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Act Now to Help Our Schools

by Greg Fowler

Early in October, the Mountain View Educational Foundation (MVEF) received a fabulous offer of support from Google Inc.

With the beginning of another school year in late August, the MVEF kicked off another year of support for all students in the Mountain View Whisman School District. The new year has also brought new leaders to the District: Dr. Ayiné Rudolph, superintendent, and in our local school, Steven Chesley, principal at Landels.

Last spring MVEF adopted a budget that included a number of new programs and that meant a significant stretch in its fund raising goal for the current year.

Google Inc. has now agreed to match all donations, up to \$400,000.00, made to MVEF between August 1 and December 11.

For renewing donors the match is dollar for dollar. For any new donors the match is doubled—for every dollar a new donor contributes, the organization will receive two dollars from Google Inc.

This grant will allow the community to have a real impact on local public education. The funds raised through the matching grant will be used to ensure that high quality art and music continue in all of our schools and to expand the District's environmental education programs. This will include local field trips, support for a new capstone 8th grade trip to Yosemite

National Park, and hands-on garden-based lessons through Living Classroom. If the full match amount is met, MVEF will also be able to allocate funds to school libraries and the school musical instrument programs, and will consider other pilot programs.

Donations may be made online at <http://www.challenge4mvef.org> or mailed to Mountain View Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 391557, Mountain View, CA 94039.

Currently, five of the fifteen Mountain View Educational Foundation board members live in Old Mountain View. To read more about the organization visit our web site at www.mvef.org.

If you have questions on this opportunity or on the organization, please email contact@mvef.org. MVEF is a 501(c)(3) public benefit charity, Federal Tax ID #77-0006770 and all donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please help MVEF meet this challenge!

OMVNA Annual Meeting

The General Meeting and Elections are scheduled for 7:30-9:00PM, December 7, 2015, in the Multipurpose Room of Edith Landels Elementary School, 115 W. Dana Street.

The OMVNA Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of candidates for the 2016 Old Mountain View Neighborhood Steering Committee election on December 7.

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

Chair:	David Lewis
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At Large:	Max Hauser

The Steering Committee would like to thank the Nominating Committee (Chair Kim Copher, Jerry Steach, and Dina Cheyette) for their service in recruiting nominees for these positions.

New Restaurant Roundup

by Max Hauser

New and coming downtown-MV restaurants since my last report in early 2015:



Mervyn's was a popular café for 30 years, until the '90s. The name **Mervyn's** has now returned to the 236-Castro frontage; inside are the old rear bar, a new front bar, and a restaurant dubbed **J-Love Burgers** with a modern Japanese take on "burgers," whose buns are either conventional bread-type, pressed rice, or noodle cakes, your choice. I've found the lunch specials delectable (try the unique vegetarian "Kinpira" sandwich), and a good value.



Drunken Lobster is the new casual seafood restaurant at 212 Castro (formerly **Gyros House** and briefly, **pitabite**). Background from Elena Kadavny: <http://www.mvvoice.com/blogs/p/2015/09/18/opening-alert-drunken-lobster-in-mountain-view> I've had one meal there. Fresh shellfish in traditional preparations: seafood soups, lobster rolls, shrimp or lobster salads, oysters, clams; Dungeness crab promised when available. Bay-Area-born chef Brian Langevin has long experience, and fishing-boat connections for the local seafoods.



Ava's Downtown Market & Deli (340 Castro), which earlier recruited an independent catering firm to run its sandwich deli (impressive results: a temple of creative, gastronomic sandwiches), plans soon to inaugurate a **Poké Bar**, part of a successful chain (www.gopokebar.com), to replace the ice-cream counter (which will reopen elsewhere in the market). Poké is a Hawaiian fish salad.

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Community Profile: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

Many of us were not around in the late 1980's when the City of Mountain View decided to dedicate part of its planned Civic Center Complex to the arts. Opened in January of 1991, the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts (MVCPA) has brought twenty-five years of economic and cultural benefits to Mountain View and the South Bay.

I met with W. Scott Whisler, Executive Director, to find out what makes the MVCPA tick.

Susan: Tell us about the MVCPA facility.

Scott: Many people don't realize this, but the MVCPA and City Hall are technically a single building. We share HVAC, a single address, parking, and other critical pieces of infrastructure.

Susan: What is your mission?

Scott: Our official charter is that we are responsible for the management and operation of the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, a three-theater performing arts complex owned by the City of Mountain View. What we really like to say is "We are about celebrating the arts in the South Bay."



Opening Celebration, January 1991

Susan: What is your relationship to the City of Mountain View? How are you funded?

Scott: We are the City of Mountain View. We are City employees. Running a performing arts center is almost always a losing proposition. In our case, we receive \$1.4M

by Susan Bickford and W. Scott Whisler a year from the City General Fund, and we return about 90% of that, usually around \$1.2M, which is significantly above average. Of course our events benefit the community and the City by bringing people to downtown restaurants and stores, so looking at the big picture, we more than pay our way.

Susan: Tell us about your organization.

Scott: There are about 9 permanent and part-time staff, plus 35-40 part-time people like stage hands who work here as needed. We also have a volunteer force of over 320 volunteers—mostly ushers—which dedicates over 15,000 hours a year of time. This provides a huge savings for us. For example, it takes 16 volunteers to open each show. Volunteers also help run the lobby art show during the week.

Susan: How do you decide what programs to put on?

Scott: 99% of our revenue comes from rental operations, so programming is a critical part of sales. The MVCPA is too small for big Broadway productions, but we are perfect for certain kinds of shows that have been very successful.

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

by Jaime Garrett



As forecasters continue to predict a wet winter, we are offering the following tips to help residents prepare.

- Clogged storm drains are the most common cause of localized flooding.
- Clear leaves from rain gutters and property drains.
- Sandbags are best used to divert water around low areas and are most effective when used to prevent flooding from one foot or less of water from entering a home or business through doorways and garage door openings.
- Sandbags are available free of charge to Mountain View residents and are located at the corner of North Whisman Road and Gladys Avenue.
- Residents need to bring their own shovels to fill sandbags; bags and sand are provided.
- Due to the weight of sandbags residents are cautioned to take only 20 to 30 bags per vehicle.

Tips for sandbag usage:

http://www.valleywater.org/Services/Flood_Protection/Sandbags/How_to_fill_and_use_sandbags.aspx

Report flooding, standing water, clogged drains in the street by calling the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329 during normal business hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday).

- Report downed trees and tree limbs during normal business hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday) by calling the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.
- After hours or on weekends, to report these conditions, call the City's Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

Be sure to consult the City of Mountain View website for updated information throughout the winter season at www.mountain-view.gov

Tips to Safely Decorate and Entertain This Holiday Season

Holiday Decorating

- Be aware and choose decorations that 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.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for maximum number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

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 fire safety tips, please visit www.nfpa.org.

HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are a festive time for people to spend with family and friends. But this is also a time when crime can increase due to purchases and parcels left in unsecured vehicles, homes, on doorsteps and in

by Jodie Pierce



mail boxes.

Here are a few general crime prevention tips to remember - not just during the holidays!

Vehicles:

- Always lock your car doors and keep the windows rolled ALL the way up after you have parked.
- Never leave valuables visible in your vehicle; this includes packages especially those already gift wrapped.

Personal Safety:

- Do not carry large amounts of cash when you go out shopping, etc. Accessing your wallet with large amounts of cash visible allows for a would-be thief to see the money.

Residences:

- Always lock your windows and doors when you leave the house.
- Use a light sensor to keep front light on at night every night.
- Don't feel obligated to answer and open the door. Use your peep hole or a window next to your door to see who is there.
- If you are not expecting anyone, tell the person to 'go away, I'm not interested.' Speak through the door but DO NOT pretend you are not home.
- Don't leave valuable items in

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OMV Authors Offer Tips on Easing Holiday Conflicts

by Elisabeth Seaman and Susan Bickford

Wouldn't it be great if, when you get together with your family this holiday season, you could all get along with each other?

Old Mountain View residents Elisabeth Seaman and Sharlene Gee have teamed up with Jack Hamilton and Hillary Freeman on a recently published book, *Conflict—The Unexpected Gift: Making the most of disputes in life and work*.

This is a particularly timely topic with the holiday season upon us. During a period that we like to think of as joyous, some family members attend Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and other celebrations with trepidation or outright fear because they don't all get along with each other. Others avoid these celebrations altogether because their hurt feelings have continued unabated for many years.

As many of us know, interpersonal conflicts in families often are exacerbated due to old patterns that have gotten out of hand. Sometimes we feel that another person treated us unfairly, which continues to hurt and anger us. We are often unaware of someone's true intentions, and the many factors that caused them to behave the way they did.

Festering, unresolved issues with loved ones take a toll. When relatives, who have experienced long-standing misunderstandings and grudges, get together, there

often is either silence between those individuals or an exchange of angry words. This does not make for a festive mood.

Of course, conflict permeates our lives throughout the year as well. Taking the time to examine and resolve it takes awareness, commitment, and effort, and this book gives hope and advice on how disagreements on any scale can be resolved.

Conflict—The Unexpected Gift: Making the most of disputes in life and work suggests practical ways to honestly address, talk through and benefit from resolving conflicts. Every chapter has real-life accounts of people, their unresolved issues and the creative ways they resolved them.

Consider the art of "listening for understanding", one of the most important and neglected aspects of positive communication.

When two people are supposed to be having a conversation, often while one person is talking, the other person can hardly wait until he can reply with his own opinions. This book offers ways to give your full attention to the person speaking and to learn how to become aware of other people's emotions and why people act the way they do.

The book also stresses the importance of knowing yourself, clarifying assumptions, apologizing to heal old hurts and being able to move forward by not only repairing relationships but often by making them better than they were before.

Authors Seaman, Gee, Hamilton, and Freeman hope you will turn to this book when unresolved issues in your family surface and read the examples of everyday conflicts and how they were resolved. There is even a helpful chapter about how to resolve disagreements when the other party is absent or unwilling to talk.

"Can't we all get along?" is the question Rodney King posed years ago.

For these authors the answer is "Yes!" We can get along if we wish to do so and are willing to exert the effort to make it happen.

An added bonus! On Tuesday, November 10, the authors are giving a free workshop on this subject.

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Street Tree Update

by Bruce Hurlburt

Editor: This article is a follow-up to our information on street trees earlier in the year. We had multiple questions about pruning.

Pruning street trees: Street trees are those planted five feet behind the back of the sidewalk. Property owners need permission from the City to prune their street tree if they don't want it pruned by the City at no cost. City staff is happy to allow a property owner to prune the street tree but needs to verify the work will be done by a reputable licensed and bonded tree service. Proper tree pruning requires technical knowledge and understanding of tree structure. Email parks@mountainview.gov or call 903-6273 with any questions regarding your street tree.

As a public agency the department cannot endorse private companies. An online search 'Tree services, Mountain View' will bring up half a dozen licensed and insured tree services. Yelp can also give folks an idea of a company's customer service record.

We recommend getting three bids for comparison. After you have made your selection, you or the tree service can make contact with Forestry staff so we are in the loop.

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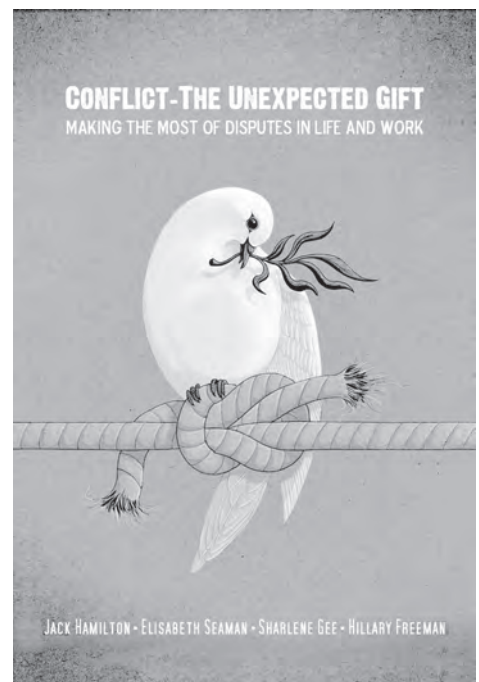
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Love Them, Loathe Them, Wonder About Them? Google's Self Driving Cars

by Susan Bickford and Jennifer Haroon



In September, Google hosted 800 residents of Mountain View to take a closer look at, and learn more about, Google's self-driving car project. Many had the chance to ride in one of their prototype vehicles for the first time. We've taken some of residents' most popular questions as well as those you sent in, about the technology and put them to Jennifer Haroon, Google's head of business operations for self-driving cars.

Why is Google working on self-driving cars?

We really care about making progress on the enormous problem of road safety. Each year 1.2 million people die on the roads around the world. In the U.S. alone, road accidents take 33,000 lives; that's the equivalent of a 737 crashing every weekday. We also know that 94% of those deaths are due to human error. Self-driving cars have the potential to reduce these numbers because, unlike people, they never get sleepy or distracted. They can see 360 degrees and simultaneously track many objects around them, meaning they can potentially respond more quickly than humans in many scenarios. We're also excited by how this technology could make mobility easier for a whole range of people, like those with disabilities or the elderly. Self-driving cars would mean more transportation options for these people as well as greater independence.

How does it work and what is it like to travel in one?

You may have spotted two different types of self-driving cars on the road: one is a modified Lexus SUV, and the other one is a smaller prototype vehicle we've designed ourselves. Although they look different, both have the same sensors on board that allow the car to see all around the vehicle—like being able to look through the windshield, out the side windows, and at the rear view mirror at the same time, even in complete darkness. They also share the software that interprets and understands what the sensors are “see-

ing”, such as traffic lights, pedestrians, cyclists and other vehicles on the road, and then makes decisions based on all of this information. Even though we currently test our prototype vehicles on local streets with a removable steering wheel and brake pedals, our cars are designed to navigate without them. Recently we let a few hundred Mountain View residents take a short ride in our prototype vehicle on the rooftop parking lot at our office and the first thing they said they noticed was how spacious it felt inside. Instead of a steering wheel, there's a button you can press to stop and start the vehicle and then the car does the rest.

Why are you testing on Mountain View streets? How do I know a self-driving car is safe?

Our self-driving cars have now driven over 1.2 million miles autonomously, which is the equivalent to about 90 years of driving experience for a typical U.S. adult. We've taught our software to handle common suburban street driving—stop signs, traffic signals, merging, and yielding to pedestrians. We can even recognize cyclists' hand gestures. We conduct some testing on private test tracks but we also need to experience real, complex scenarios on city streets to make progress, since test tracks and obstacle courses do not reflect the complexity of driving on real roads. Wherever we drive, safety is our highest concern. While we are testing, our drivers are always aboard the vehicles and they can take over driving at any time if needed.

When will it be more widely available? And how would I get one?

I know residents of Mountain View have been seeing our self-driving cars on the road for some time now, but we've still got a bit more work to do! We've been really happy with all the interest and excitement residents have shown—and thank you for sharing the roads with us while we learn. Our project lead, Chris Urmson, lives here in Mountain View, and his son is 12. Chris' goal is to make sure his son never has to get a driver's license. In the meantime, we're going to keep working and learning more about how people might like to use these vehicles, and to uncover any other challenges that are unique to a fully self-driving vehicle. So if you have any feedback or have more questions, we'd love to hear from you at www.google.com/selfdrivingcar

Historic Immigrant House

by Marina Marinovich

The small house on Bryant Street that was once a home for hard-working immigrants and will be restored as a centerpiece of the new park at 771 Rengstorff Avenue became a “historic structure” by action of the City Council on October 27. This action has allowed the City to apply for a grant from a program overseen by the County of Santa Clara Historical Heritage Commission. We are indebted to our City Staff for their hard work on this. The Historical Heritage grant would eliminate the current funding deficit for the restoration.

For more news and great pictures, please see the Friends of Immigrant Hours Facebook page: <http://tinyurl.com/pnxsv60>



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A Festive European Tradition Returns to the Bay Area
The German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV)
presents the 3rd Annual



Can't make it to Europe this year for the holidays? Miss the holiday traditions of your European homeland? Simply want to enjoy traditional German food and beverages or shop for unique, handmade items?

Then come to the German International School of Silicon Valley's German Holiday Market (Weihnachtsmarkt) on Saturday, December 12, 2015, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., at City Hall Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. The German Holiday Market recreates the festive atmosphere of the open-air winter markets found in villages throughout Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

This year's Holiday Market will offer warm Austrian hospitality, Swiss-precision service, and German gastronomical delights and libations, including Glühwein (warm mulled wine) and Kinderpunsch (warm cider), which are the hallmarks of these winter markets, Würste (sausages), Bier (beer), Leberkäse (veal loaf), Bretzln (pretzels), Stollen (cake with candied fruit and dusted with powdered sugar), Lebkuchen (gingerbread), and Gebrannte Mandeln (toasted candied almonds).

German and local artisans and merchants will offer unique gifts,

including an array of handcrafted ornaments and toys from Germany, and locally made jewelry, clothing, and toys. Attractions for the whole family including a petting zoo, a choo-choo train, face painting, games, and activities. Enjoy live entertainment, including orchestral and choral performances of holiday favorites. And practice speaking German. Noch ein Glühwein bitte! (Another warm mulled wine please!)

"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 invite everyone into our village market."

Admission is free. Proceeds from the event benefit the German International School of Silicon Valley, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit preK - Grade 12 bilingual school established in 1999. GISSV offers a challenging curriculum in English and German on campuses in Mountain View, Berkeley, and San Francisco. GISSV graduates earn both a high-school diploma and the German equivalent, the Abitur. For more info about GISSV, go to www.gissv.org.

For more info about the German Holiday Market, go to www.facebook.com/GermanHolidayMarket or contact us at holidaymarket@gissv.org.

Indoor Winter Activities
by Barbara Pressman

Winter approaches and with the additional possibility of el Niño, the opportunity for finding fun and interesting things to do with our kids narrows to more indoor activities. Here are some ideas to help pass the time.

A traditional favorite is building an indoor fort, where every pillow and blanket in the house gets commandeered (and perhaps some string or rope) to create a space that is comfy and magical—where imagination and story telling can take on a whole new role. This is not only for the very young—our teens did this one New Years Eve and had a blast.

Whether your children are young or almost ready to head off to college, kitchen time together creates special opportunities.

For the young, baking cookies from scratch is a simple fun way to get delicious treats and also augment their understanding of basic math skills, especially fractions.

For those with older kids, it is never too soon to show them how to fend for themselves, from the grocery store to the table. They will soon tire of mac and cheese when they are on their own. Knowing how to create a meal will be something they will appreciate sooner rather than later.

A game my Mom played with us in the grocery store was to have us each keep track of what things cost as they were placed in the shopping cart (in our heads) and then, when it came time to check out, we would see who was closest to the actual total. For young adults, realizing how much things actually cost can be an eye opener.

A way to make our homes reflect ourselves is to create something that is uniquely us. With our busy lives we don't often take the time to stimulate our creativity. With the electronic age why not take advantage of some applications and create works of art that can be printed and framed? Coloring for the very young and for adults is making resurgence. Mandalas are always easy and fun to color for any age.

Spending time together, creative projects, and enjoying the simplest things is the gift of bleak weather that forces us to stay indoors. For me the rain can't come soon enough for many reasons, but mostly because it offers the opportunity to rekindle the enjoyment I felt as a kid being at home with nowhere in particular to go.

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Submissions for our February issue are due by January 12, 2016.

Restaurants

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Poke seems to be a trend: **Poke-works** (revised from original name **Poke Fresh**) is coming to 211 Castro (formerly **Kapp's** and "191"). A neighbor who tried another **Eureka** restaurant praised its creative, moderately-priced menu. <http://www.pokeworks.com/>



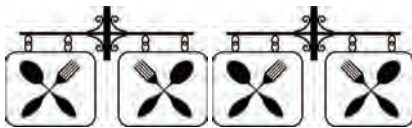
Eureka (a popular southern California restaurant group with casual foods and hamburgers) is taking over 191 Castro at Villa (formerly **Kapp's** and "191"). A neighbor who tried another **Eureka** restaurant praised its creative, moderately-priced menu. <http://www.eurekarestaurantgroup.com/eat.html>



Rumble Fish has been under construction, replacing **Sono Sushi** at 357 Castro.



Not a restaurant, but a pending candy/soda shop **Rocket Fizz** has had window signage up at the NW Castro/Dana corner (formerly the popular pet store **Seascapes**).



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Early on, TheatreWorks was looking for a home, and they turned out to be a perfect fit. They account for 50% of our main stage events. Peninsula Youth Theater is a community-based educational group that also does many events with us, and there are about 30 other groups we help showcase. We are now adding a French Cinema de Moi, starting in October. Scheduling in January is a very hectic time.

Susan: What have been your biggest successes?

Scott: I am very proud of how busy the place is. An international survey of performing arts centers showed that MVCPA had more shows than any other Main Stage. This year we will have 400 performances. Of course this means we recover most of our costs.

TheatreWorks has produced some world class events. "Memphis", which went on to win a TONY for Best Musical, started on the MVCPA stage. And a number of students in the Peninsula Youth Theater have gone on to careers in theater.

Susan: You must have some challenges.

Scott: Every year, we need to keep our expectations realistic. Lots of shows does not mean lots of money.

Susan: How can we help?

Scott: Ushers and volunteers are very welcome. We accept and train new volunteers in September and March. But of course what we really want is for you to attend! Bring friends. Talk about us and like us on our new Facebook page. And check our new website: <http://www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/mvcpa/subsite/default.asp>

Susan: Any hidden secrets?

Scott: Even when the building looks quiet, we are never empty! People are inside all the time, working on the next show or helping with a current one. Live theater is a wonderful, unique experience with every performance.



Safety Tips

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plain sight in front of windows and doors. The Christmas tree and lights are wonderful to see in a window, but it also advertises to the criminals what you have inside the house.

- If you will be away for any length of time, have a neighbor watch over your house.
- Don't let mail and fliers accumulate at your door when you are out of town.

Neighborhoods:

- Participate in Neighborhood Watch.
- Know your neighbors and communicate with them.
- Call 9-1-1 if you see any suspicious people or vehicles or activity.
- When all else fails, call MVPD and we can determine if an officer needs to respond.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

Contact Information: Keeping in Touch with Mountain View's Finest

If you need to contact the Police Department, or want to follow what is going on, use these resources:

- **Non-emergency:** 650-903-6395
- **General info:** 650-903-6344
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/MountainViewPoliceDepartment
- **Twitter:** @MountainViewPD
- **MVPD Blog:** <http://mountainviewpoliceblog.com>
- **"Ask Mountain View":** Submit an inquiry, comment or question for any department City-wide. Just click on the "Ask Mountain View" logo on any page of our website.
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