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Finding Lost Cats

by Susanne Martinez

In the last issue of the OMVNA newsletter, we addressed the issue of lost dogs. Cats tend to go missing, rather than literally "get lost". Their behavior is quite different from dogs. A dog may run as fast as it can when a gate is left open and be found a good distance from home. Cats, on the other hand, are likely to stay in the neighborhood, often within the same block.



Indoor-only cats tend to slink out a door or window left open and find hiding places as quickly as they can. Although people have different theories, most groups working on helping find missing cats recommend techniques like putting their litter box or owner clothing outside to help them find their way back home. Try to figure out where they got out and put these items near the exit point. If it is possible to leave the exit open, sometimes they return on their own. Putting food outside might also lure them home, but it may also attract other animals.

Cats with outdoor privileges may wander afar looking for a snack or investigating the comings and goings of other feline creatures, but in most cases, they know where they are. Outdoor cats like to explore open garages or sheds and may get locked in somewhere close to home. Your outdoor cat may be panhandling the neighbors and staying in someone else's yard because they like the new food better than that dry kibble they get at home!

Walk around your immediate neighborhood with a flashlight either after dark or early in morning when a frightened kitty is more likely to be willing to come out


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Boohoo Yahoo

After many years serving as a resource for OMVNAtalk, Yahoo has announced that it is removing all extra features such as files from Yahoo Groups.

In addition, it is removing all data from the groups in December. Some features such as digest for email will also no longer be available.

A Steering Committee team is working to move both OMVNAtalk and the Steering Committee groups to Groups.io, a similar but more robust platform.

To subscribe to the new group, see See instructions on page 7. 

OMVNA Annual Meeting

The OMVNA General Meeting and Elections are scheduled for Monday, December 16 at 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the new Multipurpose Room of Edith Landels Elementary School, 115 W. Dana Street.

Pizza will be served!!

The OMVNA Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of candidates for the 2020 Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association Steering Committee election.

Residents may also be nominated from the floor at the General Meeting when the elections are held.

Steering Committee:

Chair:	David Lewis
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Restaurant Scene

by Max Hauser



Crawfish Bros. Cajun and Seafood is the new, more focused incarnation of **Chop&Pub** (124 Castro). Same owners, but a new menu emphasizing shellfish of many kinds. More info: <https://tinyurl.com/y67mo9a7>



Work proceeds at 383 Castro for the popular **Ludwig's German Table** to expand from San José, despite long delays attributed by Ludwig's owners to surprise requirements from the City. Elena Kadavny wrote about it in the Sept. 27 *MV Voice* ("Ready, Set, Delay"). The property's owners have also listed the site for sale. Note that (contrary to some perceptions) a sale need not affect a restaurant tenant. Especially at that location, which has unusual constraints on redevelopment; and even if a redevelopment were eventually proposed, it would be years away.



At this writing, the latest window note at **Teaspoon** (front part of **Mervyn's**, 236 Castro) about pending relocation warns of temporary closure in November "due to renovation" at the new 134 Castro site (formerly HanGen Szechuan). Which, in turn, currently still displays its banner from earlier this year, "3 Kingdoms Classic Hot Pot coming soon!"



Approved improvements at the currently vacant **301 Castro** storefront (former home of Books Inc.) include a café tenant, originally identified as a Joe & The Juice location, but a specific tenant has not yet applied for permits





Artist in Residence: Dr. Leslie Friedman Dancer, Choreographer, Writer



by Don McPhail

With quiet energy and a generous nature, Leslie Friedman is a local treasure. Her willingness to share and motivate others is distinctive. Residents who have participated in Leslie's dance classes or the International Dance Festival@Silicon Valley which she founded and directs may be surprised to learn that this same unselfish teacher is an award-winning, world-renowned dancer and ambassador of art. All of Leslie's classes, the Festival, and other Lively Foundation events take place at Mountain View's Masonic Lodge, in the heart of Old Mountain View.

Leslie Friedman's extraordinary background is documented on The Lively Foundation's website/blog www.livelyfoundation.org. Leslie's remarkable career as a dancer and choreographer has earned her acclaim from audiences and critics alike on four continents. She has performed with the support of the US State Department and host countries in Russia, China, India, England, Spain, Poland, Egypt, South Korea, Japan and more. A writer and former history professor, she received her Ph.D. in Modern British History from Stanford. She taught at Stanford, Vassar, and Case Western Reserve before returning to dance professionally.

An invitation to introduce American modern dance to the artists of India's National School of Drama led to a Fulbright Lectureship to support her work and travel. Beginning at Viswa Bharati University, home of



Tagore, India's Nobel winning poet, she performed across India: New Delhi, Bangalore, Madras, Calcutta, and Jaipur. Her work was so well received that each place invited her back for more performances.

Representatives of Indian arts institutions, US consulates or Fulbright in India took her to the next plane or train, but she traveled as she danced: solo. She was welcomed by people with whom she maintains long friendships. On China or Bulgaria she says, "I met wonderful individuals and learned so much."

The success of her first India trips led to more. She performed and taught in Sri Lanka, Egypt, and Tunisia on that journey. Word of her beautiful dancing and ability to relate to new people and places spread, leading to more journeys touring her art. Next: Budapest, Pecs, and Gyor, Hungary; Barcelona and Madrid, Spain; Moscow and Leningrad, USSR. She knew these were peak experiences and was thrilled to be doing what she loved

for appreciative, knowledgeable audiences.

The US State Department and The Place, London's foremost theater for modern dance, co-sponsored her performances there. She taught her choreography to London's Ballet Rambert. In China she taught modern dance and created choreography for the national ballet academies: Beijing, Shenyang, and Shanghai. She introduced modern dance to Poland's national ballets, making four extensive trips to Poland and Romania performing and choreographing.

She continued performing concerts across the US and the Bay Area. She and her company performed educational performances about the Gold Rush for thousands of students from San Jose to Marin. She created several firsts: concerts honoring the many holidays at year's end; benefit concerts for breast cancer patients; *Heroic, Beloved*, a concert for Women's History Month performed in multiple states' universities and arts centers.

For this writer, Leslie Friedman's delight in sharing her art is most inspiring seen in the context of tumultuous historic events going on around her as she keeps dancing.

Current Book: *The Dancer's Garden*, published in April, 2019.

Current Project: International Dance Festival@Silicon Valley, Founder and Artistic Director. 📖

Newest Novel of Suspense from Local Author *Susan Alice Bickford*

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Keeping Mountain View Safe: Updates and Advice from the Mountain View Fire and Police Departments

by Robert Maitland

by Jodie Pierce



Thanksgiving Day Fires in Residential Buildings

For each year from 2014 to 2016, an estimated 2,400 residential building fires were reported to fire departments in the United States on Thanksgiving Day and caused an estimated five deaths, 25 injuries, and \$19 million in property loss.

In most cases, patterns of fires on Thanksgiving Day differ substantially from the national fire profile. To prevent fires and associated loss on this particular holiday, it is important to be aware of how fires differ from the overall fire profile in the United States.

The average number of reported residential building fires on Thanksgiving Day was more than double (2.3 times more) the average number of fires in residential buildings on all days. The average losses for Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings, however, were less than the same measures for non-Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings.

The majority of Thanksgiving

Day fires in residential buildings took place in one- and two-family dwellings (63 percent) followed by multifamily dwellings (32 percent).

Almost half (48 percent) of Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings occurred from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when many people were most likely preparing Thanksgiving dinner. Fires then declined throughout the evening. This stands in contrast to the rest of the year, when residential building fires peaked during "normal" dinner time hours of 5-8 p.m.

In 77 percent of Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings, the fire was limited to the object of origin. An additional 11 percent of these fires were limited to the room of origin. The remaining 12 percent of Thanksgiving Day fires in resi-

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A frozen turkey bursts into flames after being dropped into a hot deep fryer. (Gary Cameron/Reuters)

Reminders for Holiday Safety

We can never be too careful, whether we are checking our emergency kits, double checking that we locked the doors or the reminders about holiday safety. Often we can become complacent with things because of a comfort level. That's not to say it's a bad thing, but here are a few reminders as we approach the holiday season to keep you and your family safe.

Residences and vehicles: Always lock your doors and windows, even if you will only be out for a short time. Never leave your valuables in plain view, whether they're in your vehicle or under the tree which is wonderfully decorated and in the front window for display, don't



advertise what gifts or high value items you have. Make sure you have a light on a sensor inside and outside your home for your safety and to see where you are walking. Additionally, use the peep hole in the front door or window if you have one near the door, to verify who is there. If you are not expecting anyone, you are not obligated to open the door.

Personal Safety: Always park in a well-lit area if you do not know how late you might be or if it will be dark out. If you are out and about, try to go with a friend or family member—it is not only more fun to be with others, but it is also safer. Don't carry large amounts of cash as it allows potential criminals to see the cash and possibly be cause for a crime.

And as always, it is great to get to know your neighbors. You can let them know when you might be gone and return the favor for them as well. Having a watchful eye in the neighborhood is a great way to combat crime. Most importantly, if you see something suspicious, don't hesitate to call MVPD. You can reach us at the non-emergency number at 650-903-6395 or you can also call 9-1-1.

Have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe. 🚓 🚒

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Renewing Relationships During the Holidays

by Elisabeth Seaman

"Can't we all just get along?" is the question Rodney King posed years ago. It is asked often in times of stress and conflict, especially at celebrations that occur during this holiday season. Some family members attend Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and other celebrations with trepidation because they don't all get along with each other.

When relatives, who can't let go of long-standing grudges, get together there often is either silence between those individuals or even an exchange of angry words. They may blame the other person, feeling that the other one has to apologize, or at least to make a first move to change. Many people don't know how to improve their relationships, so they tell themselves that it isn't important and doesn't matter.

We can't change others, but we can change our attitudes toward them. If we want to improve our relationship with someone, we can start by cultivating an open mind. It will help us to replace old patterns of thought and behavior with the anticipation that long-standing offenses can be cleared up and hopefully set aside. If we were to make that kind of change in ourselves, we would be able to approach family members in a fresh way.

Before a family holiday, try to contact relatives from whom you've been estranged and let them know that you would like to make amends and renew your relationship with them. Being honest with them can be the beginning of a repaired relationship. Be ready to listen to them without making any judgments and with the goal of gaining an understanding different from the one you had earlier.

Yes, we can get along if we wish to do so and if we exert the effort to make it happen. Happy holidays!

Elisabeth is a local mediator and co-author of *Conflict - The Unexpected Gift: Making the most of disputes in life and work.* 📖

Flute Lessons

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Bills Just Keep on Coming!

by Jerry Steach

Rust, as Neil Young would argue, never sleeps. Apparently, neither do Sacramento legislators determined to wrest California cities' control of local development in the name of alleviating the state's housing shortage.

On the heels of Senate Bill 50, the state legislature's effort to override local zoning restrictions that was "shelved" until 2020, comes Senate Bill 330. Named the Housing Crisis Act of 2019, SB 330 could have detrimental effects equal to those SB 50 would have—on density, character and even the fate of historically significant properties in Old Mountain View and communities throughout the state. Governor Gavin Newsom in October signed SB 330 into law, along with Assembly Bill 68, proposed to streamline the creation of accessory dwellings (a.k.a. "granny flats") in California.

Sponsored by state Senator Nancy Skinner (who also co-sponsored AB 68), SB 330 is essentially a moratorium on moratoriums; it dramatically limits cities' ability to block construction and impose new building standards believed to impede housing development. The law, which garnered considerable support in both the state Senate and Assembly, takes effect January 1, 2020 and "sunsets" at the end of 2024.

What does SB 330—along with AB 68 and SB 50 (should it ever return to the legislature's front burner) mean for Old Mountain View? Suspending—or even eliminating—our city's existing regulations could yield far greater density than in the development already approved or currently underway, particularly around downtown and near El Camino Real. Moreover, unless a residential or commercial building has been officially deemed historically significant by January 1, under SB 330 it couldn't be so designated. Theoretically, that places a number of classic Old Mountain View properties in peril of being razed without regard to their historic and/or architectural significance.

SB 330 will soon be law, so opposing it now is futile. As residents, however, we can encourage the City Council to monitor development closely to ensure that SB 330 isn't unfairly taken advantage of and won't erode Old Mountain View's prized character or historic resources. 🏠

What's Up? Update on New Development

by Robert Cox

While downtown Mountain View is best known for its restaurants, it is also a popular office location for high tech firms. In recent years, Facebook, What's App, 23 and Me, Pure Storage, Quora, and many others have done business in newly constructed office buildings in our downtown. Many downtown residents have raised concerns that employees in these companies are now parking in front of their homes regularly.

Why do office employees choose to park in front of our homes rather than in on-site parking near their offices? Most new office buildings do not have enough parking for all of their employees, because the city council approved reduced parking requirements for those buildings. But often employees deem street parking an attractive alternative to parking in cramped and crowded parking garages.

On October 15, the city council discussed downtown parking strategy as part of its broader review of the Downtown Precise Plan. The OMVNA Parking Subcommittee wrote a letter and addressed the council in person. We asked the council to encourage office employees to park in their parking garages, for a transparent review of the location of private bus shuttle stops, and to revise the city's residential parking permit program (RPPP).

The RPPP allows residents to petition the city to establish RPP zones: residential areas where parking times are limited for non-residents. In the three years since the RPPP was established, only one zone has been attempted and none has been established. The parking subcommittee believes that the complicated rule process (eight steps) and the high proposed cost (\$120 per annual permit) are the main reasons.

Contact the parking committee at teamatparkingomvna@googlegroups.com to express your views. 🗣️

Travel Adventures from Don McPhail



- Presented by the German International School of Silicon Valley -



Saturday, December 14, 2019 | 11am - 9pm | Mountain View City Hall Plaza

7th Annual German Holiday Market Offers Even Bigger European Experience

The much beloved German Holiday Market returns to downtown Mountain View with an expanded event area that offers more shopping, more rides, and more activities for all. Join us at Mountain View City Hall Plaza on Saturday, December 14, for the German Holiday Market, from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

This year's Market will expand to Castro Street between Church and California streets, adding to its existing event area that stretches from Pioneer Park through City Hall Plaza and onto Mercy Street between Bryant and Hope streets.

Presented by the German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV), the one-day German Holiday Market offers an authentic European winter market experience. Enjoy the hallmarks of the holiday season in Germany: a *Glühwein* (warm mulled wine) or a *Kinderpunsch* (warm apple cider). Or have a *Bier* (beer) and *Bratwurst* (sausage) or *Bretzel* (pretzel). Kids young and old can enjoy the ferris wheel and a host of other rides all along Mercy Street this year or make memories at the Funny Fotos booth. Children can do crafts, play with animals at the petting zoo, meet *Weihnachtsmann* (Santa), ride the *Zug* (train), or win prizes playing carnival games.

The German Holiday Market also offers holiday shopping for everyone on your list: local artisans sell handcrafted wood items, clothing, ceramics, chocolate, leather goods, jewelry, and more! GISSV and other vendors sell items from Germany, including *Weihnachtsschmuck* (ornaments and other holiday decorations), *Schreibwaren Geschenke* (stationery gifts), *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread), and *Stollen* (fruit bread). Interested in learning to speak German or practicing your skills? Come by GISSV's Saturday School booth or stop by any GISSV booth!

Proceeds from the German Holiday Market benefit the Mountain View campus of GISSV, a nonprofit bilingual Preschool - Grade 12 school. The event is run by GISSV volunteers of students, parents, teachers, staff, and friends of the school. Celebrate the season at this festive event while raising funds for GISSV!

**Saturday, December 14, 2019
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Mountain View City Hall Plaza
500 Castro Street**

Rain or shine! Admission is free!

For more information or to volunteer, contact holidaymarket@gissv.org

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Submissions for our February 2020 issue are due by January 21, 2020.

The Traffic Circle



There are a number of unmarked intersections in the downtown area that leave drivers puzzled or neglectful of who has the right-of-way.

Take the T at Mercy and Anza. Traffic on the through street (Anza) has the right-of-way. Traffic entering from Mercy (or Paul) must yield. MVPD confirms that the driver of any vehicle on a terminating street shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle on the intersecting continuing street. (21800 CVC)

In the case of an uncontrolled intersection (without "STOP" or "YIELD" signs) where Velarde and Anza meet—slow down and be prepared to stop. Neither street has the right-of-way. You must, however, yield to traffic or pedestrians already in the intersection.

Remember, the speed limit on our neighborhood streets is 25 MPH. Slow-down in the school zone to 15 MPH. Meanwhile, only Calderon and Evelyn are a bit faster at 30 MPH and 35 MPH respectively. Stay safe. (P)

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Next Meeting:	January 27, 2020

Recycle / Reuse Before You Purchase

by Susan Bickford

My prompt to the OMVNA list was: the best time to think about recycling is not when you are standing over the recycling bins. It should be when you purchase! I've tried to remove the duplicate tips. Many thanks to Marcia Fein, Elisabeth Seaman, Maggie Burrett, Max Hauser, Chris Cahill, and Tan-ya Seaman, plus some anonymous neighbors.

- Never buy trash bags!
- Wash & reuse plastic bags, then use it as the kitty waste bag.
- Don't buy plastic wrapped produce—especially if it's on a foam tray.
- Take your own washable cotton or mesh bags for produce.
- Leave the beef on the shelf.
- Use compostable (green) bags and take them to the Farmers' Market and supermarkets.
- Save and reuse the liners of cereal boxes for storing foods and for produce shopping.
- Use reusable, washable mesh bags. I especially like these: <https://tinyurl.com/y7u3alua>. Rinse fruit and some vegetables right in the bag.
- Buy in bulk, meaning buying unpackaged goods from bulk bins. Some stores sell spices, herbs, teas, pasta, legumes, grains, nuts, fresh-ground nut butters, and other things like tofu and miso. Buy only the amount you can use up in what is a reasonable time for you.
- For bulk products, take glass jars writing the tare weight on the bottom (the weight of your empty jar, including lid). Write the weight on masking tape on the bottom of your jar.
- Reuse bread bags both for shopping and storing food in the fridge.
- Take paper bags back to the vendor for reuse: farmers' market or supermarket.
- Instead of using plastic wrap to cover leftover food in the fridge, put it into one of your plastic bags or cereal liners and tuck the extra length under your dish.
- Use paper bags which are reusable and recyclable. Things like mushrooms and avocados store better in paper bags.
- When ordering take-out, bring your own containers or patronize restaurants that use compostable containers.
- Reuse the ziplock bags that tortillas come in rather than buying ziplock bags.
- There are beeswax wraps that are a plastic wrap alternative. Available at Trader Joe's, Amazon, and more.
- To avoid disposable utensils, use sets of travel utensils for picnics, hiking, camping, lunch at work...
- Take reusable water bottles with you everywhere.
- Stop using the bio-degradable plastic bags in your compost bin.
- Use bamboo or stainless steel straws.
- Have your reusable grocery bags available in the car and remember to take them inside!
- Avoid using plastic film to cover leftovers. If you don't have spare containers, using a small plate to cover a soup bowl makes a pretty good seal.
- Avoid plastic water bottles at all costs. Keep a reusable bottle with you and keep a travel mug in your work bag.
- When going to a coffee shop, if they have them, ask for washable cups and plates (that is, usually ceramic) or take your own cup or mug.
- When serving others in your home, use cloth napkins rather than paper ones. You can also carry a cloth napkin with you when buying a meal away from home.
- If you have clean plastic bags or plastic sheeting that you absolutely can't use, you can put them in the plastic recycling container outside the north entrance to the Bailey Park Safeway on Shoreline
- Avoid buying produce that is packaged. This also means don't buy pre-cut produce. Whole produce will last longer, as will locally grown/seasonal produce.
- Buy fresh, unprocessed food, as that can mostly be bought without packaging. If you buy honey from the farmers market, ask if they'll take back your jar for a refill.

Next time: non-food items

Holiday Season Mountain View Public Library

by Laura Burch



Author Talk: Tyler Hayes. Join us for an evening author talk with Bay Area fantasy author Tyler Hayes! Tyler will discuss and read selected passages from his new novel, *The Imaginary Corpse*. Monday, December 2 from 7:00-8:00pm.



Using Essential Oils for Aromatherapy. Join us for an introduction to aromatherapy and essential oils. Aromatherapy can have many beneficial therapeutic effects. Learn how to engage with your sense of smell and use essential oils in a safe and supportive manner. Saturday, November 16 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.



Holiday Makerspace. Come get creative at the Library! The Library will provide craft materials for card making, ornaments, and more. All ages are welcome, *but children must be accompanied by an adult*. Saturday, December 7 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.



Sing & Play Along Ukulele: Holiday Edition! Would you like to learn some fun songs on the ukulele? Join us for a special holiday-themed edition of our monthly ukulele program! Beginners welcome. Bring your own uke, or use one of ours. Monday, December 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Holiday Season Events at the Library for Children & Families

Family Game Night. Drop in every second Thursday to have some family fun with table-top games and snacks provided by the library. Thursday, November 7 & Thursday, December 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sean's Music Factory - Holiday Sing Along. Join Sean at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts for fun family music. Festive holiday tunes included! For babies and up. Wednesday, December 18 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

For more upcoming programs visit our Library calendar at mountainview.gov/librarycalendar or call 650-903-6337.



Thank you to our Ice Cream Social Volunteers

by Lorraine Wormald

A big **Thank You** to all who attended AND helped at our yearly Ice Cream Social on Saturday Aug 24!

We had a great time and turn-out... everywhere we looked, people were smiling!

Wonderful raffle prizes: A few of us found donors but Max Hauser did the majority of the work soliciting fantastic raffle prizes from our local merchants and restaurants... Hats off to you, Max!

- Jeff Sato and the Scouts - with their blasting water rockets.
- The talented South Bay Country Band with their music.
- Kiwanis Key Club volunteers (Madeline, Alayna, Leanna and Saira) with beautiful face painting and helping everyone (setup/take down).
- MV Fire Department
- Baskin Robbins Ice Cream
- Makena Matula did a great job announcing the raffle.
- Lillian Husky and her group of talented twisty ballooners. It was fascinating watching their "production line"!
- Kristin Bailey with her obstacle course and saving the day with her Karaoke microphone system
- Informational tables from MV Mediation, CANOPY, Hope's Corner, MV Historical Society, CERT and Friends of Stevens Creek Trail.
- Mountain View City Council members.

And last but not least...the wonderful "helpers extraordinaires":

Joan Karlin: Thank you...you were always quietly there helping to solve problems. Wow!

Carol and Dave Lewis, for providing supplies and transportation. They have managed prior Ice Cream Socials and knew how to quickly recognize the little problems and help solve them.

Max Hauser, Nancy Wormald, Kim Harvey, Rob Chandhok, Miguel Torres, Douglas Wokoun,

Chi Chen (who recruited so many of her neighbors!), Jerry Steach, Robert Cox, David Machado, and if I forgot someone, I'm sorry.

Plus, those who lent tables, chairs, traffic cones, allowed us to place signs on their properties, etc. It takes a lot of people working together to make a social happen!



Thanksgiving Fires

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dential buildings extended beyond the room of origin.

Cooking fires in residential buildings occurred more often on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year. Cooking was, by far, the leading cause of all Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings at 77 percent.

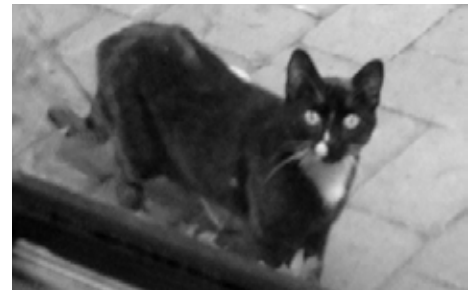
By comparison, cooking was the cause of 50 percent of residential building fires that occurred on all days of the year other than Thanksgiving. Heating, at seven percent, was the next leading cause of Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings. 🚒🚒🚒

Lost Cats

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and you are more likely to hear the meow. Calling the cat's name or carrying some "smelly" food or shaking a treat box sometimes works. Post flyers around your immediate neighborhood, with a picture, phone number with voice mail, and the date, time and location last seen. Check with Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (408-764-0344) in case they picked him or her up. If SVACA does have your cat, expect to pay a fee to get it back. Posting on social media such as Nextdoor or the OMVNA listserv can alert neighbors to be on the look out.

Unfortunately, most cats don't wear collars well and microchips have to be read. Transporting a strange cat to a vet clinic to have a chip read is not something many people are willing or able to do. Your best resource may be your Old Mountain View neighbors when you let them know your cat is missing!



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Thank you to our Ice Cream Social Sponsors and Raffle Partners

by Lorraine Wormald

A special **Thank You** to our wonderful local businesses and neighbors for raffle prize donations. The Old Mountain View Neighborhood is so special because we encompass the downtown area. Please remember to patronize them frequently.

- Ava's Market and Deli
- Café Baklava Restaurant
- Caroline Spangler: Stanford Football and Soccer tickets
- Cascal Restaurant
- Cognition Cyclery
- Computer History Museum

- Crepevine Restaurant
- David Bruce Winery
- Donna's Tamales (Farmers' Mkt)
- Foustman's Old-World Style Italian Dry Salami (Farmers' Mkt)
- HeyO! Eats (at Ava's)
- Le Plonc Wine Bar
- Little Sky Bakery (Farmers' Mkt)
- Mountain View Police Dept
- Mountain View Fire Dept
- Peet's Coffee
- QBB: Quality Bourbon & Barbecue Restaurant
- Stein's Beer Garden
- Title Boxing Club

- Trader Joe's Market
- Vaso Azzurro Restaurant
- Windows and Beyond, Custom Window Treatments
- Yami Grill Restaurant



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