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2020 City Council Candidate Forum

Restaurant Scene

by Max Hauser



OMVNA hosted the forum via Zoom on September 30th. We were fortunate to have all 9 candidates for city council in attendance. Also in attendance were moderators Samantha Blewis, Robert Cox, and David Lewis.

If you were unable to attend the webinar, we have placed a video recording accessible from the omvna.org website. ●

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OMVNA Annual Meeting

The General Meeting and Elections are scheduled for 7:30 - 9:00 PM, December 14, 2020. Due to COVID19 concerns, our meeting will be held via zoom unless notified otherwise.

Check omvna.org to register.

LOOK INSIDE

Special This Issue...

Be sure to check out our "pull-out" center section with City Council, MVWSD, and MVLHHS candidate statements. Bring that to one of the several City Council forums or use it to help make your decisions when you vote.

Remember to vote. You still have time to register.

Online: Oct. 19

By mail: Postmarked by Oct. 19

In person: Nov. 3

Castro St. closure extended indefinitely: Four downtown blocks of Castro St. have been individually closed to car traffic (a program called "Summer StrEats"). In early September the City Council voted to extend the closure for the duration of the pandemic, and also to widen the range of businesses eligible to use the outdoor space. The Council also approved expanding outdoor business activity to other parts of town where space allows, notably in parking lots.

More info: tinyurl.com/yxrthlnj

Restaurant changes: While the pandemic's constraints force some downtown restaurants to close (including **Le Plonc** and **Flights**), others are evolving. Olympus Caffé & Bakery (135 Castro at Evelyn), a Turkish bakery-café related to Ephesus nearby, had a large outdoor dining area already and has converted it to a "socially-distanced" German-themed beer garden with food, **Das Bierhaus**. Shabuway, the Japanese hot pot restaurant formerly at 180 Castro, was replaced by an expansion location for SF's **Udon Mugizo**. (Udon are relatively thick Japanese noodles — some udon dishes have long been featured at nearby Japanese restaurants such as Maru Ichi and Sushi Tomi — but Mugizo specializes in them and makes the noodles fresh, in-house.) Michelin-star-winning **Chez TJ** on Villa St. recently reopened with a new outdoor patio, an interior organized around separate small dining rooms, and new flexible menu options. ●

List of open restaurants and other businesses: iloveMV.org

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE: MV CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

by Don McPhail

Our community is blessed with an extraordinary arts center, that never fails to amaze and inspire with its extraordinary works. A recent visit to their web site presented a thoughtful and informed letter to all of us, from Executive Director Scott Whisler.

I'm excited about the future of the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, mostly because of our past. We've brought new music, new art, new theatre, and new ideas to Castro Street with astounding regularity since the Center's dedication in January 1991, and there's no end in sight!

I don't think anyone fully realized what was started back in the late 1980's when the City of Mountain View decided to dedicate part of its new Civic Center Complex to the arts. (I still have architect's drawings in my office that refer to the "Mountain View Community Theater.") But those visionaries knew that however it evolved, a public theater space would be important to the economic and cultural well-being of the newly redeveloped Downtown as well as to the surrounding community and region. So, with the support of the citizens of Mountain View, city leaders took their chances, and went ahead and built a beautiful facility for the arts.

Guess what? Those forward-thinking civic leaders got it right!

Their experiment in community arts is now the vibrant heart of downtown Mountain View, home of world-class theatre, dance, and music along with visual arts displays, lectures, and corporate events. Over 170,000 people annually flock downtown to see those shows, stopping in shops and restaurants on the way.

Audiences at the Center have seen performances by Joel Gray, Paula Poundstone, Audra MacDonald, Della Reese, Dizzy Gillespie and the Duke Ellington Orchestra. They've met Robert Redford, Al Gore, primatologist Jane Goodall, radio host Michael Krasny, business giants Jack Welch and Guy Kawasaki, and sports legend Bill Walsh. They've listened to lectures by writers Peter Matthiesen, Robert Hass, Terry Tempest Williams, photographer Galen Rowell and many more. World-class performances by TheatreWorks, Smuin Ballet, Bella Lewitzky Dance and Pilobolus, and many internationally-known flamenco artists as well as regional favorites like Lamplighters Music Theatre, The Pickle Family Circus, The Nuclear Whales and Schola Cantorum have entertained millions of Center patrons.

But it doesn't stop there. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts isn't just a place to watch other people, it's a place to create art yourself.

Whether it be singing in community choruses, playing in small ensembles and symphonies, or dancing with ballet schools and folkloric groups, every season sees numerous shows by local artists contributing to the community in their own way.

An entire generation of performers has learned to act, sing, dance, and play for an audience on the Center's three stages, thanks to the work of local schools and organizations like Peninsula Youth Theatre, Pacific Ballet, Western Ballet, Oriki Theatre, and Quadre—the Voice of Four Horns. These groups' work will live on in those young performers' hearts, whether their art becomes a career or an avocation. Who knows how many careers in the arts have been launched by these companies, or by TheatreWorks' New Works and Young Playwrights Initiatives? Tony Award-winning Broadway musical Memphis, first performed here at the Center, is the most visible success of those programs, but it isn't alone, and I'm sure it won't be the last.

What will the future years bring? I'm pleased to say, much more of the same! More new plays! More new music! More new ideas! And more young artists sharing, growing and creating the art that will keep Mountain View vibrant and alive!

W. Scott Whisler
Executive Director

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Submissions for our February 2021 issue are due by January 26, 2021.

Keeping Mountain View Safe: Updates and Advice from the Mountain View Fire Department

Halloween Fire Awareness

by Robert Maitland

According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), for each year from 2014 to 2016, an estimated 10,100 fires were reported to fire departments in the United States over a three-day period around Halloween. These fires were found to cause an estimated 30 deaths, 125 injuries, and \$102 million in property loss.

The average number of fatalities and injuries per 1,000 Halloween fires was slightly higher than the same loss measures for all other fires. The average dollar loss per Halloween fire was also slightly higher than per non-Halloween fire. In terms of numbers of Halloween fires, the largest general property type category was outside fires (38%) followed by residential fires (32%). Residential Halloween fires, however, resulted in the most deaths (68%), injuries (79%) and property loss (51 percent).

Halloween fires occurred most frequently in the late afternoon and early evening hours, peaking be-

tween 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The leading causes of Halloween residential fires were: cooking (53%), heating (11%), other unintentional, careless actions (6%), and electrical malfunctions (6%).

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) by planning ahead, you can help make this Halloween a fire-safe one. Taking simple fire safety precautions can help ensure your holiday remains festive and fun.

Top Halloween fire safety tips

- Use a battery-operated candle or glow stick in jack-o-lanterns
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric
- Teach children to stay away from open flames, including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.



- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Make sure all smoke alarms are working.
- Be sure to check for and follow local COVID-19 guidelines if you decide to go trick-or-treating.

For additional information and to read the full report, please visit https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/statistics/snapshot_halloween.pdf

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<https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/HalloweenSafetyTips.pdf> ●

Easy click links on omvna.org

CDC Halloween and Holiday Considerations

The CDC website has some sound advice as we go into this holiday season. Choices and guidelines based on your own risk assessment. Take a moment to review and maybe it will give you ideas to enjoy the holidays more. ●

tinyurl.com/CDCholidays



This time may have shown you
a need for connection.

We are here for you.

When we can once again gather,
let's gather together.

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Livable Mountain View Endorses Abe-Koga & Matichak for City Council

by Nazanin Dashtara

Local civic group Livable Mountain View is endorsing Margaret Abe-Koga and Lisa Matichak for reelection to the City Council on November 3.



Each of the nine candidates running for a council seat responded to the group's questionnaire on critical issues affecting livability in Mountain View now and in the post-pandemic future, such as how the historic downtown should be preserved, office-housing balance, local control over zoning, and the development of Moffett Street adjacent to downtown. Most of the candidates accepted our offer to have a live Zoom interview to expand on their written responses.

Abe-Koga and Matichak were the two candidates whose written

responses were fully aligned with the advocacy and goals of Livable Mountain View, and who the group determined would give Mountain View much-needed leadership during this critical time.

We wish to thank all the candidates for their efforts. The questionnaires and responses from candidates who gave permission to publish them can be read here:

<https://bit.ly/30ihc9X>.

Livable Mountain View is an all-volunteer group of residents committed to making Mountain View the most livable city in California. The group supports smart growth throughout Mountain View and advocates for development that shows respect for the city's rich heritage, irreplaceable historic structures and vibrant downtown. For more information, go to www.LivableMV.org.

Please remember to vote on or before November 3!

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What's Up? Update on New Development in Mountain View

by Robert Cox

The deadline for new California state legislation is September 30. Due to the recent housing crisis, the state has taken an increasingly active role in overriding local control of housing decisions.

One of the most significant changes this year has been in relaxing the rules on building accessory dwelling units (ADUs), also called granny flats and mother-in-law units. The new state rules reduce setbacks to four feet and allow the ADU to cover the entire rear yard of the property. Furthermore, ADUs may now be constructed on the property of existing apartment complexes. Mountain View city staff reports that some older com-

plexes in Mountain View are now constructing ADUs on their property.

The state has also loosened or struck down parking requirements associated with ADUs. The parking lost when a garage and carport is converted to an ADU need not be replaced. Furthermore, studio ADUs need not have an associated parking space. The upper limit on fines for violators of the use of an ADU as a short-term rental have sharply increased. The state expects that the loosening of these regulations and increasing fines will help encourage the construction of more ADUs for long-term rentals and ease the housing crisis.

In general, the state housing law revisions this year have been more modest than many legislators would have liked. 71% of California's residential parcels are zoned for single-family homes. Senate Bill 1120 would have changed that by allowing up to four units to be built on any single-family lot in the state. This bill passed both the Senate and Assembly but failed to make it to governor's desk in time. Most likely, a new version of the bill will be crafted next year. ●

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Mountain View Election Issue Pullout

2020



Margaret
Abe-Koga



José Gutiérrez

We asked each candidate for Mountain View City Council (CC) to tell us in 150 words or less:

"What would you like to tell residents of Old Mountain View about why you are running for office?"

We also have a summary of our school board candidates. For expanded statements visit our website version at omvna.org

I love our Old Mountain View neighborhood. I love our city where my husband and I were able to purchase our first home 22 years ago, raise two daughters, care for my aging parents and be civically engaged. I've been dedicated to giving back to this community in a variety of ways, especially as your Councilmember and Mayor.

This year, as Mayor during a pandemic, civil unrest and wildfires, I've worked hard with my colleagues, staff and the community to successfully address the concerns and needs of our community.

As we must now work together to rebuild our city, we need strong and steady leadership, experience, the relationships and know how to get things done which I've demonstrated over my twelve years on the City Council. I would be honored to return to the Council to effectively tackle the challenges ahead to keep Mountain View a thriving place for everyone.

I've lived in Mountain View for 20 years, am a single father of 2 amazing daughters and am a member of the MVWSD Board of Trustees since 2015. I believe in consensus building and teamwork. Partnerships are key to problem solving. Our district has partnered with the city council and developer Fortbay/Miramar Capital to construct 144 apartment units for MVWSD teachers and staff. 20 of these units will also be available for city employees at below, below market rates. We also partnered with Google and Mountain View Educational Foundation to provide one chromebook for everyone of our students in order to help them participate in distance learning. These are examples of what partnerships can do. I look forward to doing the same at city council. You can learn more about me and my thoughts at www.jose4citycouncil.com. Stay safe and well.

Margaret Abve-Koga, Rising Up to Challenges with Strong and Steady Leadership



Times like this call for strong and steady leadership, experience, relationships and the know how to get things done which I've demonstrated over my twelve years on the City Council and as Mayor this year during the pandemic, civil unrest and wildfires and in 2009 during the Great Recession.

I would be honored to continue to serve on the City Council to:

- Recover and rebuild our City focusing on economic recovery
- Maintain fiscally sound city budgets and our top-notch city services
- Combat climate change to ensure a bright outlook for us and future generations
- Promote infrastructure enhancements including affordable housing and transportation
- Enhance city government accessibility and community engagement



On November 3rd, Vote #1 on your Ballot!
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John Lashlee

I am a proud renter, worker, and activist in Mountain View.

Right now, more than ever, we need neighbor-to-neighbor solidarity, mutual aid, and support. The pandemic has created pressure on our abilities to work, pay our rents and mortgage, buy our groceries and medicine, and more. Now we have to be conscious and deliberative about how we protect each other during this difficult time.

We must expand our rent and mortgage relief program to prevent every eviction, we must solve our racially biased police arrest record where our Black and Latinx neighbors are much more likely to be arrested than other neighbors, and we must protect our small businesses. I am campaigning to do this and more.

These are rapidly changing and uncertain times. But together as neighbors in Mountain View, our solidarity is a force that will see us through.



Sally J. Lieber

My husband and I have lived in Old Mountain View for 26 years. We love the small town feel and the fact that it's a real neighborhood. I've also had the honor of serving on City Council, as Mayor, County Commissioner, and in the State Assembly for three terms.

Now, we're facing unique challenges as a City and as a community. Even before COVID, the diversity that we had in Old Mountain View was waning. Valued neighbors have left and those essential workers who are still here are hard pressed to stay in our area.

We need our City to do even more to ensure that displacement is slowed, that we have quality services that reflect the needs of our community, that we do everything in our power to quickly ensure environmental sustainability, and that families have the opportunities they need.

I would be honored to have your vote.

www.votesally.org



Lisa Matichak

It's been an honor to serve on the City Council these past four years. I am running for re-election to continue championing strong neighborhoods and a great quality of life for Mountain View residents. While Mountain View is growing, it is important to have new developments fit with the character of existing neighborhoods. And it is critical to help our small businesses thrive. Our downtown is a gem in the region and I've worked to preserve the historic area and buildings while allowing for retail uses to change.

We are at a critical juncture when it comes to our environment. Our sustainability plans need to stay on track so that we can reach our carbon emission reduction goals. Investing in sustainability is critical for generations to come as well as our quality of life.

I would be honored to have your vote. I am #8 on the ballot.

www.LisaForCouncil.com

Re-elect



Lisa Matichak
Mountain View City Council
#8 on the ballot

On the City Council I have:

- Preserved the character of neighborhoods, while enabling growth in two new areas.
- Prioritized sustainability and preservation of the natural environment.
- Championed transportation infrastructure including bike lanes, expansion of the free community shuttle, and changes to reduce congestion.

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Endorsement Highlights

Organizations:
Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, Livable Mountain View, Los Altos Town Crier, Mountain View Professional Firefighters, Sierra Club

Elected Officials:
Anna Eshoo, Congresswoman, 18th Cong. District
Jerry Hill, State Senator, 13th District
Marc Berman, State Assemblymember, 24th District
Joe Simitian, County Supervisor, Santa Clara County



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Alex Núñez

I'm running for City Council because I believe that now more than ever, Mountain View needs leadership that fights for the well being of residents ahead of all other interests.

For years, I have worked to embody these values by championing the needs of Mountain View's working families, vulnerable populations, and young residents. And through my service as campaign Co-Lead for both the NO on Measure D last March and YES on Measure P campaign in November 2018, I have worked to materially apply these values.

I am seeking to use this experience and values-based approach as your next Councilmember to ensure that our COVID-19 recovery is shared by all of our residents and to take the bold action we need to finally make progress against climate change and our long-standing housing crisis.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote. Thank you.



Pat Showalter

It has been an honor to serve on the City Council and as Mayor of the community that has been my home for 34 years. If re-elected I will continue to champion housing, reducing traffic, protecting our environment and civility. I'm proud of our accomplishments: raising minimum wage; adding 2500 housing units, 370 of them affordable; making our streets safer for bikes and walkers; and opening 3 new parks. I have taken advantage of opportunities to serve on regional commissions where my civil engineering experience is relevant like the Bay Conservation & Development Commission and the Recycling & Waste Reduction Commission. In my 2nd term, getting housing built in the North Bayshore will be job one. It's also time to re-do the Downtown Precise Plan and extend the Stevens Creek Trail to Mountain View High. I'm persistent, pragmatic and progressive. Learn more at patshowalter.com. Please contact me with any questions.



Leonard
"Lenny" Siegel

Living in Old Mountain View during the pandemic, I feel like I'm in the eye of a hurricane. We work in our garden. We walk in the streets at night, keeping a healthy distance from other neighbors. Weekly I enjoy the Farmers' Market.

I'm proud of the work I did in the late 1970s to preserve our neighborhood, but I have also supported the construction of denser housing on commercial property and parking lots downtown and near the railroad tracks. I am delighted at last to see traffic-free blocks on Castro Street.

I know we were lucky to buy our house in 1979, at a fraction of today's comparable price. But not everyone could. To preserve Mountain View's cultural and socioeconomic diversity, protect the planet, and maintain the city's quality of life, we need to combat displacement and gentrification and create new, mixed-use neighborhoods.

See the link to my YouTube videos at lennysiegeforgouncil.org



Paul Roales

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Candidates for MVWSD School Board Election

2020

Candidates for MVWSD & MVLA School Board Elections

We asked each candidate to tell us in 150 words or less:

"What would you like to tell residents of Old Mountain View about why you are running for office?"



Laura Blakely
Incumbent/Attorney

I'm the only incumbent running for reelection to our school board. I care deeply about our community and schools and want them to be the best they can be to inspire, prepare and empower every student. My sons got a great education in our schools (Landels, Graham & MVHS), and I want ALL of our kids, regardless of income, language, ethnicity, learning differences, immigration status, race or gender identity, to have access to a great public education, and stay engaged in school. I want to build on our District's successes toward closing the achievement gap, to see 144 affordable teacher housing units get built, and to offer high quality distance learning until kids can safely return to the classroom. Strengths I bring to the job include relationships built over 20 years as a community volunteer and expertise in contracts, finance and governance developed in my transactional law practice.

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Laura Ramirez Berman
School Principal/
Mother

I am running for the MVWSD Board to put my extensive experience in education leadership to work for the benefit of our community. I am a bi-lingual, Latina mother of young children in the district and an active community volunteer. I am committed to strengthening our schools and closing the achievement gap.

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Candidates for MVWSD School Board Election



Christopher Chiang
Middle School
Teacher

Sixteen years ago, a fellow teacher and I moved to Bush Street, as we embarked on our teaching career. Sixteen years later, I no longer live in Old Mountain View, but these 16 years have been a steadfast commitment to make schools a magical place. Old MV represents the feel all schools should have. Old MV is walkable, its neighbors knowable, and you feel at peace there.

Our schools should be the heart of each neighborhood, whether or not residents have children, organizing neighborhood events and community projects. Students should feel tranquility on campus by prioritizing social-emotional learning (SEL) and expanding trees on campus via Measure T.

I have twice been teacher of the year, I see this current crisis as a chance for MVWSD to revolutionize how we teach to include not just SEL, but more authentic project-based learning.

chrisformv.com or
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Patrick Neschleba
Middle School
Parent /
Technology
Professional

I've been serving public schools for most of my life, and after years of service on MVWSD committees and site councils, I'm ready to step up with a 4-year commitment to help take our schools to the next level. Looking at our district and our upcoming challenges, we need expertise on the Board in areas like facilities planning, project management, and fiscal responsibility. We need a critical mass of advocates for equity, academic achievement, and diversity. We need consensus-builders to help the Board identify ways to move forward on difficult issues. And in order to ensure our Board is able to stay in touch with the realities of how our public schools are operating today, we need at least one experienced middle school parent on the Board. That's who I am, that's what I do - and it's why I'm excited to run for school board this year.

www.patrickforschoolboard.com



Manny Velasco
Small Business Owner

After nearly 15 years of service to the district, and 36 years as a born and raised resident of Mountain View, I have decided to join the race for School Board Trustee. In 10 years in Special Education, working in every school and with every grade level, I gained first hand student perspective of our educational systems. Later, in my position forging community engagement I helped create the first food pantry, developed English classes for parents, instituted free tutoring, and secured free enrollment into Foothill College to all parent participants regardless of their status. I created data systems that were adopted county-wide and helped inform many of the statistics presented by the district in recent years. I oversaw mental health referrals and connections. I have dedicated my entire adult life to the well being of all students with a special focus on all of our most fragile populations.

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VOTING INFORMATION

November 3 Election; Can You Vote?

You can check your registration at tinyurl.com/ckvtreg or 1-866-430-8683 toll free. If you need to update your registration, you can do it online at registertovote.ca.gov.

The registration deadline is Monday, October 19. All registered voters will receive a mail-in ballot. Voting is more important than ever this year, but COVID-19 restrictions will make voting in person more difficult. We are all strongly encouraged to vote by mail.

Candidates for MVLA High School Board Election



Sanjay Dave
Incumbent, MVLA
Board President

My reasons for running for re-election are the same as when I first ran. I want to provide equal access such that all our students can thrive academically, athletically, socially and emotionally; I want the district to continuously look at ways to improve the high-quality STEAM education we provide our students; attract and retain high-quality teachers; be a voice of the community while also being transparent to the community; and provide responsible and sound financial planning for our immediate needs and for our future needs.

I believe I'm one of the more engaged board members, where I have or am leading many of the issues that are coming upon the board, including discussions on a 3rd high school due to all the proposed development in MV, stadium lights, facilities master plan and late-start bell schedule.

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Dr. Phil Faillace
Incumbent MVLA
High School
Board Member

I am uniquely qualified to provide experienced leadership to MVLA, especially at this critical time. Our Superintendent and over 50% of high-level district administrators are new; as are MV High's Principal and two of four Assistant Principals; two of the Board's five members have less than four years board experience – and the District is facing its most challenging crisis ever!

My twenty-four successful years on MVLA board leadership teams spans four superintendencies. I and those teams considered diverse opinions, managed enrollment swings, engaged in winning bond campaigns, and rearranged budgets during economic downturns to preserve educational excellence.

We improved the high school experience, raised achievement, narrowed the Achievement Gap, increased support for mental health and wellness, reduced stress, introduced equity into decisions, expanded programs for underserved students and parents, and much more.

Overseeing

MVLA's response to Covid-19 and beyond requires such experience. Providing it would be my honor.

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Laura Teksler
Community Volunteer
& Candidate for
MVLA High
School Board

I am running for MVLA High School Board because I passionately believe that strong public schools are the foundation of our community. I have the leadership experience and strategic vision to address issues that the District is facing in an effective and efficient manner.

I believe we can use the disruption caused by COVID/distance learning as an opportunity to address needed changes to the culture of our schools. We can begin to reduce student anxiety and stress by balancing academic achievement with cultivating students' love for learning and other important aspects of educating the next generation. We can improve our culture of inclusivity through training and curriculum adjustments while at the same time helping to close the achievement gap with these same approaches.

I am committed to bringing the voice of families to the Board and working to increase collaboration and communication so we can find solutions together.

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Phil Faillace

Mountain View Los Altos High School Board

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Mountain View Halloween Activities

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Monster Bash is BACK! Like many residents, we're ready for autumn's spookiest spell-ebration, MONSTER BASH. This annual event has been transformed from a one-day bash to a month-long series of ghoulish challenges, tricky trivia, enchanting activity kits, spooky storytime and a hair-raising virtual concert with Andy Z.

Virtual Concert with Andy Z

Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m.

Plaza Haunt

From October 19 to November 2, Pioneer Park and Civic Center Plaza

Home Decorating Contest

You're invited to join the spookiest home decorating contest around. Judging will be the evenings from October 12-18, 2020.

Registration will be open until Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

BOO-In-a-box Activity Kits

Bring the Monster Bash experience home with you! The Boo-in-a-Box activity kits are available to purchase online.

Community Recipe eBook

This year, as part of the Monster Bash celebrations, we are creating a Community Recipe eBook.

Spooky Stories with Mountain View Public Library

Hear spooky, kid-friendly stories with your MVPL librarians! Registration is required.

Trick or Treat Trivia Night

October 23, 2020, 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Challenges

Each week in October, participate in weekly challenges on MV Recs social media pages. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram @ MountainViewRecreation.

Week One: Fall into Nature

Week Two: Spooky Shuffle

Week Three: Pumpkin Pride

Week Four: Costume Celebration

All ghouls and goblins can now see the full list of activities and details on the city website: **www.MountainView.gov/MonsterBash**

Library Updates

by Kyle Hval

The Mountain View Public Library is hosting several virtual events promoting social justice and racial equity via Zoom. On October 6, the Library is hosting author, feminist activist and renowned speaker Jamia Wilson for a discussion of race, activism, and women's rights. Jamia Wilson will offer insight on how we can all be everyday revolutionaries as we step into our power, tap into our strengths, and influence change in our own communities and beyond. Jamia Wilson is the director of the Feminist Press at the City University of New York and the former VP of programs at the Women's Media Center. She is the author of *Young, Gifted, and Black*, *Step Into Your Power: 23 Lessons on How to Live Your Best Life*, *Big Ideas for Young Thinkers*, *ABC's of AOC*, and the co-author of *Roadmap for Revolutionaries: Resistance, Advocacy, and Activism for All*. Register for "Step into Your Power: a discussion with Jamia Wilson" at <https://mountainview.libcal.com/event/6945549>.

The Library is also hosting a two-part workshop with nationally renowned speaker Kimberly Papillon entitled "The Neuroscience of Implicit Bias." In the sessions, she will provide concrete strategies and tools you can implement to thwart the unconscious biases in our decision making and interactions with others. The way people look, speak, or even the sound of their names can affect how our brains react when meeting people. Neuroscience can help us better understand and change our preconceived notions of others to foster a more equitable society. Kimberly Papillon is a nationally recognized expert on the subject of decision-making in law, education, business and medicine. She has lectured to corporations including to Google, Walmart, Clorox and Kaiser Hospitals nationwide and provided a TedTalk. Sign up for both parts of this topical series at <https://mountainview.gov/librarycalendar>. ●



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The Art of Sourdough

by Kristin Bailey



Everyone is talking about the summer of sourdough. Maybe you've gotten tired of the cultural phenomenon. But ooooooh, how can you tire of the joyful tang and crunch that is fresh sourdough.

Is there more to sourdough than meets the mouth? Absolutely! Beyond being the delicious reward from this extra time at home, sourdough is the new daily bread. Sourdough is art, science, social currency, a meal companion (or a meal) -- and a calming routine in this stressful time.

Making sourdough, like making art, can increase the level of dopamine in the brain, which helps ward off sadness and depression — and provides a boost to self-esteem.

And sourdough is art. It may not always be beautiful, but it is deeply satisfying and delicious. So let's share a loaf and virtually break bread as neighbors.

Want to embark on your own hedonistic journey? Visit omvna.org for simple tips for commitment phobes and hell raisers alike. ●



My starter, Alexander Hamilton, Come on, let's go. Rise up!

Now Available at the Library Grab & Go Holds Pick Up By Appointment

Thank you to the new appointment system, the long lines are gone. Getting library books is easier and quicker.

Grab & Go Holds Pick Up By Appointment: For quicker service and to provide service during all weather conditions, we are transitioning Grab & Go Holds Pick Up to appointment only. Starting Monday, September 21, schedule your holds pick up through the online appointment system. If you do not have Internet access, call them at (650) 903-6336 between 10:00am and 6:00pm, Monday through Saturday to book your holds pick up appointment. Grab & Go Holds Pick Up is available Tuesday through Saturday from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. ●



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October Bingo



A new October bingo card. Wander the neighborhood and see what you can find. Play and have fun!

Tombstone	Ghost	Alien	Autumn Leaf	Witch Cauldron
Orange Pumpkin	Holiday Lights	Pirate	Election Sign	Skeleton
Painted Stone	Persimmon Tree		Spider	Orange Car
Owl	Black Cat	White Pumpkin	Jack-o-Lantern	Witch
Orange Tree	Broomstick	Full Moon	Spider Web	Spooky Sign

The OMVNA Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of candidates for the 2021 Old Mountain View Neighborhood Steering Committee election on December 14, 2020.

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

Chair: David Lewis

Vice Chair: Robert Cox

Secretary:..... Samantha Blewis

Treasurer: Larry Rush

Community

Liaison: Jamil Shaikh

Newsletter

Editor:..... Susan Bickford

At Large:..... Larry Rosenberg

At Large:..... Lorraine Wormald

Subcommittee Chairs

CERT: Sherril Brennan

Historical

Preservation:..... Jerry Steach

Residential

Parking:..... Robert Cox,

..... Jamil Shaikh

Non-voted positions

Advertising Kristin Bailey

Social Media open

The Steering Committee would like to thank the Nominating Committee Chair Jerry Steach and committee members Julia Ha and Paul Lansky for their service in recruiting nominees for these positions.



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