



# OMVNA Newsletter

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## Finding Lost Dogs

by Susanne Martinez



There are often lost dog signs posted around Old Mountain View and a number listed on Nextdoor. If your pup gets lost, here are some hints on finding missing pets.

Be sure your pet is microchipped and keep the information up-to-date. There are many stories of pets being scanned for a microchip only to find the owner's number has been disconnected. Make sure your dog also has a tag with name, address and one or more current phone numbers. A tag might help get your pet back quickly and you won't have to rely on a Good Samaritan willing and able to transport your dog somewhere to have the microchip scanned.

As soon as you realize your dog is missing, call the non-emergency Mountain View Police Department number (650-903-6395) and Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) (408-764-0344) to be on the lookout. SVACA has Animal Control Officers on duty 24 hours although the shelter is only open during designated business hours and closed Mondays. Prepare a lost dog flyer with a picture, where the dog was last seen, date and time, and how to reach you. Use a phone number with voice mail so you don't miss calls. Put the flyers up around the neighborhood. Post on Nextdoor in the Lost and Found section and on the OMVNA email list. Upload the flyer to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lostdogssantaclara/>. Ask people to share your post. List your missing pet on Pet Harbor, <http://petharbor.com/>, and they will forward notices to local shelters. Check their site for animals found by the public as well as those in shelters.

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*Come have fun and meet with neighbors at OMVNA's*

## Ice Cream Social

**SATURDAY August 24, 2019**

At Mercy-Bush Park

1:00PM-3:00PM

Baskin Robbins Ice Cream

Music by South Bay Country Band (bring a chair & enjoy the music!)

Balloon twisting, children's games, face painting & informational tables

Suggested donation: \$2.50 per ice cream cone



Raffle prizes donated by our generous local businesses!

Raffle tickets: 1 for \$3 — 2 for \$5 — 5 for \$10

## New Farmers' Market Vendors

by Max Hauser



Kayla Hayden's parents started MV's weekly Certified Farmers' Market 25 years ago, she tells me. Now, at 110 vendors, it's in the top three of 700 such markets in California. Open Sundays 9-1 at MV's Caltrain station, it relocates occasionally during special Fall and Winter events (website shortcut: <https://tinyurl.com/mvmkt>). Because our Market fills its available space, new vendors face a waiting list. Justin Foust of Foustman's Salamis told me MV was worth waiting for, because of brisk sales (his products were flying off the table during my visits).



In this Newsletter in 2016, I profiled some unique and popular Market vendors, almost all of them still selling there (links to those Newsletter issues: <https://tinyurl.com/OMV1608> and <https://tinyurl.com/OMV1610>). Here are four of the market's latest additions (each with approximate location at the Caltrain site).



**Donna's Tamales** (NE corner) has been in business for years, but at our market only a few months, selling seven regular flavors of tamales—all vegetarian, some vegan—and a few related products. Co-owner Daud happily offers suggestions. Sold chilled, they reheat nicely in a couple of minutes in a microwave oven. (Tamales date back thousands of years, among the famous foods of ancient Mexico: the original Nahuatl word is "tamalli.")



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## OMVNA Artist In Residence: Chi Chen, Cellist



A healing nature is a common thread among our local "Artists In Residence", as is the generous gift of sharing with others.

Old Mountain View artists often volunteer their professional skills within the community. Musician Rocky Austin performs regularly in hospitals and senior homes, as does Mia Whitfield and her a cappella group Smorgaschord. Painter Carol Mellberg is an art therapist practicing at CHAC, who has long taught painting to retired priests. Painter Cliff Bryant frequently opens his home studio to students and other guests who appreciate his calming work.

Chi Chen, our featured artist for August, is a prominent cellist whose skills are dedicated to healing and balance. She has achieved a notable career as both performer and teacher. She is also a successful interior designer and Feng Shui consultant. This unique combination of arts expresses balance of energy and focus. "I encourage my students to express themselves through visual art as well as music. This helps to deepen and integrate their musical experience."

Chi was raised in Taiwan; her parents were famous musicians. It was not surprising that she worked to combine music and a healthy balance in life. "I was born in a musical family, but due to a heart defect and other physical conditions at birth, I didn't take music lessons as my siblings did—all of whom became



child prodigy musicians. I was a quiet child who focused on drawing and art. At age 15, my parents suggested that I ought to learn to play a musical instrument, which could enable me to escape the competitive Taiwanese school system, and I might be able to go to a performance high school instead."

Now internationally acclaimed, Chi Chen's cello performances have been described as both graceful and powerful, whether playing her own compositions, improvisations, or classical and contemporary works. As a member of the Cantabile Trio she performed throughout America and Europe. "There are many special memories. One was performing in Vivaldi's parish church in Venice. Another was in an ancient amphitheater on the Greek Island of Rhodes."

For some fifteen years she appeared with the Cantabile Trio in New York's famed Palm Court, at



by Don McPhail

the Plaza Hotel. Some of her New York clients included Madeleine Albright, Nancy Reagan, and Dustin Hoffman. Chi moved to the Bay Area in 2000, seeking new experiences and new settings.

When she moved to Old Mountain View, "It was LOVE at first sight! I didn't drive in New York, so I was attracted to the cozy, charming neighborhood with its walkability, and the wonderful friendly neighbors."

She thrives on, "the diversity of people; the energy of striving for innovation; wonderful restaurants/cafes; the amazing weather. But the best part: the rarity of the independent bookshops and music stores. Locals have always been fascinated to find out that I am the designer who has been creating the engaging window display for the beloved local store West Valley Music for more than 12 years."

Recently, Chi has focused on solo cello performances, as well as teaching music and her Feng Shui practice. She was awarded an "Emerging Arts Grant" from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation for her own special project, "One Cello, One World", including a music CD of the same name. She has performed locally at the Community School of Music & Arts, and been part of "Healing Arts—Music for Health & Healing" at El Camino Hospital. Her Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/Chi-Chen-Cello-Design-117888138256027> 🎵 🎵

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

# WINTER IS COMING.

## Dread of Winter Launch Party

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:00PM

**Books Inc.**  
317 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA



[www.susanalicebickford.com](http://www.susanalicebickford.com)



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

by Robert Maitland

by Jodie Pierce



## Attic Fires in Residential Buildings

From 2006 to 2008, an estimated 10,000 residential building fires originating in attics were reported by U.S. fire departments annually. These fires caused an estimated 30 deaths, 125 injuries, and \$477 million in property damage. One- and two-family residential buildings account for nearly all (90 percent) of residential attic fires.

Attics are not commonly used as occupied spaces and, as a result, they usually do not have smoke alarms or heat sensors. When a fire occurs in an attic, it is common that it will go unnoticed until smoke or flames, escaping from the roof, are visible from the outside.

Considering they can take longer to detect, attic fires are very dangerous for firefighters and residents alike. The delayed detection allows the fire to become larger in size, ultimately causing more damage. The attic provides the fire with an array of fuel sources like open wood support beams and storage items.

## Keep in Touch with Mountain View's Finest

Want to get the latest on the Mountain View Police Department?

Read about it on Twitter @MountainViewPD, our blog at <http://mountainviewpoliceblog.com/>, or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mountainviewpolicedepartment](http://www.facebook.com/mountainviewpolicedepartment)

Just want critical alerts and advisories? Sign-up for Nixle via your smartphone by texting your Mountain View zip code to 888777.

The location of the attic provides many difficulties for firefighters when extinguishing the fire. The large amounts of water used to extinguish the blaze causes the insulation and wood beams to become saturated. Firefighters have been known to fall through the roof into the attic or through the attic into the floor(s) below.

### When Attic Fires Occur

Attic fires occur most frequently in the late afternoon to early evening hours, peaking from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Attic fire incidences begin to rise gradually until 7:00 a.m. where a small peak is observed. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the number of fire incidences start to increase until the peak hours are reached. The peak period (4:00 to 8:00 p.m.) accounts for 23 percent of attic fires.

Attic fires peak twice during the year, once in the colder months and again in the summer. The cold weather peak, which is the highest peak, occurs during the months of December (12 percent) and January (11 percent). The increase in attic

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## Protect Yourself Part 3 Gas Station Theft Prevention

There has been increased media coverage across the country regarding theft at gas stations. The unique setting allows thieves to catch their victims by complete surprise—when they are pumping gas or paying their tab inside the station. Most of the time, gas station customers leave their car doors unlocked and items like purses and wallets are often left in plain view. A thief is able to drive up next to the victim's car, open an unlocked door, and grab any valuables within reach. Then, the thief quickly drives off. It happens in a matter of seconds.

These thefts can be easily prevented if the appropriate precautions are taken.

- Pick stations that are well-lit and have video surveillance cameras at the pump.
- Always remove your keys and lock the doors while you are pumping gas.
- Keep valuables out of plain view in your vehicle and lock the doors even



if you are going inside for a moment.

- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Don't let your cell phone distract you.

### Travel Safety Tips

Make sure your home is secure—all deadbolts locked, lights left on timers, and deliveries canceled or being collected by a trusted neighbor who has your travel schedule.


Make sure everyone in your party, adults, teens, and children, has the name, address, and phone number of the place you are staying and carries that information at all times.

Never leave your room key out somewhere where it could be picked up by a stranger, such as at a restaurant or pool.

Don't leave rooms unlocked in your lodgings. Insist that everyone carry his or her keys when outside the room.

When traveling, lock your vehicle at all times, especially at gas stations, rest areas, or other public facilities.

Pack the least possible amount, and be sure your luggage stays under your control (or that of authorized personnel) at all times.

Carry only the credit cards and ATM cards you absolutely need. Do not carry large amounts of money. 

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## ✈ Update on Airplane Noise

by Robert Holbrook

It's summer and we're at the seasonal lull in airplane noise over us. Our problems peak in winter, when planes to San Jose Airport fly over us at 3,000' or less on many days—sometimes two to three minutes apart. Our noisy days are determined by prevailing winds, which vary, but with six new gates (12 doors) at SJC, the worst days are likely to have more flights than ever. The change in traffic over Mountain View came in 2015 with the FAA's NextGen program, which has since led to protests all over the Peninsula and around the country. What's being done?

In May 2018, the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Bay Arrivals to SJC, comprising elected representatives from fourteen cities from Palo Alto to Milpitas, sent its final report to the FAA, including 14 primary recommendations and 49 others in an appendix. The FAA responded a year later. They rejected (or didn't directly respond to) most of the recommendations, identifying only two for consideration. These could help a little, but not a lot.

Meanwhile, a new 'Roundtable' has been created to address the environmental effects of airplanes, including noise. The Santa Clara / Santa Cruz Roundtable has now met six times and has designated itself the successor to the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and the earlier Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals, which focused on Next-Gen issues relating to arrivals to San Francisco International Airport. Eleven cities have joined the Roundtable, as have Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz County. The City of San Jose is absent and their City Council has directed SJC airport personnel to not participate. The FAA does participate, however, and says that they look to this body to advise them on matters affecting the community. The Roundtable, a sister organization to the SFO Roundtable, will examine the FAA's

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## Flute Lessons

in Old Mountain View with Marian Concus.

Instructor is: conservatory trained, member of two professional symphony orchestras, Flute Coach at Bellarmine Preparatory School.

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## 🏠 Livability to Livable 🏠 Mountain View

by Louise Katz

Livable Mountain View is an all-volunteer organization of residents from Old Mountain View and other neighborhoods focused on the city's livability, including well-planned growth and preservation of our downtown. We recently announced that our application for historic status has been approved for the Weilheimer House, home to Chez TJ, and the former Air Base Laundry building.

Among our other efforts this past year has been advocating for delivery or industrial-site locations for the sale of cannabis rather than a Castro Street storefront, so as to both keep the downtown a family-friendly, welcoming environment and avoid adding to the already-stressful parking situation that encroaches on nearby residential neighborhoods.

The process of designing and building a new transit center, which will be used by hundreds of thousands of people who live, work or visit our city, is ongoing. We have advocated proposals by the most talented and imaginative design firms in the country to create a vibrant public space at the end of Castro Street, instead of a "dead zone" of pavement and fences.

Livable Mountain View has been particularly concerned about the parking problems in residential neighborhoods due to intensive office and business development. We have proposed and continue to lobby for an uncomplicated, inexpensive and fair parking permit system neighborhoods throughout the city can implement if they choose. We feel it is important that businesses starting up or moving to Mountain View understand the impact they have on the livability of our city. This includes providing adequate transit and/or parking options for their employees and contributing to the cost of a neighborhood permit system.

Please visit [LivableMV.org](http://LivableMV.org) to learn more about the amazing history of the beautiful, irreplaceable Weilheimer House and former Air Base Laundry, for updates on the multiple livability issues we're focused on and to learn how you can have a voice in shaping your city.



## 🏢 What's Up?

by Robert Cox

### An Update on Downtown Development

In this issue, we'll touch on the residential and mixed use projects in progress in our Old Mountain View neighborhood. Like our downtown itself, these developments in the making are an eclectic bunch, which includes new townhomes and condos, as well as the replacement and redevelopment of individual single family homes.

The most noticeable of the new projects is at the northeast corner of West Dana Street and Calderon Avenue, which will provide 16 new rowhomes on the 0.91 acre site. The old buildings have been removed, and new ones will appear soon. A 15-unit condo project at 325-339 Franklin Street is currently under review. But others, after being approved, have languished and even fallen off the city's active project list. These include the 9 unit condo project at 231-235 Hope Street and the mixed use retail/condo project at 881 Castro Street. While those involved with the projects have declined to explain why their approved projects are not getting built, other developers have cited rising construction costs, which have nearly doubled since the depth of the last recession.

While multi-family projects are clearly the most visible of new downtown residential projects, changes on individual single family lots illustrate both traditional and trendy concepts in single lot development. Older homes, like those at 548 and 793 View Street continue to be replaced with new modern single-family homes. Occasionally, a large lot single-family residence will be replaced by multiple units, like the home at 864 Hope Street. Other families have remodeled their homes to take advantage of the city's new short-term rental policy. A good example is 471 Loreto Street, which now has two extra bedrooms for rent.

In our next issue, we will look at the city council's plan to revise the Downtown Precise Plan.





## Weilheimer House

by Jerry Steach

After a lengthy battle that saw Mountain View residents outraged over the prospect of losing part of their city's heritage, a petition drive generating pages upon pages of signatures, a dramatic opinion reversal by a City Council member, and an appeal by local advocates to California's historic-preservation authority, the Weilheimer House (presently home to Chez TJ restaurant) and the former Air Base Laundry (where the Tied House operates) are now listed on the California Register of Historical Resources. Additionally, the two properties, adjacent to one another on Villa St., are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The California State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) recently issued formal decisions granting the buildings' eligibility for the national register that, by extension, also places them on the state registry. The SHRC is a nine-member state review board appointed by the Governor of California and responsible for identifying, registering and preserving the state's cultural heritage. The commission voted 7-0—two commissioners were absent—to support the buildings' eligibility.

The Weilheimer House was built in 1894 by a prominent family of early Mountain View settlers. The former Air Base Laundry was constructed in the 1930s to support the then-new Moffett Field.

The drive to preserve the buildings in place—they were slated for removal, if not demolition, to accommodate an office building on the combined sites—was spearheaded by Livable Mountain View (LivableMV.org), a volunteer group composed of residents from Old Mountain View and several other

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Submissions for our November 2019 issue are due by October 22, 2019.



## What is CERT?

by Paul Goldstein

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely, responsibly, and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their communities during non-emergency events as well. There are over 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide, with more than 600,000 individuals trained since CERT became a national program. (Source: Ready.gov)

In the Old Mountain View neighborhood, 124 people have successfully completed the FEMA-based training which is provided at no cost by the Mountain View Fire Department.

The CERT Basic Course is delivered in the community by a team of first responders, and other qualified volunteers. Materials cover actions that participants and their families take before, during and after a disaster as well as an overview of CERT and local laws governing volunteers. Program elements consist of:

Disaster Preparedness: Introduction to disasters including building structures and nonstructural hazards and the role of CERT volunteers in disaster response.

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## NOTARY PUBLIC



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## The Traffic Circle



There are 5 intersections in Downtown Mountain View that have this sign. Do you know what it means?

This Movement Regulation sign indicates the traffic pattern around a roadway feature or obstruction. This does not indicate a roundabout or a rotary.

MVPD confirms, the right of way at these intersections is the same as intersections without a roadway feature or obstruction. Left or U turns must yield to oncoming traffic.

A roundabout is a road junction at which traffic moves in one direction around a central island to reach one of the roads converging on it; a traffic circle. To exit a roundabout you turn right at your desired street. A rotary is generally a larger roundabout with more lanes.

Next time on THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE: UnMarked Intersections.

## OMVNA Steering Committee

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Residential Parking:	Robert Cox, Peg Powell
Ice Cream Social:	Lorraine Wormald
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Next Meeting:	November 4, 2019



## Weilheimer House

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city neighborhoods. The group conducted a public-outreach campaign and gathered thousands of petition signatures, which were formally presented to the Mountain View City Council.

Initially, the council narrowly voted four-to-three to support the office-building proposal on the two sites. However, the following week, one councilmember who'd voted for approval reversed his decision, after which Livable Mountain View submitted its successful nominations to the SHRC.

Still, the Weilheimer House and former Air Base Laundry aren't yet out of the woods. The properties' owners may still ask the City Council's permission to develop them in a way that the buildings are significantly changed, or even removed entirely.

This is where concerned residents throughout Mountain View come in. We must continue lobbying councilmembers—their contact information is at [www.mountainview.gov/council/roster/default.asp](http://www.mountainview.gov/council/roster/default.asp) or speak at a City Council meeting—and demand that they honor the SHRC's decision and act to preserve the city's history and architectural treasures.



**Fund raiser for The  
Mayview Safety Net Health  
Clinics  
Silent Auction, Jazz Band,  
Food and Drinks  
Sunday Sept 22, 2019  
2-5 pm**

Hosted by Kirsty Weng MD,  
Medical Director  
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rsvp/questions:  
[drpesto@hotmail.com](mailto:drpesto@hotmail.com)

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**Disaster Fire Suppression:** Identifying and reducing potential fire hazards and basic fire suppression.

**Disaster Medical Operations I:** Treatment strategies for life-threatening conditions and principles of triage.

**Medical Operations Part II:** Medical treatment areas—their functions and set-up.

**Light Search and Rescue Operations:** Participants learn about search and rescue planning, size-up, search techniques, rescue techniques and rescuer safety.

**Disaster Psychology:** Dealing with the post disaster emotional environment, relieving rescuer and victim stress.

**Team Organization:** The "Incident Command System", CERT organization, decision making and documentation.

**Course Review and Disaster Simulation (Field Day):** Hands-on application of CERT skills, including extinguishing fires, practicing cribbing, damage assessment, search & rescue, incident command, and disaster medical operations.

Typically this training is presented in what are called CERT Academies which consist of five classroom sessions and a half-day Field Day.

How can you get involved?

1. Sign up for the next city training in October: <https://tinyurl.com/eventbright-cert-academy>

2. There are online resources available including the FEMA CERT course at: <https://tinyurl.com/training-fema-cert>

3. See the City of Mountain View CERT site at: <https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/fire/preparedness/cert.asp>

For more information or questions contact: Aaron Grossman [aagrossman@yahoo.com](mailto:aagrossman@yahoo.com) or Sherril Brennan [sherrilsb@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrilsb@yahoo.com)





# Trailblazer Race & Walk

## Walk, Run, or Volunteer Sept 29

### Support the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail!

**10K & 5K Racers, 3 mile Trail Walkers,  
& Volunteers get official race t-shirt.  
Free kids races, games, & face painting!**

Race day reg 7:30am. Events start 8:30am.  
2905 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View  
Free bicycle parking corral

Online Reg & mail-in forms at  
**[www.stevenscreektrail.org](http://www.stevenscreektrail.org)**

## Airplane Noise

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responses to the Ad Hoc Committee's report and decide what to do next, but that work has not yet begun. Our mayor, Lisa Matichak, is vice-chair of the Roundtable and is representing us energetically and well.

The noise from prop planes overhead has reduced significantly. Surf Air, which operated out of San Carlos using one of the noisiest airplanes of its class, ran into financial difficulties last year.

At the national level, Congress passed the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This 1,200-page bill could have provided relief, but Congress enacted nothing but calls for studies. Industry asked for 'no mandates' and they got their wish. Even a \$3,000 per airplane fix for the 'Airbus whine' was rejected. In contrast, the Act paves the way for the return of supersonic aircraft (BoomSupersonic.com and others) and lays out a framework for drones.

The bottom line is that significant relief from large commercial aircraft noise is not yet on the horizon, but the level of engagement to address the noise introduced with NextGen has increased over the past eighteen months and that work is ongoing.

For more information, please email me at [r@holbrook1.com](mailto:r@holbrook1.com).



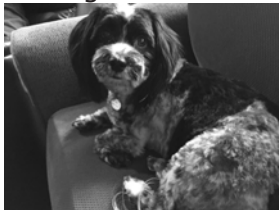
## Lost Dogs

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Visit nearby shelters in person. On-line information on found pets may not be up-to-date. Mountain View uses SVACA (Santa Clara) listed above, but Sunnyvale turns dogs over to Humane Society of Silicon Valley (HSSV) (Milpitas) (408-262-2133); Palo Alto and Los Altos to Palo Alto Animal Services (650-496-5971). Repeat your shelter visit as it may take time before your dog ends up in one. Most shelters will make every effort to reach you if the dog has some identification, but they are only required to hold a stray dog for five to seven days, depending on the shelter. SVACA and HSSV hold dogs with ID for ten days and those without for five days. After that, they may put your pet up for adoption.

Expand your search even further. Frightened dogs can travel long distances, miles from home.

Finally, be aware that if your dog ends up with SVACA, you might have to put up some cash to bail him or her out! The first time fee is \$35, and it goes up after that. You will also be charged \$22 a night for boarding and must show proof of ownership. And don't forget to take down those flyers once your pup is back home. If you find a lost dog, check all the places listed above. Most vet clinics will scan for a microchip for free to help locate the owners. Next issue: tips on finding missing cats.



To sign up for neighborhood alerts by OMVNAtalk email:

- Send a blank message (no subject or content needed) from your preferred email address to [omvnataalk-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:omvnataalk-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- You will get back an automated message from yahoo groups
- Select option 2 ("Reply, Send") to confirm your request.

For more information about the OMVNAtalk list, please see <http://www.omvna.org/omvnataalk.html>

For newsletter delivery problems or to volunteer to help, send email to [lorraine.omvna@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.omvna@gmail.com)

## Attic Fires

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fires during these 2 months is partially a result of electrical malfunction fires. The second peak in attic fires is seen during the months of June (9 percent) and July (10 percent). This summer peak is primarily a result of natural fires, which are highest during these 2 months. The majority of these natural fires are the result of lightning discharge.

### Causes of Attic Fires

Forty-three percent of all attic fires are electrical malfunction fires. This finding suggests that homeowners and residents should make it a priority to have electrical equipment and electrical wiring in the attic inspected and properly maintained.

### Factors Contributing to Attic Fires

By far, the leading category is "electrical failure, malfunction". Unspecified electrical failure or malfunction, unspecified short-circuit arc, and short-circuit arc from defective, worn insulation account for the majority of the fires in this category. The "natural condition" category is a contributing factor in 15 percent of attic fires. Storms are the leading specific factor contributing to ignition in this category.

### Smoke Alarms in Occupied Housing

One of the most important values of smoke alarms is detecting smoldering fires before they break into open flame or produce large volumes of smoke. Smoke alarms could be especially useful in early detection of attic fires, if the alarm is properly placed. When placing smoke alarms, be sure to:

- Put smoke alarms in each room used for sleeping purposes and outside each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms. Put alarms on every level of the home.
- Test your smoke alarms.
- Test smoke alarms every month and replace 9-volt smoke alarm batteries at least once every year. New smoke alarms are equipped with non-replaceable 10 year life batteries
- Get new smoke alarms every 10 years.
- When you hear a smoke alarm, get everyone outside and safe. 🚒

## Farmers' Market Vendors

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Our Market includes many fine California producers, but how many boast royal endorsements? **Koda Farms** (north row, west end) is California's family-owned pioneering rice grower since 1928, offering "heirloom" rather than commodity rice varieties. Lisa Koda, part of the family, has been representing the firm at our market. Koda Farms' KR55 "Kokuho Rose" strain, the ancestor of all premium California medium-grain Japanese-style rices today (e.g. Nishiki), greatly influenced California rice farming. For the firm's overall contributions, Crown Prince Akishino bestowed a Japan Agricultural Association Award. [kodafarms.com](http://kodafarms.com)



Just as it seemed artisanal bakers had saturated our Market, **Adorable French Bakery** (east row) proved there was room for another. Market-goers have discovered this new booth; it's often thronged. Tasting samples constantly offered encourage the crowds. Brainchild of Paris-born pastry chef Muriel D'Agostino, Adorable (named, D'Agostino says, for Julia Child's favorite adjective) sells very hearty bread loaves by weight, and practically every other pastry type from croissants, "French pizzas" and pissaladière (onion tart on puff pastry) to sweet specialties galore. Website has a 52-page catalog. [adorablefrenchbakery.com](http://adorablefrenchbakery.com)



**Foustman's Salami** (south row, west side) specializes in classic Italian-style dry salamis (14 flavors, more on the way) made without chemical nitrate/nitrite preservatives. Dry salamis are a Bay Area tradition, since 19th-century Italian immigrants found the cool coastal climate ideal for dry-curing meats and made San Francisco the salami capital of the United States (story: <https://tinyurl.com/sfsalami>). I'm nibbling Foustman's fennel-pepper salami as I write this. [foustmans.com](http://foustmans.com)





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