

OMVNA Newsletter

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Mountain View

by Don McPhail

There are some very generous people in our neighborhood, good neighbors you might say. Our nextdoor neighbors volunteer their time as observers and analysts of the city council process, communicating to all of us when important issues are at stake. Others serve on the boards of nonprofit organiza-tions like the Committee for Green Foothills or the Mountain View Educational Foundation. My own special interest is the Hanna Boys Center in Sonoma. Still others host "meet the candidate" events before elections, produce informative citizen meetings downtown, and are always counted on at local peace rallies. These are all very different investments of time and talent.

The common thread, whether volunteering for a nonprofit or simply being a good neighbor, is acting as good neighbors do: watching out for each others' homes when we're away, sharing lemons and oranges from our trees, bringing in each others' trash receptacles, and being there when something important happens in our families. These are some of the many things that make Old Mountain View such a special place to live.

This brings to mind two things that may be worth doing. First, let's appreciate what our friends and neighbors do to make this a great neighborhood, whether we're older, or a new young family, or living on our own and simply appreciating the contact. The second is, for those who have the time, let's work for others if we can.

There are plenty of opportunities for people "who want to make a difference". Making a difference does not have to mean running for office or signing up for a significant time commitment.

Quite nearby, there are extraordinary organizations that can use help.

The Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) is a valuable resource for families in Mountain

Growing Our Community Forest



by Susan Bickford

Do you own a street tree? Street trees are a critical part of our shared Community Forest. Street trees help to cool our streets and sidewalks and provide an attractive canopy for Old Mountain View.

If your house has a "parking strip" between the sidewalk and the street with a tree planted there, you own a Mountain View street tree. However, not everyone knows what responsibilities come with this precious gift.

To start, be sure to check out the official guidelines. Go to http://www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/parks/trees/default.asp and click on the FAQ (http://tinyurl.com/k3z6v5j) near the bottom of the page. Then click on the Street Trees section.

Still have questions? I did. Recently, I paid a visit to the Forestry and Landscape Division of Mountain View's Parks department at the Municipal Operations Center off of Whisman Road to learn about the shared responsibilities of street tree ownership.

The City of Mountain View Community Services Department includes staff who oversee the welfare of over 28,000 trees—approximately 19,000 "street trees" and 9,000 trees in medians and parks, encompassing 200 acres of parks and 120 acres of medians.

The care of all street trees in California is regulated, but those regulations differ depending on the city. Mountain View will plant, prune, and replace street trees, but also has a vested interest in making sure that our trees thrive.

For that reason, the city does not want residents pruning or cutting their own street trees. Pruning can easily cause damage or introduce pathogens, shortening the life of the tree. The City provides a pruning service, rotating along our streets every 3 to 10 years, depending on the species of tree. If you believe that your street tree requires immediate

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New Downtown Restaurants Galore

by Max Hauser

In rough order of opening, since September:



Mixx, a new eclectic "family-friendly" restaurant, replaced Scott's Seafood at 420 Castro. It's a joint venture of Scott's and the Max's Opera Café group.

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Chef Jay Essadki of Morocco's opened The Liquid Menu (dubbed by one writer a "new-age" juice bar), replacing Spica Coffee at 650 Castro.



Alexander's Patisserie (209 Castro) is the new baker for the growing Alexander's restaurant group. Breads and sweet pastries are available retail, and there's some seating with coffee and tea service.



Ramen Izakaya Yu-Gen, 152 Castro, is a combined ramen house and izakaya (small plates and drinks, at night) from Mochizuki and Kikura, who own several restaurants including the nearby Shabuway and Kobe Curry.



Shell Shock at 124 Castro is a venture by one of the owners of Xanh, next door. Long diverse menu only begins with oysters.



La PanotiQ's Mountain View location opened at 331 Castro, a full restaurant built around a French-pastry bakery.



Former Gyros House (212 Castro) reopened as **pitabite** "Mediterranean fast food" (still including gyros) under new owner Mehmet Karacuban.

lva, you are my one great love! Thank you for always being my special lady! - Your husband, Robert

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View From The Chair

by David Lewis

First, I would like to thank Bierhaus for their wonderful efforts on our OMVNA mixer, organized by Max Hauser, this last October 12th. Our newsletter schedule didn't permit a proper response immediately after the event. Bierhaus, at Castro and California, offered OMVNA residents wonderful German culinary afternoon where neighbors enjoyed the restaurant's specialties and draft beers, and my wife and I had a great time. We'd also like to thank Gelato on Castro Street for their continuing support for OMVNA and the volunteers who distribute the OMVNA newsletter, who presumably benefit from the free ice cream.

Second, following a very active campaign, we have a (partially) new City Council in 2015. We will want to watch what the new Council does, when it has a voice in how Mountain View and Old Mountain View are developed. The critical votes are those when a new development needs a zoning change to proceed-here the City Council actually has a chance to make a choice.

Third, aside from attending City Council or Zoning Administrator or EPC or DRC meetings, there is a lot OMV residents can do to keep our City and neighborhood a nice place to live. There are lots of positions on City boards and commissions that need filling by those with the time and interest.

Check the City website for these opportunities. There are also lots of other volunteering opportunities for those with the time-at the Mountain View Library, at our local schools, at the Day Worker Center, and many others. Instead of bemoaning what is happening to Mountain View, get out and do something to change it!

Finally, if you appreciate trees and flowers and greenery and open spaces, you have a special stake in how Mountain View grows. Every development project exchanges smaller new trees for heritage trees. (Project submissions must now include information on how quickly the canopy will grow.) Every new project that doesn't provide public open space or parkland in the development, through paying in lieu fees instead, deprives Mountain View of the open space, public space, and parkland that we are critically short of. Our 'City of Trees' is challenged by the loss of trees, tree canopy, open spaces and parks.

Can you show the City Council how to change this, and convince them that they should?

Stadium Parking Survey by Tiffany J. Chew

Review of the Levi's Stadium Parking Pilot Program will begin in January through March with City staff and the Downtown Committee.

The review process will also include input from the downtown businesses and surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Staff will be collecting input via an online survey, which will be available soon.

To fill out the survey, please visit http://tinyurl.com/Event-Parking-Survey

Once the information is collected, the Downtown Committee and City Council will review the program and proposed recommendations in the Spring of 2015.



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

by Jaime Garrett



Medication Recycling

Looking for a place to recycle your expired and unused medication? Here are some options of how to safely dispose of them:

http://baywise.org/ An overall good resource for recycling where you type in your zip code and what you're trying to get rid of (in this case medications) and it will generate a list of facilities nearest to your

The closest location that's free is the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant which is located at 2501 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Their phone number is 650.329.2122, though you do not need to make an appointment or to call ahead, just show up (M-F 8-5) and drop off the medications.

Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn. The Fire Departments asks you to think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

Should you choose to use open flame candles we ask that you

"CANDLE WITH CARE"

 Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

 Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can

 Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.

 Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.

 Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.

 Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.

Never use a candle if oxygen

is used in the home.

As a final note: have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.

Sidewalk Safety

The sidewalk is a safe place for pedestrians to walk or run on the city streets without the need to worry about vehicles. Even so there are hazards. The sidewalks are often overgrown with vegetation, roots and broken concrete which can cause a person to trip, slip or fall.

It is important to keep shrubs, plants and ground cover cleared from the sidewalk areas in order to allow safe travel on the sidewalk. If you are not sure if the property is your responsibility or the responsibility of the city, you can contact Public Works at 650-903-6300.

Another safety concern is vehi-cles parked partially in a driveway and partially protruding across the sidewalk. This forces pedestrians to walk into the street and possibly into traffic in order to maneuver

by Sgt. Saul Jaeger

around the parked vehicle. Avoid parking your vehicle in a manner that it is blocking the sidewalk, even if it is only for a short period of time (you can receive a citation for this).

For traffic-related or other questions use the AskMV shortcut on www.mountainview.gov to contact the Mountain View Police Department.

Wet Weather Driving and Safety

Many of us are not used to driving in wet weather and there's more wet weather on the way. Wet weather driving safety starts before you even start the car.

Replace your windshield wipers so that they clear the glass in one swipe. Also make sure all your lighting equipment is working properly and your tires have the proper tread depth.

Keep in mind that if your windshield wipers are on, your headlights should be on.

Some things to keep in mind:

 Allow extra time to get where you need to go.

 Speed is the most common contributing factor in traffic collisions.

Wet weather = slow down.

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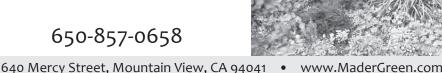
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Mountain View Co-Housing Has Arrived

by Katherine Forrest

A new intentional community, located at 445 Calderon Avenue in Old Mountain View, is Silicon Valley's first cohousing community to be built from the ground up. The Mountain View Cohousing Community (MVCC)'s 19-unit condominium complex was approved in late December by the City for occupancy.

The households who have bought homes in the new development will be continuing to move in over the next several months. "At long last, our dream of cohousing is becoming a reality," says Susan Burwen, one of the founding members of the group. "It has taken over five years, a lot longer than we ever expected." Susan and her husband David are long-time Mountain View residents who were the initiators of this small "old-fashioned neighborhood" project.

The initial members of MVCC bought the land in 2009 and began working with cohousing architect Chuck Durrett and later-joining members to design their community. The City of Mountain View was supportive of the project, which it saw as providing high-quality, much-needed housing in an in-fill location. Final plans were unanimously approved by the City in September, 2011. Many OMVNA neighbors will recall the MVCC ground-breaking in January, 2013. MVCC's construction partner has been Barry Swenson Builder (BSB).



MVCC members now can enjoy the privacy of their own spacious condominium homes, while reaping the benefits of shared resources and caring neighbors with diverse interests. A number of new fruit and shade trees and an organic garden will be planted on the MVCC grounds in place of the walnut trees previously on the property, which were at the end of their life. The Greenbelt Alliance has endorsed the project because of its environmentally conscious and sustainable features.

An important aspect of the development from the perspective of many of its Old Mountain View neighbors will be MVCC's underground parking. MVCC residents will not need to have cars on the surface or parked on the street.

Work on the MVCC site will continue for several more months, as restoration of the Bakotich house, one of the oldest surviving structures in Mountain View, is being completed. The modest Victorian-era Italianate cottage, which was built as a farmhouse in 1885 by Charles and Emma Abbott, has been moved forward to a prominent position near the street. The historic house will occasionally be open for viewing by the public.

Robert Cox, Vice Chair of the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association, says he has already requested to have OMVNA meetings held in the historic farmhouse. "An advantage is that MVCC residents will feel encouraged to become an active part of the OMV neighborhood. Others from Wild Orchid and east of Calderon will also be more interested in attending meetings in this nice residential setting closer to their homes. In addition, we'll save OMVNA money, since we won't have to pay for use of the Chamber of Commerce's building and their mailing address."

For more information about MVCC, its residents and cohousing, see www.MountainViewCohousing. org.

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Betty, still loving you after all these years - G Let's meet at Peet's for your usual. You've been missed. A

Newsletter News

by Julie Lovins

Did you know that over 50 of your neighbors regularly help get this newsletter to you four times a year? These people definitely deserve your appreciation. Special thanks must also be included for the people who "retired" from newsletter delivery during the past two years: Carol Pursifull, Andrew Holbrook, Robin Kuborrsy, Maureen Blando, Carol Lewis, Tony Christopher, and Shannon Wilson.

We always need more help for every given issue, because people go on vacation or move away--so if you'd like to spend a few hours a year helping promote neighborhood communication, please con-

tact delivery@omvna.org.

One real problem we have is delivering newsletters to locked condominium buildings or complexes. We are getting help from residents in several of these, but there are others where no one has come forward to receive a packet of newsletters, four times a year, and get them to their fellow-residents behind the gate. If you live at one of the following addresses, or know someone who does, please help your neighbors to get the newsletter! The addresses on this list are 108 Bryant, 230 Bryant, 310-328 Bryant, 330-368 Bryant, and 950-958 California.

Finally, on behalf of the entire newsletter distribution team, I'd like to thank our wonderful downtown business Gelato Classico, which has been giving us gelato coupons annually to distribute to this group.

Yum!

Music In the Air

by Susan Bickford

Enjoy excellent music and cheer for OMV resident, Nancy Sitton, who plays bass with two local orchestras that will be performing back-to-back concerts at MVCPA in February.

The Palo Alto Philharmonic will feature international piano soloist Sandra Wright Chen in Beethoven's 4th piano concert on Friday, Febru-

ary 27.

The next night, Saturday, February 28, the Nova Vista Symphony will perform an all American concert highlighted by Howard Hanson's Symphony No. 2, "The Romantic" and Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait" narrated by KDFC personality Hoyt Smith.

Order tickets and find information at http://www.mountainview.

gov/mvcpa/mvcpa.html

Our Village Harvest

by Craia Diserens

Our Village Harvest organization does something simple: we get extra fruit from backyards and small orchards to people who need it. In 2014 Village Harvest volunteers served 610 homeowners and orchards, and picked 207,000 pounds of fruit.

As tree owners generously offer their extra fruit, tens of thousands of children, seniors, and families receive free food through the local food pantries that we donate it to.

We'd like to serve even more homeowners and orchards in 2015. Please:

 Request Harvesting through our web site two months before you expect your fruit will be ripe.

• Encourage your neighbors to offer their extra fruit!

 Support us with funds as well as fruit. We've volunteer powered, but it still takes money for trucks, equipment, insurance, and organizing staff.

Because of sometimes overwhelming demand, even with advance notice we may not make it to every home that requests assistance. If you're able to pick your fruit or have a smaller amount, most food pantries, food banks, and meal kitchens are delighted to receive fruit and produce from home gardens.

Find Community Food Drop Off Locations and "how to harvest" info on our website (www.villageharvest. org), and feel free to call us at (888) FRUIT 411 for advice.

Thanks for offering your extra fruit to the community!



Immigrant House Renovation Plans

by Marina Marinovich

It's official! Immigrant House is to be incorporated into the design of Mountain View's newest park. The Old Mountain View neigh-

borhood's 1880's historic little laborer's house will be included in the design of the 1.22 acre park at 771 North Rengstorff Ave. On December 9, the City Council approved the funding of design services for the park. The selected design group, Callander and Associates, has worked with several cities on very successful park projects, which include moving the Neutra House in Los Altos.

Once Immigrant House has been renovated and relocated to the new park, it will stand as a humble remnant of Old Mountain View's pioneer past. It is to be hoped that the property will remain as undisturbed and natural as possible as this is a jewel of a site, reminding Mountain View residents of all generations of their agrarian roots. The park will also provide a sanctuary for indigenous wildlife, right in the middle of the very busy North Rengstorff area.

Immigrant House incorporates building techniques that have not been seen in more than 100 years. It also exemplifies the difficult living conditions that immigrants endured while trying to improve their lives in Amerića. It is probably the oldest surviving home in Mountain View, and the last remaining la-borer's cottage in Santa Clara Val-ley. That it lasted in the downtown Mountain View neighborhood until 2012 is a miracle unto itself! Its tenants and those of others like it built the infrastructure that made Mountain View what it is today.

Prospective donors are expressing interest in the use of the structure, to be determined during the design of the park. The Friends of Immigrant House hope to exhibit the house as a static display. They have been given a nine month extension to raise \$113,500 for this purpose, with \$55,000 raised so far. Now that a specific design plan is on its way, we can bear in on raising the remaining \$58,500.

Your tax-deductible contribution will ensure that our stories, and those of our ancestors, are told for generations to come. Please donate by going to the Los Altos Community Foundation website, http://

tinyurl.com/k7fdpbb.



will hug you and squeeze you, and I will call you my valentine. Big hugs. AS to BB

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continued from page 1 (drooping dead pruning or branches), you may contact the Forestry Division at 650.903.6273 parks@mountainview.gov via Ask Mountain View at www. mountainview.gov.

The City does require that we nurture those trees, especially when they are young—during the first one to three years. This means watering your street tree 5 to 10 gallons per week, delivering the water as directly onto the root ball as possible. If you use a hose, 10 gallons is only 1 minute of watering less than an extremely short shower. The City does NOT want you to fertilize your street tree since very few of us know what fertilizers to apply or how. Good watering is all we need to do.

THE MASTER PLAN

The City of Mountain View has a Master List of trees that are selected for our streets. Each street has a set of recommended Master Street Trees. This list is reviewed and updated every 10 years.

Master Trees are chosen to thrive in our urban/suburban environments, rather than from the list of Native Trees, which often require more space and intensive maintenance.

If your tree needs to be replaced, you may contact the department and discuss which tree species you would like to see in front of your home.

THE DROUGHT

The Parks Division is one of the largest water users of the City and takes conservation very seriously. The team is constantly evaluating how best to address conservation and usage, including the use of recycled water where possible.

Even if you are conserving water, letting your lawn and garden turn brown, remember: Protect Your Street Tree. It belongs not just to you, but to all of us.

The Community Tree Master Plan for the next 15-20 years is under review right now. Find the link on the City web site to download the draft proposal at http://tinyurl. com/klv33ox. The Study Group will meet with the City Council on February 24th, with an adoption plan for June.

If you have questions about your street tree, the Master Plan, or any other trees or parks issues, feel free to contact the department parks@mountainview.gov Parks and Open Space Manager, Bruce Hurlburt at bruce.hurlburt@ mountainview.gov.

View, Los Altos and Sunnyvale, and they are part of the Old Mountain View neighborhood. They can use our financial support, and occasionally some help with their fundraising events.

The Day Worker Center of Mountain View, used to be housed in our neighborhood, continues with its wonderful work from their own building at 113 Escuela Avenue. They always need people to teach English and other subjects.

Down the street on Stierlin Road, the Community Services Agency of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills, our community's original safety net organization, has many volunteer opportunities, starting with helping out in their Food and Nutrition Center. One of our neighbors helps every week with getting them donations of unsold produce at the end of each Farmers' Market.

There are also many in our community who need assistance. Let's continue looking out for each other, and here in this wealthy valley, let us remain aware of so many who are in need and who live near-

Here are some additional suggestions from your neighbors just a drop in the bucket. If you have favorites, send them to us (editorOMVNA@yahoo.com) inclusion in upcoming issues of the OMVNA Newsletter.

Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts has over 300 volunteers who usher, act as lobby hosts and more. Everyone is friendly and you'll meet a lot of people and see a lot of varied entertainment. For information, contact Audience Services Manager Liz Nelson at liz@ mvcpa.com or call 650-903-6568.

Hope's Corner serves a free breakfast and sack lunch to hungry people every Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, at the corner of Hope and Mercy Streets. People served include both those who are homeless as well as those who have housing but struggle to make ends meet. There is no age minimum for volunteers, so this is a "family friendly" volunteer expehttp://hopes-corner.force. com/GW_Volunteers__JobCalendar

Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange (SVBX), right here in Mountain View. tunes up and fixes donated bicycles. They work closely with several charities on the Peninsula and donate the bicycles to people in need. No experience needed, just a will-ingness to help: http://bikex.org/

View Educational Mountain Foundation (www.mvef.org) consists of volunteers working to enhance the educational offerings in all nine K-8 public schools in Mountain View. This is where a lot of the funding for art, music, after-school sports, and other much-loved programs comes from. Find your niche here!

At the Mountain View Public Library, many volunteers help keep the library running smoothly by assisting with shelving, children's programs, or ESL, for example. The non-profit Friends of the Library organization mans the Lobby Shop, runs quarterly book sales, and sells donated books online, with all proceeds going to the library.

Most of the local hospitals have a wide variety of volunteer oppor-tunities, either directly or through

community organizations.

Science is Elementary brings volunteer scientists and engineers into elementary school classrooms to lead small groups of children in hands-on experiments, improving their education in ways that otherwise might not happen. The time commitment is just two hours a month during the school year. Volunteers can start anytime during the year. http:// elementaryschoolscience.org/

Don't forget the OMVNA Newsletter. We are always looking for articles and also for people to help distribute the newsletter to the

neighborhood.

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

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



Helping Our Trees Thrive

by Susie Mader

In times of drought, trees need special attention.

If you have a tree that is recently planted—within the last few years—it is still establishing its critical root system. In winter, slow deep watering is by far the best. Smaller amounts of water that only penetrate the soil an inch or so, will encourage shallow roots, which are the worst kind if there are storms, winds, and later summer heat and drought.

Most street trees in this area were chosen for tolerance of summer drought and winter rain conditions. Many native trees, like our California oaks will actually die if they are watered too much in the summer. However they will also fail to thrive if they don't retain enough water in the cooler winter.

For both young and established trees, a general winter-watering rule is to either put the hose on a slow drip for at least an hour or so or—if you are using saved bucket water—try to make a circle of soil or mulch around the drip line and slowly add several buckets until the area is saturated. Try to keep the water away from the trunk. Then let it dry a bit. Deeper, less often is the goal.

A special situation occurs when a tree has relied on water from a

nearby lawn, but the lawn or its water supply has been removed.

This happens often and it is easy to forget that the tree is really going to struggle. It probably also has a shallow root system because of the way it has been watered—frequently but of short duration—with a lawn sprinkler system.

One very good idea is to set up a simple soaker hose in concentric circles—but not too close to the trunk—around the drip line and irrigate the tree for several hours at a time during the week.

Remember: this only takes one good shower's worth of water and may save a valuable tree!

While we often prune back some trees in the winter and thin the foliage in the summer, a drought year is not a good time to put a tree under the extra stress. Prune to shape and take out any damaged, diseased branches but this year, don't cut back as far—especially fruit trees that normally get more extensive pruning.

We still don't know if the drought has lessened or not. The recent rain was great but we haven't seen any more recently. Let's assume that we are still in a drought and, of all the plants we want to help through the season, trees are our number one priority.

CERT Volunteer Training

by Lynn Brown, MVFD

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2015 Time: 9:00 AM to Noon Place: 1000 Villa Auditorium Sign Up Link: http://tinyurl.com/ myo6opx

Here is your next opportunity for refreshing and expanding your CERT skills. This module is designed as both an overview refresher on the basic CERT skills for those that have taken the CERT Course, and as a "CERT Lite" introduction for those that want to volunteer

with a Neighborhood CERT.

It covers the basics of: Being Prepared; Fire Suppression; Damage Assessment; ICS (Incident Command System); and Documentation and Reporting using FRS radios. It's a great way to reconnect with your CERT friends and introduce interested neighbors to the CERT program. It's excellent as a recruiting tool for Neighborhood CERT leaders to bring new volunteers on board, and refresh the skills of your current volunteers.

You may bring a thumb drive and get electronic copies of the slide show and exercises.

We will probably limit this class to about 40 people, so use the link above to sign up if you are interested.

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Next Meeting: April 20, 2015



How Green Is Our Canopy?

by Susan Bickford

Interested in helping more trees in Mountain View? Perhaps you don't have a street tree or a yard. Or perhaps you feel a special commitment to help our Community Forest.

Mountain View Trees is an all-volunteer 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

Your Christmas lights are beautiful — even in February - S

You were wearing a green scarf walking a black dog. Please pick up the poop. 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.

From tree walks to advice on caring for your trees, MVT is a valuable resource for the community. Consider becoming a volunteer or provide a donation. Visit MountainViewTrees.org, call 650-564-7620, or send email to info@MountainViewTrees.org

I saw you in Mercy Bush park. Will you be my valentine? PB

l lost you once, I can't lose you again, please walk slower — your Valentine



