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Holiday Highlights



Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 11am – 9pm. Mountain View City Hall Plaza, 500 Castro Street. Rain or shine! Admission is free.

The German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV) invites you once again to a one-day vacation in Europe; no passport needed! City Hall Plaza is transformed on December 9th into a village the likes of which are found in Germany, Switzerland and Austria during the holiday season. The heart of downtown Mountain View becomes an open-air festive market featuring traditional German food and beverages, classic wood ornaments from Germany along with unique and handmade gifts from local artists. Plus crafts and games for kids of all ages and live entertainment on stage all day including a sing-along of holiday favorites!

The popular German Holiday Market has grown over the last five years to now include Mercy Street and part of Pioneer Park. Food and drink booths were increased allowing more visitors to enjoy a *Bratwurst* and *Bier* while shopping for gifts. The kids love *Kinderpunsch* (warm apple cider) and *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread) to keep their energy up for carnival games and holiday crafts. The petting zoo, ferris wheel and choo-choo train are always a big draw for the little ones in the crowd.

The family-friendly event is presented by the German International School of Silicon Valley, a nonprofit bilingual preschool – 12th grade school on Easy Street in Mountain View. The entire event is powered by GISSV volunteers and raises money for the school.

Holiday markets in Europe date back to the 1300s. The desire to gather and rejoice was strong in the colder months when the daylight hours were shorter. Just as in Europe, GISSV's German Holiday Market goes into the evening when the twinkling of lights bring a special magic to the crisp night air. If you miss Europe, you will feel at home when see a *Nussknacker* (nutcracker) for sale, smell the *Gebrannte Mandeln* (candied, toasted almonds) in the air, taste the sweet *Stollen* (fruit bread), and warm up with a mug of steaming *Glühwein* (mulled wine).

Come enjoy this European and now Mountain View tradition where you can also practice your German alongside the parents, staff and students of the German International School of Silicon Valley. *Noch ein Glühwein bitte!* (Another mulled wine please!)

Ernie's Trains

Located in the Monta Loma neighborhood, John Bianco, Ernie's son, will continue the tradition of running his model trains from Thanksgiving through Christmas Day. Weather permitting, five tracks will run trains every evening except Mondays at **2387 Adele Avenue** from 6:30 p.m. to about 9:00 p.m.


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Christmas Tree Lighting

Monday, December 4, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street

Enjoy live holiday music, refreshments, lights and the arrival of Santa Claus. In the spirit of the season, guests are encouraged to bring a can of food to benefit the Community Services Agency. 

Restaurant Scene

by Max Hauser

Korean tabletop-grill restaurant **Ginseng aka The Grill Story** (475 Castro) became **K-Pot Grill** (similar format) www.kpotgrill.com



Peet's Coffee inaugurated its new downtown 420 Castro location in August.



216 Castro's **Quality Bourbons & Barbecue** opened as promised in September, with award-winning barbecue chef and many bourbon whiskeys.



Drunken Lobster departed 212 Castro; its pizza slices remain available pending remodeling of new tenant **Maison Alyzee**, whose owner Laurent Pellet plans to reopen as a bakery in January.



After four years in business, Indian eatery **Park Balluchi**, 288 Castro, "re-branded" itself **Mantra India** and promises menu updates early in the new year.



Yami Grill (<http://www.yamigrill.com>), in the site of the former Yam Leaf Bistro, 699 Calderon at Church, opened in October.



At 124 Castro, **East Street Tacos/Tapas** closed; **Chop & Pub**, "focused on booze and small plates," opened in October: <https://www.mv-voice.com/blogs/p/2017/10/09/chop--pub-to-open-in-mountain-view>



Biryani specialist **BiryaniZ**, part of a small restaurant group, replaced **Shalimar Sizzle** at 246

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Artists in Residence: Painter Cliff Bryant

A 7,400 Mile Journey, From Palo Alto to Mountain View

by Don McPhail



Artist Cliff Bryant's journey from Palo Alto to Old Mountain View took twenty years and covered over 7,400 miles. His journey as an artist has been a lifelong experience.

Cliff grew up in Palo Alto, graduating from Palo Alto High School, then attended Cal-Berkeley in the turbulent protest years, graduating in 1971. He spent the remainder of the Seventies in Tel Aviv, teaching English at the university while his wife, Ronit, was a school psychologist.

He was an instructor at the university, but was looking to do more. "A friend was working as a computer programmer and introduced me to what he was doing. I immediately knew I could do this. So I moved back to the Bay Area to get training, taking programming classes at De Anza, and Ronit joined me here."

In 1982, he began at a computer firm in Cupertino and in 1984 he found a position as a programmer at Hewlett Packard. He had gone to school with two of the Hewlett kids

(Jim and Bill), so Hewlett Packard was like coming home. This was a career that would last nearly thirty years, until "...the company left the ethos of Hewlett and Packard around 2000. I retired from the soulless company now called HP in 2012."

Cliff and Ronit have deep roots in Old Mountain View, having moved here in 1987, from the Rengstorff area and Sunnyvale before that. "We moved into this area in 1980 from Tel Aviv. We wanted a people-oriented city like those we had lived in overseas."

Always actively engaged in their communities, they were involved in the OMVNA since its very early days. "Ronit became newsletter editor and chair, and I worked on by-laws."

As for his attraction to art, "I could always draw. My mother attempted to get me lessons from an artist who lived in Palo Alto. I still have the oil pastel drawing I made and framed way back then."

When Cliff retired, he decided to focus on something new and something he had never tried: oil painting. "I like oils because they are so slow drying. I can play with the paints over several hours and days. I like the ability to layer colors on top of each other, create textures and have the colors blend through each other. I can mold the painting in ways I could not achieve with the all-too-quick-drying acrylics."

"I focus on figurative art because I like to try to capture what I see. I am learning to articulate better

what it is in a scene that attracts me and try to portray that essence. I keep asking what exactly attracts me, and where is it in the painting."

Cliff's art is fascinating, as is his personal approach to life. Always an activist, he has much more to accomplish and to share with his community. He shows his art work at www.cliffbryant.studio and his art will be featured in the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts lobby August 14 - October 15, 2018.



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

by Laura Gentry



Be Fire Smart with Home Electricity

As we head into November, the daylight hours decrease and our electrical usage increases.

Mountain View Fire Department would like to share some National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) tips to keep you fire-smart with electricity throughout your home.

Did you know?...

There are **more than 45,000** home electrical fires each year

About **half** of these involve lighting equipment or home electrical wiring.

Home electrical fire deaths peak between **midnight and 6 a.m.**

Peak months for electrical fire deaths are **December through March.**

Here are three key tips on how to prevent electrical fires:

- Plug in only **one** heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, space heater, or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time

- Extension cords should only be used **temporarily**. Have an electri-

cian install additional wall outlets where you need them.

- Never use an extension cord with a **heat-producing appliance**.

Cops and Gobblers

We are excited to be in our 21st year of hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Citizens of Mountain View!

Your donations and time volunteering help us make this program a big success each year!

If you are interested in making a much needed donation, please make your check out to:

"Community Health Awareness Council" OR "CHAC"

In the memo section of your check please add: "Cops & Gobblers"

Please mail your donation by November 17, 2017 to:

Mountain View Police Department
Attn: Amber Wilson
1000 Villa Street
Mountain View, CA 94041

Our event will be held (Rain or Shine) on:

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 9:00 am.

We are meeting in front of the Police & Fire Building located at 1000 Villa Street

Anyone interested in volunteering for the event can simply show up, no RSVP is needed.

Need more info? Contact Amber Wilson at Amber.Wilson@mountainview.gov

Holiday Safety Tips

It is that time again as the holidays quickly approach us.

With the time change, it will be darker earlier which means you need to drive with a bit more caution and look out for pedestrians who may be out doing last-minute shopping and not as visible.

Remember to park and walk in well-lit places to avoid any potential problems.

When out shopping, never leave *anything* in plain view in your car in order to avoid auto burglaries.

Although we might enjoy Christmas tree decorations or lights in and around our homes, remember not to 'advertise' the tree and all the gifts by placing them in front of win-

by Jodie Pierce



dows visible to people passing by.

Leaving the drapes or blinds open in the windows advertises what is in your home and raises the possibility for theft.

If you are ordering on line, track your packages to know when they will be delivered to avoid theft from your front door area. If you can't be home to get the packages when they are delivered, ask a friend or neighbor to pick up the packages and hold on to them until you arrive home.

And most importantly, if you see anything or anyone suspicious in your neighborhood or while you are out and about, please call the police department.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

How You Can Help North Bay Recovery

Many of us have friends and family impacted by the fire events in the North Bay.

Check these sites for current ways to help recovery and rebuild. Don't forget to visit the areas. Please check availability of your destination in advance.

FIRE RELIEF FUNDRAISERS

The Napa Valley Spirit is on full display. Please support local Businesses

<https://www.visitnapavalley.com/emergency/>

Sonoma County Recovery

This site is designed to facilitate community recovery. Residents can request help or sign up to donate and volunteer.

Organizations can help by clicking "I Represent a Local Organization" at the upper-right.

<https://sonomacounty.recovers.org/>

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, at <http://mountainviewpoliceblog.com>, or on Facebook at 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.

✈✈ Big Decisions on Airplane Noise Ahead ✈✈

by Robert Holbrook

The winter months bring holidays, cooler weather and, for Old Mountain View, more airplane noise—a lot more in recent years. Cloudy, cooler weather often comes with winds that require Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) to reverse direction for landings and take offs.

The less common "south flow" arrivals approach the airport from the Bay and come by way of Mountain View. The worst south flow days bring 220 overflights to Mountain View, a number that will double in the next decade if SJC meets its growth targets. That would mean a plane almost every two minutes during waking hours when weather dictates.

Why have noise complaints skyrocketed? Weather has contributed, but the far bigger issue is the FAA's 2015 rollout of Nextgen, which modernizes the use of airspace. Unfortunately, the FAA does not have a mandate from Congress to pay much attention to noise, so they have been optimizing flight procedures for efficiency, driven by industry.

The resulting increases and shifts in noise have brought complaints and lawsuits nationwide. Mountain View has been affected by:

- 1) the tightening of the flight corridor above us,
- 2) the shifting of that now-tighter corridor west over Old Mountain View and
- 3) new flight procedures that have made airplanes louder (speed guidance was raised).

Also, airplanes are increasingly being routed over Whisman Avenue to save time and fuel. Many people think these planes are louder—and they can be clearly heard in Old Mountain View, to say nothing of the Whisman area. All this is the "new normal" unless we change it.

Fortunately, community feedback has brought action.

In October, the San Jose City Council created an "Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals." It will consist of one elected representative from each city in Santa Clara County—San Jose gets two—and a County Supervisor. The FAA will attend to answer ques-

tions and consider suggestions, so change is possible.

Unfortunately, a high bar is set: a two-thirds vote is required for any recommendation (whereas the changes that affected us were made without community input, let alone a majority vote) and the Committee's charter lasts only 120 days, which doesn't give the FAA much time to research answers to the Committee's questions.

Mountain View will be ably represented by Council Member Lisa Matichak, with Vice-Mayor Lenny Siegel as alternate. Committee meetings should start early next year. The next six months will be decisive.

Mountain View City Staff have asked neighboring cities if they would like to pool resources to hire a consultant who might identify solutions that the FAA is more likely to accept.

Make no mistake: we wouldn't have gotten a hearing with the FAA without feedback from residents. Going forward, you can help: even short emails make a difference.

If you would like to help avoid a future with loud airplanes concentrated overhead every few minutes, write to me at r@holbrook1.com and I will add you to a mailing list of concerned people. ✈✈✈

Thank You ICS Raffle Donors

A special shout out to these wonderful local businesses for their raffle prize donations. Their generosity was so appreciated. Old Mountain View Neighborhood is unique because we encompass the downtown area—full of businesses.

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Help Preserve Old Mountain View History

by Jerry Steach

Livable Mountain View is a volunteer group of residents from Old Mountain View and other neighborhoods working to guide the city's growth and enhance our quality of life. We aim to ensure that development doesn't come at the expense of Mountain View's historic resources.

LMV believes development can be positive—if it's approached with thoughtful, conscientious planning. Yet, Downtown Mountain View is getting out of balance in this regard. Therefore, we advocate balanced growth that factors in the interests of residents and property/business owners alike.

An area of real concern for us is a developer's proposal to remove two historic buildings on Villa St., replacing them with an office structure. One building, the Weilheimer House (where Chez TJ restaurant presently operates), was built in the 1890s and is one of the oldest standing structures in Old Mountain View. Over its history, it was the home of 19th Century Mountain View merchants, the city's first mayor, and first and only congressman to hail from the city. The second, adjacent structure is the former Air Base Laundry building (currently the Tied House café), which dates to 1931 and has a unique history of its own.

Losing these two historic structures would be a monumental loss
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OMVNA Steering Committee

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At-Large: Larry Rosenberg
At-Large: Lorraine Wormald
Newsletter: Susan Bickford
Community Liaison: Jamil Shaikh
Subcommittee Chairs

CERT: Aaron Grossman
Historical Preservation: Jerry Steach
Residential Parking: Robert Cox
Advertising: Kristin Bailey
Next Meeting: December 11, 2017

Library Renovations by Ellen Thayne

The City Council has approved the project to remodel the Mountain View Public Library.

The project will begin in late fall and should be complete by the end of the fiscal year (June 2018).

On the first floor, the children's area will be expanded all the way to the lobby, the community room will be expanded, and the entire area will be remodeled.

On the second floor, additional study rooms will be added, an additional reading area will be added in the magazine area, and the reference desk will be relocated.

If you would like more information, you can see the report presented to the City Council at the June 27, 2017 meeting.

The library will remain open during construction, with various areas closed during different phases of the project.



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Contact the newsletter team at: editorOMVNA@yahoo.com

Submissions for our February 2018 issue are due by January 17, 2018.

To sign up for neighborhood alerts by OMVNAtalk email:

- Send a blank message (no subject or content needed) from your preferred email address to omvnatalk-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/omvnatalk.html>

For newsletter delivery problems or to volunteer to help, send email to lorraine.omvna@gmail.com

A Big OMV ICS Thank You by Lorraine Wormald

Thanks for coming to the Ice Cream Social and making it a great afternoon. So many people showed up!

We had music, laughter, Baskin Robbins ice cream, children's games, the mayor, a few City Council members, policemen with their wonderful K-9 Zeus, and firemen with the huge ladder engine.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves...including some well-behaved dogs! Informational tables from MV Trees, MV Mediation, Hope's Corner, Santa Clara Co Housing for Cold-Weather Shelter, MV Historic Preservation, CERT, and Stevens Creek Trail. What more could you ask for?

Apologies to anyone overlooked on our thank you list. It was very long!

Entertainment and Fun

Lillian Husky was our wonderful 10-year-old Balloon Twister with her family, while Tori Atwell provided balloons for the event. Lily Tunkelang and Kristin Bailey designed and built the obstacle course.

As always, Elvis, our MV postman Charlie Dupré was there entertaining us, even playing music during the setup which is so great.

A new local musical group "Ana and the MRI" performed for the second half. The girls were wonderful, I'm sure we will be hearing their name more and more!

Logistics

Many people came to setup, loaned chairs, tables, games and traffic cones. Julie Lovins donated her yard chairs to OMVNA.

Manning the Registration Table were Jerry & Karen Steach, Robert Cox, and Max Hauser.

Ten great teens from the Kiwanis Key Club assisted with setup, take down, staffing the games and basically "be there" to help.

The behind the scenes help: Aaron Grossman and my family David and Nancy.

Last but not least Carol and David Lewis, Robert Cox and Susan Bickford who helped during it all, especially the planning!

Repair Café December 3

Don't toss it, repair it. The next Repair Café is at the Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., on Sunday, December 3, 11:00 to 3:00. Visit repaircafemv.org for information.

Bike Boulevard Plan by Susan Bickford

The plans for transforming the Church / Latham corridor from 237 to Walmart into a "Bike Boulevard" are moving forward. There is a lot to like in this plan which is meant to provide a low-stress bikeway that prioritizes bike travel while lowering motorized traffic volume and speeds.

However, we all know that motorized traffic will not go down just because this popular alternative to El Camino and California Street will be less accessible—it will simply move elsewhere, like squeezing a tube of toothpaste. Therefore, all OMV residents should take a moment to familiarize themselves with the proposal presentation at: <http://tinyurl.com/y73xdkuu>

The current feasibility study proposes a number of goals:

- Speed management: low speed
- Volume management: low motor vehicle volumes
- Minor street crossings: minimize bicyclist delay
- Major street crossings: safe and

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OMVNA Annual Meeting

The OMVNA General Meeting and Elections are scheduled for Monday, December 11 at 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of Edith Landels Elementary School, 115 W. Dana Street.

The OMVNA Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of candidates for the 2017 Old Mountain View Neighborhood Steering Committee election.

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

Steering Committee Nominees:

Chair: David Lewis
Vice Chair: Robert Cox
Secretary: Max Hauser
Treasurer: Larry Rush
Community Liaison: Jamil Shaikh
Newsletter: Susan Bickford
At Large: Larry Rosenberg & Lorraine Wormald

Subcommittee Chairs Nominees:

CERT: Sherril Brennon
Historic Preservation: Jerry Steach
Parking: Robert Cox

Be Tree Savvy

Low-hanging branches

Ducking under low-hanging tree branches and bushes can spoil a walk through the neighborhood. Many residents think they cannot trim their street trees and that only the City is allowed to do that.

That's a misunderstanding. Yes, only the City can prune your street tree, but basic trimming is allowed. City code requires that "sidewalks be clear of overhanging bushes, trees, and any garden materials, across the full width of the sidewalk to a height of at least seven feet."

Please see that your sidewalk stays clear, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Winter Care for Trees

Tree trimming is best done in fall/early winter. Water deeply after trimming. Some gardeners suggest that any aggressive pruning/trimming be done in early January. That allows the leaves to continue to absorb as much sun as possible now and gives the tree/bush time to recover before its heaviest growing season begins. Trimming between September and early January is best for nesting birds.

Trees within ten feet of the curb are regulated by the City. See tinyurl.com/StrtreesQs or call 903-6273 for care instructions.

If you would like a street tree planted on your property by the City this winter, call 903-6273 or email parks@mountainview.gov. The City will plant and stake the tree, and trim it periodically over its lifetime at no charge.

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Getting to Know MV CERT

by Sherril Brennan

In times of emergencies or disasters, neighbors helping neighbors may be the first line of defense and can make a world of difference in the outcome. That help can be all the more effective if those helping others are trained to know when to help and how to help.

The City of Mountain View offers its residents a Community Emergency Response Training, which includes:

- Preparing for an Emergency
- Disaster Medical Assistance
- Light Search and Rescue
- Fire Suppression

For more information, including class dates for 2018 or to register, call the office of Emergency Services (650) 903-6825. Laura Gentry is the new Office of Emergency Services Coordinator.

Additional resources available to residents include:

- The Santa Clara County Emergency Alert System is a way to get alerts sent directly to your cell phone, mobile device or landline with information and instructions in a variety of emergency situations. To learn more or to sign up for Alert SCC, go to www.alertscc.com.

- Santa Clara County has an SCC Community Preparedness App to help each user create a personalized emergency plan. To download:

- For iPhones, download ReadySCC by going to the App Store and opening the app "ReadySCC - Santa Clara County". Use "Google Play" if you are using an Android smartphone.

- Click on "GET" and launch app.

Leadership Changes

Aaron Grossman, CERT leader for a number of years, is now Vice-Chair. Joining as CERT Chair is Sherril Brennan, along with Paul Goldstein, Director of Operations and Ed Brennan, Leadership Team.

CERT graduates interested in taking a more active role in the OMVNA CERT group, please contact: Sherril Brennan (sherrilb@yahoo.com) or Aaron Grossman (aagrossman@yahoo.com).

Check-Ins

Starting in January 2018 the OMVNA radio check-ins will occur on the first Sunday of each month. On Sunday, January 7 at 8:30 p.m. tune your FRS radio to channel 7 with no privacy code to check in and to hear any CERT announcements.

Managing the College Application Process

by Jennifer Piercey

The college application process has taken on all the trappings of a "season." There are countless websites, specialists, tests to take, visits to make, impressions to create. Our teens are supposed to take a crazy academic load, build homes in a third world country, write software applications, and play varsity sports and instruments. In short, they are expected to "package" themselves, competing with their peers on an impossible level to get into the top U.S. News & World Report schools—or their lives will be ruined before they've even started!

Mountain View high school students and families live in an area where this phenomenon is extreme. There are more AP classes offered, more clubs, higher GPAs and test scores and longer lists of extracurriculars than in many other parts of California and the U.S. So, our kids are under even more pressure than the "average" teen. A 2016 study published by Wallet Hub lists the San Francisco Bay Area among the most educated areas in the U.S. which means Mountain View students are surrounded by high-achieving parents as well as high-achieving peers.

Parents might remember the days of picking a school from the giant Fiske book or going by what friends or parents thought was a good school. We typed our applications and maybe wrote an essay. College counseling didn't always exist and we mailed our applications via the USPS.

Not so today.

High school students today are dealing with weighted versus unweighted GPAs, and crazy test scores. They now apply to 6-8 schools, on average. But in our area, they often apply to 15 or more! To top it off, over 1.2 million international students attended college in the U.S. in 2016. Our kids are dealing with a very competitive, global pool of applicants.

How can we help our teens deal with this overwhelming process?

Let them follow their hearts and don't force them to apply to places that are not a fit or are out of the realm of possibility. You want them

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Ernie's Trains

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The engines and cars change daily. As many as 100 visitors a night—up to 300 on Christmas Eve—come, including children brought by parents who themselves watched the trains when they were young.

Ernie also began the Christmas Eve tradition of curbside farolitos (candles in paper bags). Over the years, neighbors have added their own, so a row of the softly glowing lights now lines Adele and stretches around the corner onto Palmer, making the block a must-see on Christmas Eve. 🏠

Happy Holidays to the wonderful residents of Old Mountain View

Bike Boulevard

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convenient

- Signs and pavement markings: easy to find and follow

The measures to achieve these seem logical and have been tested in other cities.

Along with many excellent ideas, the most controversial will undoubtedly be traffic diverters. These are methods that will allow bicyclists to continue through some intersections while forcing motorized vehicles to turn and find alternate routes, using systems like bollards and other barriers.

Being forced to make left hand turns onto and off of el Camino in order to work around the neighborhood—particularly if two lanes of el Camino are closed to normal traffic—could well be a significant headache, for example.

In another case, the current proposal recommends narrowing the intersection at Ortega and Latham (one block before Walmart) and forcing motorized vehicles to turn. This intersection is also utilized by many big trucks making deliveries and leaving stores such as Target.

This same stretch is used by the Mountain View Community Shuttle.

On the whole, this is a very welcome advance in encouraging safer and greener transit around Mountain View. Please take some time to study the details and register your questions and concerns. 🚲🚲

Restaurant Scene

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Castro in October (I had a very good inexpensive biryani meal there).



Posh Bagel, 444 Castro, will close soon for a major remodeling lasting months.



Venerable Japanese restaurant **Yakko** (975 W Dana) changes hands in November, the old owners expressing confidence that the quality will continue.



Instant hand-rolled ice-cream deli **Icicles**, originally slated for 282 Castro, is now in the works at 292 Castro replacing the pending **Pushcart Creamery** there.



Popular Middle-Eastern grocer, delicatessen, grill, and caterer **Rose International Market** (a local institution, displaced to Cupertino by construction at its ECR/ Castro corner) advertised plans to return in December. <http://www.rosemarketcatering.com/>

Still Confused about Food Scraps?

If you're still confused about the food-scrap program that began in July, go to mountainview.gov/foodscraps and print a copy of the "What goes where" brochure to tape inside the cabinet door.

Compostable bags are available at our local stores. We are advised to buy only what we need short-term, lest they begin to decompose before we can use them.

Fall Leaf Street Sweeping

The City asks us to help prevent storm-drain clogs and street flooding by putting leaves in our compost (yard trimmings) carts or composting them. Don't leave them in the street.

We can also help by moving our cars and trash bins off the street the evening before the street sweeper comes so the driver can make a clean sweep. For OMV, that's the first and third Wednesday or Thursday of the month. Details are at tinyurl.com/swpng. 🍂🍂🍂

Old Mountain View History

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to those who visit, work in and live near Downtown Mountain View. Mountain View presently has no protection in place for historic buildings. They are all at risk. That is why LMV is working to preserve them, where they are, and to help ensure the appeal and vibrancy of Downtown Mountain View continues.

Old Mountain View residents, you can help: Please go to www.livablenmountainview.org, where there's plenty of information on those two historic buildings, a Change.org petition you can sign, LMV contact information, and ways to let the Mountain View City Council know you support preserving our heritage. 🏠

College Application Process

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to reach for the stars, but you also want them to go a college they like that really wants them. Students should only apply to schools where they can envision going!

Let them look beyond the STEM majors. We in Mountain View are very aware of the need for well-educated engineers, scientists, researchers and doctors. But we also need people who solve other problems; people who educate children, people who will take care of our planet, of our elders, of our finite resources. We need people who build and create.

Let them take breaks from talking about colleges for a few days a week. Let them go to people they trust to help with their essays and applications.

Make sure they sleep!

Let them lead the way with you cheering alongside, or right behind them and they will end up where they should be. 🏠

Buy MVPD Pink Patches for Cancer CAREpoint: \$10 each



All proceeds go to Cancer CAREpoint, Silicon Valley which helps anyone with cancer.

Pick up at MVPD Records (cash only) or contact Jodie Pierce via email for additional ways to purchase:

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