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Be A Smart Voter

by Julie Lovins

Three of our seven City Council members will be termed-out (Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant, and Jac Siegel). Vote for up to three of the following nine candidates:

- Margaret Capriles
- Ellen Kamei
- Lisa Matichak
- Jim Neal
- Ken Rosenberg
- Mercedes Salem
- Pat Showalter
- Lenny Siegel
- Greg Unangst

See how the candidates answered our question, "Why are you running for City Council?" on pages 4 and 5.

Two of five Mountain View-Whisman School District Trustees will be elected. The four candidates are:

- Greg Coladonato
- Hafsa Mirza
- Phil Palmer (incumbent)
- Ellen Wheeler (incumbent)

Some other Mountain View neighborhoods are in the Los Altos School District, but all of Old Mountain View is in MVWSD.

Three of five Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District Trustee seats are also to be filled. There are seven candidates:

- Dana Bunnett
- Sanjay Dave
- Kevin Kramer
- Joe Mitchner (incumbent)
- Doug Moore
- Debbie Torok (incumbent)
- Fiona Walter

Mountain View is in two special districts where directors will be elected. Santa Clara Valley Water District, District 7 candidates are:

• Brian Schmidt (incumbent)
• Gary Kremen
El Camino Healthcare District. For two seats, the candidates are:

• Margaret Abe-Koga
• Peter Fung
• David Reeder (incumbent)
There is one local ballot measure, Measure A, asking whether the City Council's base salary should be set at \$1000/month starting in 2015.

At the County level, there will be a runoff election for Superior Court Judge #24:

- Matthew Harris
- Diane Ritchie

At the State level, the 24th Assembly District candidates are:

- Richard Gordon (incumbent)
- Diane Gabl

We must also vote for a Congressional representative for the 18th District:

- Anna Eshoo (incumbent)
- Richard Fox

A number of State Executive offices and State Propositions will also appear on your ballot, for statewide election.

You can see your sample ballot and find out more about all of these races at www.smartvoter.org/ca/scl, a non-partisan election information service provided for all voters by the League of Women Voters Education Fund. Candidates are invited to create their own free individual web pages, and are encouraged to answer questions that the LWV specifies for each race. These candidate pages can also contain links to the candidates' personal websites.

Mixer October 12

by Max Hauser



Bierhaus, downtown's popular pub and beer garden, 383 Castro at California, invites neighborhood residents for light refreshments **Sunday afternoon October 12, 4-6 PM**. No RSVP needed; just show up!

Opened three years ago (as SteakOut), Bierhaus has evolved in format and menu. Grass-fed hamburgers and hot sandwiches (two of them vegetarian) remain house specialties; other menu offerings came and went; the beer range is now considerable and international (whence the name change to Bierhaus, last November). If you last tried this restaurant more than a few months back, the changes may surprise you.

By mid-2013, along with the newly opened Steins and venerable Tied House, Bierhaus had helped establish downtown Mountain View as a new "destination" beer-garden scene, and the restaurant's popularity soared. Many restaurateurs would be content with that, but in 2014, Bierhaus's owners went further, hiring a specialized chef to add a Germanic pub food menu. These new specialties compare well to similar dishes I've had in Europe. They include house-made sausages (three kinds now), condiments, and casual foods including a remarkable Spätzle platter (menus at <http://www.bierha.us/eat> cover basics, but don't include every latest addition).

Bierhaus, near Old Mountain View's geographical center, is a walkable destination for many OMV residents. Just as well: the unusual pub foods and beer offerings may give you reason to work off a calorie or two.



Register to Vote Before October 20

You have up to 15 days before Election Day to register to vote if you are a US citizen, a California resident, and at least 18 years old.

Go to California's on-line registration system:

<http://registertovote.ca.gov/>

Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association (OMVNA) Candidate Forum

Monday, October 6th

6:30-8:30 PM

Community Room
Mountain View Library
Franklin Street

Keeping Mountain View Safe



Holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that

Fire Safety in Holiday Time

- are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

by Jaime Garrett

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

For more information on how to be fire safe this holiday season visit www.nfpa.org



Kids are grumbling and parents are rejoicing...school's in session! MVPD would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to

School Zone Traffic Tips

by Sgt. Saul Jaeger

slow down in school zones. The speed limit in all school zones in Mountain View is 25 mph. One of the most important and primary reasons 25 mph was chosen is perception and reaction time.

A common scenario is someone suddenly entering a crosswalk or running across a street and being struck by a vehicle. The driver often tells us by the time they saw the person, they already hit them. This is because it takes approximately 1.5 seconds from the point

at which you see the child run into the roadway until your foot hits the brake pedal (.75 seconds to perceive the danger and .75 seconds to react to it) especially when you are not expecting it. Keep in mind that this is how long it will take you to START TO STOP...and that all depends on your initial speed. Without getting into algorithms and roadway friction discussions, the priority in school zones is the safety of the children so please... slow down.

OMVNA Asks

Q: How can I find out about the number of violent crimes? What proportion did the police solve?

A: Great question! All of our statistics are available at <http://www.mountainview.gov/depts/police/crime/stats.asp> We are very proud of our investigative tenacity and our statistics.

Q: How many fires were there last year?

A: For the fiscal year '13-'14 there were 122 fires in MV that we responded to. More information about our call stats can be found on our website at www.mountainview.gov/fire/about/report.asp

For non-urgent traffic questions and complaints, particularly recurring problems such as speeding vehicles, etc. please call (650) 903-6146 or file an online report at <https://clients.comcate.com/newrequest.php?id=128>. More information can be found on our blog: www.mountainviewpoliceblog.com.



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Contact the newsletter team about articles, feedback, and advertising at: editorOMVNA@yahoo.com

Submissions for our first issue of 2015 are due by January 14, 2015

Vote for Pat on November 4th!

30 Year Resident

9 Years on EPC

Civil Engineer

On our city council, I'll work to preserve what's important, manage growth and design a livable future. We must:

- **Approve more housing, improve traffic management, and establish citywide bicycle routes and shuttles.**
- **Work together with our businesses and neighboring cities to solve shared problems.**
- **Protect our local environment and prepare for climate change impacts.**


Endorsers: Rich Gordon, *State Assemblyman*; Carl Guardino, *CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group*; Gay Krause, *Executive Director of the Krause Center for Innovation*; Peter Drekmeier, *former Palo Alto mayor*; Ronit Bryant, *MV City Council*; Mountain View Chamber of Commerce; DAWN, *Democratic Activists for Women Now and Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21*.

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Pat Showalter

for City Council



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Lisa Matichak

Mountain View City Council

Key Priorities

Support our neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for our diverse mix of residents
Advocate for high-quality housing that is affordable
Add parks and open space in our increasingly urban environment
Maintain Mountain View as a financially strong city

City Councilmember Endorsements

Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant, and Jac Siegel
Former Mayors and Current City Councilmembers
Nick Galiotto, Laura Macias, and Matt Pear
Former Mayors and City Councilmembers

Endorsement Highlights

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| M.V. Chamber of Commerce | Bala & Shobha Nagesh |
| M.V. Professional Firefighters | Jamil Shaikh |
| Sierra Club | Jerry Steach |
| Steve Rasmussen, Milk Pail | Nancy Stuhr |
| Robert Chang | |
| Carter Coleman | |
| Robert Cox | |
| Julia Ha | |
| Deb Keller | |
| Shirley Kwong | |
| Paul Lansky | |
| Carol & David Lewis | |
| Marina Marinovich | |
| Bill & Marla McCormack | |



Good For Your Neighborhood

www.LisaForCouncil.com

OMVNA Asks: In 150 Words, Tell Us: Why Are You Running For City Council?

Ellen Kamei

Thank you for the opportunity to share how I would like to work with you to make Mountain View the best City it can be.

As a third generation Mountain View resident and current Vice Chair of the City's Environmental Planning Commission, I have experienced the City's changes and growth.

A balanced approach to our future is necessary to preserve our neighborhoods and community.

It is important to build off the revitalization of downtown's Castro Street to create walkable, bikeable areas that provide open space and easy accessibility to services.

I am running for City Council to bring practical public service to our community and be proactive with all neighborhoods in making it the most extraordinary place it can be to live, work, play, and learn.

I am passionate about preserving the character of the City and its high quality of life.

Please connect with me at: www.ellenkamei.com

Greg Unangst

Growing up in Detroit in a lower middle-class, blue collar family I was fortunate to be admitted to West Point and graduated in 1968.

I spent 10 years (then 18 more with the reserves) in the Army leaving with a Purple Heart, and 2 Ivy League degrees. This world class education fueled a 33 year career in aerospace which has provided a comfortable lifestyle and a secure retirement. Running for City Council is an opportunity for me to pay forward on this deep debt I owe the American people.

My policy objectives are to achieve a better balance between housing and jobs and to build more affordable housing. We need to shift to a more balanced transportation network that takes into account not only cars; but bicycles, pedestrians, the handicapped and transit. We need to increase our park space at every possible opportunity. We need to plan for the future!

<http://unangst2014.com>

Jim Neal

I am running for City Council to:

- Create more affordable housing.
- Preserve our neighborhoods.
- Preserve The Milk Pail, Rose Market and other small businesses.
- Resolve parking and traffic issues.

As many of you know, I have been involved in all of these issues for the last three years instead of jumping on the bandwagon after the issues became popular.

I have studied the issues intensely during that time, and attended more City Council meetings in the last three years than all the other candidates combined!

I did this while working full time and spending four hours a day on public transportation.

This year, it is vitally important to elect someone you know will put your interests first and has a track record of serving the community.

I will always put your interests ahead of special interests! Please Vote Neal November 4th! <https://www.electneal.org/>

Mercedes Salem

I am running for City Council because I want to ensure that Mountain View residents thrive. As your councilwoman, I will work to preserve and improve our community, our neighborhoods and our quality of life. I will protect and increase our open space and work to make our city environmentally sustainable. I will focus on the programs we need for child development, for keeping families in Mountain View, and for empowering seniors in our community.

My background has prepared me well to serve as your councilwoman.

I have worked in technology and public policy. I earned a law degree from Santa Clara University. I understand the pressures facing our city and will bring sound judgment when making financial and policy decisions.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue making Mountain View an even better city. Thank you for considering me. I won't let you down. <http://votemercedes.nation-builder.com/>

Lisa Matichak

A vote for me is a vote for your neighborhood and a great quality of life in Mountain View.

I was the founding President of a neighborhood association with over 1,000 homes in the northeastern (Whisman) part of our city.

I'm in my 5th year on the Environmental Planning Commission, and I regularly meet with residents and business owners to work to preserve our existing neighborhoods, support local businesses, create housing that is affordable, find ways to add more parks and open space, have effective public transportation, provide safe bicycle routes, and design a walkable community.

My leadership and experience have earned me the distinction of being the only candidate endorsed by all 3 outgoing council members: Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant, and Jac Siegel. Steve Rasmussen, owner of the Milk Pail, endorsed me because I fought to save his business. I would be honored to also have your vote. (www.LisaForCouncil.com)

Pat Showalter

Mountain View has been my home for 30 years and we are at a cross-roads. The high tech boom has brought many jobs to Mountain View, but also skyrocketing rents and terrible traffic. These threaten Mountain View's character as a welcoming and diverse community.

I am seeking the opportunity to put my skills to work to preserve what's important, manage growth, and design a livable future.

As a Civil Engineer, I have the technical knowledge to evaluate infrastructure issues and my 9 years of service on the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) has provided a thorough education in how our local government works.

I am skilled at bringing people from opposing sides together to reach common goals.

I know that with the proper planning, economic prosperity and environmental protection go hand in hand. I welcome the opportunity to serve Mountain View's diverse neighborhoods to help us achieve these goals. <http://votepatshowalter.com/>

OMVNA Annual Meeting November 10

All OMVNA residents are invited to attend the OMVNA Annual Meeting:

Monday, November 10
Landels Elementary School
115 West Dana Street
7:30 PM

Agenda items

- Election of OMVNA steering committee members and sub-committee chairs (CERT, Historic Preservation, and Parking)
- Annual report (OMVNA year in review), including treasurer's report
- Any other issues that people would like to discuss can be proposed for the agenda

If you would like to have a guest speaker for an appropriate neighborhood topic, let us know at editorOMVNA@yahoo.com

We hope to see you there. We need a minimum of fifteen people to certify the election of the candidates for steering committee and sub-committee chairs and we want to hear your voices and issues.

OMVNA Steering Committee Candidates

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|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Chairman: | David Lewis | Sub-committee Chairs: | |
| Vice Chair: | Robert Cox | CERT: | Aaron Grossman |
| Secretary: | Shannon Madison | Historic Preservation: | Marina Marinovich |
| Treasurer: | Larry Rush | Residential Parking Co-Chairs: | Robert Cox |
| Community Liaison: | Jamil Shaikh | | Julie Lovins |
| Newsletter Editor: | Susan Bickford | Newsletter Distribution: | Julie Lovins |
| At Large (2): | Joni Ratts | | |
| | Andrew Heaton | | |
| | Paul Blumenstein | | |

Lenny Siegel

When my wife and I moved to Old Mountain View in 1972, much of the single-family neighborhood was zoned for redevelopment, and the city had plans to widen residential streets such as Dana and Calderon.

I participated in the Central City planning process that preserved our neighborhood.

As a member of the Planning Commission in the late 1970s, I supported creation of the Stevens Creek Trail. Later I argued that the best way to reduce neighborhood traffic was to improve peripheral arterials such as Evelyn, and I supported multi-family residential projects near the railroad tracks.

As a Council member, I will apply many of the same principles city-wide. Mountain View's unbalanced growth is threatening our quality of life, diversity, and environment.

I stand for 1) limits on office development; 2) creating denser family-friendly neighborhoods in the North Bayshore and San Antonio areas; and 3) preserving existing neighborhoods. See Lenny-SiegelforCouncil.net.

Ken Rosenberg

When I consider for whom to vote in local elections, I choose the candidate with the broadest local leadership experiences. Mine include:

- Chair, MV Chamber of Commerce
- Chair, MV Human Relations Commission
- Creator, MV Civility Roundtable Discussion Series
- Former Chair, OMVNA
- Former Vice Chair, MV Downtown Committee
- Former Member, Los Altos School District Enrollment Taskforce
- Executive Board Member, Peninsula Youth Theatre Board
- Graduate, Leadership Mountain View, 2004
- Former Member, Leadership Mountain View Council
- Former Member, OMV CERT
- Treasurer, Mountain View Los Altos Soccer

I am running for council today because my MV-based experiences have led me here. Along the way, I have already contributed to increasing the quality of life for the residents of MV. I hope to earn your vote. Visit <http://www.mountain-viewken.com>

Margaret Capriles

As a longtime resident of over 45 years, I want to preserve the character and diversity of this beautiful city. My vision is to follow Smart Growth guidelines to develop a reasonable amount of housing, commercial, and retail businesses, while maintaining our precious open space, including effective transportation with safe pedestrian and bicycle routes.

- Member Environmental Planning Commission
- 27 Years Hewlett-Packard, internationally
- Graduate Leadership Mountain View
- LMV Advisory Committee Chair
- Board of Directors, El Camino YMCA
- Distinguished Service Award, YMCA
- Regularly attend City Council Meetings

I believe that with these experiences, skills, and knowledge, I am uniquely qualified and will work diligently to serve you on the City Council City Council.

Please vote for #7 on November 4th and elect Community, Commitment, Capriles. www.margaret-capriles.com

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Paid for by Ken Rosenberg for Mountain View City Council, FPPC#1364075



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Key Endorsements

Santa Clara Democratic Party

Congressman Mike Honda

Jac Siegel, MV Councilmember

Laura Macias, former MV Mayor

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

I will work to preserve our neighborhoods and maintain Mountain View's character. All of my decisions will be guided with the following principle: Will the residents of Mountain View benefit?

HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

I will work tirelessly to create more affordable housing for our residents as well as safer bicycle and pedestrian lanes. I am dedicated to environmental preservation and sustainability.

MORE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS

I will create more summer learning programs for children and valuable courses for residents of all ages, and will continue to support and expand services at our Senior Center.

I am Ready to Serve – From my high tech and public policy work, to my non-profit volunteerism and legal training, I am prepared to serve as your voice on our City Council.

I am Always Accessible – Feel free to contact me at voteformercedes@gmail.com or at votemercedes.nationbuilder.com and facebook.com/salemforcouncil

German International School Holiday Market Saturday December 13

The German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV) is bringing back a European winter tradition to downtown Mountain View.

GISSV's German Holiday Market on Sat., Dec. 13, from 11 AM to 9 PM, at City Hall Plaza, 500 Castro St. in Mountain View, will nearly double in size from last year's event (Mercy Street will be closed from Bryant Street to Castro Street).

The German Holiday Market will have the look and feel of a traditional, open-air Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas market) in a German village, where visitors of all ages can:

- Warm up with a mug of Glühwein (mulled wine) or Kinderpunsch (hot cider) or quench their thirst with a German beer while hanging out with family and friends.
- Feast on Würste (sausages), Leberkäse (veal loaf), Bretzln (pretzels), Stollen (a traditional holiday bread), Lebkuchen (gingerbread), Gebrannte Mandeln (toasted candied almonds)
- Discover unique gifts from both German and Bay Area artisans and merchants, including an array of handcrafted items.
- Delight in the petting zoo, train, face painting, games and activities.
- Take home amazing prizes by participating in the German Holiday Market Raffle.
- Enjoy live entertainment, includ-

ing orchestral and choral performances of holiday favorites.

- Learn about the holiday traditions of Germany and practice German. Noch ein Glühwein bitte!

"The Weihnachtsmarkt tradition dates back to the Late Middle Ages in the German-speaking part of Europe and features everything we associate with winter and the holiday season," says GISSV Principal Martin Fugmann. "We are thrilled to once again bring this tradition and the festive atmosphere it creates to the city of Mountain View and invite everybody into our village market."

The German Holiday Market is free and open to the public, rain or shine. All proceeds from the event will benefit the nonprofit German International School of Silicon Valley.

Go to facebook.com/German-HolidayMarket for the latest about entertainment and vendor lineups PLUS a German dictionary with essential vocabulary for the market.

OMVNA 2014 Steering Committee

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Next Meeting: Annual Meeting - November 10, 2014

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