

The VIEW

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Spring/Summer Fun

Concerts on the Plaza

First Fridays, April-September, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and join us in the Civic Center Plaza for some exciting Summer evenings. Live acts from a variety of genres will be on hand, along with food trucks and a beer and wine booth. There is fun for the whole family with a pop-up park (temporary park) for the kids.

June 3: Dolce Musica

July 1: Rahmil & Barley

August 5: Rosemarie and the Rhythm Riders

September 2: Jerry Jay Quartet



Thursday Night Live

June 16 and 30, July 14 and 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Every other Thursday this June and July, Castro Street will close to car traffic and become a vibrant pedestrian promenade offering restaurant dining, shopping, kids' activities, a farmer's market, live music and a display of custom classic cars. To learn more, visit www.mountainview.gov/thursdaynightlive or call (650) 903-6331.

Summer Outdoor Movie Night

8:30 p.m. – Fridays from July 8 to August 12;

See Below for Dates and Locations

The Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee and Recreation Division present another Summer of family friendly movies under the stars at area parks. All movies are free to the public and start at 8:30 p.m. Bring your own blankets, pillows or lawn chairs and enjoy these annual outdoor movie night events.

July 8: Cuesta Park

July 15: Sylvan Park

July 22: Eagle Park

July 29: Stevenson Park

August 5: Whisman Park

August 12: Rengstorff Park

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City Earmarks \$36 Million for Affordable Housing

The City Council remains committed to its priority goal of improving the quantity, diversity and affordability of housing. Recent efforts date back to February 2014, when the City released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for affordable housing developments. Since then, three developers have submitted applications for City affordable housing funds totaling over \$30 million. ROEM Development Corporation, Palo Alto Housing Corporation and MidPen Housing have submitted applications to develop more than 200 new units within the next few years.

On March 1, 2016, the City Council approved plans and committed funding for ROEM Development Corporation's new 116-unit affordable family development, located at the corner of East Evelyn Avenue and South Bernardo Avenue. The project aims to benefit people with incomes at or below 60 percent area median income (AMI), with a particular focus on those who live or work in Mountain View. The City will contribute up to \$22.25 million to this development that is anticipated to be fully occupied by late Summer 2018.

Palo Alto Housing Corporation's 67-studio unit development located at



1701-07 W. El Camino Real will provide 30 units of veteran housing with the remaining units available to extremely low-income households earning 30 percent AMI or less, and very-low income households with annual incomes at or below 60 percent AMI. The City Council reserved \$8 million funding in October 2015 and completion of construction is anticipated for late 2017.

MidPen Housing is proposing to construct 62 new affordable units for very-low income and low-income households at the Shorebreeze Apartments—located at 460 North Shoreline Boulevard. As part of this proposal, 12 existing family units will be demolished. The proposed project is anticipated to go before the NOFA Review Committee in early May and City Council in early June for consideration of a funding reservation.

For more information on Mountain View's nearly 1,200 affordable units, or to sign up on the interest list for the three proposed affordable developments, please visit www.mountainview.gov/neighborhoods and click on "Affordable Housing."

Bring Your Community Together with a Neighborhood Grant



Do you have a great idea for bringing your neighbors together to have fun or work on a neighborhood concern? If so, we invite you to check out Mountain View's Neighborhood Grant Program. The City Council Neighborhoods Committee (CNC) offers grants to groups working on programs and events that bring residents together and build community. For the past 15 years, as many as 19 grants have been awarded each year. Past grants have provided start up funds for eight new neighborhood associations and ongoing support for various initiatives like picnics, ice cream socials, website development, newsletters and holiday events.



Neighborhood associations, informal neighborhood groups and mobile home park resident's groups are eligible to apply. Grants are awarded up to a maximum of \$6 per household and \$1,700 per neighborhood group. First-time applicants are even eligible for a \$100 bonus. Funds are dispersed on a reimbursement basis for receipts submitted to the City.

Grant applications are available on the City's website each year at the end of May. The CNC meets in June to review the applications and decide on funding. Go to www.mountainview.gov/neighborhoods for a copy of the Neighborhood Grant Guidelines and other information about the program.

City Explores Solutions for Displaced Residents Living in Vehicles

The City Council discussed the feasibility of a "safe parking program" on February 23 along with other efforts designed to help individuals and families living in RVs and cars. A variety of efforts are under consideration, including: convening a stakeholder group of nonprofits, regional government agencies, and local churches to discuss solutions to this problem; conducting a census and survey of individuals living in their vehicles in Mountain View; working with the Community Services Agency to offer a mobile shower and laundry service; creating a waste disposal site in Mountain View or at another regional location; and working with leaders in the faith community to offer safe parking on church premises.



HOUSING



More Affordable Housing Options

The City is updating its companion unit regulations to allow for and encourage additional diverse housing opportunities. Companion units, also known as "granny units," "in-law units," or "accessory dwelling units," are often used as a source of additional income or as extra living space for family or guests. Regulations for these dwellings typically restrict development based on factors like lot size, available parking and neighborhood aesthetics.

Over the last nine months, the City held two community meetings and conducted an online survey to gather public input on adding more of these units to the housing mix. The input received demonstrated Mountain View's support of growth in its array of residential options with a continued emphasis on neighborhood quality of life.

Proposed changes to the companion unit regulations are scheduled to be presented to the Environmental Planning Commission and the City Council this Spring. For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/planning.

Inspection and Permitting Requirements for Residential Improvements

Did you know many common home improvements require building permits? And some projects, like exterior modifications to buildings, may even require planning review and approval prior to submittal to the Building Division. It is critical to know all of the requirements before you begin your next project in order to avoid delays, costly fines and citations and to ensure your improvements are compliant with important safety codes.



The City's Building Division is here to provide the information and assistance you need to learn the building codes related to your project, why they are important and how the permit process works. We also offer several methods for you to submit a permit application. You can submit in person, through the One-Stop E*Permit system or via fax. For more information about the submittal requirements applicable to your proposed scope of work or other questions about your project, please call the Building Division at (650) 903-6313 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or visit www.mountainview.gov/building.

Civic Center Plaza to Celebrate "25 Years of Awesome" August 6

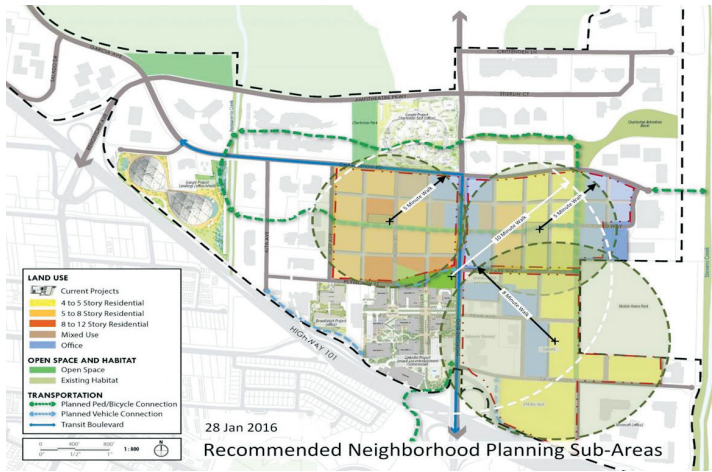
Originally dedicated in 1991, the Civic Center is a reflection of Mountain View's forward-thinking vision to create a vibrant downtown for the benefit of our diverse community. Home to both City Hall and the renowned Center for the Performing Arts, the Civic Center Plaza is a hub for innovative and fiscally sound municipal management as well as an active gathering place where the heart of our community beats in time with arts, culture and learning.



Help us commemorate the anniversary of the Civic Center Plaza and the creation of the Center for the Performing Arts on August 6 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. With a sampling of 25 years of awesome performances in theatre, dance, music, stand-up comedy and more, family and friends are sure to enjoy a fun and free day of celebration.

Before the event, highlights of the last 25 years will be on display at City Hall.

HOUSING/NEIGHBORHOODS



East Whisman Precise Plan

This Spring, the City begins work on a new Precise Plan for the East Whisman area. The 2030 General Plan identifies East Whisman as a “change area” and calls for the creation of a Precise Plan to implement General Plan goals and policies that promote sustainable development and enhanced mobility.

The new Precise Plan will replace the existing “limited industrial” zoning district standards and update development policies to explore adding new residential uses to the area. The addition of housing would create a mix of uses that will enhance transit use and leverage the area’s proximity to downtown Mountain View.

Funding for this work is made possible in part by a \$498,000 grant from the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). The process of creating the East Whisman Precise Plan will take approximately two years to complete. Community input is encouraged and will be invited in a variety of ways throughout the process, including community workshops and a website dedicated to providing information and seeking feedback. For information on this and all other active projects, please visit the City’s website at www.mountainview.gov/planning.

North Bayshore Precise Plan Update

The City is developing standards and guidelines aimed at creating new, more urban residential neighborhoods in the carefully planned North Bayshore area, located north of 101 freeway. This update to the North Bayshore Precise Plan allows our community to respond to a growing demand for housing while maintaining the City’s commitment to the protection and stewardship of the natural habitat and species in this area. Several community workshops, Environmental Planning Commission meetings and City Council meetings were held over the past year to work alongside residents to determine the best location for the new residential neighborhoods and what uses and features would best meet community needs.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the updated North Bayshore Precise Plan will study the possibility of adding a maximum of up to 9,850 new multi-family residential units in addition to the existing 360 units in the area. The Draft Plan and EIR are expected to be released in Fall 2016 with adoption hearings scheduled for early 2017. For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/northbayshore.



Spring/Summer Fun

Summer Fun Right Outside Your Door

True to its mission “to build community through people, parks and programs,” the City Recreation Division is set to kick-off another Summer full of fun with a variety of activities to bring family, friends and neighbors together.

- May 14:** Citywide Garage Sale
- May 19:** Friends of “R” House Lecture on 19th Century Photography, 7:00-9:00 p.m., *Rengstorff House*
- May 21:** Community Yard Sale
- June 10:** Teen Summer Kick-Off BBQ, 1:00-5:00 p.m., *The View Teen Center*
- June 16:** Friends of “R” House Lecture on 19th Century Weddings and Funerals, 7:00-9:00 p.m., *Rengstorff House*
- July 10:** Friends of “R” House Living History Day, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., *Rengstorff House*
- August 4:** Friends of “R” House Opening Reception for Arts Month Exhibit, 5:00-8:00 p.m., *Rengstorff House*
- August 7:** Friends of “R” House Free Arts Month Concert in the Garden, 2:00 p.m., *Rengstorff House*
- August 19:** Teen Back to School Party, 4:00-8:00 p.m., *The View Teen Center*

Youth Services Kick-off Picnic is June 8

The Library Youth Services Kick-off Picnic will be in Pioneer Park on June 8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It features the music of The Alphabet Rockers and treats from the Friends of the Library, sponsor of all Summer Library activities.

Summer Reading Program Starts May 1

In honor of the 2016 Summer Olympics, this year’s Summer Reading Program theme is sports. What do reading and sports have in common? You get better at both the more you practice. Like what happens to athletes when they stop exercising, students lose ground in academics when they take a vacation from reading. Keep young minds in shape this Summer with a good read.

There are programs for families to read aloud to young children, as well as programs for older children and teens reading on their own. Get a head start by signing up on the Library website at www.mountainview.gov/library beginning May 1.



Summer Reading Program for Adults

Challenge yourself this Summer with a community-wide book club. Adults can participate by reading one book a month, attending free programs, and completing challenges related to the theme of supporting a healthy mind and body. The Adult Summer Reading program runs May 1 through July 31. Participants will receive a prize for registering. Those who complete three or more challenges will receive an additional prize and be entered into a raffle for even more chances to win.

TRANSPORTATION

VTA Light Rail Double Track Project

Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Mountain View Light Rail Double Track Project is now complete. A second light rail track was added between the Mountain View and Whisman stations in the City of Mountain View. All improvements were fully operational for Super Bowl 50, held at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara in February. Our local communities saw a large number of visitors and the additional track helped keep them moving smoothly through the various events of the weekend.

On a more regular basis, the second track between the Mountain View and Whisman stations will allow for better on-time service for commuters transferring between Caltrain and VTA Light Rail at the Mountain View Station and additional service to Mountain View as ridership increases. It will also provide a direct connection to Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.



Leading the Pursuit of Regional Transportation Funding

Mountain View is taking a leadership role to develop regional solutions and secure federal funding to address traffic congestion in our area. An increasing number of Mountain View residents, like those in many surrounding communities, commute each day and use—or want to use—public transit to do so. In order for mass public transit to truly work, it must connect to local systems that take passengers the “last mile,” getting them all the way to their destinations.

Mountain View is actively working to engage the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to bring federal transportation money to our region. For example, the “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act” was authorized in December 2015, making approximately \$305 billion available for highway and transit programs. Because funds like these are usually routed and distributed through state and regional transportation agencies like VTA, Mountain View is developing innovative transportation approaches, highlighted on the following pages, that will help VTA win grants that benefit the entire region.

Last-mile Connection Improvement Projects



Last year, the City initiated a multi-year effort to improve “last-mile” connections between transportation systems and riders’ ultimate destinations as part of its priority goal to enhance mobility and connectivity. Mountain View is actively engaged in several projects that will give bus passengers, bicyclists and pedestrians even more options for getting around.

Calderon Avenue Bike Lanes. The City is currently in the design phase of a project to construct new bike lanes along Calderon Avenue, from Evelyn Avenue to Mercy Street. The project is scheduled for design completion this Spring and project completion is estimated by December 2016.

Charleston Road Bike Lanes. As part of a City resurfacing project, new bike lanes will be added along Charleston Road from San Antonio Road to Rengstorff Avenue. The project will be completed by December 2016.

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Permanente Creek Trail Extension. The City and Mountain View Whisman School District are working together to extend the Permanente Creek Trail from the current terminus at Rock Street to W. Middlefield Road, along the western frontage of Crittenden Middle School. The School District is leading design and construction efforts in conjunction with other school improvements at Crittenden Middle School. Trail construction is scheduled to begin this Summer and completion is estimated by Fall.

Shoreline Boulevard Interim Bus Lane. Preliminary design efforts are underway for a new interim bus lane along the center of Shoreline Boulevard, extending from Middlefield Road to Space Park Way. The project will closely coordinate with development projects along the route, including installation of new underground utilities along Shoreline Boulevard before surface improvements begin.

For more information on these and all other City transportation enhancement efforts, visit the City’s website at www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/transport/gettingaround.



Downtown Parking to Get Boost from Wayfinding Technology

Coming this Summer, the City will be installing parking guidance technology at the two downtown public parking structures: 850 California Street at Bryant Street, and 135 Bryant Street between Villa Street and Evelyn Avenue.

The technology will provide real-time information on the availability of parking spaces in each parking structure. An electronic sign with capacity updates will be installed at the main entrance to tell drivers if the structure is full before they enter. Each individual parking space will also have a space sensor and an indicator light so drivers can avoid traveling down fully occupied rows in search of a space. For more information on this and other Economic Development projects, visit the City’s website at www.mountainview.gov/econdev.



TRANSPORTATION

Transit Center Master Plan Update

The City kicked off its Downtown Transit Center Master Plan project earlier this Spring. The Transit Center is a key local and regional intermodal transportation facility, routing thousands to and from Mountain View every day with an expectation that the number will grow as rail services expand. In addition, Transit Center updates will aim to relieve delays at the Castro crossing, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, support future growth downtown and ease downtown traffic circulation.

As directed by Council, there are two phases to the master planning effort. In the initial phase, staff and the consultant team are evaluating conceptual grade-separation alternatives to the current at-grade rail crossing at the intersection of Castro and Central Expressway. Two conceptual alternatives were endorsed for additional evaluation at the March 22 City Council Study Session. One option is lowering the streets to go under the rail tracks and Central Expressway. Another is re-routing vehicle traffic at the rail tracks. The results of this evaluation will be presented to Council by the end of Summer.

The second phase of the master planning will include the development of a plan for improved access, services and facilities to the Transit Center. To learn more about the project and sign up to receive future project updates, visit the City's project website at www.MountainViewTransitCenter.com.



New Community Shuttle Route and Schedule

The Mountain View Community Shuttle program is now in its second year of operation. Based on feedback, we have made some changes to the shuttle routes and schedules to improve rider service and experience.

Routing Improvements: Based on demand, service to the stops at Shoreline/Pear and Shoreline/Middlefield No. 2 are now occurring only on weekends. These changes streamline weekday routes and will improve on-time performance and 30-minute service frequency, and reduce congestion during commute hours.

Simplified Schedule: Starting February 15, shuttle service began running from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week, with 30-minute intervals on weekdays and one-hour intervals on weekends and holidays. Additionally, shuttles now operate on a "clock-face" schedule to provide riders with more predictable service frequency and times. For example, if a weekday gray route shuttle arrives at the Civic Center at 10:40 a.m., the next shuttles will arrive at 10 minutes and 40 minutes past the following hour (11:10 a.m., 11:40 a.m., etc.) until 5:40 p.m., Monday through Friday. On weekends and holidays, that same shuttle will arrive at 44 minutes past the hour (for example, 10:44 a.m., 11:44 a.m.).

Printed versions of the new route and schedules are available at all current distribution locations, including City facilities and on-board the shuttles themselves. Schedules and maps may also be downloaded from www.MVCommunityShuttle.com.

Shuttle Interior Updates: Simplified maps now make wayfinding easier. Information about on-board features, like free Wi-Fi and bike racks, is also available to keep riders up-to-date.

City and shuttle program staff will be monitoring the success of these changes through online feedback, telephone hotline calls, an upcoming survey this Spring, and several other outreach activities planned throughout 2016. The results of this feedback, and any new proposed service and routing modifications, will be presented to Council before the end of the year. For more information about the shuttle program, visit the program website at www.MVCommunityShuttle.com.

About the Mountain View Community Shuttle: Mountain View Community Shuttle began service in January 2015 and is a Google-funded pilot program to connect residential neighborhoods to shopping destinations, downtown Mountain View, entertainment attractions, City facilities, medical complexes and recreation areas. Each of the four electric shuttles are equipped with seating for 16 passengers, a wheelchair lift, space for two wheelchairs, Wi-Fi connectivity and bicycle racks on the outside of the vehicle.



Safety Tips from Emergency Services

Here are some handy tips to help you keep your home and family safe this Summer and all year round.



Supercharge your detectors.

California Building Code requires smoke detectors in all hallways and bedrooms and carbon monoxide detectors if there is an attached garage or a fossil fuel source present for all single-family homes and apartment units.

Learn CPR. The American Heart Association now recommends using a "hands-only" technique to administer CPR. Sharpen your skills and get up-to-date information from the City's Fire Department at a Thursday Night Live or Annual Night Out event.

Practice electrical safety. The use of extension cords in lieu of permanent wiring is actually illegal. Conduct a check of all your household power cords and make sure to use UL listed surge protectors, plug them directly into outlets, don't chain them together, and update them at least every 10 years.

Store wisely. Keep your spring cleaning safe by storing cleaning supplies away from water heaters and furnaces.

National Night Out is August 2

The Recreation Division, in partnership with Mountain View Police and Fire, invites you to National Night Out on August 2 from 5:00–8:00 p.m. in Rengstorff Park. This is a great opportunity to spend time with family, friends and neighbors while getting to know your local police officers and firefighters and learning how to promote community safety. Please join us for food, music, entertainment, prizes and fun for the whole family.

For more information on the National Night Out campaign, visit the NATW website at natw.org or www.mountainview.gov.





New Environmental Sustainability Action Plan Seeks Cleaner Air

The City's latest environmental initiative shoots for the sky in pursuit of significant reductions in carbon emissions. Building on two prior Environmental Sustainability Action Plans, the City has launched a third planning process to reduce carbon emissions of both municipal operations and the community as a whole to 80% below 2005 levels by 2050. The new plan will lay out a range of initiatives to implement over the next three years to move toward this ambitious goal.

The City is planning a Study Session in June to discuss possible elements of the new Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, and hopes to adopt the plan in the Fall. For more information, or to provide comments on the content of the plan, please visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov/sustainability.



City Solar Installation Project Update

Going solar is one of the ways the City is reducing its carbon footprint. The installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity systems at three City-owned facilities is complete and will be on the grid in May. The solar installations at the Shoreline Maintenance Facility, Shoreline Pro Shop and the City's Municipal Operations Center reservoir combined will produce the amount of electricity used by approximately 77 average U.S. households per month and eliminate an estimated 609 metric tons of carbon each year.

Panels were installed on carport structures at both the Shoreline Maintenance Facility and the Shoreline Golf Pro Shop; the latter of which can power the Pro Shop and the electric golf cart charging stations. In addition, because the Pro Shop system is "over-sized" it will offset electricity usage at Fire Station No. 5. Both carport structures provide the additional benefit of shaded vehicle parking.

The roof of the Municipal Operation Center reservoir is the third solar-outfitted site. This 1,400 panel system is also over-sized and will offset electricity usage at nearby facilities, including Fire Station No. 4. For more information on Mountain View's solar initiatives and all sustainability efforts, please visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov/sustainability.

Citywide Medication Disposal Bin

Think twice before you send unused prescription medications down the drain or out with the trash. Instead, visit our new medication disposal bin located at the Police and Fire Administration Building at 1000 Villa Street. The bin is available for free disposal of unwanted medicines daily during business hours, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Storing unused, unwanted, or expired medicines can lead to accidental poisoning, drug abuse and even drug trafficking. Unfortunately, flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them in the trash carries them to wastewater treatment plants and landfills that cannot safely process them. As a result, our streams, rivers and waterways end up contaminated. Drug take-back programs like this one provide communities with a simple, safe and effective way to dispose of leftover medicines.

To dispose of unwanted medications, remove all pill-type medications (prescription or over-the-counter) from original packaging and consolidate the medications into one container or sealable bag. Pills in 'blister-type' packaging do not need to be individually removed, and all liquids and ointments should remain in original packaging. You can recycle original packaging at home to protect your identity and eliminate the unnecessary incineration of plastics and paper. For questions regarding the medication disposal bin, contact the Fire and Environmental Protection Division at (650) 903-6224 or visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov.



Latest Drought Information

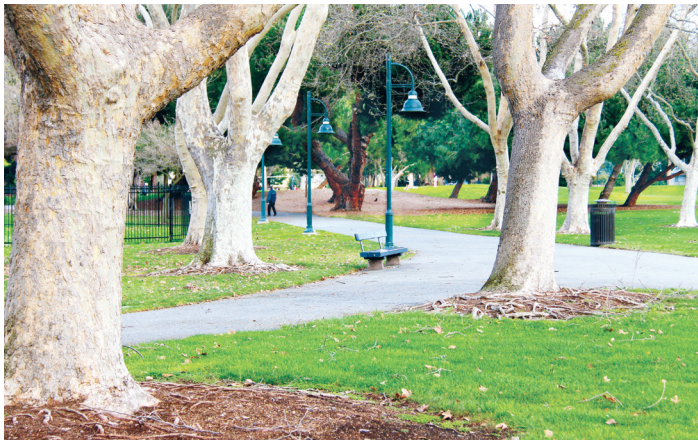
As California's storm season winds down, drought conditions in much of the state look better than last year. Yet signs of relief are weakening. Statewide snowpack has been melting relatively quickly, decreasing from 87% of normal in late March to only 60% of normal in late April. As a result, continued action is needed.

On April 1, 2015, Governor Brown ordered a statewide 25 percent water use reduction. To do its part to contribute to this goal, Mountain View was required to reduce water use by 16 percent (compared to 2013 water use). Residents and businesses across the City responded aggressively, reducing water use by 28 percent. We proudly exceeded not only our local goals, but also the overall State requirement.

Today, careful water use remains paramount. Despite normal precipitation, sustained efforts will be necessary to fully replenish water supplies. The State Water Board will be considering modifications to its water use restrictions in mid-May and customers will be notified of any changes. Updates will also be posted online at conservewater.mountainview.gov.

California's official conservation program, Save Our Water, recommends learning to rethink the way we use water indoors and outdoors. Mountain View encourages you to continue working together to make water conservation a lifestyle, in or out of the drought. To learn more about current water use restrictions as well as water saving programs, call the City's conservation hotline at (650) 903-6216, or visit conservewater.mountainview.gov.





Caring for Mountain View's Trees— Now and Into the Future

Another way the City promotes environmental sustainability is by preserving the City's tree canopy and wildlife habitat. Toward this end, the City has adopted a Community Tree Master Plan with guidelines and initiatives for tree planting and preservation.

The Plan recommends actions for the short- and long-term to improve the urban forest and canopy, and respond to environmental and safety impacts on community trees and wildlife habitat. Three important focus areas of the plan are neighborhoods, development sites, and parking lots.

As part of the Plan's approach to increasing the tree canopy on private property, 15-gallon trees were offered to residents for free as part of the 2016 Arbor Day program. A total of 435 trees were provided, bringing Mountain View closer to its annual goal of 535 trees. The City will continue to work with neighborhood groups and residents to identify ways to increase plantings in the areas with the fewest trees.

The Plan also includes detailed instructions for protecting the safety of existing trees affected by construction. Under the Plan, sites with vulnerable canopy are designated as tree protection zones and must adhere to specifications for protective barricades and posted signage designed to safeguard the health of the trees.

Trees are also a special focus in the design of City projects. For example, newly adopted parking lot design guidelines set a goal of 40 percent canopy coverage. It is important for parking lots to be adequately shaded because asphalt is heat absorbing and contributes to "heat island" effects that increase energy demands and negatively impact the environment.

Mountain View will also leverage the latest technology by using a geographic information systems (GIS) tracking program to monitor tree maintenance in the field. GIS enables us to not only keep track of the locations of trees but also understand their history. This will reveal patterns about the environment and how it changes over time, thus promoting sustainability in Mountain View for generations.

Don't Forget to Love Your Community Trees

After four years of drought, trees across the state and Santa Clara County are stressed. The U.S. Forest Service estimates California forests have lost 29.1 million trees to drought, up from 3.3 million in 2014. In light of this significant increase, Governor Brown declared a state of emergency, easing removal of trees that pose a hazard to people or property.

As we cut back on watering, it is important to maintain the tree canopy that provides natural beauty, shade, clean air, habitat, and food for wildlife. Use these tips to water your trees wisely.

Water mature trees monthly or every other month, and young trees weekly or every other week. Saturate slowly and deeply around the "drip line," the outer edge of the branches, to give smaller roots the best access to moisture and avoid root rot. The soil should be moist to a depth of 12 to 18 inches. When planting trees, remember that native trees are better adapted to withstand drought.

Drought-stressed trees are more susceptible to disease and insect infestation, particularly by the native bark beetle. By the end of rainy season, storms and winds can damage or knock over weak trees. Homeowners are encouraged to assess trees on their property and trim dead branches. If possible, hire a certified arborist for a professional check of tree health.

For more information on caring for trees, visit www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/parks/trees, www.canopy.org, or www.ourcityforest.org/tree-care/#tree-care-learn.



Efficiency Illuminated

As part of the City's ongoing environmental sustainability efforts, we are installing nearly 2,000 LED, Dark-Sky-compliant street lights in Mountain View residential neighborhoods. The project is expected to be complete by the end of June 2016. The new lights will reduce energy use and greenhouse gas production while they improve lighting and reduce the need for maintenance. Because they are Dark-Sky-compliant, the new lights will also reduce light pollution. This latest LED project follows the successful installation of new LED street lights on major City streets completed in 2014.

For more information regarding the LED project, contact the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329 or PublicServices2@mountainview.gov.

Visual Arts Program Highlights Sustainability

The City invites you to visit the Visual Arts Program gallery at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts (MVCPA) and enjoy the latest installation of works by local artists. The theme of the current exhibition is Sustainability and each of the pieces displayed takes a unique look at this important topic.

On display in 2016:

- **Stephen Henriques** - Oil on canvas: June 14–August 15
- **Angela Gonzalez** - Mixed media on wood: August 16–October 10
- **Dean Hunsaker** - Paint, book pages and marble dust on mahogany panels: October 11–December 5

The Visual Arts Program exhibits are free to the public and open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon to 1:00 p.m., one hour prior to every public performance, and during operating hours of the Bean Scene Café.



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City Manager's Message

As Summer approaches, schedules tend to slow down a bit and thoughts turn to fun activities with family and friends. For the City however, this is when many of our programs kick into high gear. We provide a wide range of choices for the community – from summer camp at Deer Hollow Farm, to the Outdoor Movie Nights in our beautiful parks, to the Civic Center's 25th anniversary bash at the Center for the Performing Arts. I invite you to check out the events featured in this edition of *The View* and the many classes and activities listed in the City's Recreation Activity Guide.

As the articles throughout the View show, events and classes aren't the only things keeping the City busy this Summer. While City Council meetings go on hiatus for the months of July and August, the Mountain View Council and staff remain focused on our high priority goals related to housing, transportation and environmental sustainability. We are hard at work on 38 different initiatives related to these goals, including dedicating \$36 million in funding for affordable housing, creating a plan to serve more passengers, improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and ease traffic flow in and around the Downtown Transit Center and installing 2,000 LED, "dark-sky compliant" street lights in Mountain View's neighborhoods to save energy and improve lighting.

We are continuously trying to improve, looking for ways to achieve more effective and efficient outcomes for the community. This year-round mission is one of the things I love about Mountain View and being a city manager. Even during the slower pace of Summer, even when the city is asleep and the LED lights are gently glowing, we are striving to improve the quality of life in Mountain View.

While this edition of *The View* is packed with news, we have more information to share throughout the year. I encourage you to sign up for our bi-monthly e-newsletter, *eView*, to stay connected. You can also follow us online at www.mountainview.gov, and on social media at www.mountainview.gov/social. —Dan Rich, City Manager



Budget Calendar

City Council has begun reviewing and forecasting Mountain View's finances for the coming year. Each step of the process allows for a thorough examination of requests versus available resources to ensure the most equitable allocations. Generally speaking, the City budget is divided among funds that provide basic services to residents, monies legally designated for specific uses like low-income housing, and various funds for City operations. After recovering from the worst recession since the Great Depression, the

City remains committed to maintaining sound fiscal practices and budget discipline.

The following series of study sessions and public hearings will ultimately culminate in the approval of the budget for FY 2016-17:

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| March 22 | Preliminary review of Capital Improvement Program (Study Session) |
| April 19 | Community Development Block Grant and General Operating Fund Nonprofit requests (Public Hearing) |
| April 26 | Narrative Budget Report (Study Session) |
| June 14 | Budget Public Hearing |
| June 21 | Rate Hearing, Capital Improvement Program and Budget Adoption |

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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.

Organizational Values

The City staff has established the following organizational values that guide their work for the community:

- Provide exceptional service
- Act with integrity
- Treat others with respect

