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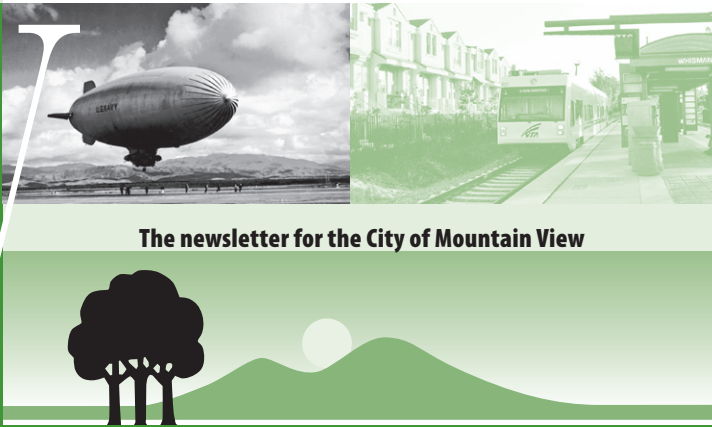
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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Do not miss these annual community events this Spring and Summer:

- Summer Camp Fair – March 7
- Arbor Day Celebration – March 14
- Downtown Spring Parade – April 25
- Citywide Garage Sale – May 2
- Community Yard Sale – May 9
- July Fourth Celebration at Shoreline – July 4
- Deer Hollow Farm Spring Tours – March 14, April 18, May 16

RIDE THE FREE COMMUNITY SHUTTLE

Averaging nearly 1,000 riders a week, the blue-banded Mountain View Community Shuttle began operation in January and can be seen around the City. The free community shuttle program has four electric shuttles. Each shuttle has seating for 16 passengers, a wheelchair lift, space for two wheelchairs, WiFi connectivity and bicycle racks on the outside of the vehicle. Funded by Google, the shuttle pilot program is intended to offer residents and visitors a transportation alternative to move between neighborhoods, shopping centers, medical complexes, City facilities and recreation areas.

On weekdays, the shuttles operate from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On weekends and holidays, shuttles operate from noon until 8:00 p.m. For more information on shuttle routes and schedules, visit MVCommunityShuttle.com or call the hotline at (855) 730-RIDE (7433).



AFFORDABLE HOUSING GETS A LITTLE HELP

The City Council has voted to increase the fees paid by developers on office, high technology and industrial developments within the city, as well as fees paid by those who offer rental housing. The new development fees became effective in February and are used to help address the impact of new development on the need for more affordable housing within the city through the construction of rental housing projects for lower income households. Three new affordable developments have applied for this funding: a 116-unit workforce housing project on Evelyn Avenue, a 51-unit family project on Shoreline Boulevard, and a 49-unit senior project on West El Camino Real.

Mountain View first implemented housing fees more than ten years ago through the Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Program and Housing Impact Fee and recently added a housing fee on new apartment development. The Council held a public hearing and received input through two stakeholder meetings and an Open City Hall Forum before making its decision. For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/AffordableHousing or call (650) 903-6306.

NEW TEEN CENTER IS OPEN

While the new View Teen Center was opened last Fall with a big dedication celebration, the new center is already providing outstanding programs for Mountain View students in grades 6–12. The facility offers a commercial pool table, foosball table, ping pong table, air hockey table, video games, movies, a large kitchen, a computer room, an outdoor patio and a large outdoor grass area for play and sports. Programming in the facility includes art, music, dance, health, fitness, sports, culinary arts and life skills. These programs are offered on a drop-in basis, through classes and through special events.



Current Teen Center hours are Monday – Thursday, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Summer hours begin June 8 and are Monday-Thursday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

For more information, The View Teen Center, located at 263 Escuela Ave., may be reached by calling (650) 903-6333 or the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331. To see a complete of activities offered, visit www.mountainview.gov/theviewteencenter.



NEW CITY MINIMUM WAGE STARTS JULY 1

Starting July 1, the minimum wage in Mountain View will be \$10.30 per hour with annual adjustments for inflation on January 1 of each following year. The new wage rate was established by City Council in October 2014 and matches the wage in San Jose. City staff is working with local businesses to ensure our community is prepared for the change.

In addition to the new minimum wage rate, City Council also set a goal to reach a minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour by 2018. To achieve this goal, City staff is working in cooperation with neighboring cities, regional organizations, and continues to monitor input from the Mountain View community. On March 31, City staff will provide an update to Council on regional minimum wage developments and seek direction on a work plan for moving forward.

For more information on the City's Minimum Wage Ordinance, visit www.mountainview.gov/minwage.



CITY EXPANDS VETERANS MEMORIAL IN EAGLE PARK

The City is in the process of relocating two memorial plaques honoring veterans to a renovated Veterans Memorial in Eagle Park at 650 Franklin St. A third plaque, honoring students from the former Mountain View Union High School killed in World War II, is currently located in the park. A new, fourth plaque is planned. In addition, military service emblems and granite panels with the names of Mountain View veterans will be added.

The City is scheduled to dedicate the updated memorial on November 11 for Veterans Day. Anyone may purchase an engraving to honor a U. S. veteran who served honorably. Veterans are those who are still serving or have served, whether living or deceased, serving domestically, overseas, in peace or combat, regardless of length of service. For more information, contact the Mountain View Veterans Memorial Committee at MVBeteransMemorial.org or call (650) 219-1041.



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TIPS FOR BEATING SUMMER HEAT

As warm weather approaches, follow this easy tips to stay cool and safe.

- Drink plenty of liquids, including water and sports drinks, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Avoid alcohol, caffeine and sugar because they make you lose fluids.
- Avoid physical activity during the hottest time of the day: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- NEVER leave people or pets in a closed, parked car.
- Stay in air-conditioned areas, such as malls, libraries, movie theatres and community centers.
- Cool off by taking a bath or shower.
- Do not cool children in alcohol baths.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing—preferably cotton.
- Do not bundle babies in blankets or heavy clothing.
- Wear a wide-brimmed, vented hat or use an umbrella when outdoors.
- Wear sunglasses and sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher when outdoors.
- Rest often in shady areas.



REGISTER FOR SWIM LESSONS IN MARCH

Registration for City Spring and Summer swim lessons begins March 9 for Mountain View residents. Classes for toddlers, preschoolers and swimmers in levels 1-6 will be available through the Recreation Division.

The Recreation Division will also provide a swim assessment to help parents determine which swim classes are appropriate for their children before registering. The 10 minute assessment will be available Saturday, March 7 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Eagle Pool, 650 Franklin St.

For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 or visit www.mountainview.gov/aquatics.



SUMMER CERT TRAINING

The next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program begins on May 27. Free to residents of Mountain View and employees of Mountain View businesses. The program begins May 27 and runs June 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. The final class on Saturday, June 27 will be from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

CERT team training prepares local residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster. CERT members receive training in earthquake awareness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, team organization and team management. The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services may not be readily available.

For more information about class dates and to register, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825 or register online at www.mountainview.gov/CERT.

MVPD EXPANDS OFFICER WORN CAMERA PROGRAM

In January 2012, MVPD issued ten officer-worn cameras to a voluntary group of patrol officers who tested the system and provided essential feedback. As a result, an additional 66 camera systems were requested for all uniformed patrol officers.

In the Spring of 2014, the last round of officer-worn cameras arrived. Since then, MVPD has been working with the Mountain View Police Officers' Association to create a policy for the deployment of these cameras. Of utmost concern with recorded footage is the preservation of privacy for members of the Mountain View community and victims of crime.



"We are fortunate to enjoy a great relationship with the community we serve and protect," says Chief Max Bosel. "This relationship is built on a foundation of trust and respect. We believe that officer-worn cameras will only improve levels of service that is expected of us and continue to demonstrate transparency and openness in our interactions with those we serve."

For updates on officer-worn cameras, you can follow MVPD's blog (mountainviewpoliceblog.com) or follow us on Twitter @MountainViewPD.

NEW CRIME SOFTWARE HELPS POLICE

The Mountain View Police Department has initiated the use of PredPol, a new type of predictive analytics software that helps the Department predict likely areas in which crime may occur.

Based on crime report data, the program produces a crime area map. Officers can focus patrols in those areas, while also maintaining a presence and responding to calls in other areas. Use of the software has been credited with reducing crime in Los Angeles, Modesto, Alhambra and other U.S. cities.

For more information, call the Police Department at (650) 903-6344.

REGISTER FOR PRESCHOOL AT THE CHILD CARE CENTER

The Mountain View Child Care Center, located at 260 Escuela Ave., provides preschool for children six weeks to five years of age. Learning Links Preschool assumed operation of the program in February 2014.

The Learning Links Preschool program serves approximately 90 children, offers rolling enrollment and has a curriculum of learning experiences suitable for children regardless of ability, temperament, culture or socioeconomic background.

For more information, visit LearningLinksPreschool.com, call (650) 938-2252 or email enroll@learninglinkspreschool.org.



FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN CITY

The Mountain View Fire Department reminds citizens that all forms of fireworks are strictly prohibited in Mountain View. Fireworks can cause serious burns, injuries, death and property damage. Those who use illegal fireworks may be subject to damage expenses, medical expenses, fire suppression expenses and criminal charges.

The City of Mountain View encourages residents to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday by attending public displays put on by trained professionals. A professional fireworks show will be presented at Shoreline at Mountain View on July 4 so that the public may celebrate Independence Day safely.



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City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



SHORELINE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS



The City Council has approved a conceptual plan for transit, bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements along the Shoreline Boulevard Corridor—the area between the Downtown Transit Center and the area north of the Bayshore Freeway—where many Mountain View companies are located. The improvements are necessary to support anticipated increases in employment and development in the North Bayshore Area. City staff will implement the planned improvements in phases. For more information, visit shorelinecorridor.com.



BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The City has held two community workshops and is scheduled to release a draft Bicycle Transportation Plan this Summer, followed by completion of the related environmental review process in the Fall. Adoption of the final plan is expected by early 2016.

The Bicycle Transportation Plan update builds on the City's previous 2008 Bike Plan and the 2030 General Plan's mobility goals which were created to encourage bicycling and guide the City's future bicycle-related improvements, programs and policies. In addition, the Plan update has been shaped by public input from community workshops, City advisory committees and stakeholders.

Additional opportunities for public comment will be available after the draft plan update is released. To be notified of these events or for more information, visit bikemountainview.com or call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



TREE MASTER PLAN

In order to better preserve and maintain Mountain View's trees, the City is in the process of creating a Community Tree Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission and the Environmental Planning Commission reviewed the draft in 2014. The City Council is expected to consider the draft at a study session this Spring. To read the draft, visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov/CSDProjects. Public comments can be sent via email to community.services@mountainview.gov.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN COMPLETE

Mountain View has completed an update to the Parks and Open Space Plan, which guides the development of new parks and open space within the City, as well as improvements to existing parks and open space. The City Council approved the update in October.



The 2014 Parks and Open Space Plan includes a review of current and future open space needs within the community and within each neighborhood, along with a list of priorities for projects designed to serve neighborhoods that are most in need of additional open space. For more information, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331 or visit www.mountainview.gov/CSDProjects.



MONTHLY PLANNING DIVISION UPDATES AVAILABLE ONLINE

You can access monthly updates on private development projects, along with long range planning studies, online at mountainview.gov/CDDProjectList. The Planning Department organizes these projects geographically, provides a map of where various projects are located and the name of the city planner assigned to oversee each project. For additional information, contact the planner assigned to each project by calling the Planning Division at (650) 903-6306.



PRECISE PLAN UPDATES

The City has created Precise Plans to establish zoning regulations and requirements for Mountain View's various neighborhoods. Several of these plans have been updated to reflect the planning guidelines set down in the City's 2030 General Plan. Here is a summary of recent decisions in the update process.

El Camino Real Precise Plan

In November, the City Council approved the El Camino Real Precise Plan, which promotes the revitalization of the area with a vibrant mix of land uses and pedestrian improvements. City staff will implement several key provisions of the Plan, including the monitoring of key development data, integrating the Plan with the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan and developing a design palette for public improvements. The final plan is available on the



City's website, www.mountainview.gov, or by contacting the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

San Antonio Precise Plan

In December, the City Council approved the San Antonio Precise Plan, which envisions the area as a diverse regional and community destination with a wide variety of land uses and enhanced bicycle and pedestrian features. City staff will implement several key provisions of the Plan, including integration with the Bicycle Transportation Plan and other mobility studies, monitoring key development data and prioritizing public benefit provisions and improvements. The final plan is available on the City's website, www.mountainview.gov, or by contacting the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



North Bayshore Precise Plan

In November, the City Council approved the North Bayshore Precise Plan, which calls for greater development intensity, more diverse land uses, transportation improvements and sustainable development. City staff will implement several key Plan provisions, including updating the number of acceptable vehicle trips in and out of the North Bayshore area each day and evaluating development requests for higher density development. In February, Council provided direction to staff to return with a work plan for studying how new residential uses may be incorporated with the North Bayshore Precise Plan. The final plan is available on the City's website, www.mountainview.gov, or by contacting the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



Register
for Recreation classes
online by visiting
[www.mountainview.gov/
register](http://www.mountainview.gov/register).

There is fun to be had right here
in Mountain View this Spring and Summer
for all ages. Community activities abound
for any interest.



SUMMER CAMP FAIR MARCH 7

Looking for summer activities for your children? The City's Recreation Division will host a Summer Camp Fair to provide information on recreation programs on Saturday, March 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center located at 201 S. Rengstorff Ave. Recreation and aquatics staff, along with many summer camp vendors, will be available to answer questions and help you plan the best summer yet for your children.

Drop-off registration for City-sponsored Spring and Summer recreation programs will also be accepted at the Summer Camp Fair. Regular registration begins on Monday, March 9 for Mountain View residents. For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 or by email at recreation@mountainview.gov.



FREE CHILDREN'S THEATER IN THE PARK

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT), in partnership with the City of Mountain View, presents free children's theater productions this Summer at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

See a different 45 minute production of fairy tales and other children's stories each Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. from June 19 through August 7. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and blankets to enjoy the show at the Center's outdoor Park Stage, which is adjacent to Pioneer Park.

- June 19: *Henny Penny*
- June 26: *Alice in Wonderland*
- July 2: *The King Who Loved His Lollipops* (note: this week's performance is on a Thursday)
- July 10: *Emperor's New Clothes*
- July 17: *The Firebird*
- July 24: *Folk Tales for Fun*
- July 31: *Fairy Gifts*
- August 7: *Aladdin*

The performers are elementary school-age students enrolled in PYT's popular Children's Theatre in the Park summer drama camps. Check the enclosed Spring/Summer Recreation Activity Guide for information on how to register your child for a camp. For more information, call the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit mvcpa.com.



DOWNTOWN PARADE APRIL 25

Mountain View's 37th Annual Downtown Spring Family Parade marches down Castro Street on Saturday, April 25 beginning at noon. This year's theme is Around the World in Mountain View.

The fun continues after the parade until 3:00 p.m. Children's activities, music, entertainment and food will be available in Pioneer Park, located just behind Civic Center Plaza at 500 Castro St. In addition, information about summer camps offered by the Recreation Division and the El Camino YMCA will be available in the park.

If you or your group would like to participate in the parade, you can find more information and registration deadlines at www.mountainview.gov/parade or call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Residents of Mountain View are eligible to receive a limited number of free and discounted tickets to the annual July 4 celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre, located at Amphitheatre Parkway and Shoreline Boulevard. The Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular features the San Francisco Symphony and is sponsored by the City of Mountain View and Radio Disney.

Ticket sales for the event begin in early May, but residents are eligible to receive a limited (per family) number of free and discounted tickets courtesy of Shoreline Amphitheatre and the City of Mountain View. For more information, check the City's website at www.mountainview.gov or call the Shoreline Box Office at (650) 967-4040.

FREE CONCERTS ON THE PLAZA

The Community Services Department presents Concerts on the Plaza the first Friday of each month, April through September from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join friends and neighbors and bring your blanket or lawn chair to Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., for a variety of musical performances. In addition to music, there will be food trucks and a Pop Up Park area for children. Performances include:

Friday, April 3: **David Landon Band**

Friday, May 1: **Trio Sol De Mexico**

Friday, June 5: **Hootenanny**

Friday, July 3: **He Said, She Said**

Friday, August 7: **Mark Russo and the Classy Cats**

Friday, September 4: **Smorgaschord**

For more information about Concerts on the Plaza, visit www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents or call (650) 903-6331.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Mountain View closes down Castro Street to traffic for Thursday Night Live this Summer so pedestrians can enjoy live music, kids' activities, a farmer's market, outdoor dining and classic car displays while strolling the City's main street. This annual celebration runs June 25, July 9, July 23 and August 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/thursdaynightlive.



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT SERIES

The Summer Outdoor Movie Night series is back for 2015 with free outdoor showings on Fridays at City parks throughout the Summer. A different movie will show each week, so bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy a movie under the stars with family and friends.

July 10: *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* at Cuesta Park

July 17: *How to Train Your Dragon 2* at Sylvan Park

July 24: *The Little Rascals* at Eagle Park

July 31: *Penguins of Madagascar* at Stevenson Park

August 7: *Mr. Peabody & Sherman* at Whisman Park

August 14: *Big Hero 6* at Rengstorff Park

For more information about the Summer Outdoor Movie Night series, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



RENGSTORFF HOUSE EVENTS

Mountain View's oldest home, Rengstorff House, provides visitors with an opportunity to step back into history. Located at 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., the restored house offers tours and exhibits Sundays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Upcoming exhibits explore a wide range of history.

The Cult of Domesticity, Tuesday, March 17 – Sunday, April 26. Explore the 19th century ideals of femininity, motherhood and family and learn about their effect on different portions of the population. Opening reception: Thursday, March 19, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Spring Tea, Saturday, March 21, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.



Spend a springtime afternoon having a traditional tea with family and friends. Service starts at 2:00 p.m. For details on how to purchase tickets, visit r-house.org or email Rengstorff.Events@gmail.com.

The Progressive Era in America, 1870-1920, Tuesday, May 12 – Sunday, July 12. Learn about how progressive social ideas influenced labor, voting rights and environmentalism. Opening reception: Thursday, May 14, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Living History Day, Sunday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Experience Victorian life through playing lawn games, examining historic clothing and watching demonstrations of period food preparation. Historians in period costume will lead the activities. Docent-led tours will also be available inside of the house.



Arts and Music Festival, Sunday, August 2 – Sunday, August 30. The Friends of “R” House host the annual Arts and Music Festival. Free concerts will be held at 2:00 p.m. the first four Sundays of August in the Rengstorff House garden. This event will feature a display of fine art from local artists, as well as children's art from the Art4Schools program of the Community School of Music and Arts. Opening reception: Thursday, August 6, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



For additional information about the Friends of “R” House, visit r-house.org, email Rengstorff.Events@gmail.com, or call (650) 868-7708.

LIBRARY NEWS

CUSTOMER SURVEY RESULTS

The Mountain View Public Library recently completed a user survey to help improve Library services. You can access the results of information submitted by more than 800 patrons and the Library's plans for improving service by visiting the Library Director's blog at mvplibrary.org/directorsblog

READ CONSUMER REPORTS ONLINE

You can read full text articles from Consumer Reports online for free using your Mountain View Library card. To learn more, visit goo.gl/WBi440.

ONLINE CATALOG FEATURES

The Library's online catalog features enable computer users to check out Overdrive eBooks directly from the catalog, share titles on social media, and read reviews and author biographies. To learn more, visit goo.gl/0clg1V.

NEW eBook COLLECTIONS

The Library has added three new eBook collections, including Axis360 (popular eBooks and audiobooks), Enki - Independent and Self Published eBooks (how-to, self-help, sci-fi and more) and Tumblebooks Cloud (graphic novels in eBook formats for all ages). For more information on the Library's eBook collections, visit www.mountainview.gov/ebooks.



UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

For more information about the following free public programs, call the Mountain View Library at (650) 903-6337 or visit www.mountainview.gov/depts/library.

Mountain View Tree Walk, part of the City's Arbor Day celebration on March 14, in Pioneer Park behind the Library, 585 Franklin St.

Tree Care in the Drought, March 16, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Library. Registration required.

Healthy Happens Here, a fitness program with the YMCA, Wednesdays at the Library from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

English as a Second Language Conversation Club, Wednesdays at the Library from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Drop-In Bike Fix-it Clinic, third Saturday of the month at the Library from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Financial Literacy, a finance, planning and budgeting program provided in partnership with the Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley. Workshops are from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Library and include: *Understanding and Improving Credit Scores*, March 24, *Asset Allocation*, April 28, and *Estate Planning for Life*, May 26.

BECOME A CITY VOLUNTEER

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Bill Mykytka, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to see current opportunities and download a volunteer application.



I've been a volunteer at the Performing Arts Center since it opened, and I completed the first usher training that was provided nearly 25 years ago. I love volunteering at the Center. It brings balance to my life and joy to my heart.

When I started volunteering, I was teaching in Sunnyvale. I still found time, even with my busy schedule, to volunteer as much as I could. It lifted my spirits to be in such a beautiful place surrounded by wonderful people. Now I continue to volunteer after retiring from 38 wonderful years of teaching

I feel privileged to be part of a team of dedicated volunteers and staff who help make the MVCPA the best place to attend and enjoy all types of entertainment. Thank you for allowing me to share how I feel about being a volunteer. I plan to continue for many more years!

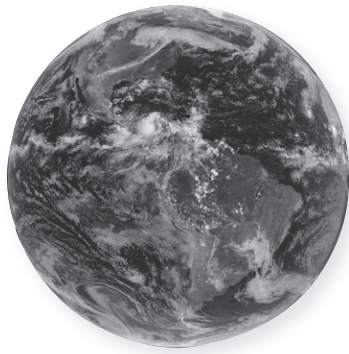
– Gerry Sipes, volunteer usher at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

VOLUNTEER AT SHORELINE PARK

Shoreline at Mountain View is currently seeking Rengstorff House docents, as well as volunteers to assist in monitoring the wildlife and recreation area in the park while educating the public about the park marshlands and environment. For more information, call (650) 903-6392 or email volunteer@mountainview.gov.



GREEN SAVINGS, EVENTS AND TIPS



THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR EARTH DAY APRIL 22

Here are things you can do to help celebrate Earth Day.

- Flying: Take the train or bus rather than flying
- Driving: Carpool or telecommute one day a week
- Vehicle Maintenance: Remove excess items from your vehicle and keep your engine tuned and tires inflated
- Vehicle Idling: Turn off your engine if stopped longer than 30 seconds
- House Leaks: Use caulk or weather-stripping and install insulation
- Home Heating and Cooling: Install a programmable thermostat
- Home Hot Water: Wash clothes in cold water, use powder detergent, lower temperature settings of your heater, wrap heater with insulation and install efficient faucets and showerheads
- Electricity Waste: Turn off and unplug unused electronics, set computers to hibernate, turn off unneeded lights and consolidate to only one refrigerator
- Appliances: Buy efficient Energy Star appliances
- Lighting: Replace incandescent bulbs with CFLs or LEDs
- Food Choice: Eat poultry or fish in place of red meat, consume plant-based foods rather than dairy, and try not eating any meat one day a week
- Food Waste: Avoid purchasing more food than you can eat and refrigerate food promptly
- Product Usage: Print double-sided, buy recycled products, stop unwanted catalog subscriptions and avoid bottled water and products with excessive packaging
- Recycling: Give new life to all your paper, plastics and metals, and try composting



REBATES FOR MULTI-FAMILY ENERGY UPGRADES

The Bay Area Multi-Family Building Program offers cash rebates and up to \$5,000 of free consulting for multi-family property owners who undertake energy upgrades. The program assists in planning energy saving improvements and provides \$750 per unit in rebates to help pay for the upgrades. The program is open to multi-family buildings with five or more attached units in the nine-county Bay Area.

For more information, visit MultiFamily.EnergyUpgradeCA.org, send an email to multifamily@stopwaste.org or call (510) 891-6558.

REBATES FOR HOME ENERGY AND WATER UPGRADES

Energy Upgrade California (EUC) is a State program to help homeowners save energy and water by upgrading insulation and windows, adding solar PV or replacing furnace or air conditioning systems. The program connects homeowners with participating contractors who can plan and complete the upgrade project, and offers rebates and incentives up to \$4,500. Participating contractors have met specific qualifications to be part of the program. For more information, visit BayAreaEnergyUpgrade.org.



LOW-COST FINANCING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GREEN UPGRADES

Mountain View residents and businesses may be eligible to take advantage of low-cost financing to make green improvements to their properties through the City's participation in the CaliforniaFIRST program.

CaliforniaFIRST offers low-cost, long-term, 100% up-front financing for residential and commercial energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation upgrades. Eligible buildings include single-family homes, multi-family buildings and commercial/industrial properties. Financing can be for up to 20 years with affordable fixed rates. No credit check is required and repayments are conveniently made through the property tax bill.

For more information or to apply for financing, visit www.CaliforniaFIRST.org or call (844) 589-7953.



DROUGHT UPDATES AND WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

The City of Mountain View's water conservation webpage conservewater.mountainview.gov provides updates on the success of our water conservation efforts, current water supply conditions and opportunities for residential and business customers to save water and money. View additional drought information at ca.gov/drought, sfwater.org/wedeliver and valleywater.org/Drought2014.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

May 2, throughout Mountain View, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hold a sale at your home, coordinate with your neighbors for a block sale or raise funds for a community group. Register by April 17 online at MVRecycle.org or call (650) 903-6227 for a form.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

May 9, Rengstorff Park, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shop or sell, more than 100 vendors. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee by April 17. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information.

HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

May 16, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Av., 10:00 a.m. to noon. Call (408) 918-4640 to register or visit ReduceWaste.org for more information.

FREE PAPER SHREDDING

Saturday, May 30 and August 22, SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale, 301 Carl Road, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Bring unwanted tax returns, bank statements medical records and other personal documents. No heavy binders or binder clips. Limit five banker-sized boxes or paper bags per resident. Call (650) 903-6311 for more information or visit MVrecycle.org and click on Events.



FREE, WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING CLASSES

In partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, the City of Mountain View is hosting landscape education classes this Spring to help customers use water more efficiently. Classes offered include topics such as irrigation, healthy soil and gardening with California native plants. For more details and to register for a class, call (650) 349-3000 or visit BAWSCA.org/classes.

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS*

Meetings are sometimes added or adjusted and all dates and locations are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates, times and locations. For the latest information visit the calendar on the City's homepage at www.mountainview.gov or watch KMVT.

City Council – meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro St.

Library Board – meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin St.

Environmental Planning Commission – meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro St.

Human Relations Commission – meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro St.

Parks and Recreation Commission – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – meets the last Wednesday of the month except in May, July and December, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro St.

Downtown Committee – meets as needed

Performing Arts Committee – meets third Wednesday of the month, 6:15 p.m. Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro St.

Visual Arts Committee – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro St.

Youth Advisory Committee – meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave.

Senior Advisory Committee – meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave.

*All dates and locations are subject to change.

BUDGET CALENDAR

As the City begins the next fiscal year (FY) budget process, here is a list of important dates.

- January 27 – Council Team Building
- February 10 – Mid-Year Budget Report presented to Council
- February 24 – Study Session #1 to identify Council major goals/high level themes
- March 24 – Study Session for initial review of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- April 14 – Study Session #2 to review Council goals
- April 14 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hearings
- April 28 – Narrative Budget Report on the General Operating Fund, Other Major Funds and Reserves
- May 19 – Proposed CIP Study Session
- June 9 – Proposed Budget Public Hearing
- June 16 – CIP Adoption, Utility Rate Hearing (if needed), formal Adoption of Council Goals and Budget Adoption

ENGAGE WITH CITY HALL

For daily updates on City projects, events and activities, as well as opportunities to share your input and ideas, make Mountain View part of your social media connections. Like our Facebook page at [Facebook.MountainView.gov](https://www.facebook.com/MountainView.gov) and follow us on Twitter at [Twitter.MountainView.gov](https://twitter.com/MountainView.gov).



MV CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY MARCH 14

The City will celebrate Arbor Day on March 14 with a variety of fun, free activities in Pioneer Memorial Park, located behind City Hall, 500 Castro St.

Festivities begin with a children's reading presentation in the Mountain View Public Library adjacent to the Park at 10:15 a.m. and continue with Arbor Day activities, including a tree planting ceremony in the Park at 11:00 a.m. The event continues in the Park until 1:00 p.m. with free children's arts and crafts, as well as complimentary hot dogs and drinks.

Various public agencies and volunteer environmental groups will have information booths set up to learn more about trees and composting. The Library will sponsor a Tree Walk and the City's Forestry Division will present a tree climbing demonstration. For more information, contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.



WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

The Santa Clara Valley Water District continues to offer increased water conservation rebates through June 30, 2015. Call (408) 630-2554 for eligibility information and to sign-up.

- Landscape Conversion – Receive \$2 per square foot for converting to low water use landscape.
- Irrigation Hardware – Get money-back for installing dedicated landscape meters, flow sensors, hydrometers and weather-based irrigation controllers.
- Graywater Laundry to Landscape – Receive up to \$200 per site for connecting a graywater irrigation system to your clothes washer.
- High Efficiency Toilet – Replace your high water-use toilets and receive up to \$125 per toilet.
- Residential High-Efficiency Clothes Washer – Purchase a high efficiency clothes washer and receive up to \$150.
- Commercial Rebate Programs – Receive rebates for many commercial-grade technologies, including water-efficient food steamers, ice machines, clothes washers and more.



TOUR DEER HOLLOW FARM

Deer Hollow Farm, a 10-acre working farm in Rancho San Antonio County Park partially funded by Mountain View, will offer tours this Spring to raise money to support the farm and its educational programs. Tours are scheduled for Saturdays March 14, April 18 and May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (last entry at 12:30 p.m.) and cost \$7 per person (children under one are free).

Meet Deer Hollow Farm's livestock, including goats, sheep, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese, rabbits and lovable Luna, the cow. Enjoy seeing, touching and learning about the animals as trained docents lead visitors through the livestock pens, century-old farm buildings, garden and orchard.

The Farm is funded by the City of Mountain View, the Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District, Santa Clara County, the Cities of Cupertino and Los Altos Hills and Friends of Deer Hollow Farm. For more information, visit deerhollowfarmfriends.org or call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6430.

ONLINE PUBLIC FEEDBACK MADE EASY

The City has launched Mountain View Open City Hall, an online forum to gather public input on important City government questions for feedback. Although City officials will not respond on this forum, they will read and incorporate the feedback (along with all other channels for participation) into their decision process. Residents can access the forum at www.mountainview.gov/open-city-hall. Questions that require a response should be directed to Ask Mountain View at www.mountainview.gov.

LEARN ABOUT CITY FINANCES ONLINE

Access and share City financial data with OpenGov. This web-based program accesses information by fund, department and expense type, improving government transparency. Users can sort financial data of interest and view it in multiple formats. Visit www.mountainview.gov and go to Finance to use this new tool.

The View newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. For questions about the latest issue of *The View*, call (650) 903-6301.