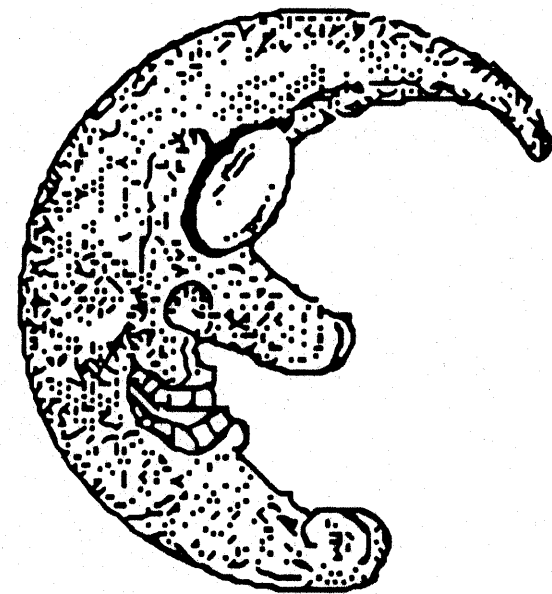
Who's a Member?

People ask, "Who are the members of the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association?" The answer is that everybody living in the area bounded by El Camino, Shoreline, Evelyn, and 85/237 is automatically a member: there are no forms to fill out. Wasn't that easy?

Thank You for Your Assistance with the Newsletter

We thank the volunteers who have helped deliver newsletters. Besides the folks listed at the end of the newsletter, this includes: Jean Anderson, Jo Ann Beckham, Ronit Bryant, June Casey, Howard and Leanne Lauren, Debby and Vence Ketchens, Jean Kraus, Loren Pollert, Marilyn Powell, Curtis Schneider, and Goldie Tasista. We'd like new volunteers, too. You can have a regular route or be a substitute. Call Kim Farmer at 964-6759.

We're also very grateful for the donations at the April 2nd meeting and the May 17th workshop; this money will be used for the newsletter.



Write to OMOVNA at P.O. Box 391328, Mountain View, CA 94309.

Or call any of these people:

Chuck Darrah & Janice Konevich	967-2591	Stephen & Ann Lewis	968-4341
Jeff & Kim Farmer	964-6759	Paul & Raquel McJones	964-1068
Linda Heineke	967-4098	Nancy Ogaz	967-7554
Tom & Judy Hunter	968-6164	Eric Schweitzer & Marian Concus	969-9308
Rich Baker	964-2195		