



# Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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

## Final Neighborhood Preservation Workshop: February 14th

The final workshop will be from 7 to 9pm on Wednesday, February 14th, at the Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue. At this workshop we'll review a formal draft of the neighborhood preservation plan written by consultant Terry Bottomley. After this workshop, the plan will be presented to the Council Neighborhoods Committee, the Environmental Planning Commission, and finally the City Council. It's a long, involved process, but with your faithful support we are making good progress.

### What Happened at the Fourth Workshop?

The last workshop, held on October 25th, was a busy one. We worked both individually and in small groups to evaluate several aspects of the preservation plan: traffic, neighborhood improvements, and design guidelines for homes and properties. Terry Bottomley was pleased and impressed by the level of participation. The evaluation worksheets provided him with additional guidance in putting the plan into written form.

### Downtown Streetlights

The Mountain View Public Works Department recently prepared a report on improving the street lighting throughout the city. Although the report isn't directly related to the Old Mountain View Preservation Plan, it singles out the downtown. It notes the objective stated in the Downtown Precise Plan of establishing the identity of the downtown area, and points out that approximately one third of the downtown area already has "post top" lights (like the one at the top of this page). The report recommends replacing all the tall "cobra head" lights in the downtown area with "post top" lights. The Council Architectural Committee will review the report and make a recommendation to the full Council.

### Dana/Calderon Intersection Improved

Mountain View City Traffic Engineer Dennis Belluomini was the featured guest at the Landels School Site Council Meeting on October 19. He

provided expert opinion during a discussion with parents on actions that the city could take to make the intersection of West Dana and Calderon safer for pedestrian traffic. As a result of this meeting, a number of actions have already been taken:

- The crosswalks at the intersection have been repainted and diagonal striping added.
- New pedestrian warning signs have been painted on the pavement along Calderon.
- A new crosswalk across Calderon has been installed at Mercy Street, providing safer access to the rear entrance to Landels School.
- The 25 mph School Zone speed limit sign along Dana Street in front of Landels School has been moved to a more prominent location.
- The City has agreed to employ a crossing guard to control pedestrian and auto traffic during the times when children are going to or from school. Applications are available from the city's personnel department, on the first floor of 444 Castro St. For information, contact Police Lt. Tom Anderson at 966-6350.

Some other actions were discussed, but haven't yet been acted upon:

- Trimming the bushes along Dana Street to make students more easily visible from the hidden driveways that serve apartments.
- Initiating a speed survey on Calderon as a first step toward reducing the present 30 mph speed limit.
- Modifying the traffic signal timing and phasing to protect pedestrians from left- and right-turning cars.

Belluomini suggested re-engineering the Dana/Calderon intersection and/or narrowing Dana Street in front of Landels School as possible elements of the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Preservation Plan.

### Evelyn Avenue Corridor Study

Since our last issue, the city council asked the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) to appoint a contact committee. The EPC decided



the committee will include 2 members of the EPC itself, 2 owners of property within the study area, 2 merchants at large, 2 representatives from OMVNA, and one representative each from the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association, the Blackfield Neighborhood Association, the city of Sunnyvale,

and the El Camino Hospital district. Tom Hunter and Julie Lovins have volunteered to represent OMVNA. The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 25th, at the Rengstorff Community Center. For more information, call Tom (968-6164) or Julie (964-0368).

# Happy New Year!

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Write to OMVNA at P.O. Box 391328, Mountain View, CA 94039.

To attend a meeting (Wednesdays at 7pm), call any of these people:

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