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An Association of Treasures

by Susan Bickford

If you've never paid a visit to the Mountain View History Center in the Public Library on the second floor, be sure to put it on your bucket list. Open on Tuesday afternoons or by appointment, it contains treasure troves of information, pictures, and archives about our city.

Founded in 1954, the Mountain View Historical Association is a nonprofit. volunteer-run organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history of Mountain View. Their goals include:

- To gather and preserve historical data relative to the early settlement and development of the area in and around the present City of Mountain View;
- · To collect, record, edit and publish a history of the pioneering activities of this area:
- · To preserve historic objects and places;
- To other cooperate with organizations in the Santa Clara Valley on projects deemed worthy by its membership. Association meetings are open to the General public.

The past president, Candace Bowers, also a librarian at the Library, gave me the cook's tour. The History Center was founded as a partnership with the City of Mountain View Public Library c. 1967. It contains the historic archives of both the Mountain View Historical Association and the Mountain View Public Library. Historical books and pamphlets on the history of Mountain View are also available for purchase at the History Center.

Primary sources of information include original documents, phone directories, yearbooks, founder personal memorabilia, and much more. Visitors often engage in house research, property searches, genealogy, or just to reminisce as

Zonina Override 2.0 Senator Recasts Bill Allowing State to Dictate Planning

by Jerry Steach He's baaaaaaaack! Just when we were able to exhale after the failure of state Senate Bill 827-State Senator Scott Weiner's attempt to override California municipalities' zoning—he has introduced a new bill that would have essentially the same effect.

Senate Bill 50, the "new and improved" legislation recently proposed by the senator, rose from the ashes of SB827, the bill he introduced in early 2018 but which didn't get past the senate's Transportation and Housing Committee (though, it's notable, the committee's vote margin was narrow).

Dubbed the More HOMES Act— HOMES being an acronym for Housing, Opportunity, Mobility, Equity and Stability—the bill, if passed. would allow the state to dictate development quidelines in communities near high concentrations of jobs and transit.

Anyone living and/or working in Old Mountain View knows our neighborhood checks both of those boxes; we're in the epicenter of tech jobs and multiple modes of public transportation.

As its predecessor bill intended, SB50 would create new, statewide standards for high-density construction near jobs- and transit-rich areas.

But in order for those standards to be enforced, the state could legally override California cities' and towns' own zoning, thus allowing significantly higher-density housing and commercial development; exemptions to height limits; and the easing, if not elimination, of parking requirements—all regardless of what residents and elected officials have deemed appropriate for their communities.

Restaurant Scene

bv Max Hauser

In September, Korean-influenced bakery chain Paris Baquette opened at 315 Castro.



Three Kingdoms Hot Pot is planned for 134 Castro, where HanGen Szechuan closed in September after 25 years.



Small-plates restaurant Flights opened late October, 800 California at Castro. I've tried it; menu items come in plates of three variations on a theme.



November saw 153 Castro's venerable dim-sum house Fu Lam Mum reopen after a nearly two-year remodeling.



Popular Turkish bakery-café Olympus secured city permission to expand from 135 Castro into an adjacent space, but the project appears tohave halted.



Rocket Fizz confectionery (298 Castro) closed in January; its owner cited rent increases to me.



Superhot Hot Pot & Korean BBQ, a new "all-you-can-eat Asian fusion" restaurant, 210 Hope at Villa, softopened January 27.



383 Castro at California was dormant after **Bierhaus** left in September (effectively relocating to Oakland, where it now operates: https://tinyurl.com/BierhausOakland). Now Ludwig's, a German restaurant in San José, has begun working on the site, with plans to open in Spring.







OMVNA Artist In Residence: Tim Auer, Photographer & Writer

Whether a prowling coyote in Yellowstone, a massive brown bear in Katmai, or a lone Polar bear in Svalbard, Tim Auer's exquisite photos capture the incredible beauty and harsh realities of wild animals in their natural habitats. He specializes in North American scenes, especially Alaska, California, Canada, Yellowstone, and the Arctic.

One look, and you realize Auer's photos are special. They share breathtaking beauty and realism in ways that are beyond imagining. How does he find them? How can he make the images so beautiful?

Just as his images are unique and crystalline, so are his word-pictures accompanying his artwork. You may have discovered this yourself if you visited the lobby of Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts late last year, or if you have viewed his work on the web.

Auer is a resident of Old Mountain View, but his acclaimed work is known globally, featured in publications like National Geographic, Nature's Best Photography, The Washington Post, The Telegraph (UK), and The Guardian.

Born in Maryland, Auer graduated from the University of Maryland and worked in Washington, DC before his work transferred him to Mountain View in January 2013.

He took to photography at an early age. "When I was six years old, my parents got me a box camera on our family road-trip to Nova Scotia

Moja prekrasna žena Iva, budi moja draga zauvijek! -Tvoj Robert



and began teaching me the basics, including my introduction to wild-life photography on a whale cruise," said Auer. In those days, they traveled regularly.

"When I was growing up, the month of August was dedicated to multi-week road-trips. Over these many years we drove from our Maryland home to over 45 US states and all the Canadian provinces. My dad taught me the science—ecology, geology, chemistry—behind these beautiful places. My mom taught me about art and helped develop my eye, as well as how to buy camera gear. The park rangers helped me to understand why these places were worth saving." Using professional equipment, he shrewdly considered each click on the 24-frame film cameras.

Tim's love of nature is evident at first glance. His art demonstrates a rare connection with the environment, terrain and character of his animals. And his patience is ex-

Alyse, Patrice, and Nancy: you are awesome! Happy Valentine Day. traordinary. "I love to connect with nature and I have found that an excellent way to do this is to study, observe and photograph wildlife in an unhurried manner. The slower the better."

by Don McPhail

Auer's work has been displayed in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC, and Haynes Photo shop in Yellowstone. He has won international photo competitions, including the Windland Smith Rice, Yellowstone Forever, and Washington Post photo awards.

He is a regular contributor to wildlife conservation charitable and academic non-profits such as Polar Bears International, International Bear Association, Wyoming Untrapped, and the National Wildlife Federation, who will feature his work on its 2019 Holiday cards.

Like other Old Mountain View artists, Tim Auer is a local treasure. You can find his work at: https://yourshot.nationalgeographic.com/profile/1193367/, or https://twitter.com/Tim4bio/media?lang=en; or at https://www.facebook.com/4b.ioNature/ or @t.auer (instagram) and www.4b.io.



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Keeping Mountain View Safe:

Updates and Advice from the Mountain View Fire and Police Departments by Jodie Pierce

by Robert Maitland



Fire and Life Safety in Peer-to-Peer Lodging

Fire departments and communities around the United States are starting to recognize and address the unique fire safety concerns that peer-to-peer (P2P) lodgings, such as Airbnb, present.

Decline of Fires in Hotels and Motels

During the 20th century, the U.S. lodging industry experienced a large number of catastrophic fires. In 1980, there were over 12,000 hotel and motel fires. Between 1980 and 1986, several major hotel fires resulted in 190 deaths and over 1.000 injuries.

Code changes following these fires required smoke alarms, posted fire escape routes, fire doors, and automated extinguishing systems. These changes helped to bring about a steady reduction in hotel and motel fires and fire losses.

P2P Lodging is Largely Unregulated

Code changes that brought about safer hotels and motels, for the most part, have not found their way into the P2P hospitality sector.

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P2P lodging is not uniformly regulated like hotels and motels. Most P2P properties are private homes, so they may fall under local requirements for residential structure use.

The Airbnb Research Study

Researchers measured the prevalence of safety devices reported as amenities in Airbnb lodgings across 16 cities in the United States. For each property, researchers noted the presence of:

- Smoke alarms
- Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms
- Fire extinguishers
- First aid kits

Study Findings

One in five Airbnb properties does not report having a smoke alarm and about one half do not list a CO alarm. By contrast, all hotels are required to have smoke alarms. Nashville and Portland had a much higher percentage of reported smoke alarms (about 90%) in Airbnb lodgings than the other cities in the study. The researchers pointed out that both cities have a permit process for registering Airbnb properties, which may account for this.

Source: U.S. Fire Administration. an entity of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. Find the entire article at: https://www.usfa.fema. gov/current_events/092018.html 🚆

Protect Yourself

Crime Rates Are Going Up. Here are some tips on what you can do.

As a pedestrian:

- · Never pull out a wallet with credit cards or cash in front of someone you regard as suspicious.
- Always carry a cell phone and know how to dial 911.
- Don't display an expensive cell phone on the street in a dangerous neighborhood or it could tempt someone to steal it from you. If you need to use your cell phone go into a store or other safe public space.
- Act confidently, like you know where you're going, and don't talk on your phone or listen to music while walking.
- · Do not give money to anyone when



asked. Say "NO" and continue walking.

- Turn stone rings toward palm side of your hand.
- If you are robbed, do not resist, give up your valuables as quickly as possible.
- Sit near the front of the bus or subway.
- · Don't walk or jog early in the morning or late in the evening.
- Keep a whistle on your key chain.
- In a restaurant keep your purse in your lap or at your feet with the handle under the leg of the chair.
- At work put your purse or wallet in a drawer.

In your car:

- Never leave your keys in the car ignition.
- Leave at least a car length between you and the car in front so you can easily pull away in the event a car behind tries to trap you.
- Keep doors and windows locked.
- If someone wants to speak with you speak with the window down just an inch or so.
- If you get a flat tire in a bad neighborhood drive slowly on the flat until you get somewhere you feel safe.
- Do not keep valuables in your car.
- Park in well-lit places. Proud member of

Mountain View Rotary



Mountain View Community Gardens Expansion

For residents who want to participate in a community garden, opportunities have been limited. All 92 individual plots at Willowgate Community Garden are reserved and the waitlist is 4-5 years long. The Senior Center Community Garden, with 63 plots, also has a waitlist.

Some relief may be in sight. A community garden at Shoreline and Latham has been in the works for several years and will be available soon. Guidelines say:

In order to put your name on the waitlist for the new garden, please contact Shaun Chilkotowsky@ at shaun.chilkotowsky@ mountainview.gov . In order to be added to the waitlist you need to provide your full name, physical address, email, and phone number.

Only Mountain View residents age 18 or older are eligible for a garden plot, and only one plot is allowed per family residing at the same address. Families may only have one plot at either Willowgate Garden, the Senior Garden, or the new garden at Shoreline and Latham.

Existing gardeners and those currently on the waitlist for Willowgate Garden and the Senior Garden will be given priority. Those currently on the waitlist for Willowgate Garden or the Senior

Garden will be given the opportunity to take an available plot at the current site they are on the waitlist for or the new garden.

Once all plots have been filled at all three gardens, three separate waitlists will be used for the respective gardens. When all three waitlists are developed, you may put your name on more than one list. Current gardeners are not eligible to put their name on the waitlist for another City garden site.

Plot pricing is TBD and will be included in the City of Mountain View Master Fee Schedule. Currently plot costs are \$139 for residents, \$43 for seniors.

The Demonstration Garden at Heritage Park, located at 771 North Rengstorff Avenue, is a true Community Garden that is operated by Soil&Water, a non-profit, volunteer-led organization. Unlike other plot-based gardens in Mountain View, the garden at Heritage Park is a shared urban garden. Soil&Water, along with volunteers and the community, create the space and share its harvest. Community events and learning opportunities will take place through out the year led by Soil&Water.

Visit https://bit.ly/2WmYFpy for more information and links to additional resources.

📥 Landscaping and Water Usage Assistance 🚖

The City of Mountain View's Water Department offers a number of resources for those who want to track their water usage, plan for landscaping changes, and more.

Water-Wise Garden at the Library

Be sure to visit the Water-Wise Garden at the Mountain View Public Library for inspiration. A guide to the garden can be found at https://bit.ly/2MHqrbX . Download this and take it with you on paper or on your mobile device for your visit.

South Bay Green Gardens

This interactive website is overflowing with information about sustainable gardening, including photographs, design templates, D-I-Y fact sheets, plant recommendations and much much more. Start planning your green garden today! Visit https://www.

southbaygreengardens.org.

Landscape Classes and Workshops

Need help navigating the maze of plant choice, landscape design and irrigation planning? Attend a free class or view past class presentations. Topics include, but are not limited to, lawn removal, native plants, and efficient irrigation. Classes are held at the Mountain View Public Library. Visit https://bit.ly/2MHqrbX to see the latest schedule.

To find out more about mulching, rebates, and more, go to: https://bit.ly/2WmYFpy

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™ What's Going Up?

by Robert Cox

A Thumbnail Sketch of New Development

In our last issue, we described changes to the Transit Center. In this issue, we cross Evelyn Avenue to summarize the Robert Green hotel and office project, which was approved by the City Council in November of last year.

The project will be built on the twin parking lots on either side of Hope Street between Evelyn Avenue and Villa Street. The hotel will be a five-story building on the west side of Hope Street, while the office complex will be a four-story building with ground floor retail. Construction of the project will take about two years.

During that time, the city will provide temporary parking in a number of sites, including the currently vacant Post Office lot near View and Villa Streets.

The project is a controversial one. Early on, housing advocates opposed the project because the City would be using its own land to worsen the jobs/housing imbalance. The City also gave a 10-year transient occupancy tax break to the hotel owner. Furthermore, the City gave money from the City's parking in lieu fees, generally used to build new parking to support new businesses, to replace the existing surface parking spaces.

While the project will provide 76 parking spaces more than the existing parking lots, opponents of the project questioned that these would be sufficient to support the hotel guests, office workers, retail employees, and customers. An extension of the project, which would replace the Subway sandwich shop and adjacent buildings on Evelyn with another office building and ground floor retail, will come before the council for consideration in February.

In our next issue, we will look at the redevelopment of the properties at California and Castro Streets.

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<u>.....</u> Rant and Roll: Is there hope for Mountain View? <u>.....</u> இ

Editor: Once a year we let our OMVNA Chair tell us what he's really thinking.

Perhaps there is hope for Old Mountain View, with the last elections.

We've lost three Council members who favored growth to some extent—one decided not to run for reelection, two were defeated in the election (one by a large margin). Hopefully, we have three new Council members who may be more inclined to put the brakes on development, based on their campaign statements.

One new Council member even has a background as a city planner. Imagine. Someone on the City Council who has done city planning for a living.

This same candidate also won without spending a fortune on the campaign, and without taking any money from realtors or developers or unions and without any giant signs. In contrast, one of the unsuccessful candidates raised far more than the City voluntary limit from real estate interests and developers, spent a lot on big signs and campaign fliers, and lost by a large margin.

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Contact the newsletter team at: s.bickford@comcast.net .

Submissions for our February 2019 issue are due by April 25, 2019.

Perhaps the voters of Mountain View have decided it is time for a change, and that more is really less. They may now appreciate that more uncontrolled growth and development and higher density and more traffic translate to less quality of life for the denizens of Mountain View, and especially the inhabitants of Old Mountain View, who live around the downtown area

where a lot of development and

growth is concentrated.

A possible downside here is that two of the successful City Council candidates came from the EPC, and a third EPC member left as well, allowing the outgoing City Council to appoint three new members to the EPC. It's hard to judge how differently the new EPC will act in future development decisions.

I'm required to complain about something in my editorial, so I will bring up an unfortunate side effect of our new economy—a problem that likely affects nearly everyone in OMV—the horde of delivery vehicles (USPS, FedEx, UPS, and many others) on top of the Uber and Lyft vehicles providing transportation for those unable or unwilling to

by David Lewis III, Chair, Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association
Perhaps the voters of Mountain drive themselves places.

In our case, we have a steady stream of delivery vehicles, bringing packages, groceries from Whole Foods, take-out food, meals almost ready to eat or ready to cook, plus the Uber and Lyft vehicles, and limousines. Plus these drivers park or double-park while they figure out their next trip.

There is many an occasion when I can't get in or out of my driveway, and it's hopeless to appeal to the MVPD to get a double-parked vehicle moved from in front of your driveway. It will be long gone before the PD will arrive for a non-emergency.

And there's a corollary issue that exacerbates the situation: vehicles parked on the streets for very long periods of time, with no evidence of any enforcement actions by our trusty Parking Police, taking up space that could be used by delivery vehicles, Uber and Lyft.

Perhaps, someday, the City will come up with a solution to our parking woes, including actual enforcement of our parking regulations in parts of OMV outside the immediate downtown.

Dear everyone, you are all cool —random 5th grader

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Dual Language Benefits at Mistral (\$)

by Sandi Puett Not far from the Óld Mountain View Neighborhood, the Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD) offers a public Dual Language Immersion choice school where students learn both Spanish and English.

"Dual Language Immersion" means that schools "immerse" students in two languages, resulting in bilingual and biliterate fluency in both languages. About half of Mistral students are native Spanish speakers and half are not-some may also speak a third or even fourth language such as Hebrew, German, Dutch, French, or Mandarin.

The school day is split between the two languages, with students in early years learning primarily in Spanish and in upper grades shifting to 50% Spanish instruction and 50% English instruction.

As my family researched our school options in Mountain View, we learned that other families choose Mistral because they want their children to experience the diversity and richly multicultural community that is possible at Mistral, as well as desiring multilingual fluency and high academic achievement for their children.

As our daughter approached kindergarten age, we felt a strong sense of alignment with these values, and chose to apply to the Mistral lottery.

We expected our daughter's kindergarten year to be challenging for her, and it is, in such great ways! We are amazed to hear her pronunciation of Spanish words improve; to see her growing comprehension of what happens in the classroom, and to see her reliance on her peers to help her understand and adapt to classroom expectations.

We also love to volunteer in the classroom and experience all of her classmates learning, growing, and most importantly, gaining confidence in their ability to relate to, cooperate with, and become friends with classmates from so many different backgrounds.

If you have questions about the program, contact the school (https:// mistral.mvwsd.org/) or email me for a kindergarten parent's perspective at sandijobepuett@gmail.com 5000

■ Community Shuttle

by Susan Bickford

In case you missed the article in the Mountain View Voice, the Community Shuttle has been such a success that there are plans to expand in 2019. Ridership for 2018 was over 130,000! Thank you to all of you who take advantage of this wonderful service, funded by Google and other companies.

We can expect new shuttle buses with greater capacity and increased frequency.

There will also be a new partnership in the near future with Lyft and Uber to provide discounted rates for rides that start or end in Mountain View from 10 AM to 3 PM. Other partnerships for carpooling are in the works.

Remember to download the latest MVGO app: RIDEMVGO, to track and plan on your mobile devices. Desktop users can continue to do this through the website: mvcommunityshuttle.com . \blacksquare

New Digital Content

The Mountain View Public Library has digitized its collection of historical local newspapers, including the Mountain View Register Leader, from the years 1903 through 1964. The newspapers may be accessed within the Library using the public computers, or from a laptop or mobile device using the Library's Wi-Fi network, cmvlib.

The newspaper collection is using the Digital ReeL Platform. It features full-text searching that is capable of recognizing the text in print advertisements, and adjustable grayscale image enhancement for photographs. The newspapers were scanned from the original microfilm.

The historical newspapers may be found on the Library's website under Services > Learn About Mountain View History > Mountain View Historical Newspapers Online (in-library access only).

Headphones or not, you loudly since 1999. Happy 11th Anniversary.

Library Events

by Pam Schwartz

The Library will be hosting some great programs this spring! Highlights include: Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Free Tax Preparation Help at the Library every Saturday February 2nd through April 13th, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The service is provided by IRS-certified volunteers and is available to households with a 2018 income of \$55,000 or less. Please bring the SOCIAL SECU-RITY CARD or ITIN for each person on your tax return. No need for appointments.

Sewing with Fabmo happens the 1st Monday of each month, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.. The talented volunteers from FabMo teach a different project each month, using re-purposed designer fabric. Past projects include fabric journal covers, ornaments, and tote bags. Beginners welcome. All supplies are provided. Ages 16 and up. Registration Required.

Bel Canto Flutes live music performance March 31st from 2:00pm-3:00pm. The performance presented solely by members of the flute family is appropriate for all ages with a repertoire spanning the ages from Bach to Rock.

Plant Exchange Saturday, April 20th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Donate, trade, and take home new plants.

Have plants you must prune or cull? How about trading your excess with your neighbors? All types of plants are welcome. If you can't make it to the exchange, we will be accepting donations starting April 13th, at the 2nd Floor Information Desk.

The Library is offering a NEW Pajama Storytime every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.. Join us for stories, songs and movement for 2-5 year-olds.

Support library programs by shopping at the Friends of the Library Book Sale on Saturday, Febru**a** ary 9th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 10th from turn it up to 11. Loving 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Get great deals on Books, CDs, & DVD's!

> For more information on upcoming programs, visit mountainview.gov/ librarycalendar or call 650-903-6337.

#SheCan Event@MVPD

We have a vision. A vision as police officers, firefighters and government leaders to connect with women and girls as mentors, advocates and sponsors. Out of this vision came the slogan #SeeStrong-BeStrong.

We believe that when young women and girls see what's possible in any career, they are encouraged, inspired and supported to strive to find their highest potential. We want all young women and girls to know that they can become anything they set their minds to. Because they are stronger, smarter and more capable than they think, and WE HAVE THEIR BACK.

We believe that when we engage with young women and girls and tell our stories of perseverance and resilience, we are planting seeds of the same kind for them. We understand that when men stand up with women and girls, they are partners in equality and share the same dream of a better world.

We created this event to inspire, empower and embolden our female youth to see themselves as future leaders in public safety and public service. #SheCan, sponsored by the Mountain View Police Department, will offer an inside look at the joy and purpose behind the work we do in the world.

Join us March 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., right here at 1000 Villa Street to be a part of shaping all that could be for future generations here in Mountain View.

To sign up for neighborhood alerts by OMVNAtalk email:

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

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Zoning

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Sen. Weiner reasons that California's housing shortage, the lack of home affordability in highly populated communities and the specter of residents being displaced (due to rent increases or property reconstruction) justifies SB50. He claims a broad coalition of stakeholders, having worked with them to refine what was SB827 and recast it as a new bill in hopes it will be an easier "sell" to the state legislature. Indeed, SB50 boasts a roster of California senators who co-authored the bill, along with a number of other high-profile political voices among its supporters. Opposing the bill are resident and civic groups around the state who take issue with the state's attempt to wrest zoning control from them.

Whichever side of the SB50 argument Old Mountain View residents land on, we'd do well to make our voices heard by contacting our state representatives: Sen. Jerry Hill (https://sd13.senate.ca.gov/) and Assemblyman Marc Berman (https://a24.asmdc.org/). The future of our neighborhood, including its historic buildings—and those like it throughout California—depends on it!

Ради тебя готов идти за тридевять земель в тридесятое царство.

Wish you could your neighbor better? Or your boss, in-laws, someone in the government?

Read Conflict - The Unexpected Gift.

Historical Association

continued from page 1 they look for information about a favorite restaurant or school friends.

Preservation is a part of the Association's charter, along with advocacy for preservation of sites of local historical interest. They also put up markers in Pioneer Park and at the corner of Grant Road and El Camino.

In addition to providing an old fashioned card catalog of indexed information, the Association has completed three projects in conjunction with the Library:

- Digitization of over 1,000 photos from the collection. This may be accessed from your home computer at: https://archive.org/details/ mountainviewlibrary
- Digitization of Mountain View newspapers, starting in 1904. See our separate article.
- Three volumes of cassette recordings of oral history interviews from the 1970s have now been digitized. These include interviews in English, Japanese, and Spanish.

The Association accepts donations. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and a discount to the summer barbeque at the Adobe Building which features recreations of the famous Linda's Burgers, remembered fondly by so many long time residents.

The Association loves teaching children and giving tours. Contact Candace at the Library or go to: mountainviewhistorical.org

Dear Julia, I love you more and more every day. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Shannon





