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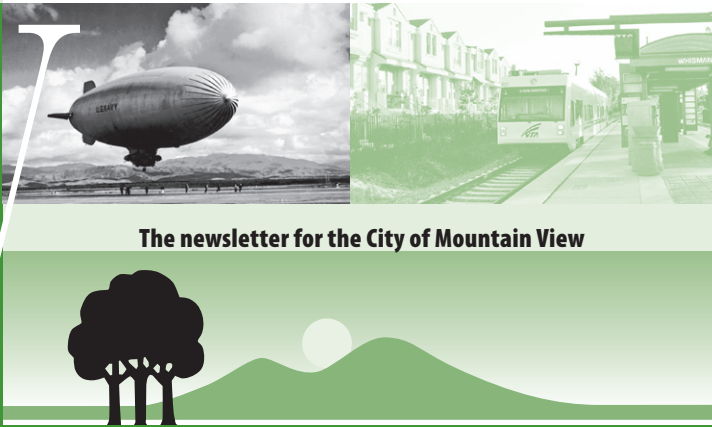
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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Arbor Day Celebration – March 8
 - Summer Camp Fair – March 8
 - Downtown Spring Parade – April 26
 - Citywide Garage Sale – May 3
 - Community Yard Sale – May 10
 - July 4th Celebration at Shoreline – July 4
 - Deer Hollow Farm Spring Tours – March 15, April 19, May 17
- For more information call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.



CITY SELECTS NEW CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

As part of the City's commitment to improve technology implementation, Roger Jensen was appointed the City's first-ever Chief Information Officer/IT Director. He now heads Mountain View's new Information Technology Department, which is responsible for planning, maintaining and managing the City's information systems and communication networks.

Jensen is a resident of Mountain View and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and an Executive MBA from Santa Clara University. He has more than 25 years of experience in the technology field and was previously Senior Vice President for Technical Operations of AlphaDetail in San Mateo, where he was responsible for all IT, engineering, quality assurance and technical operations.



"As the home to some of the world's leading technology companies, Mountain View has a very tech-savvy constituency," says City Manager Dan Rich. "I felt it was time to take our City's technology services to the next level with focused, senior leadership of this critical function. Roger Jensen's collaborative style, management skills and understanding of Silicon Valley will allow us to enhance our internal operations and technology services to the public in a cost-effective manner."

PULSE POINT APP LAUNCHED

On Friday, February 14, the Mountain View Fire Department announced the deployment of the life-saving PulsePoint Citizen Responder CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Mobile App.

Integrated with the City's 9-1-1 system, PulsePoint notifies nearby CPR-trained citizens enrolled in the system to respond to an emergency. The app also directs these citizen rescuers to the exact location of the closest publicly accessible AED. This notification happens simultaneously with the dispatch of emergency crews to improve bystander response while emergency responders are en route to the scene. These citizen notifications are only made if the cardiac arrest victim is in a public place and only to potential rescuers that are in the immediate vicinity of the emergency. Studies have shown that because of the time-critical nature of cardiac arrest, quick intervention from a CPR-trained bystander significantly improves survival rate.

This new tool for the Fire Department was made possible through a partnership with the Santa Clara County Fire Chief's Association and El Camino Hospital.

TEST DRIVE OUR NEW CITY WEBSITE

Starting February 25, the beta test for Mountain View's new City website will be available for public feedback. Users can go to Beta.MountainView.gov to preview the new site and complete an online survey about the experience.

Input will be accepted through the month of March.

The beta version of the new City website was developed with public input and an emphasis on user-friendly features. Improvements target frequently used functions such as Contact Us, How Do I and Community Resource Directories, as well as Resident, Business and Visitor content.

For more information or to provide additional feedback, contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301, or email MVWeb@MountainView.gov.

NEW EMERGENCY TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES COLLABORATION AND RESPONSE

The Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Los Altos are implementing virtual consolidated emergency dispatch and record keeping systems in their Fire and Police Departments to share the same communications and record software. The new collaborative system increases efficiency and makes regional emergency service response more effective.

This Spring, all three communities are expected to switch to the new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Mobile Public Safety software for emergency calls, which standardizes the way calls for service are dispatched from each city. The shared system allows each city to support the others in case of a disaster or a significant event and provide instantaneous information-sharing on critical events to all responders. This collaboration not only reduces response times to emergencies, but also reduces costs.



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 and follow us on Twitter at Twitter.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 MountainView.gov and go to Finance to use this new tool.

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TAKE THESE SUMMER HEAT PRECAUTIONS

- Drink plenty of fluids and provide water for your pets
- Avoid excessive exposure to the sun and use sunscreen
- Dress in lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and wear a hat or use an umbrella
- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles
- Limit physical activity during the hottest time of day (usually 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
- Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

KNOW WATER, POOL SAFETY

- Teach all children to swim and never let them swim alone
- A self-closing, self-latching fence should surround backyard pools and spas
- Use alarms on windows and doors that open to the pool area
- Mount lifesaving devices by the pool in a visible, accessible location
- Be sure to have a telephone poolside with the emergency number 9-1-1 posted on the phone
- Learn CPR



REMOVE ANTS THE GREEN WAY

As warmer weather approaches, the City encourages residents to remove ant infestations in ways that do not harm the environment. The unnecessary use of pesticides affects children and pets and pollutes local waterways. Fortunately, managing ants without sprays gets better results while protecting the environment.

A new website called GotAntsGetSerious.org, developed by public agencies and ant experts, offers effective and greener ways to keep ants out by following these steps:

- S. Spot where ants are coming in
- E. Eliminate crumbs, messes and spills
- R. Rinse with soap and water
- I. Isolate food and water sources
- O. Obstruct entryways and seal cracks
- U. Use baits if ants do not go away
- S. Stick to it to keep ants away

Report your efforts to go-green-against-ants at the Got Ants Facebook page: [Facebook.com/Safer.Ant.Control](https://www.facebook.com/Safer.Ant.Control).



NEW BUILDING PERMIT SERVICES MAKE A BIG IMPACT

For better overall customer service and response time, the Building Division updated its Fast Track permitting system which allows existing commercial and retail improvement projects of less than 30,000 square feet to obtain plan review and permits within five business days. In addition, the Division piloted a One-Stop Permit Program that enables existing commercial office and retail improvement projects of less than 15,000 square feet to obtain permits on the same day as the scheduled plan review. These service changes have expedited more than 300 plan checks during the past year, which helped existing Mountain View businesses make needed improvements.

MONTHLY PLANNING DIVISION UPDATES AVAILABLE

The Planning Division prepares a monthly update of private development projects and long-range planning studies that are underway. The projects are organized by Change Area and Neighborhood Planning Area. Download a PDF version of the report at MountainView.gov.



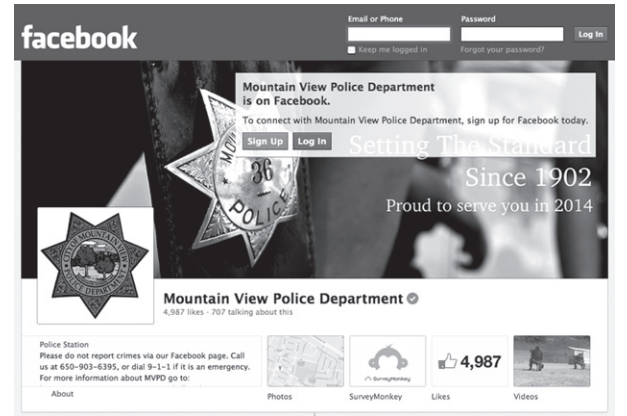
CITY ASKS FOR 10 PERCENT WATER USE REDUCTION

On January 17 Governor Brown declared a Drought State of Emergency, requesting Californians reduce water use. Based on a review of local water supplies, the City's two wholesale suppliers have called for 10 percent water use reductions and will evaluate the need for additional reductions based on Spring 2014 precipitation. In response to these announcements, Mountain View is implementing the first stage of the City Water Shortage Contingency Plan, which is to ask customers to voluntarily reduce water use by at least 10 percent. Visit ConserveWater.MountainView.gov for more information and water-saving ideas.

PAY UTILITY BILL BY PHONE OR ONLINE

As part of a commitment to customer service, the City offers pay-by-phone and online Mountain View Utility (MVU) bill pay services. Both are free to customers and available at any time, accepting electronic checks, Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Customers can make payments by calling toll-free (855) 288-0315 or online by visiting MountainView.gov. Payments online can be made one time, on a recurring basis or a single-payer account may be established to link all utility accounts. Customers can use this service to view payments and payment history, as well as receive paperless statements.



FOLLOW MVPD

- Sign-up for important alerts by texting your zip code to 888777
- Follow us on Twitter at [@MountainViewPD](https://twitter.com/MountainViewPD)
- Like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/MountainViewPoliceDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/MountainViewPoliceDepartment)
- Learn more about how we serve the Mountain View community at MountainViewPoliceBlog.com
- Find us on Nextdoor.com



FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Mountain View Fire Department reminds citizens that all forms of fireworks are strictly prohibited in Mountain View. Fireworks can cause serious burns, injuries and death, as well as property damage. Those who use illegal firework 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 occurs at Shoreline at Mountain View on July 4, and is specifically designed for public viewing to safely celebrate Independence Day.

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A limited supply of extra copies of **The View** is available at City Hall, 500 Castro St., the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., and the Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave.

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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 STUDY

The City began work to explore transportation alternatives and evaluate effectiveness of transit improvements along Shoreline Boulevard. The study focuses on three main strategies to address the anticipated impacts of the planned long-term growth in the North Bayshore Area as envisioned in the 2030 General Plan. The strategies include:

- **Improving Traffic Flow.** Proposals include roadway efficiency improvements along Shoreline Boulevard and nearby streets, strategies for upgrading transit services and facilities over time, a cycle track and other high-quality bicycle facilities to serve an increasing number of bicycle commuters and improvements to pedestrian facilities and crossings.
- **Bridge Crossings Over U.S. Highway 101.** The City is considering several bridge crossing proposals for U.S. Highway 101 west of Shoreline Boulevard that include bicycle, pedestrian and transit use.
- **Downtown Transit Center.** The City is examining ways to improve transit and shuttle service access and capacity to the Bayshore area from the Downtown Transit Center. The Public Works Department is working on ways to accommodate anticipated higher peak commute volumes, improve pedestrian and bicycle access from the Transit Center across Central Expressway, and provide new station services.

The Shoreline Boulevard Corridor Study includes a number of community outreach and meeting opportunities. To be notified of these events, contact the Public Works Department at public.works@MountainView.gov and ask to be placed on the notification list or visit ShorelineCorridor.com.



RENGSTORFF PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

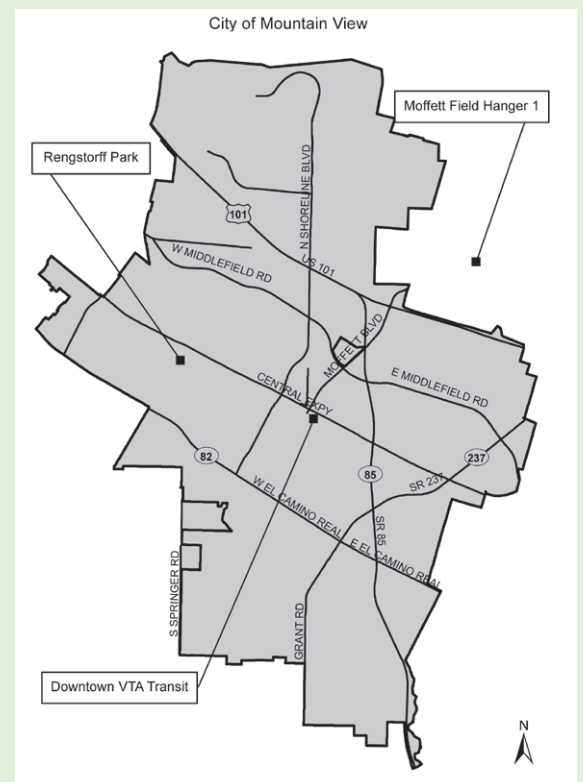


The City Council will consider approval of an update to the Rengstorff Park Master Plan this Spring. The Master Plan guides future development within the park and was developed after an evaluation of existing facilities with public input on the future needs of residents. The goal of the Master Plan is to preserve open space while improving recreation buildings and facilities.

The updated Master Plan includes renovations to the existing Community Center and Aquatics Center buildings, and construction of new pools in the Aquatics Center. The plan also includes

other park improvements, such as lighting upgrades, an enhanced park entrance, modified parking, and renovation and rebuilding of restrooms and other existing park buildings.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 or email public.works@MountainView.gov.



PLANETARY VENTURES CHOSEN FOR HANGAR ONE CONTRACT

On February 10, NASA and the General Services Administration (GSA) announced Planetary Ventures, LLC was selected to restore Hangar One and manage Moffett Federal Airfield. Terms of the agreement are expected to address the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of Hangar One and the operation, management and maintenance of Moffett Federal Airfield.

“The City has long advocated for the speedy reskinning of historic Hangar One, and we are pleased the selection of a lessee will bring that to fruition,” said City Manager Dan Rich in response to the announcement. “While we understand details of the lease have yet to be finalized and will take some time, we look forward to working with NASA, GSA and Planetary Ventures to see Hangar One restored as soon as possible. This announcement is great news for the whole community and ensures airfield operations remain consistent with the current constraints and the community’s values.”

PRECISE PLAN UPDATES

Precise Plans are a tool for coordinating future public and private improvements on specific properties where special conditions of size, shape, land ownership, or existing or desired development require particular attention. Currently, North Bayshore, El Camino Real and San Antonio are being reviewed and updated with opportunities for public input.

To help the public, Precise Plan websites were created and include the latest information, related comments and a community discussion board.



FOR NORTH BAYSHORE PRECISE PLAN:

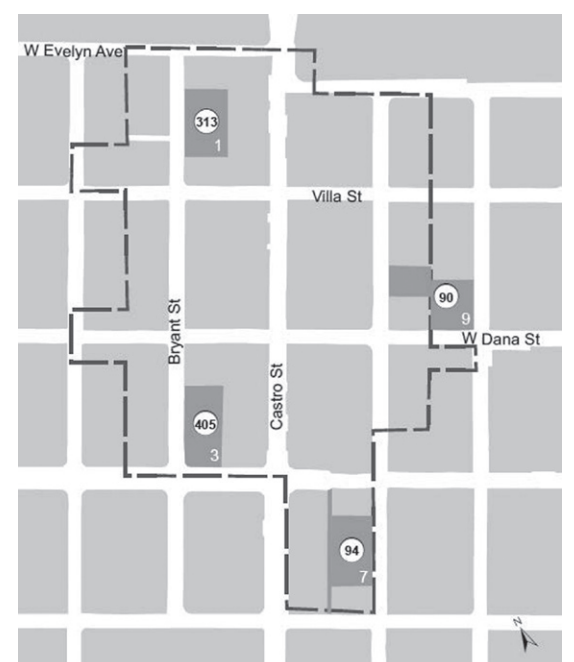
NorthBayshorePrecisePlan.org or contact Martin Alkire, Community Development Department, at (650) 903-6306.

FOR EL CAMINO REAL PRECISE PLAN:

ElCaminoRealPrecisePlan.com or contact Eric Anderson, Community Development Department, at (650) 903-6306.

SAN ANTONIO PRECISE PLAN:

SanAntonioPrecisePlan.com or contact Rebecca Shapiro, Community Development Department, at (650) 903-6306.



DOWNTOWN PARKING PERMIT CHANGES

In January, the City implemented changes to the Downtown Parking Permit Program, including when permits are issued and new rates. In addition, there are now four parking locations for permit holders: parking structures 1 and 3, and parking lots 7 and 9. The new changes are designed to make it easier for everyone who lives and works downtown to access parking. Parking for downtown patrons of small businesses and activities remains free.

The Downtown Parking Permit Program is available to property owners, businesses and their employees who reside within the Downtown Parking District. For more information about the program, visit MountainView.gov.

Register
for Recreation classes
online by visiting *Online.*
Activenetwork.com/
mvrecreation.



SUMMER CAMP FAIR MARCH 8

The Recreation Division hosts a Summer Camp Fair for those who wish to sign children up for activities this summer.

Saturday, March 8

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Mountain View Community Center
201 S. Rengstorff Ave.**

For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



FREE CHILDREN'S THEATRE IN THE PARK

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

See fairy tales and other children's stories Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from June 20 through August 8, except for July 3. Each 45-minute production is a unique evening of entertainment. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on at the Center's outdoor park stage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park.

June 20: "Cinderella Caterpillar"

June 27: "Hansel & Gretel"

July 3: "The Princess and the Pig" (note: this week's performance is on a Thursday due to the July 4 holiday)

July 11: "Sleeping Beauty"

July 18: "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

July 25: "The Dancing Spider"

Aug 1: "Pippi Longstocking"

Aug 8: "Raggedy Ann & Andy"

The performers are elementary school students enrolled in PYT's popular Children's Theatre in the Park summer drama camps. Check the enclosed Recreation 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 FAMILY PARADE APRIL 26

Mountain View's 36th Annual Spring Family Parade marches down Castro Street on Saturday, April 26. The parade begins at noon on Castro Street at Villa Street. This year's theme is "Sail into Summer."

The fun continues after the parade until 3:00 p.m. with the help of the El Camino YMCA. 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 at the El Camino YMCA will be available in the park.

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

FOURTH OF JULY CONCERT AT SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE

The City is proud to cosponsor the annual Fourth of July celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre, featuring the San Francisco Symphony and a spectacular fireworks display. Mountain View residents are eligible to receive a limited number of free and discounted tickets. Additional ticket and event information will be available in May on the City's website at *MountainView.gov.* For more information about the event, call the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office at (650) 967-4040.



SWIM LESSON ASSESSMENT MARCH 8

Need to know the level of your child's swimming skills? The City will provide a swim assessment to help parents determine which classes are appropriate before registering for swim lessons this summer. The assessment takes about 10 minutes and will provide the necessary information to register children in Mountain View Recreation Aquatics for the summer.

Saturday, March 8

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Eagle Pool
650 Franklin St.**

For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



SUMMER THURSDAY NIGHTS ON CASTRO STREET

Thursday Night Live returns to Castro Street this Summer where the street is closed to traffic and pedestrians can enjoy live music, kids' activities, a farmer's market, outdoor dining and classic car displays. The event runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on June 26, July 10, July 24 and August 7.

FREE SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIES

Do not miss Mountain View's free Outdoor Movie Nights this Summer, cosponsored by the Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee and the City of Mountain View Recreation Division. Movies are on Fridays and begin at 8:30 p.m.

July 11 at Cuesta Park, 615 Cuesta Drive – "Monsters University" (G)

July 18 at Sylvan Park, 600 Sylvan Ave. – "The Nut Job" (PG)

July 25 at Eagle Park, 652 Franklin St. – "Despicable Me 2" (PG)

August 1 at Stevenson Park, 750 San Pierre Way – "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" (PG)

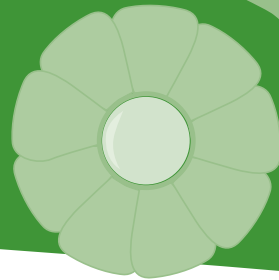
August 8 at Whisman Park, 400 Easy St. – "Free Birds" (PG)

August 15 at Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave. – "The LEGO Movie" (PG)

For more information on the Summer Outdoor Movie Night series, call (650) 903-6410.



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



RENGSTORFF HOUSE EVENTS

The Rengstorff House, Mountain View's oldest home, offers a host of public events and exhibits throughout the Spring and Summer. The House is located at 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Docent Tours of Rengstorff House: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Now through March 23 – **Images in Time** – This Victorian photography exhibit chronicles American's love affair with the camera and includes everything from daguerreotypes to stereoviews.

Saturday, March 22 – **The Victorian Tea House** – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Experience the wonderful tastes of the 19th century tea house. Tickets are limited, so make your plans in advance by visiting Ticketderby.com.

April 2 – May 28 – **The Victorian Garden** – Enjoy the sights and sounds of a springtime garden from the 19th Century. The exhibit's opening reception is Wednesday, April 2 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

June 8 to July 27 – **From Fremont Township to Mountain View, A Local History Exhibit.** How did the streets get their names? Was there a historical landmark in the neighborhood? Who – or what – may have walked down the street you drive every day? Join the Friends of "R" House as we take a metaphorical walk down the streets of old Mountain View and discover what happened more than 100 years ago. The exhibit's opening reception is Wednesday, June 11 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 22 – **Life in Victorian America, A Living History Event** – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join historians at the Rengstorff House as they present an interactive event that provides insights into life in the 19th century.

August 6 – August 31 – **Arts Festival** – The Festival includes a fine arts exhibit by local artists, including students, as well as performances in the gardens every Sunday in August. The opening reception for artists and the public is Wednesday, August 6 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

For additional information about Friends of "R" House events, visit R-House.org.

Rengstorff House is also available for weddings and social events. For more information, call (650) 903-6088.



DO NOT MISS THESE FREE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Library offers a variety of unique, interesting and educational programs to our community. Here are a few.

ESL Conversation Club – Everyone is invited to practice and improve their English in a friendly and welcoming environment at the English As A Second Language Club.

History Center – Open Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., the Center allows visitors to explore the large collection of historical documents and photographs.

Local Author Book Collection – Check out the growing collection of small press and self-published books by local authors.

Lunchtime Sports Equipment – Frisbees and other equipment can be checked-out from the second floor Information Desk to use in Pioneer Park adjacent to the Library.

Scanner – Scan photos and documents to a USB Flash drive free of charge using the scanner on the Library second floor.

Seed Library – Gardeners of all levels can share, plant and save seeds using the free, unique collection of seeds from local donors.



For more information, call the Mountain View Public Library at (650) 903-6887 or visit the website at MountainView.gov.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library participates in the citywide e-notify service. Signing up is easy and you will not miss any of the great programs offered. You only receive the news you want. The subscription list is not shared or used for any other purpose. Start by going to MountainView.gov and click on the link to the Library's homepages.

- Sign up for "Library Events for Adults" to find out about the weekly ESL Conversation Club, author programs and make-it-yourself programs.
- Sign up for "Library Events for Children and Families" to learn about upcoming drop-in story times in English, Spanish and Mandarin, Road to Reading registered programs, summer reading, other programs for school age children and parenting programs.
- Subscribe to "Rosanne's Corner" for updates from the Library Director and you'll get the latest news about Library innovations and services.



SEE OUR NEW LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

The Library has made several recent improvements to help both users and staff, including:

- New WiFi with an easier login interface
- New public printers with a color printing option
- New self-checkout with improved accuracy
- An improved checkin system with better sorting capabilities
- Upgrades to the computer system and catalog with improved functionality



KEEP ON ROLLIN' – NEW LIBRARY BIKE STOP

Mountain View's Library received a grant from the Pacific Library Partnership to improve bike mobility. This Spring, the "Library Bike Stop" will include a bike fix-it service station outside the library equipped with stand, attached tools and theft-proof pump. The Library will also hold monthly fix-it programs and other bicycle-focused programs throughout the year in addition to the current bike programs. Find out more about the Library's bicycle programs at (650) 903-6887 or MountainView.gov.

SEW SEW SATURDAYS

Do you have a pair of pants you've been meaning to hem or a dress pattern you've been wanting to work on? Did you know that the Library has four sewing machines and a serger you can use for free?

Whether you want to design a garment that will make you America's next top fashion designer or you just want to hem some pants, make a free appointment to use one of four sewing machines or a serger at the Library. Call the Library to reserve or get more information: (650) 903-6887.

VOLUNTEER AT THE LIBRARY

Help us with our Maker programs, package seeds for the Seed Bank or work on a myriad of other important tasks. For more information visit: MountainView.gov.

CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

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 MountainView.gov to see current opportunities and download a volunteer application.



Thanks to the 44 volunteers who braved an extremely unseasonable cold evening and helped make our Annual Tree Lighting Event a huge success.

Volunteers were responsible for keeping our community warm by serving hot apple cider and hot chocolate, making sure the line to see Santa moved efficiently, helping small children navigate down our ice slide, making sure all performers got on and off the stage on time, handing out programs and surveys, assisting with all arts and crafts, and providing information and helping to find lost kids and car keys.

There were more than 30 additional volunteers that I had to turn away because so many people offered to help. A truly fantastic turnout by the wonderful volunteers in our community.

Thank you for making it a wonderful night!

– Bill Mykytka, Volunteer Coordinator

SPRING CLEANING EVENTS

MEDICATION TAKE BACK EVENT

Police and Fire Administration Building – 1000 Villa St.

Saturday, April 26

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

You can dispose of expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs at a Take Back event on Saturday, April 26, at the Mountain View Fire Department, 1000 Villa St.

Both solid and liquid medications will be accepted, however, liquid medications should remain tightly sealed in their original container; however, intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted.

This is the event and location accepting prescription drugs. Do NOT bring drugs to fire stations. Visit SaveSFBay.org/pharmaceutical-disposal-sites for additional disposal locations.

For more information or questions, contact Carrie Sandahl at (650) 903-6224 or email Carrie.Sandahl@MountainView.gov.

FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

SMaRT Station – 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale
April 26, August 23 and November 1

8:00 a.m. – noon

Residents of Mountain View, Sunnyvale and Palo Alto can bring unwanted tax returns, bank statements, medical records and other personal documents to be shredded for free. No heavy binders or binder clips please. Participants are limited to five banker-sized boxes or paper bags. Unloading assistance is available. Call (650) 903-6311 for more information.



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY MARCH 8

Celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 8 at Pioneer Memorial Park, located between City Hall and the Mountain View Public Library. Activities include themed children's arts and crafts, a tree planting ceremony at 11:00 a.m., a tree climbing demonstration by the City's Forestry Division, a tree tour of Pioneer Park and children's stories in the Library. Free hot dogs and drinks will be served while participants visit booths from volunteer environmental groups, public agencies and the biggest foliage fans – arborists – to learn more about tree-friendly activities, preservation, composting and answer questions about trees. The public will also be able to help preserve future tree health by bringing in old mercury thermometers and unused medications for proper disposal. Festivities begin at 10:15 a.m., rain or shine. For more information, contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.

GREEN SAVINGS, EVENTS AND TIPS

FREE HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS

Energy Upgrade Mountain View (EUMV) is a free, City-sponsored program that helps homeowners and renters identify easy, no- and low-cost ways of saving energy and money around the home and offers hands-on workshops about energy-saving tips. Visit EnergyUpgradeMV.org for more information.

REBATES FOR HOME ENERGY AND WATER UPGRADES

Energy Upgrade California (EUC) is a State program to help single and multi-family property owners make home improvements that reduce energy and water waste. Visit EnergyUpgradeCA.org for more information and to see what rebates are available.

FINANCING FOR COMMERCIAL GREEN UPGRADES

Mountain View businesses may be eligible to take advantage of low-cost financing for clean energy and water conservation upgrades through the City's participation in the CaliforniaFIRST Program. The minimum financing amount is \$50,000 for commercial energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation upgrades that are permanently affixed to commercial, multi-family (five or more units), industrial or agricultural properties. For more information, or to apply for financing, visit CaliforniaFIRST.org.



FREE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Learn how to prepare your family and neighborhood for an earthquake or other disaster by taking advantage of a free program offered by the City called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

CERT classes cover topics such as:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Search and Rescue
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism

All classes are taught by experienced trainers with an emphasis on hands-on, practical training. If you would like to attend CERT training or would like more information on this program or emergency preparedness, visit MountainView.gov or call Lynn Brown, OES Coordinator at (650) 903-6825.



CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE MAY 3

Mountain View

Saturday, May 3

8:00 a.m. – 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. Printed maps of the sales will be available at limited locations on May 2. Register by April 18 online at MVrecycle.org or call (650) 903-6227 for a sign-up form.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE MAY 10

Mountain View Community Center – 201 S. Rengstorff Ave.

Saturday, May 10

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shop or sell along with more than 100 vendors. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information and to register.

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 EVENTS

For Calendar updates on all meetings and events, visit the City's website at MountainView.gov or tune into KMVT (cable TV CH 26).



CALENDAR OF REGULAR COUNCIL, BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION 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 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 bi-monthly the last Wednesday of the month, 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, 6:00 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.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADVISORY

Most City offices (non-emergency response facilities) will be closed Monday, May 26 and Friday, July 4 for holiday observances. Regular business hours will resume the next business day.

For recorded information, call (650) 903-6300 or visit online at MountainView.gov.

Emergency services will be available throughout the holiday period by calling 9-1-1.

ASK MOUNTAIN VIEW? THERE'S AN ANDROID APP FOR THAT

Mountain View offers an Android phone application for the City's *Ask Mountain View* service, which provides 24 hour online access to City Hall information, and other services. An iPhone application was made available in 2010. The San Jose Mercury News recently said the development of this new Android app was another indication that the City of Mountain View was "one of the best-run and best-designed cities in the county."



To download the Android app, go to MountainView.gov and search for *Ask Mountain View*. You may also download the app from Google Play.

The City receives more than 16,000 hits per year from residents using the *Ask Mountain View* service. It is a great way to receive status updates on projects, access links and to get the answers to frequently asked questions.

GET MV SWAG

Show your hometown pride or get the perfect gift for friends and family by sporting our City logo. Our newest items include a USB car charger and smart phone covers. Stop by the City Clerk's Office on the 3rd floor of City Hall from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. any business day or call (650) 903-6304.



BUDGET CALENDAR

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

- March 18 – Preliminary view of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget
- April 22 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hearings
- April 29 – Narrative Budget Report on the General Operating Fund, as well as Other funds and Reserves
- May 20 – Proposed second CIP Study Session
- June 10 – Proposed Budget Public Hearing
- June 17 – CIP Adoption, Utility Rate Hearing and Budget Adoption

To learn more about upcoming events in Mountain View, check the Events Calendar on Page 7 of this issue of *The View*, go online to the City's website at MountainView.gov or tune to cable television KMVT.

DO NOT MISS UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Arbor Day Celebration**, March 8, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Pioneer Park
- **Victorian Tea House**, March 22, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Rengstorff House
- **Paper Shredding Event**, April 26, 8:00 a.m. – noon, Sunnyvale SMaRT Station, 601 Carl Road, Sunnyvale
- **Medication Take Back Event**, April 26, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Mountain View Police and Fire Department
- **Citywide Garage Sale**, May 3, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., MVRecycle.org
- **Community Yard Sale**, May 10, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Rengstorff Park
- **Life in Victorian America: Living History Event**, June 22, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Rengstorff House
- **Plaza Palooza**, every first Friday of the month, noon – 1:30 p.m., City Hall Plaza, 500 Castro St.



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