



THE

VIEW

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Rendering of the new aquatics center at Rengstorff Park.

Enhancing Our Lives One Park at a Time

The City of Mountain View is proudly home to more than 40 parks, including Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park which connects to nine miles of multi-use trails through the city and provides access to the bay and protected habitats for those throughout the region.

And as good as we have it, there is more in store...

Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan

The City is developing a Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan (Plan) which will define a clear vision and action plan for the future of Mountain View's parks and open spaces, trail system, recreation facilities, and recreation programs and services.

The public and the Parks and Recreation Commission will have the opportunity to discuss the Plan. The City Council will review the project-specific activities, deliverables and timelines on Sept. 27. More information can be found at MountainView.gov/ParksandRecStrategicPlan.

New Parks

On June 22, 2022, the City opened its 43rd park. **Mora Park**, located at the corner of Ortega Avenue and Mora Drive, is a 0.45-acre park that features a flower-themed play area, fitness equipment, public art bench, open lawn space and a small seating area.

Pyramid Park, a 2.76-acre park located at Pyramid Way and Infinity Way, opened this fall. It features two play areas, a basketball court, picnic tables and barbecues, restrooms and a fenced-in dog area.

The City Council also recently approved the purchase of two parcels for parks on **Terra Bella Avenue**.

Earlier this summer the City began the design process for two new mini-parks; **Evelyn Park** and **Villa Park**. Evelyn Park is 0.68 acres and located at 555 Evelyn Avenue. Villa Park, located at 1696 Villa St., is 0.40 acres. To learn more about these projects, please visit MountainView.gov/PWProjects.

As new parks open and others begin design, one new park begins construction. **Fayette Park** located along Fayette Drive near San Antonio Road, began construction

in September 2022. This 0.50-acre park will include a playground, open lawn space, picnic furniture, and a shaded seating area. Fayette Park is anticipated to open in spring 2023.

In addition to Fayette Park, the **Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center Project** is well underway. Construction on this brand-new facility began in April 2022. The new facility will include an 8,200 square foot facility, a 25-meter by 25-yard lap pool with two diving boards, and a fun water pool with 4 shallow lap lanes, zero-depth entry, play features, and a water slide.



Children play during the grand opening of Mora Park in June.



Message from City Manager Kimbra McCarthy

In this latest edition of The View, you will read about the City's efforts in enhancing our natural environment including opening new parks. We're also working on developing a Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan, which will define a vision and next steps for the future of Mountain View's parks, open spaces, recreation services and much more.

Another exciting development is the recent launch of the City's guaranteed basic income pilot program called Elevate MV. It is for extremely low-income Mountain View residents who have at least one child under the age of 18. The pilot program will provide 166 qualified participants with \$500 monthly cash payments that they can use to best address their financial needs. Learn more at MountainView.gov/ElevateMV.

We also have reason to celebrate. The City, in partnership with the nonprofit LifeMoves, is being recognized by the Urban Land Institute for development excellence in North America for LifeMoves Mountain View. Since opening in May 2021, the supportive interim housing community has assisted dozens of individuals and families on their return to stable housing.

In closing, I hope you will take part in all that Mountain View has to offer and enjoy upcoming events such as Monster Bash and Dia de Muertos in October.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots in Mailboxes Starting Oct. 10



Registered voters will begin receiving vote-by-mail ballots on Monday, Oct. 10 for the November 8 General Municipal Election. Voters can return their completed ballot by mail or by dropping it off by 8 p.m. on election night in one of several ballot-drop boxes that will be placed in Mountain View and throughout Santa Clara County.

This year's election includes a City Council race. City of Mountain View Councilmembers are elected at-large and voters will be choosing from qualified candidates to fill three open seats, each with a four-year term.

The last day to register to vote is Oct. 24. To register to vote, update registration or locate a ballot drop box or vote center near you, visit sccvote.sccgov.org.

Residents who are eligible to vote but miss the deadline can register and vote at any of the accessible in-person voting locations. These locations will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, Sunday, Nov. 6, and Monday, Nov. 7, and from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 8).

For more elections information, visit MountainView.gov/Elections or contact city.clerk@mountainview.gov.

Searching for Volunteers to Serve Our Community

The Mountain View City Council has an amazing group of volunteer advisors working on a range of important issues. If you have an interest or background in downtown, planning, library, local parks and recreation, performing arts, human relations, or bike and pedestrian concerns, you should apply to serve on a City advisory body.

Learn more and download the application to apply at MountainView.gov/Advisors. Please contact the City Clerk's Office or 650-903-6304 for further information.

Street Improvements

Maintaining and updating Mountain View's 140-mile street network is a major investment for the City. From regular maintenance and prevention measures that keep our pavement in good condition to large-scale, multi-year, multi-agency improvement projects, providing a transportation system is an intricate feat of planning, engineering, monitoring and troubleshooting.

A high priority for the City's transportation system is to enhance access and mobility, with a focus on active transportation projects that improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The City accomplishes this by both integrating bicycle and pedestrian improvements into pavement projects and constructing separate bicycle and pedestrian projects. Below is a short list of some of the projects underway or starting soon.

Stierlin Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

The project will install bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Stierlin Road, Central Avenue, and North Shoreline Boulevard. Improvements include:

- Green-backed bike sharrows markings on Stierlin Road, between Washington Street and Windmill Park Lane/Wright Avenue,
- Traffic-calming and pedestrian improvements on Central Avenue and Stierlin Road, and
- Protected bikeways on Shoreline Boulevard from Montecito Avenue to W. Middlefield Road.

Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project

The project will close vehicle access from Castro Street to Central Expressway



Bike lane along Calderon Avenue near Mercy Street.

and provide bicycle and pedestrian undercrossings of the expressway and train tracks. The project will include:

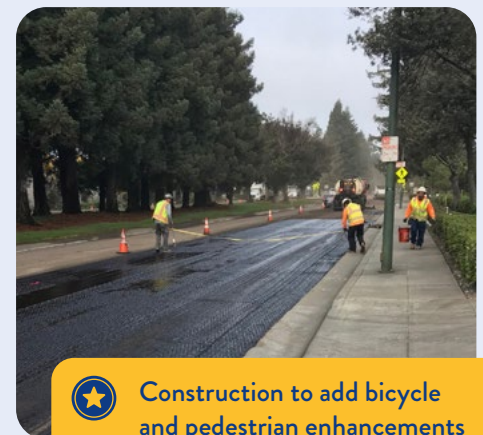
- Construction of a new ramp connecting W. Evelyn Ave and Shoreline Boulevard to provide an alternate route for vehicles,
- Construction of undercrossings and access features (such as stairs, ramps, and/or elevators) to allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross from the north side of Central Expressway to the Transit Center and Downtown Mountain View, and
- An enhanced bicycle connection along W Evelyn between Shoreline Boulevard and Castro Street.

El Camino Real Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

El Camino Real is a State Highway and is maintained by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). In partnership with the City, Caltrans will incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of their 2023 pavement rehabilitation project. This project will deliver:

- Protected bikeway facilities (with bike lanes in constrained areas),
- Three new pedestrian crossings with flashing lights to alert oncoming traffic of pedestrians crossing the street, and
- Various intersection improvements, such as curb bulb-outs and high visibility crosswalks.

For more information, visit Mountainview.gov/PCI and MountainView.gov/Transportation.



Construction to add bicycle and pedestrian enhancements to Mountain View's roadways.

Crestview Hotel Conversion: From Hotel to Home



The City of Mountain View is pleased to share that the effort to convert the Crestview Hotel at 901 E. El Camino Real into much needed affordable housing continues to move forward and is anticipated to open its doors to residents in mid-2023.

The project involves the conversion of hotel units into studio and two-bedroom apartments for individuals and families to call home. Because the project involves the renovation of an existing hotel, the units will be completed more quickly and at a lower cost than a new construction project.

This innovative project will provide permanent housing to approximately 50 households experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. Residents will be offered affordable rents, as well as supportive services—like access to transportation, health services and employment services—to help address their needs.

This project is a joint effort of many partners and is funded by the City of Mountain View, the State of California's Project Homekey program, and the County of Santa Clara's Measure A housing bond.

Stay Engaged

Community input has been important in informing the progress of this project, and more community meetings will be held as the project proceeds. Sign up to get information at MountainView.gov/Crestview.

Draft Housing Element Under Review by the State

The Housing Element is a comprehensive, long-term policy document that guides future decisions on housing preservation, protection, and production and reflects the community's vision of equity and inclusion. Under State law, cities must update their Housing Element every eight years.

These eight-year periods are known as "cycles." For Bay Area cities, 6th Cycle Housing Elements must be adopted and submitted to the State's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for final review by January 2023.

At a June 14 study session, the City Council reviewed the Draft Housing Element and provided general comments and direction on the programs, sites inventory, and rezoning strategy. Based on Council's input, staff made revisions and submitted the Draft Housing Element to HCD on July 1 for a 90-day statutory draft review period. Once HCD provides comments on the draft, the Housing Element team will revise the Housing Element to respond to the comments and present the Final Housing Element to the Environmental Planning Commission in November and to the City Council for final adoption in December.

The following are the current and upcoming steps on the project:

- **HCD Review of Draft Housing Element:**
July through September
- **Adoption Hearings (tentative)**
 - » Environmental Planning Commission: Nov. 16, 2022
 - » City Council: Dec. 13, 2022
- **HCD Deadline for Housing Elements:**
Jan. 31, 2023

The HCD Draft Housing Element, Sites Inventory Map, and downloadable features are available on the project website at MVHousingElement.org. For questions about the Housing Element process or to request staff to meet with your community group, please contact Ellen Yau, Project Planner, at ellen.yau@mountainview.gov. To sign-up for project notifications, use the MyMV tool at MountainView.gov/MyMV.

Rising to the Occasion

Sea level rise is a significant issue for the Bay Area. By 2060, it's estimated that sea level rise will affect:



Although sea level rise has been gradual until now, by 2040 the rise is expected to accelerate. As sea levels rise, so do the risks.

The City is one of the communities impacted by sea level rise within the Bay Area. Mountain View is susceptible both to river and creek flooding from watershed runoff and coastal flooding from high tide and waves from the San Francisco Bay.

That's why the City has developed a comprehensive plan to address sea level rise with several projects either completed or under way. These projects will protect the City and the Shoreline Regional Park Community, a separate legal entity that includes a regional park, closed regional landfill, businesses that contribute to the regional economy, residences and future housing units that will be developed as part of complete neighborhoods to implement the North Bayshore Precise Plan.

One project already complete is the **Sailing Lake Access Road Improvement** project. This project improved the safety of the Sailing Lake, provided better access for operations and maintenance and fortified the road to support the anticipated soil transport for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration project. This project, overseen by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California State Coastal Commission, will restore tidal marshes and reestablish tidal flow connections while reducing erosion risk at the shoreline.



Sea level rise project continues at Shoreline.



Carbon Neutrality Could Arrive in Mountain View 10 Years Early

In 2020, the City Council committed to making Mountain View carbon-neutral by 2045. But last year, the Council Sustainability Committee raised the question: "Can we get there quicker?"



Staff is exploring what it would take to reach carbon-neutrality by 2035, making our city carbon-neutral 10 years ahead of schedule.

This is informed by the latest research, strategies adopted by the City in the last two years, and supportive actions taken by both the State of California and regional organizations.

Recommendations on the feasibility and possible pathways to reach this accelerated goal will be presented to the Council Sustainability Committee and City Council in early 2023. There will be many opportunities for residents to provide their feedback along the way. To follow the progress and get more information, visit MountainView.gov/CSC for the latest on the Council Sustainability Committee's actions and meetings.

New Drought Water Use Restrictions

Mountain View is now in Stage 2 Drought Water Shortage Emergency Condition

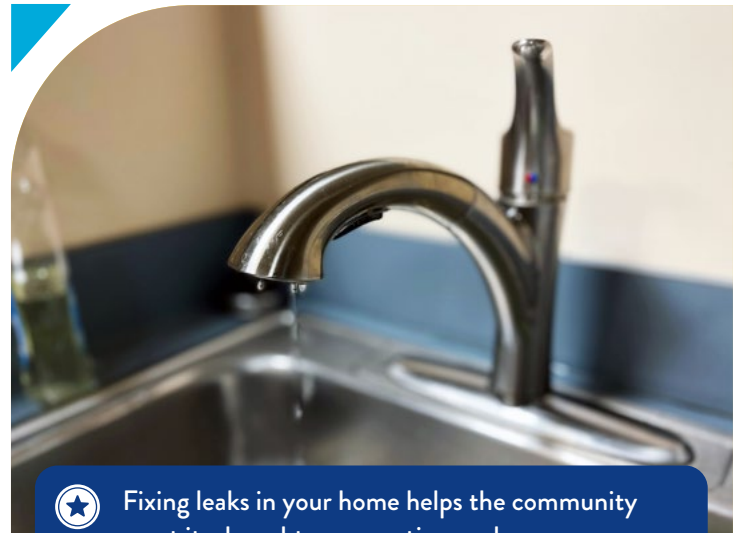
California is in year three of a severe drought. Together, we can meet our conservation goal by reducing irrigation and fixing leaks. Thank you for your continued efforts to save water!

Under a Stage 2 water shortage, customers are assigned specific irrigation days based on their street address. The 2-day irrigation schedule is as follows:

- Even addresses – Irrigation allowed Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Odd addresses – Irrigation allowed Mondays and Thursdays.

Other Stage 2 water use restrictions in effect include:

- Washing paved or hard surfaces is prohibited, except by bucket or for health and safety.
- At-home vehicle washing is prohibited, except by bucket.
- Filling decorative water features is prohibited, except to sustain aquatic life.
- Time allowed to repair leaks is five days.



Fixing leaks in your home helps the community meet its drought conservation goals.

Previously, Mountain View had been under a Stage 1 water shortage emergency condition since Nov. 9, 2021.

For more information about Stage 2 restrictions, visit MountainView.gov/WaterUseRestrictions. For questions, call the Water Conservation Hotline at 650-903-6216 or email ConserveWater@MountainView.gov.

Getting Down to Business



This past summer the City began the development of an Economic Vitality Strategy for Mountain View. Its goal is to recognize the unique character of Mountain View's business community, identify opportunities and challenges and create a short-term and long-term, sustainable strategy for economic growth that will support businesses and be responsive to the evolving needs of the local economy.

Over the last 24 months, local businesses have undergone structural changes as they recover from the impact of the pandemic. With nearly 80% of Mountain View residents

commuting out of the city for employment in surrounding jurisdictions, now is a good time to understand how our businesses can best recover from the pandemic and identify programs and policies to support a thriving business environment.

Downtown is one such area where changing consumer patterns and business needs have resulted in the City considering a Pedestrian Mall for the 100-300 blocks of Castro Street. A Pedestrian Mall would officially close the first three blocks of Castro Street and allow for the transformation of the street into an active plaza area that includes more public seating, continued outdoor dining, and community events and activities. The City of Mountain View will be conducting a public hearing on the future Castro Street Pedestrian Mall on October 11, 2022.

The City will be conducting extensive community outreach and engagement as we move forward. Upcoming events, meetings and engagement opportunities can be found at MountainView.gov/depts/comdev/economicdev/economic_vitality_strategy.asp.

A Healthy City Starts with Safe Routes to School



★ Children learn about bike safety during a Bike Rodeo event.

How children get to and from school can make a big difference in the health of the whole city.

Together, we can make our city healthier, safer and more sustainable by walking, biking or skating to school. A good portion of the doctor-recommended 60 minutes per day of physical activity could be achieved just from choosing active options for going to and from school. Active commutes to school can also build a foundation for lifelong healthy habits.

Studies have shown that kids who walk or bike to school receive a number of benefits, including:

1. Healthier body weight
2. Reduced likelihood of anxiety and depression
3. Improved focus on their learning goals

With fewer parents driving to schools, fewer cars are stuck in traffic around the schools. This reduces safety concerns, commute stress from traffic near the schools and air pollution.

To support families in making healthy commute choices, the City and Mountain View Whisman School District recently funded five additional crossing guards along school routes in Mountain View. The City is also providing safety training at all public schools in Fall 2022 as well as hosting a bike rodeo at the Monster Bash on Oct. 29.

For more information visit MountainView.gov/SRTS.

Thank You for Not Smoking



Secondhand smoke can cause firsthand problems.

Frequent and recurring exposure to secondhand smoke can cause health issues such as asthma, heart disease, lung cancer and stroke, as well as worsen chronic illness, according to the Santa Clara Public Health Department. Children, senior citizens and people with disabilities are especially vulnerable to exposure to secondhand smoke, but they are the least able to avoid it.

That's why the City of Mountain View approved a smoking prohibition inside any apartment, condominium and townhome. The prohibition went into effect on January 1, 2022 and includes the smoking and/or vaping of tobacco and marijuana products.

The City's prohibition states that no person shall smoke:

- inside any new or existing unit of a multi-unit residence,
- in any enclosed or enclosed common area of a multi unit residence, or
- within a reasonable distance of any operable doorway, window, opening or vent of a multi-unit residence.

For more information on the ordinance, visit MountainView.gov/SmokingOrdinance.

By the Numbers

7,000

The number of toxic chemicals in tobacco smoke.

41,000

The number of premature deaths of non-smokers in the U.S. each year due to secondhand smoke.

01/01/2022

The date the prohibition went into effect.



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New Services Available at the Library

The Mountain View Public Library's mission has always been about helping the community connect, create and learn. Several new services aim to live up to those goals.

Online Author Series

Watch two to three author talks monthly featuring best-selling authors and renowned thought leaders covering a wide range of topics through the Online Author Series. To register to attend live, watch past recordings or learn about upcoming events, visit MountainView.gov/OnlineAuthors.

Career Online High School

It is never too late to get your high school diploma with the Career Online High School program. Qualified adults who live or work in Mountain View can earn an accredited high school diploma and a credentialed career certificate towards advancing their career. Supported by board-certified instructors and with 24/7 access to the online learning



Recent graduates from the Career Online High School program.

platform, students are able to graduate within a year to 18 months. Learn more at MountainView.gov/COHS.

Lucky Day Collection

Skip the holds queue and fire up your Libby app to read that hot bestseller today with our new Lucky Day Collection on Libby. Popular titles of e-books and audiobooks will be available on a first-come, first-served basis with a seven-day checkout. Visit MountainView.gov/ebooks.

UPCOMING FALL/WINTER EVENTS

Oct. 22 [10 a.m. - 3 p.m.] – Spooky Times at Deer Hollow Farm

Oct. 29 [10 a.m. - 2 p.m.] – Monster Bash at Rengstorff Park

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

Nov. 12 [10 a.m. - 3 p.m.] – Teen Wellness Retreat at Teen Center

Nov. 19 [10 a.m. - 3 p.m.] – Holiday Bazaar at Senior Center

Dec. 5 [5:30 - 8 p.m.] – Community Tree Lighting Celebration

Check out more upcoming events:

MountainView.gov/SpecialEvents

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City Vision

A welcoming, vibrant city that plans intentionally and leads regionally to create livable, sustainable neighborhoods, access to nature and open spaces, and a strong innovation-driven local economy.

2021-2023 Strategic Priorities

- Community for All
- Intentional Development & Housing Options
- Mobility & Connectivity
- Sustainability & Climate Resiliency
- Livability & Quality of Life
- Economic Vitality
- Organizational Strength & Good Governance



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