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Community Services In Action

by Susan Bickford

My friends from other parts of the country are often amazed when I describe the wonderful recreational services and parks Mountain View provides. I met with J.P. de la Montaigne, director of Community Services, to ask him what makes his department work and their plans for the future.

Susan: Tell me a bit about the Community Services Department. I see from the website that it's much more than sports classes and parks.

JP: The Community Services Department is composed of the management of five divisions:

The Recreation Division includes facilities and multiple program areas such as youth, teens and seniors; sports and aquatics; and special events.

The Shoreline Division oversees operations in the Shoreline Regional Park, Shoreline Golf Links, and Shoreline Amphitheater.

The Performing Arts Division manages the Center for the Performing Arts.

The Parks division maintains 39 parks and approximately 9.7 miles of trails.

Lastly, the Forestry and Roadways division maintains the City's medians, 28,000 public trees, and the Downtown area. The department has 85 full time employees and part time and seasonal staff.

Susan: Most of the cities around here also have similar departments. What sets Mountain View apart?

JP: In addition to beautiful facilities, unique offerings like Deer Hollow Farm, burrowing owls at Shoreline Park and a financial assistance program that helps provide access to programs for all residents, we like to think the biggest difference is our professional staff and their focus on customer service.

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OMVNA City Council Forum

by Robert Cox

Please join the OMVNA Leadership Team as we host our City Council Candidate Forum on Monday, October 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Public Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street.

We will begin with a "meet and greet" session at 6:30 p.m., followed by the formal question and answer session at 7:00 p.m.

Those attending will have the opportunity to submit questions on cards during the forum. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Additional Forums

October 17: 18th Congressional District Forum, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Campbell Community Center, 1 W. Campbell Ave C-31, Campbell, CA 95008.

October 24: Mountain View Senior Center, Escuela Avenue, 1:00 p.m.. The City of Mountain View Senior Advisory Committee will host a public forum to discuss candidate platforms and issues concerning our senior population. ☎

LOOK INSIDE

Special This Issue...

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

We also welcome a new Mountain View regular series on OMV building developments by Robert Cox.

Remember to vote. You still have time to register.

Let us know if there are other features you would like to see.



Restaurant Scene

by Max Hauser

124 Castro's **Chop & Pub**, the small-plates restaurant that opened late last year, now offers lunch service featuring burgers and other casual fare.



Alcohol-license notice for 210 Hope at Villa (former site of short-lived Verde Tea Kitchen) proclaims a new restaurant coming, working name **Superhot Hot Pot & Korean BBQ**.



A similar notice dated September 13 announced new owners at the restaurant **Fu Lam Mum**, 153 Castro, whose massive remodeling project progresses.



Hangen Szechuan at 134 Castro is closing September 30, after 25 years.



At press time, the new **Paris Baguette** bakery-café (315 Castro) prepares to open.



Catch Water Leaks

Did you know the little colored triangle or asterisk at the center of your water meter can help you find water leaks?

1. Turn off all water-using fixtures and make sure that no one is using water inside or outside.
2. Locate the triangle or asterisk on your meter display and watch for a few minutes.
3. If it turns when no water is being used, you have a leak.

If it still turns when you turn off the water to your house, the leak is between the house and the meter. Otherwise, the leak is inside your house or an outside system. ✕

OMVNA Artist In Residence: Zwia Lipkin

From Art to History and Back

by Don McPhail

Extraordinary energy radiates from Zwia Lipkin's artwork and articles, reflecting her unique vision, and a passion for life. Colors and textures pop from her web images, and her written words are filled with verve.

As a child in Israel, Zwia was attracted to art. "I was drawing and crafting since I can remember, then was accepted to Israel's only high school for the arts." For four years she was trained as a painter and sculptor, and in the history of art.

"I was always drawn to color and texture, to juxtaposing different materials. I enjoyed working with objects that had a past and a story, especially if those were unknown to me. There is something beautiful and mysterious in an object with a history. I was (and still am!) fascinated by the interaction between human activity and the effects of time and nature."

She dug deeply into research and history, attending the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where she studied Art History and East Asian Studies. "I originally intended to specialize in Chinese art, but as it happened, I became more interested in Chinese history. I set art aside, as life took me first to Asia and then to Stanford, where I got a

PhD in Chinese history."

Some ten years ago she discovered quilting, and enjoyed "painting" with fabric whenever she could. More recently, her introduction to rescued upholstery fabrics rekindled her creative passion. "When I discovered FabMo, a local Mountain View non-profit organization, my creativity was ignited in earnest."

Zwia describes FabMo as an amazing community resource that rescues exquisite designer textiles from the Design Center in San Francisco, and makes them available to teachers, artists, and other members of our community. "I came across FabMo's website by chance a couple of years ago and, once there, was enthralled with the gorgeous rescued upholstery fabrics they saved. These textiles had exciting textures and almost-three-dimensional body that really spoke to me."

Zwia works with textiles to create both fine art and wearable textile-art items. She also dabbles with photography. "Used, worn, decaying, rusted items have a lot of character! If you look closely, you can find beautiful abstract art in the most unlikely of places. I love taking pictures of weathered man-made items when I come across them."



She is also a talented writer. Her book, "Useless to the State: Social Problems and Social Engineering in Nationalist Nanjing, 1927-1937" was published by Harvard University Press in 2006.

For recent stories, visit her blog at: <https://www.anytexture.com/blog/>. Her word-pictures in "Sure, You Can Probably Do the Inca Trail, But Should You?" are vivid and fascinating. Her photos and captions of amazing graffiti in Tel Aviv and unique art in Ma'ale Gamla, Israel are worth a concentrated visit.

Zwia's writing, her artwork, her unique gift for overlaying textures, colors and visions of the world around her are inspired and inspiring. And we haven't even talked about her gardens!



Thank you to our Ice Cream Social Sponsors and Raffle Partners

by Lorraine Wormald

A special **THANK YOU** to our wonderful local businesses for their raffle prize donations. Their generosity was so appreciated. The Old Mountain View neighborhood is unique because we encompass the downtown area—full of businesses. Please remember to patronize them frequently.

1. Alpha Graphics
2. Ava's Market
3. Bierhaus
4. Bushido, Japanese Restaurant
5. Café Baklava Restaurant
6. Caroline Spangler, Stanford soccer & football tickets

7. Cascal Restaurant
8. Cognition Cyclery
9. Crepevine Restaurant
10. Flights Restaurant
11. Gelato Classico, Italian Ice Cream
12. La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant
13. Le Plonc Wine Bar
14. Maru Ichi Noodle House
15. Marian Concus, Flutist
16. Mountain View Farmers' Market
17. Mountain View Police Dept
18. Pete's Coffee
19. QBB: Quality Bourbon & Barbeque
20. Title Boxing Club

21. Trader Joe's Market
22. Treats on Castro Bakery
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24. Yami Grill
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Keeping Mountain View Safe: Updates and Advice from the Mountain View Fire and Police Departments

by Robert Maitland

by Jodie Pierce



Enjoy a Safe Halloween

Halloween is creeping up on us. The rush is on to find the perfect pumpkin, the spookiest costume, and the best candy for trick-or-treaters. However, along with all this excitement comes potential fire hazards related to seasonal decor and costumes. Fortunately, fire risks can be avoided by following the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Halloween safety precautions.

From 2011-2015, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 840 home structure fires per year that began with decorations. These fires caused an average of 2 civilian deaths, 36 civilian injuries, and \$11.4 million in direct property damage, per year. Fire can start when candles are too close to decorations or when long, trailing costumes come into contact with candles.

Improve the safety of your Halloween by following these tips from the NFPA:

Candles

- Refrain from having an open flame.

Keep in Touch with Mountain View's Finest

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

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

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

- Use battery-operated candles or glow-sticks in your jack-o-lanterns.

Costumes

- Choose the right costume. Try to stay away from long or flowing fabric, and remain vigilant of extraneous costume pieces.

Decorations

- Avoid flammable decorations including dried flowers, corn stalks and crepe paper that are highly flammable.
- Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.


Exits

- Remember to keep all decorations away from doors so that they are not blocking any exits or escape routes.

Smoke Alarms

- Make sure all of your smoke alarms are working and up to date.

Visibility

- Provide flashlights to children or have children carry glow sticks as part of their costumes.
- Make sure if a child is wearing a mask that the eye holes are large enough so they can see out of them. 

It's All Preventable

Auto Burglary

Hide all items of value. Do not leave them in plain view. Be sure to lock your vehicle and roll up your windows.

Residential Burglary

Lock your doors and windows, especially when leaving your home. Consider not leaving windows open even a little bit, as this gives burglars an easier point of entry into your home. Keep garage doors locked and closed, even when you are home. Do not 'advertise' high-end items by placing them in front of large windows and doors. Document items of value by their serial numbers and item description.

Bicycle Theft

Always lock your bike and not just to itself such as the other parts of its frame. Secure the bike to a post or pole using a U-type lock. Be sure to document the serial number and bicycle information and keep with other documents.




Mail Theft

Drop outgoing mail at a USPS blue mail box or a Post Office. Don't leave it in your mail box in front of your residence to be picked up. This can occasionally lead to mail theft. Be sure to pick up delivered mail as soon as possible after delivery to prevent theft of delivered mail.

Package Theft

Know when your packages are going to be delivered. Arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick up the package from your front door if you are not going to be home. Many carriers allow for prior notification of delivery and you can make other time arrangements if their delivery time doesn't work for your schedule. Many carriers also have lockable delivery boxes which are at major stores to allow you to pick up your package by verifying your information via computer. With the holidays approaching, thieves will be looking for all of those packages on front porches at front doors.

As with anything suspicious, if you see suspicious cars or people, call MVPD IMMEDIATELY. Don't wait as there is little the police department can do after the person has left the area. Be sure to report all incidents of theft immediately to the police department. 

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Welcome Back: The Sixth Annual German Holiday Market Returns



Saturday, December 8, 2018 | 11am - 9pm | Mountain View City Hall Plaza

The plaza, a feature of every city, town and village in Europe, is where people gather. Every day, neighbors discuss the news of the day, teenagers exchange jokes, children play games. Come join your neighbors, gather with the community—European style—in Mountain View's City Hall Plaza on Saturday, December 8, for the German Holiday Market, from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Presented by the German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV), the German Holiday Market offers an authentic European winter market experience.

Meet up with family and friends over a *Glühwein* (warm mulled wine) or *Bier* and a *Bratwurst* or *Kaffee und Kuchen* (coffee and cake). Teens can hang out with friends on the Ferris wheel or at the Funny Fotos booth to share the moment on social media. Children can have close encounters with bunnies, ducks, and a host of other animals at the petting zoo, meet *Weihnachtsmann* (Santa), ride the *Zug* (train) or win prizes playing carnival games.

The German Holiday Market also offers a unique holiday shopping experience for all. Local artisans sell handmade clothing, ceramics, chocolate, leather goods, jewelry, and more! Vendors sell items from Germany, including *Nussknacker* (nutcrackers), *Bücher* (books), *Schreibwaren Geschenke* (stationery gifts), *Lebkuchen* (gingerbread), and *Stollen* (fruit bread). Interested in learning to speak German? Come by GISSV's Saturday School booth!

All proceeds from the German Holiday Market benefit GISSV, a nonprofit bilingual preschool through 12th-grade school on Easy Street in Mountain View. The event is powered by GISSV volunteers of students, parents, teachers, staff, family, and friends. Come gather and celebrate the season

at this festive, open-air market while helping to raise funds for the school!

Saturday, December 8, 2018

11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Mountain View City Hall Plaza
500 Castro Street.

Rain or shine! Admission is free.

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

OMVNA Annual Meeting

The OMVNA General Meeting and Elections are scheduled for Monday, December 10 at 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the new Multipurpose Room of Edith Landels Elementary School, 115 W. Dana Street.

Pizza will be served!!

The OMVNA Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of candidates for the 2019 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 #1: Larry Rosenberg

At Large #2: Lorraine Wormald

Subcommittee Chairs:

CERT: Sherril Brennan

Historic Preservation: Jerry Steach

Parking: Peg Powell, Robert Cox

Ice Cream Social: Lorraine Wormald

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Where Do City Council Candidates Stand on Historic Preservation?

by Jerry Steach

Election season is upon us and it's anybody's guess how things will shake out in Sacramento and Washington come November 6. Closer to home, there's equal voting uncertainty in Mountain View, for which there's a packed City Council race.

Six candidates, including two incumbents, are waging spirited campaigns for three council seats. Their platforms' issues range from affordable housing and rent stabilization to ensuring open spaces and relieving traffic congestion.

Missing from most of the candidates' platforms, however, is anything indicating support for preserving historic assets, notably in and around the downtown and Old Mountain View.

That should give us pause and compel us to consider the question: What do we voters—those of us who not only appreciate but also understand the pressing need for preserving the city's historic assets—want from our City Council on this issue?

The councilmembers we elect will face myriad challenges that directly or indirectly pose threats to historic buildings in Old Mountain View:

- At least ten major office buildings have been proposed downtown.
- A renewed bill is expected in the State Senate intent on overriding cities' land-use restrictions near transit hubs, as SB-827 attempted (but failed in committee) earlier this year.
- The Weilheimer House (Chez TJ restaurant) and Tied House, both recognized as historically significant buildings, continue to face removal in order to erect an office building on their sites—something community groups such as Livable Mountain View strongly oppose (and will endorse candidates aligned with their values).
- Established, successful businesses are being squeezed out of the downtown, due to high rents and property redevelopment.

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Mountain View Election Issue Pullout

We asked each candidate for Mountain View City Council (CC) and the Mountain View School Boards (MVWSD, MVLAHS) 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?”

Alison Hicks (CC)

Old Mountain View will change dramatically over the next several years. Our downtown is slated for more than a dozen new developments.

We will close Castro to traffic over the tracks and construct an underpass at the center of our restaurant district. Four story offices are proposed throughout our historic downtown, but little new housing to balance it.

Council decisions will transform the heart of our city, for better or worse.

I am running to make sure our city is planned with forethought, equity and livability in mind. I want our downtown to maintain its distinct character. I want our new transit center and underpass to be safe, enduring and attractive. I want Castro and surrounding streets to become more walkable, our urban tree system to grow and our small businesses to thrive.

I want us to be proud of what we build now and for generations to come!

www.alisonhicks4Council.com

John Inks (CC)

I have lived in Mountain View since 1975 and been active with the City as a volunteer, mediator, appointed commissioner and council member since 1999. I served on City Council from 2009 to 2016 and was mayor in 2013. I supported policies for increased housing development, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety, neighborhood traffic management and community choice energy.

I strongly support sound fiscal management, balanced budgets and conservative management of the City's investment portfolio.

The City is now accumulating extraordinarily large budget surpluses from sales and property taxes. I support preserving budget surpluses and revenues based on economic growth instead of new spending and taxes.

I look forward to continuing my service to residents and businesses regarding issues with the City on regulations, building requirements, zoning, signage, permits and inspections.

Please see www.ElectInks.com and vote for John Inks on November 6.

Ellen Kamei (CC)

I am running for City Council to ensure that as Mountain View changes and grows, we maintain our historic character, unique diversity, and high quality of life. As a third generation Mountain View resident, I've spent years contributing to our City as a community volunteer and public policy professional.

I am a two-term Environmental Planning Commissioner, having served as Chair and Vice Chair. Over six years, I have worked on three critical land-use plans, North Bayshore, El Camino Real, and San Antonio, and am currently working on the East Whisman and Terra Plans. The City needs multi-modal transportation options, solutions for our vehicle dweller population, and pragmatic ways to address long-term environmental sustainability.

As your councilmember, I will work to hire more police officers and firefighters, increase housing options for middle income residents, and ensure that Mountain View remains a family-oriented community. I would be honored to earn your vote!

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Pat Showalter (CC)

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 2,500 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.

Lucas Ramirez (CC)

I am a lifelong resident, and my family has lived in Mountain View since the 1940s. I'm running to help ensure that Mountain View remains a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive city. The housing crisis, displacement, climate change, and severe traffic congestion threaten our community. These are significant challenges, but I am confident that, by working together, we can identify and implement solutions with broad support from the community.

As a member of the City's Environmental Planning Commission, former Chair of the Human Relations Commission, and a longtime City Council observer on behalf of the League of Women Voters, I have a deep understanding of the unique issues facing our city. I support building housing for all income levels, fair implementation of the City's rent stabilization program (Measure V), and safe parking areas for RVs. I humbly ask for your vote.

www.ramirezforcouncil.com

Debbie Torok (MVLHS)

The District has many important things which I'm involved in that I want to see to completion. To name a few: Measure "E" projects; ensuring accreditation under the Western Association of Schools and Colleges of our comprehensive high schools; maintaining progress on closing the achievement gap while raising the achievement levels of all demographic subgroups, and developing wellness initiatives, among others. Of course, always remaining steadfastly focused on our Board goals, which drive us to foster improved academic achievement by all students at all performance levels.

I believe my 8 years of Board experience, which includes, but is not limited to, overseeing our past Measure "A" bond projects from inception to on-time and under-budget completion, previous successful WASC accreditations, and active representation of the Board as a member of the district wellness committee and partnership council, will enable me to provide valuable continuity and historical perspective as we move forward.

www.re-elect-debbietorok-mvla.org

Devon Conley (MVWSD)

I am running for the Mountain View Whisman School Board because I am dedicated to strengthening our public schools and our community. I am a teacher, a former education policy researcher, and the mother of a kindergartener, and I will fight for every child in our district.

Our schools have experienced significant change. Now is the time to focus on our most important goal: educating students. I am ready to work hard to provide a world-class education for all of our children. As a board member, my priorities are to provide outstanding instruction in the classroom, build collaboration between families and the district, and attract, support, and retain high quality talent.

I look forward to hearing your ideas about how we can continue to strengthen our schools and our community. I would be honored to earn your vote on November 6th. Learn more and get involved at devonconley.com.

Lenny Siegel (CC)

I've been working to expand Mountain View's housing supply by building medium-density, mixed-use, car-light, income-diverse neighborhoods near centers of employment. We can strengthen our economy by providing the housing we need to recruit and retain employees in all sectors, including tech, schools, restaurants, and stores. By reducing vehicle miles traveled we can significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions. By building complete neighborhoods we can maintain and enhance the quality of life and cultural diversity that Mountain View residents treasure.

But I am also committed to preserving both our naturally affordable housing—older apartments—and single-family neighborhoods such as Old Mountain View. In the 1970s I worked with many of our neighbors to halt the redevelopment of our neighborhood and block the conversion of Calderon and Dana into four-lane highways. This year, I used my position to lead opposition to SB 827, state legislation that might have encouraged the substantial transformation of Old Mountain View.

www.lennysiegelforcouncil.net



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Ellen Wheeler (MVWSD)

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Landels has a terrific after-school enrichment program for K-5 students (called LEAP) that is led by enthusiastic, active Landels Lions parents. A hallmark of happy, successful children is parent involvement in their school, and the Landels community is filled with involved parents who volunteer at school with Project Cornerstone, the annual Walkathon, and even donating toppings and scooping ice cream at the annual Landels Ice Cream Social.

Of course as a school board trustee I watch over all of the schools in our district, and am happy to report that the state of our schools is strong. I'm proud of our rising test scores, our high academic standards for all, our continued emphasis on "the whole child," and, of course, our fiscal responsibility.

I ask for your vote. With my experience, skills, and passion I'm the one you want for this job.

Ellenforschoolboard.com

Fiona Walter (MVLAYS)

As current board president, I'm proud of our very successful high school district. I am seeking a second term to provide continuity on many long-term district plans as well as to address future student needs. Sustained leadership is essential for these key issues:

- Construction to accommodate future enrollment growth;
- Critical budget decisions as more students enter our schools;
- Support for struggling students and mental health services; and,
- Ongoing teacher support for new curriculum requirements.

My strong record of education leadership began with PTA involvement and includes: current MVLA Trustee (2014-present); Co-Chair, 2018 MVLA bond measure; MVWSD Trustee (two terms); Chair, 2012 MVWSD bond measure; Graduate, Masters in Governance, 2005; Leadership Mountain View 2005; Los Altos LEAD 2015.

I am a 24-year Mountain View resident with two recent Mountain View High School graduates. I would be honored to have your vote.

For more information, please visit my website: fionaforschoolboard.com.

Tamara Patterson (MVWSD)

I will bring a **fresh voice** to the Mountain View Whisman School Board. As a mother of 3 children under 5 years and a Mountain View homeowner for over a decade, I have a deep personal interest in the future of our schools. I support proven programs (Project Based Learning, STEAM) along with technology integration so our kids can solve problems that build their knowledge and grit.

I will be parents' strongest advocate. I look at MVW's challenges in providing excellence and equity as someone that delivers value, measures for results and iterates for continuous improvement. Professionally, as a manager of the Customer Product group I am responsible for leading a team that delivers solutions that customers love.

I believe in **Diversity, Excellence, and Community**. I want our children to love learning and learn to work hard. I would be honored to have your vote.

tamarapatterson.org

Greg Colandonato (MVWSD)

Hello OMVNA community!

I have been honored to serve as one of your elected Trustees of the Mountain View Whisman School District these last four years.

During this time, I have continuously pushed for investments in our neighborhood school program, including renovations to Landels Elementary and the construction of the new Vargas Elementary School on Whisman Road.

It is my hope that when Vargas opens next year, and students living in the Slater and Whisman Station neighborhoods attend a school near them, that traffic on Dana in the mornings and afternoons will be calmer and less dangerous.

At the end of the 2018-2022 term, my children will be at the end of their time in this district, and I will be passing the baton to the next generation of parents and community members passionate about the effective and thoughtful operation of our public schools, and the success of our children.

Catherine Vonnegut (MVLAYS)

I want to serve all students in MVLA to help them achieve their goals academically, socially and emotionally, no matter the range of challenges they face.

I have an innate desire to volunteer for education. I have volunteered helping youth for over 40 years as a School Site Council chair and as MVHS PTA president, PTA Council president and on the MVLA Adult School Advisory board.

I want to participate in policy decisions guiding the district in our fast changing world based on the benefits to our students. I want to oversee that our bonds are well spent.

All aspects of overseeing a school district are important. I am particularly interested in academic curriculum to address the competition students face, mental health of students and rapidly changing technology for the students and administration. <http://www.vonne.org>

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CITY COUNCIL

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Joe Simitian
Santa Clara County Supervisor

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- Improving pedestrian & bike safety
- Supporting neighborhood schools
- Implementing Sustainability Task Force recommendations

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John Inks City Council 2018

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- Economic growth instead of new taxes and fees to generate revenue
- Support economical housing and development without mandates

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Steve Nelson (MVLHHS)

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to Vote

October 25: Last Day to Request
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Tamara Patterson

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Many Hands Make a Fabulous Ice Cream Social

by Lorraine Wormald

Thanks for coming to our Ice Cream Social and making it a great afternoon; we filled the park with people!

Music, laughter, Baskin Robins ice cream, children's games, City Council members and representatives from the MV police and Fire EMT departments. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Informational tables from MV Trees, MV Mediation, MV Water Resources, CERT, Friends of Steven's Creek Trail, Hope's Corner, Mountain View Historical Society, Livable Mountain View and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness, Santa Clara Co.).

It is a little dangerous to list names because certainly someone very important will be accidentally omitted... but here we go...

- Great music was provided by the South Bay Country Band (bluegrass, old time, country, Cajun and a little Irish). Thank you so much.
- Balloon Twister extraordinaire, 11-year old Lillian Husky with her family and friends who pumped up the balloons as fast as she could twist. They were very organized and kept the line moving!
- The wonderful Scouts (Cub, Boy and Girl Scouts). Thank you to Jeff Sato for putting this together and

getting everyone organized. The back corner of the park had lots of activity and laughter!

- Kristin Bailey, who designed and built the obstacle course.
- Nine great teens from the Kiwanis Key Club assisted with setup, take down, staffing the games, FACE PAINTING, running the obstacle course and basically practised 'be there' help. Kudos to you all!
- Pete's Coffee from Castro St. who offered special coffee drinks, I saw many of these drinks during my wanderings.
- Registration and Tickets: Robert Cox, Jerry & Karen Steach
- Raffle Donations: Max Hauser who did a fantastic job obtaining so many restaurant gift certificates.
- People who came to setup, lend chairs, tables, games and traffic cones.
- The behind the scenes help: Aaron Grossman, Marina Marinovich, Jamil Shaikh, Robert Cox, Susan Bickford, Louise Katz and David Machado.
- Finally, Carol and David Lewis who have managed prior Ice Cream Socials and knew how to quickly recognize the little problems and help solve them!

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Mountain View Library

Upcoming Events...



Mountain View Free Library 1905

The Library will be hosting some great programs this fall! Highlights include:

Diwali Dance Performance on Saturday, October 20th from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Pioneer Park, just outside the Library. Join Deepa Menon and her students in celebrating Diwali—the festival of lights.

A Medicare Information Session will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. If you need help walking through the complex Medicare programs to find which one is most suitable for you, or if you would benefit from a review of different eligibility periods, then this seminar is for you.

Become a Super Internet Searcher by attending a class taught by experts from Google on Monday, October 29th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Get great deals on Books, CDs, & DVD's while supporting library programming by shopping at the Friends of the Library Book Sale on Saturday, November 10th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 11th from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fratello Marionettes perform The Frog Prince on Saturday, November 17th from 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Come see a puppet show like no other! For children age 2 and up.

Celtic Rose plays songs of the holiday season to show the unity of spirit among cultures. Songs are sung in French, German, Hebrew, Latin, Spanish, and English. Saturday, December 15th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

For more information on upcoming programs visit our Library calendar at mountainview.gov/librarycalendar.



Don't Poison Our Pets and Wildlife

Recently there have been sad reports of pets that died after eating mice that had ingested poison.

Rats, mice, and other "vermin" can be destructive and an annoyance, but substances like rat poison also kill animals who eat those creatures, such as owls, other wildlife, and even our family pets.

For pet owners, keeping cats indoors is the best safety measure. For dogs, watch carefully when walking your pet outside.

An exterminator can help determine the best non-toxic way to control vermin.

For DIY types, remember that poison is the least humane way to kill pests. Keep snap traps out of reach of pets. Newer, black plastic traps are easier—and less painful—to set. Peanut butter makes good bait. Some find that high-pitched electronic deterrents (available in hardware stores) work very well.

Repair Café

Don't toss it, repair it. The next Repair Café is at the Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., on Saturday, November 10, 11:00 to 3:00. Visit repaircafemv.org for information.

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What's Up? A Thumbnail Sketch of New Development

by Robert Cox

We truly are in the midst of a development boom. Over the last five years, there have been over 70 large development projects going on currently here in Mountain View, and many are in our downtown neighborhood. We've decided to feature a few of those in each of our newsletter issues, to give you a sense of how the downtown is evolving.

This issue, we'll focus on the area near the train station and the area immediately around it. Last year, the city council started plans for a new downtown transit center. The electrification of Caltrain is in progress now and will be completed in 2022. This will allow for newer, longer, more frequent, and quieter trains. As a result, and in anticipation of high speed rail, Castro Street will be closed at the Central Expressway to auto traffic.

Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to cross over to Moffett Boulevard via a newly constructed underpass. The new downtown transit center will feature more parking, more places for transit buses, Uber, and Lyft, and perhaps some new retail, housing, or office complexes.

Developers are currently sketching out proposals for this new center, and we will see them come before the council in the next few years. An overhead aerial transport is also being studied that could connect the downtown to the main Google campus in North Bayshore. All of this is likely to take five years or more.

Immediately across Evelyn, the city is partnering with The Robert Green Company to build a new hotel and office project. It will be on the parking lots on either side of Hope Street between Evelyn and Villa. We'll talk more about that project in our next issue.



There's Still Time: Register to Vote!

2018 Election Day is November 6. If you are a US citizen you still have time to register.

Californians must be registered to vote at least 15 days before Election Day. That means that this year you must register before October 22.

If the registration deadline has passed for an upcoming election, in most elections you may visit your county elections office, a vote center, or a designated satellite office prior to Election Day to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot.

Once you register, you will not need to register to vote again unless you change your name or change your political party preference.

How do you register to vote?

- Go to online voter registration to complete an application, or
- Pick up a paper voter registration application at any Department of Motor Vehicles field office, and many post offices, public libraries, and government offices, or request one from your county elections office. To receive a voter registration application by mail from the Secretary of State, call the toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683). ✓

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Community Services

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Susan: Do you take advantage of non-city facilities and resources in the community for classes and activities?

JP: We partner with a number of community organizations that offer classes and activities outside of City facilities, such as Community School of Music and Art (CSMA), Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT), and KMTV Community Television.

Susan: The new Community Center looks amazing. What went into planning that and what we can look forward to in the new facility?

JP: The Community Center building was over 50 years old and certainly in need of some upgrades and improvements. Being such a well-utilized facility and growing constantly in popularity, we first looked at what was needed. Both a remodel and expansion was presented to the city council after citizen community meetings. An extra 6,700 square feet was added and meeting rooms expanded from 3 to 7 with our largest social hall now able to provide for groups of up to 250 for banquets, events, wedding receptions, etc. Looking forward to an early 2019 opening.

Susan: The Rengstorff Pool seems dated, both inside and out. Please tell us about your renovation plans.

JP: The Rengstorff Pool was built over 50 years ago. Although still quite useful for our many swim lessons taught each summer and open swim opportunities, the facility is in need of major upgrades. A new building with proper facilities will welcome our users and a new pool with zero depth entry and play features along with expanded lanes is being planned. The community design meetings will start soon.

Susan: I hear community gardens are expanding.

JP: We currently have two community gardens: the Senior Garden with 63 plots located near the Senior Center, and the Willowgate Community Garden with 84 plots located at the end of Andsbury Avenue. A new Community Garden is being designed and will be located at the corner of Shoreline Blvd and Latham Street. The current design is for approximately 84 plots. We anticipate opening in summer 2019.

Mountain View Trees: Autumn Planting Season

Founded in 2006 by Ronit Bryant, Dana Lynn Galvin and Jana Dilley, Mountain View Trees is a volunteer-based 501(c)(3) community organization with a mission to sustain and enhance the trees of Mountain View, California, through community stewardship, education and advocacy. Their objectives are:

- To support, contribute to and enhance the City of Mountain View's urban forestry program.
- To educate those who live, work and visit in Mountain View about the importance of the urban forest and proper care of trees through tree walks, brochures, a website and other arenas.
- To identify threats to Mountain View's urban forest and work to alleviate them.
- To develop programs to increase tree appreciation and improve tree care in Mountain View.


MVT offers advice and a variety of self-directed tree walks and workshops at mountainviewtrees.org. Here is their advice about planting trees:

Autumn is the best time to plant trees because autumn and winter rains will do a far better job at watering your tree than any person can.

The biggest problem associated with a newly planted tree is the root ball drying out.

With this in mind, it will be a lot easier and you will have better success if you let Mother Nature water your newly planted tree by planting it in the autumn. Also, the cooler temperatures of autumn are less stressful on the trees.

This does not mean you shouldn't plant trees in the spring. Just take into account that there will be more rain the earlier in the spring you plant your tree, and temperatures will be cooler in March than in April and May.

So the earlier in the spring you plant your tree the better off you will be. If you plant a tree in warmer weather it will be dependent on someone to water it correctly as temperatures rise and the tree begins to use more water. 

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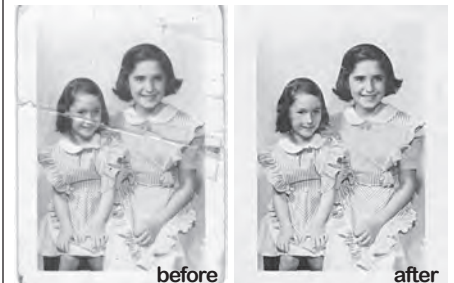
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Ernie's Trains Run Again

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 from 6:30 to about 9:00 p.m.

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. 

Historic Preservation

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- Residents increasingly express concerns about how the downtown is losing its character, and thus its appeal, and ask that development be much more thought out and compatible with existing structures.

Candidates would be well-advised to listen to all Mountain View voters as they express their concerns about the city's challenges, not the least of them being the preservation of our historic assets.



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