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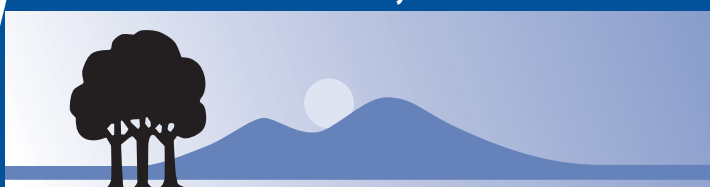
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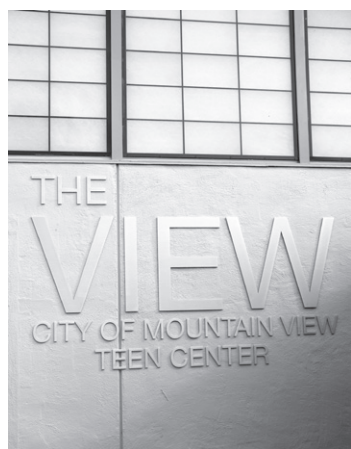


## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Don't miss these annual community events this Winter:

- Community Holiday Tree Lighting – Monday, December 8, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., 500 Castro St.
- Rengstorff Holiday Open House – Thursday, December 11, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd.
- Cops That Care Toy Distribution Event – Saturday December 20, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 201 S. Rengstorff Ave.
- Arbor Day Celebration 2014 – Saturday, March 14, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Pioneer Park, 500 Castro St.

## THE VIEW TEEN CENTER IS MADE JUST FOR TEENS



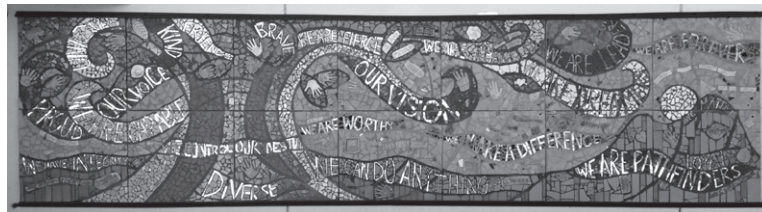
The City has opened its newest facility, The View Teen Center, at 263 Escuela Ave. Mountain View youth in grades 6 -12 are invited to enjoy this one-of-a-kind facility made just for teens which will feature a variety of programming options, including various art styles and projects; health and fitness activities; cooking classes and tastings; and education and career activities and resources, such as tutoring and workshops. While at The View, teens will have the opportunity to enjoy free recreational and educational classes, special events, resources and drop-in activities with a pool table, computer lab, hockey table, video games and movies. There is also an outdoor patio and grass area to unwind and hang with friends.

The View Teen Center will be open Monday through Thursday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Teens eager to use the new facility can get started by reviewing The View Participant Handbook and submitting a completed registration form. Both documents are available at the teen center

and the Mountain View Community Center. Also, a Student ID card will be required for check-in.

The mission of The View is to provide an attractive, safe, growth-promoting setting for youth that supports the Developmental Assets approach, fostering a sense of place and belonging. The City looks forward to providing this new space where Mountain View teens can just be teens.

For more information about The View Teen Center, visit [www.mountainview.gov/theviewteencenter](http://www.mountainview.gov/theviewteencenter) or contact Lauren Neff, Recreation Coordinator, at (650) 903-6445 or at [lauren.neff@mountainview.gov](mailto:lauren.neff@mountainview.gov), or Diane Atienza, Recreation Supervisor, at (650) 903-6402 or at [diane.atienza@mountainview.gov](mailto:diane.atienza@mountainview.gov).



## BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



The City is updating the Mountain View Bicycle Transportation Plan to encourage bicycling and to help guide policies and programs that relate to biking. The Bike Plan Update will build on the 2008 Bike Plan, and incorporate the 2030 General Plan mobility goals.

During the last several months, City staff held five meetings with members of the public to gather input regarding bicycle-related needs, concerns and opportunities for future improvements. The results of these discussions will help shape the preliminary goals for the Bike Plan Update currently underway. Another community workshop will be held in early 2015 to present the Bike Plan's findings and allow the public to give more feedback.

Completion of the Draft Bike Plan Update is expected in May 2015 followed by the completion of the environmental review process in Fall 2015. Adoption of the final Bike Plan Update is expected in early 2016. To learn more about the Bike Plan Update,

including how to subscribe to the City's email notification system, visit [www.bikemountainview.com](http://www.bikemountainview.com) or contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



## FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE BEGINS IN JANUARY

In January, the City will begin a new free shuttle service in partnership with Google. The service will be part of a two-year pilot project and will include four electric vehicles fitted with bike racks. It will run daily and stops will connect residential areas to shopping destinations, downtown Mountain View, entertainment attractions, community facilities and other transportation systems.

The City and Google have been examining proposals to reduce the number of vehicles on the road and promote alternative transit options, and this shuttle service was selected as a first step. The shuttle service is expected to run up to four, 16-seat, ADA compliant electric shuttles from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. On weekends and holidays, the shuttle will run between noon and 8:00 p.m.

The initial shuttle route was designed with input from the community. Adjustments to the route and service will be considered after the shuttle has been in operation for several months, when riders and community members will have an opportunity for additional input regarding their needs and ideas for improvements.

For more information about routes, schedules, operations and updates to the shuttle system, visit the shuttle website at [www.mountainview.gov/shuttle](http://www.mountainview.gov/shuttle) or call (855) 730-RIDE.

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**COMMUNITY HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
**5:30 - 7:30 P.M.**  
**CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**  
**500 CASTRO STREET**



### Community Tree Master Plan

The City is developing a Community Tree Master Plan for the maintenance and preservation of trees, canopy and habitat. The City conducted a community survey and held a public meeting in July 2014. The public input received helped staff develop a draft Plan document that was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on October 22. Staff will present the draft Plan to the Environmental Planning Commission on December 3, and to the City Council at a Study Session in early 2015. A copy of the draft can be found on the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). Public comments can be sent to [community.services@mountainview.gov](mailto:community.services@mountainview.gov).

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# NEWS FOR YOU

## PROTECT YOUR HOLIDAY PACKAGES

Here are some helpful suggestions from the Police Department to keep your holiday deliveries from being stolen this season.

Require a signature for packages you are having delivered. If you do not expect to be at home, you should have the packages delivered to a trusted neighbor, friend or to your workplace.



If your packages are stolen, report the theft to the delivery company and online to the Mountain View Police Department by visiting [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov).

Help keep your neighborhood safe by reporting any suspicious activity to the Police Department's non-emergency number at (650) 903-6395. You may also text an anonymous tip to 274637 and include the words 'MV TIPS' in the body of your message.

For Police or Fire emergencies, always call 9-1-1. For other information call (650) 903-6395.

## IRS SCAM WARNING

The Police Department warns residents that if they receive mail or phone calls saying they owe money to the Internal Revenue Service and payments must be made by pre-paid debit card or wire transfer, it is a scam.



If this happens to you, call the IRS at (800) 829-1040 and determine whether you owe money. If you do, ask how to proceed properly with payment. If you are certain you owe no money, report the incident by calling (800) 366-4484. You may also visit [www.FTC.gov](http://www.FTC.gov) and use the Complaint Assistant to report the scam.

In addition, call the Mountain View Police Department to file a report at (650) 903-6344 or call the emergency number 9-1-1.

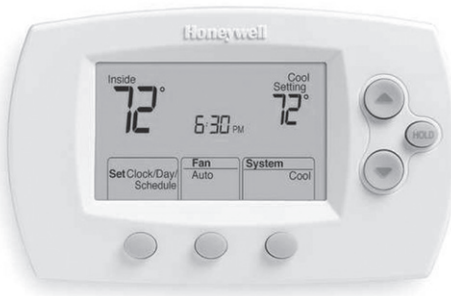


## FIRE SAFETY REMINDERS

One of the leading causes of home fire deaths is the careless use of heating equipment. The Mountain View Fire Department offers these simple tips for preventing burns and fires:

- Keep flammable materials at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves and space heaters.
- Maintain a three foot kid-free zone around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a professional.
- Remember to turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms monthly.

For more information about how to keep your family fire safe, visit [www.nfpa.org/safety-information](http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information) or contact the Mountain View Fire Department at (650) 903-6365



## HOME HEATING AND ENERGY SAVING TIPS

You can stay safe and save money with the following tips for heating your home.

- Have your heating equipment inspected and cleaned every fall before the heating season, including checking and sealing your ducts.
- Keep your heating equipment at least three feet apart from any combustible materials.
- Never use or store flammable or combustible liquids near or in rooms with heaters.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home, particularly bedrooms.
- Install a programmable thermostat to avoid heating your home when you are not there.
- Avoid using electric space heaters since they are typically very inefficient.
- On sunny days, open window blinds to allow heat to enter, and close the blinds after sunset to preserve the heat.
- Replace old blinds with honey-comb or other insulated blinds.
- Replace single-pane windows with dual-pane versions and replace old caulk to help seal windows.
- When you replace your furnace, buy the highest efficiency model you can afford.

For more tips on how to heat your home safely, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## REBATES FOR HOME ENERGY AND WATER UPGRADES

Energy Upgrade California (EUC) is a State program that helps residents make energy saving home improvements and offers rebates and incentives of up to \$4,500 to participants. Improvements may include installing insulation, new windows or solar PV, or replacing furnace or air conditioning systems. The program connects homeowners with participating contractors who can plan and complete the upgrade project. A rigorous quality assurance system ensures that EUC projects meet program standards. For more information, visit [www.BayAreaEnergyUpgrade.org](http://www.BayAreaEnergyUpgrade.org).

## FINANCING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GREEN UPGRADES

Through the City's participation in CaliforniaFIRST, Mountain View residents and businesses may be eligible to take advantage of low-cost financing to make green improvements to their properties. CaliforniaFIRST offers low-cost, long-term, 100% up-front financing for residential and commercial energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation upgrades.

Eligible buildings include single-family homes, multi-family buildings, and commercial and industrial properties. Financing can be for up to 20 years, and affordable fixed rates allow property owners to match repayments with dollar savings. No credit check is required, and repayments are conveniently made through the property tax bill.

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

## REBATES FOR MULTI-FAMILY ENERGY UPGRADES

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

For more information, visit [www.MultiFamily.EnergyUpgradeCA.org](http://www.MultiFamily.EnergyUpgradeCA.org), send an email to [multifamily@stopwaste.org](mailto:multifamily@stopwaste.org) or call (510) 891-6558.

### Water Supply Information

Keep up with the latest information about Mountain View's regional water supplies by following the links below:



- [www.sfwater.org/wedeliver](http://www.sfwater.org/wedeliver)
- [www.valleywater.org/WaterTracker.aspx](http://www.valleywater.org/WaterTracker.aspx)

## NEW WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

The City is implementing new water use restrictions throughout Mountain View as part of the statewide effort to cope with the continuing drought. The new rules, which are currently in effect, prohibit landscape irrigation between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prohibit watering more than three days per week for more than 15 minutes per day, and prohibit watering when it rains. The use of potable water in decorative water features is also prohibited.



A complete list of the restricted water uses is posted on the City's water conservation webpage, along with water savings tips and rebate information to help customers conserve water. For more information, visit [www.conservewater.mountainview.gov](http://www.conservewater.mountainview.gov) or call (650) 903-6216 to speak with a water conservation specialist.

### Turn Water Off for Winter



The cooler weather and winter rains are coming, which means it's time to shut off your landscape watering system. Your plants won't mind.

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#### City Website

**The View** is available on the City's website, [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

#### Extra Copies

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.





## CITY IMPLEMENTS WILDLIFE PROTECTIONS AT SHORELINE

The City has implemented a wildlife management plan to prevent negative impacts to the more than 20 special species of birds and other animals living in and around Shoreline at Mountain View located along the San Francisco Bay. All projects proposed for the area are analyzed on a case-by-case basis to determine their impact on wildlife and the need for any necessary educational signage, fencing and buffers or barriers to protect native animals.

Some of the species in the area that are currently considered endangered and are protected by State or Federal law include the California clapper rail, California least tern, salt marsh harvest mouse, peregrine falcon, golden eagle, burrowing owl and the loggerhead shrike.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6392.

## CATS AND WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP

The City has formed a Feral Cats and Wildlife Stakeholders Working Group. This informal, ad hoc group will be asked to share ideas on how we can better address feral cat populations and protect wildlife in North Bayshore and creek beds. Members of the group represent the diverse viewpoints surrounding the issue and will be holding two public meetings to gather more input from the community. To learn more about the stakeholder working group, visit [www.mountainview.gov/catsandwildlife](http://www.mountainview.gov/catsandwildlife).

### Preliminary Mountain View Election Results

As of the time *The View* went to print, 2014 election results had not officially been verified and may still change; however, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' unofficial semi-final results, Mountain View elected Pat Showalter, Ken Rosenberg and Lenny Siegel (in order of most votes received) to serve City Council starting in 2015. The Measure A ballot measure to increase Councilmember salaries to \$1000 per month also passed by a majority. Get official results in December at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org).

## LEVI'S STADIUM PARKING PROGRAM

The City continues the implementation of the Levi's Stadium Parking Pilot Program through Spring 2015. The new football venue is located in the City of Santa Clara, but impacts parking near Mountain View's Downtown Transit Center during sporting and other events at the venue. As a result, the Council has initiated a pilot program that regulates parking in Mountain View parking structures and residential neighborhoods near the Transit Center.

In the Downtown commercial area, parking is allowed all day in Parking Structure 1, and Parking Lots 4, 8 and 9 for a fee. Time restrictions will be in place for all of the parking structures and lots. For weekday events, there is a three-hour time limit from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. For weekend events, there is a three-hour time limit from 8:00 a.m.– 10:00 p.m. Castro Street will continue to have a one-hour time limit.

In residential neighborhoods near the Transit Center, there is a three-hour time limit for on street parking from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on stadium event days. Residents may obtain permits to park beyond the time limit.

For detailed information, map of parking locations, list of dates when the program will be in effect, and the residential permit program area, visit the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).



## SHORELINE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR UPDATE

The City Council will review the recommended design concepts in late November for a plan to better integrate bicycle, pedestrian, car and bus travel along Shoreline Boulevard between the Downtown Transit Center and the North Bayshore Area, referred to as the Shoreline Boulevard Corridor. The design concepts include improvements to facilities and transit infrastructure.

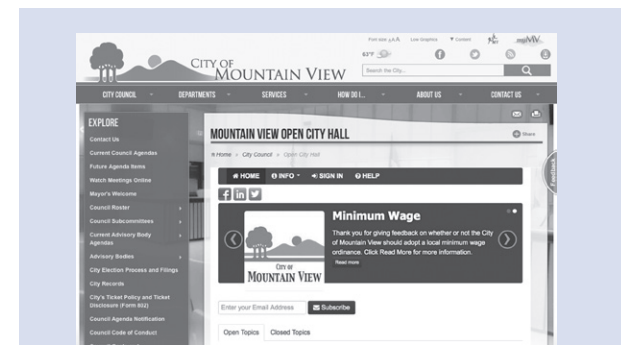
For more information, visit [ShorelineCorridor.com](http://ShorelineCorridor.com) or contact the Public Works Department at [public.works@mountainview.gov](mailto:public.works@mountainview.gov) or (650) 903-6311.

## EXPLAINING THE MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE

On October 9, 2014, the Mountain View City Council approved a Minimum Wage Ordinance establishing a minimum wage in the City of Mountain View of \$10.30 per hour effective July 1, 2015, with annual adjustments for inflation on January 1 of each following year.

The City Council also adopted a goal of reaching a \$15.00 per hour minimum wage by 2018, working in cooperation with neighboring cities and regional organizations, and with input from the Mountain View community. In March 2015, staff will update the Council on minimum wage provisions in the region and seek direction on a work plan to achieve this goal.

For more information, visit [www.mountainview.gov/localwage](http://www.mountainview.gov/localwage).



## OPEN CITY HALL

The City has launched Mountain View Open City Hall, an online forum to gather input on important City issues. Topics have included local minimum wage and affordable housing fees. Although City officials will not respond directly on this forum, they will read and use the responses along with all other feedback channels when they make decisions.

Residents may access Mountain View Open City Hall at any time at [www.mountainview.gov/open-city-hall](http://www.mountainview.gov/open-city-hall). Questions that require a response should be directed to Ask Mountain View at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).



## MOFFETT LEASE SIGNED

After many years of community engagement on saving the historic Hangar One, and a competitive RFP; in early November, NASA signed a lease with Planetary Ventures, LLC to manage Moffett Federal Airfield and rehabilitate its historic Hangar One.

To learn more about Moffett Federal Airfield, go to [go.nasa.gov](http://go.nasa.gov).

## PRECISE PLAN UPDATES

The City continues the process of updating the precise plans for three areas in Mountain View: North Bayshore, San Antonio, and El Camino Real. For these updates, the City is guided by the goals and policies set forth in the General Plan adopted in 2012. The General Plan is the key long-range policy document used to guide future planning and development in Mountain View. The General Plan Visioning Process that preceded the Plan's adoption provided the foundation for the major strategies and policies in the new Plan. More than 80 public meetings, workshops and events were held for the General Plan and attended by more than 1,500 participants. The engagement of our community continues as the City works to update the following precise plans:

### NORTH BAYSHORE PRECISE PLAN

The City completed the draft Precise Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analysis for North Bayshore after



holding 16 public input meetings. The final public hearings with the Environmental Planning Commission and Council were held in November. The Plan was scheduled to be considered for adoption on First Reading **November 25**. For more information, visit the North Bayshore Precise Plan website at [www.northbayshorepreciseplan.org](http://www.northbayshorepreciseplan.org), or contact Martin Alkire at (650) 903-6306.

### EL CAMINO REAL PRECISE PLAN

The draft Plan and Environmental Impact Report are available at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). In addition to the 20 public feedback meetings that have already been held, public hearings with the Environmental Planning Commission and City Council were scheduled. The Plan was scheduled for adoption on First Reading **November 17**. For more information, visit the El Camino Real Precise Plan website at [www.elcaminorealpreciseplan.com](http://www.elcaminorealpreciseplan.com), or contact Eric

Anderson at (650) 903-6306.

### SAN ANTONIO PRECISE PLAN

The San Antonio Precise Plan contains City standards and guidelines for new development, circulation improvements and open space. The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) reviewed the Public Draft Precise Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in September, and Council provided input for Public Draft Precise Plan edits in October. The EPC provided a recommendation in November. The Plan was scheduled for adoption on First Reading **December 2**. For additional information, visit [www.sanantoniopreciseplan.com](http://www.sanantoniopreciseplan.com) or contact Rebecca Shapiro at (650) 903-6306.

The Precise Plans that are approved on First Reading will be considered for final adoption with Second Readings on **December 9**.

You can register  
for Recreation classes at  
[online.activenetwork.com/  
mvrecreation](http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation).

## COMMUNITY

### SHOP DOWNTOWN MOUNTAIN VIEW

Downtown Mountain View is home to a variety of retail establishments and restaurants. Please remember to shop at our local businesses during the holiday season. For a list of downtown retailers and restaurants, visit [www.mountainviewdowntown.com](http://www.mountainviewdowntown.com).



### FRIENDS OF "R" HOUSE TOY AND PJ DRIVE

From December 2 – 18, you can donate new toys, books, board games, stocking stuffers and pajamas to help bring cheer to local families this holiday season at Rengstorff House, Mountain View's oldest home, located in Shoreline at Mountain View Park, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd.

Help the Friends of "R" House and Community Services Agency of Mountain View (CSA) with this important drive. Gifts, pajamas and gift cards are especially needed for pre-teens and teens. For more information about this Community Services Agency drive, visit [www.csacares.org](http://www.csacares.org).



### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 11

Celebrate the holiday season at Mountain View's oldest home, the Victorian era Rengstorff House, located in Shoreline at Mountain View, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd. Join friends and neighbors for an open house on December 11 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The festivities include vintage holiday decorations, caroling, refreshments, hosts in Victorian costume and a visit from Father Christmas.

This Friends of "R" House event is free and open to the public. No reservations necessary. For more information, call (650) 868-7708.



### HOLIDAY EVENTS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Holiday magic's in the air at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts with a dazzling line up of theatre, dance and music performances. For tickets and information call 650-903-6000 or visit [www.mvcpa.com](http://www.mvcpa.com).

November 28 – November 30  
Pacific Ballet Academy presents  
**24th Annual Nutcracker**

December 5 & 6  
Western Ballet presents  
**The Nutcracker**

December 8  
Schola Cantorum presents  
**Schola Cantorum—Joyeux Noel**

December 10 through December 14  
Smuin Ballet presents  
**Uncorked, The Christmas Ballet**

December 12 & 13  
Peninsula Youth Theatre  
Stories on Stage presents  
**The Latke Who Couldn't Stop Screaming:  
A Christmas Story**

December 13  
Josh Friedman Guitar presents  
**Guitar Extravaganza**

December 15  
Schola Cantorum presents  
**Messiah Sing 2014 –  
Good Tidings of Great Joy**

December 19  
Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir presents  
**7th Annual South Bay  
Gospel Holiday Concert**

December 20 & 21  
Bayer Ballet Academy presents  
**The Snow Queen**

### PHOTOS WITH VICTORIAN SANTA

Have your child's photo taken with Father Christmas in Victorian costume on December 6 and 14 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Rengstorff House, Mountain View's oldest home, located in Shoreline at Mountain View Park, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd.

For more information on photo package prices and other Friends of "R" House events, visit [www.r-house.org](http://www.r-house.org) or call (650) 868-7708.



### TOYS NEEDED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The City has a goal of providing gifts to more than 1,500 children, and the Mountain View Police Department needs your help. "Cops That Care" will be held on Saturday, December 20 from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at our new location 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., the Community Center at Rengstorff Park.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Your donation will provide a happy holiday to children and their families when you donate new toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, dolls and gifts cards. Your donation is tax-deductible (Tax ID #23-7072928) and goes towards helping those who live in Mountain View.

#### CAN I DONATE BY CHECK OR CASH?

Please make your check payable to: Mountain View PAL. In the memo section of your check, reference "Cops That Care." Checks can be mailed to: Mountain View PAL, ATTN: Cops That Care Coordinator, 1000 Villa St., Mountain View, CA 94041. If you would like to donate cash, we recommend that you drop by the Police Department.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

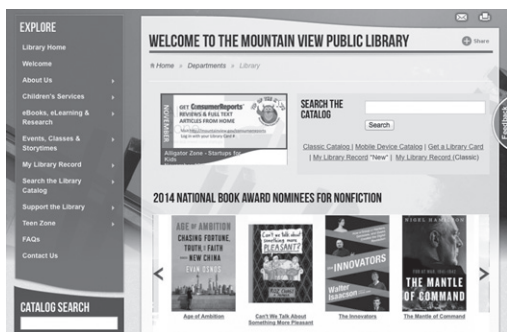
No appointment is necessary; however, you must bring a parent or guardian with you on December 20. Please plan ahead for a wait time due to the large number of participants. Don't forget to bring proof of residency: a school report card, child care enrollment form, or identification card is accepted.

If you have additional questions, please give us a call at (650) 903-6748. Thank you for your help, and we look forward to seeing you this year.



# IN FOCUS

Check out the Recreation Guide inside this issue of *the View* to register for Winter classes and activities.



## MORE ELECTRONIC BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

The Library now has tens of thousands of additional eBooks and eAudiobooks for all ages and for every device.

Axis360 offers popular downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks for kids, teens and adults for use with the axisReader Blio, and Acoustik apps for iPhone, iPad, Android and Kindle Fire. Blio format is ADA compliant with an option to read the text aloud.

Enki's collection contains fiction and non-fiction titles for children and adults, and includes self-published titles from Smashwords. Read online in your browser or download to your computer, phone, device or tablet.

TumbleBookCloud has a selection of Graphic Novels, Enhanced Novels, eBooks, classic literature, National Geographic videos, educator resources and audiobooks. Read online in your browser on your computer, iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

Visit [www.mountainview.gov/ebooks](http://www.mountainview.gov/ebooks) to discover the Library's ebook collections.



## LIBRARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AND HOURS

### SPECIAL HOLIDAY SATURDAY STORY TIMES

Ages 2-6 from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Library Community Room

December 13: *Hanukkah and other festivals of light*

December 20: *Christmas and Kwanzaa*

### HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE LIBRARY

December 24: Open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

December 25 and 26: Closed

December 27-29: Open Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Monday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

December 30 – January 1: Closed

January 2: Regular hours resume

No materials will be due on days the Library is closed. Checked out items can be returned in book drops and renewed (if there are no holds) even when the Library is closed.



## LIBRARY OFFERS FREE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES FOR YOUTH

The Library offers a variety of technology clubs, classes and workshops for young people to help introduce them to everything from game design to artificial intelligence.

'Girls who Code' is a national organization dedicated to closing the gender gap in technology. The Library's Girls who Code Club, open to girls from Mountain View and Los Altos High Schools, is a joint venture of the two schools and introduces club members to game design, mobile technology, artificial intelligence, graphics and more.

'Alligator Zone' is a national movement to introduce high tech entrepreneurs to young people and their families and to show youth that good ideas can become a reality. The Library hosts programs bringing local technology experts in to talk with local students.

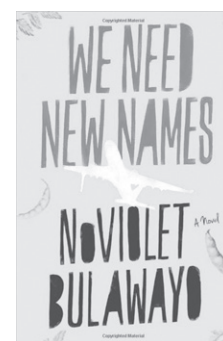
In addition, local high school student volunteers are sharing their love of technology with students in elementary, middle and high school by offering classes at the Library. Last Spring, these volunteers introduced 3rd-5th graders to simple programming using a graphic coding language called Scratch. This Fall, they conducted a five-week workshop for middle and high school students on programming in Java. In November, they taught an afternoon workshop on creating a webpage.

For more information about tech related programs for young people at the Library, call (650) 903-6887.



## SILICON VALLEY READS 2015

The Library is once again helping to host Silicon Valley Reads, an annual community program that selects books focused on a contemporary theme and offers free events throughout Santa Clara County to engage the public in reading, thinking and discussing the topic. In

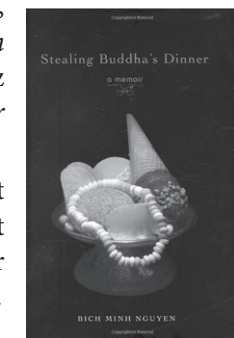


the coming months, the Library will offer programs that bring residents together to encourage a love of reading and the sharing of diverse perspectives.

This year's theme is Homeland & Home: The Immigrant Experience and includes *We Need New Names* by NoViolet Bulawayo,

*The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henríquez and *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen.

For more information about Silicon Valley Reads 2015, visit [www.siliconvalleyreads.org](http://www.siliconvalleyreads.org) or call the Library at (650) 903-6887.



## LIBRARY BIKE TOUR A SUCCESS

On October 14, the Library hosted the Library 2 Library Bike Tour, along with the cities of San Jose, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. The 14-mile bike ride included stops at libraries in each city where participants were offered tours, snacks, crafts and music. Sixty cyclists of various ages participated.

The stop in Mountain View featured punk rock bracelets fashioned from old bike tubes and a ride on the Google Conference Bike.

## COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

The annual community holiday tree lighting will be Monday, December 8 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Plaza located at 500 Castro St.

Enjoy live holiday music, refreshments, lights, a snow zone and the arrival of Santa Claus. Children can visit and have their picture taken with Santa at this free event after he flips the switch on the Tree Lights. Please bring your own camera.

In the spirit of the season, guests are encouraged to bring a can of food to benefit the Community Services Agency of Mountain View. For more information, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 or visit [www.mountainview.gov/treelighting](http://www.mountainview.gov/treelighting).



## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. The Volunteer Services Program is committed to matching people with volunteer opportunities that enhance City services. For more information, call Bill Mykytka, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit the City website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) to download a volunteer application.

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Marian Swanson enjoys volunteering as an usher at the Center for Performing Arts so much that she often dresses up in costume for the children's programs. Retired, Marian has been giving her time to the Center for the last three years because she loves the company of her fellow volunteers, is interested in seeing the productions at the Center and gets a kick out of interacting with audience members — particularly the young art lovers who arrive for children's shows.

The City appreciates all the hours volunteers contribute to making Mountain View's Center for the Performing Arts one of the finest venues in the Bay Area. If you would like to have some fun, help your community and maybe even dress up for a children's show, apply to be a volunteer with the City of Mountain View by contacting Volunteer Coordinator Bill Mykytka at (650) 903-6607 or via email at [bill.mykytka@mountainview.gov](mailto:bill.mykytka@mountainview.gov).



## CERT TRAINING

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a program designed to prepare Mountain View residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster. The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available.

The CERT program is free to all residents of Mountain View and those who work at a Mountain View business. The training is provided in English, as well as other languages, including Spanish. Next CERT Class: Sep. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15 from 6:30–9:30 p.m. Next Field Day: Saturday, Oct 18, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. For more information including class dates and to register, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825, or register online at [www.mountainview.gov/CERT](http://www.mountainview.gov/CERT).

## WINTER STORM SAFETY and FLOOD PREVENTION

### FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION



Twelve percent of the City of Mountain View is located within special flood hazard areas.

Flooding in these areas is caused by tidal flooding from the Bay and flooding from Permanente Creek. Below are suggestions for things you can do to protect yourself and your property in the event of flooding.

### FLOOD SAFETY

- Do not walk through flowing waters.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Have your electricity turned off by PG&E. Do not use appliances or motors that have become wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Look before you step. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Do not smoke or use candles, lanterns or open flames, unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.
- Tune to radio stations KCBS (740AM) or KSJO (92.3FM) for emergency information, traffic updates and instructions.

### FLOOD INSURANCE

Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, the City is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it possible for property owners to obtain Federally-backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building or its contents). Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss.

By participating in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System, the City earns a 10 percent discount on insurance rates for the community by exceeding minimum standards for flood risk reduction. This discount applies to National Flood Insurance policies issued or renewed. The actual cost of insurance will vary, depending upon the amount of coverage and degree of flood hazard. In certain instances, such as the purchase of a new home with a Federally-backed mortgage, National Flood Insurance is required. Even if flood insurance is not required or you live in a moderate-to-low risk area, the risk of flooding is still very real. FEMA recommends residents purchase flood insurance. Preferred rate policies start at \$119 per year.

### FLOOD MAP INFORMATION

Upon request, the City will provide the public, lending institutions, real estate agents and insurance agents with certain flood map information. Call (650) 903-6311 during normal business hours, visit the Public Works Department at City Hall or access the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) and click on *Ask Mountain View* for the following information:

- Classification of whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area
- Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the Flood Insurance Rate Map zone, base flood elevation or depth
- A handout on flood insurance purchase requirements

You can find out your flood risk online at [Floodsmart.gov](http://Floodsmart.gov). This site provides relative risks, links to flood risk maps and other flood insurance community resources.

### FLOOD PROTECTION TIPS

There are various actions that can be taken to flood proof structures. Electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers should be elevated or relocated to a location less likely to be flooded. Basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed and interior floodwalls can be placed around utilities. If flooding is likely and time permits, move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. This action will help minimize the amount of damage caused by floodwaters.

### PREPARING FOR THE WINTER STORM SEASON

Winter storms cause power outages, flooding and traffic hazards. The City encourages residents to plan ahead for the possibility of storms this winter by taking the following precautions early:

### REMOVE FALLEN LEAVES

- Help prevent street flooding and sewer clogs by removing leaves.
- Place leaves in your yard trimmings toter for pick-up. If one toter is not sufficient, a second toter can be ordered by calling Recology® at (650) 967-3034.
- Compost leaves and other plant debris. You can obtain information about composting and composting workshops by contacting the City's Solid Waste Program at (650) 903-6311.
- Layer leaves in the roadway for pick-up by the street sweeper on scheduled sweeping days. Layers must be less than 3 inches deep and 3 feet wide. Leaves left in piles in the roadway will not be picked-up.
- Keep a list of emergency telephone numbers by each of

your telephones.

- For Police or Fire emergencies, call 9-1-1.
- To report power outages or downed power lines, call PG&E at (800) 743-5000.

### OBTAIN SANDBAGS WHEN NECESSARY

Sand and sandbags are available at no charge to Mountain View residents at the City's Municipal Operations Center, 231 North Whisman Road. Bring a shovel to fill the sandbags.

### REPORT FLOODING OR STANDING WATER

Call the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329 to report flooding or standing water during normal business hours. After hours or on weekends, call the City's Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

### REPORT DOWNED TREES AND LIMBS

Report downed trees and limbs during normal business hours by calling the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. After hours or on weekends, call the City's Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

### DO NOT TOUCH DOWNED POWER LINES

Assume all downed power lines are dangerous and call both 9-1-1 and PG&E at (800) 743-5000 immediately. Stay tuned to your local radio station for power outage updates.

### PREPARE AT HOME

Keep an emergency kit on hand with a battery-powered radio, flashlights, fresh batteries and a first-aid kit. Check to see that your first-aid kit is well stocked and medications have not expired.

Stock a supply of easy to open, prepared food, a can opener, bottled water and pet food in case of a power outage. Keep extra blankets and warm clothes in a safe, dry place in case your heat goes off.

If you use an electric generator, be sure it is installed properly, and then call PG&E to let them know you have one. Improperly installed generators put property and the lives of utility workers in the area at risk.

For more information about how to prepare for the winter storm season, call the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

**EVEN IF WE GET RAIN, WE ARE IN A DROUGHT.  
PLEASE CONSERVE WATER.**

### KEEP A LIST OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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For Calendar updates on all meetings and events, visit the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov/events](http://www.mountainview.gov/events) or tune into KMVT (cable TV CH26)

## CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS\*

Meetings are sometimes added or adjusted—all dates and locations are subject to change. Check out the website, KMVT, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates, times and locations. For the latest information visit the calendar on the City's homepage at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

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

**Library Board** – meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street

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

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

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

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – meets bi-monthly the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

**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 Street

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

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

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

\*All dates and locations are subject to change.



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADVISORY

Most City offices (non-emergency response facilities) will be closed or have modified hours between Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1. Regular business hours will resume on Friday, January 2.

For recorded information, call (650) 903-6300 or visit online at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

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

The View newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. Should you have any questions about the latest issue of The View, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: [kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov](mailto:kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov)



## FIREFIIGHTERS RAISE FUNDS FOR BURN VICTIMS

Mountain View Firefighters raised more than \$25,000 for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation this year at the Firefighters Pancake Breakfast. Two thousand people turned out for the annual event, which included lessons on fire safety, demonstrations of firefighting techniques and a pancake breakfast.

The Fire Department is grateful for the Mountain View community's continuing support of the event and all the generous donations received for the Burn Foundation.

## CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY ON MARCH 14

Mountain View celebrates Arbor Day on Saturday, March 14 with a variety of free, family friendly events from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pioneer Park, behind the Civic Center, located at 500 Castro Street. Events include tree planting, children's arts and crafts, and environmental displays.

The City will offer 125 trees available to individual residents this year for planting on their property. The planting event is part of the City's forestry restoration efforts and the celebration of the State of California's Arbor Day.



## SIGN UP FOR A FREE TREE

Residents who wish to receive a free tree for planting in their yard may fill out and submit the request form included in this issue of *The View* by 5:00 p.m. on January 23, 2015 or visit the City's website for an online application. The City will deliver the tree of choice to eligible residents during the week of March 5, and residents agree to plant and maintain the tree on their property.

### RESIDENTS MAY CHOOSE FROM FIVE VARIETIES OF TREES.

- The Red Maple, Crimson King is a deciduous tree which features dense maroon red foliage all summer. A good shade tree, it grows quickly, adapts to a variety of soils and will reach a height of 50 feet or more.
- The Fringe Tree is a deciduous tree that requires full sun and moderate watering. It grows to 30 feet, blooms with white lacey flowers and has an purple-blue fruit that attracts birds and wildlife.
- The Chitalpa Pink Dawn has leaves that are 4 to 5 inches long and frilly, trumpet-shaped flowers. It is dry-spell tolerant and grows to 30 feet.
- The Flowering Cherry grows up to 25 feet and has beautiful bark and flowers in the early Spring with white or pink blooms.
- The Zelkova is a medium to large deciduous tree growing to 60 feet tall. The leaves are green to dark green in Spring and throughout the Summer, changing to yellows, oranges and reds in Autumn.

For more information about Arbor Day activities, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.

## APPLICATION FOR ARBOR DAY 2015 TREES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Planting Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Tree Requested (refer to list): \_\_\_\_\_

Planting Location of Arbor Day Tree (examples: southwest corner of backyard, center of front lawn, backyard garden): \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned agrees to: (1) accept the tree as requested above, (2) plant the tree as indicated on the application (3) maintain the tree at own expense (tree planting/care information will be supplied).

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this application by mail before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014.

Send to:

City of Mountain View, Forestry Division  
P.O. Box 7540  
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

(Office Use Only) Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_