MLK Day of Service

“The Federal Agency of the Corporation for National and Community Service, honors the life and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr by encouraging communities to take action to solve social problems.” For more information visit MLKDay.gov.

SWAN Annual Block Party

The Annual Shoreline West Block Party was held on September 29th, 2018 on Dana Street and at Mariposa Park. Thank you so much to all the neighbors that came out to make the event such a success.

We were very grateful to the Mountain View Fire Department for bringing their fire truck and giving a fire safety talk. Neighbors were also thrilled to receive a hands on experience using some of the fire fighter’s equipment.

SWAN neighbors will be meeting at 10am on Monday, January 21st at the Day Worker Center (113 Escuela Ave) to pick up trash around the neighborhood with volunteers from the Center. We will meet back at the Day Workers Center for lunch at 11:30am (suggested donation of $2 per person for lunch).

If you would like to join us, please email shorelinewestmv@gmail.com to RSVP. This is a family friendly event and children and adults of all ages are welcome.

We enjoyed sharing a meal with our neighbors of hotdogs, snacks and ice-cream. We also had a craft table set up by Tracy Chu where families were able to give back to the community by decorating grocery bags for the Community Services Agency.
Restaurant Scene by Max Hauser

September transitions: Bierhaus (383 Castro) closed, as did HanGen Szechuan after 25 years at 134 Castro. Korean-influenced bakery chain Paris Baguette opened a location at 315 Castro.

Turkish bakery-café Olympus got City approval to expand from 135 Castro into an adjacent retail space.

Small-plates restaurant group Flights opened its Mountain View location late October, 800 California at Castro: flightsrestaurants.com

Popular dim-sum house Fu Lam Mum (153 Castro) reopened November 30 after a two-year remodeling project.

Superhot Hot Pot & Korean BBQ, described as an "all-you-can-eat Asian fusion" restaurant, 210 Hope at Villa, is due to open in January.

Bullis Charter School Approved in Mountain View

At the December 20th meeting, the MVWSD Board of Trustees approved the Bullis Mountain View (BMV) Charter petition for three years beginning July 1st, 2019, through June 30th, 2022. For more information about BMV’s Charter petition, visit the school district’s website at https://www.mvwsd.org/about/superintendent/bullis_charter_petition

As Dr. Rudolph writes on December 21st, “after hearing concerns from the community at the public hearing on December 6th, the Board considered whether local oversight of a charter provides a benefit to the District and community. Local oversight would allow the District to hold BMV to its assertions that it can both serve socio-economic disadvantaged students on the west side of Mountain View and exceed the District’s academic results for those students.

MVWSD will set forth expectations through a memorandum of understanding to hold BMV accountable for meeting the outlined goals of its charter. The next step is that MVWSD continues its facility analysis in preparation for its initial offering of facilities to Bullis by February 1st, 2019, as specified in Proposition 39”.

SWAN Steering Committee 2019

The SWAN Steering Committee held its Annual General Meeting at the Neighborhood Block Party in September. The new Steering Committee Members for 2019 are:

President - Devon Conley
Vice President - Thida Cornes
Secretary - Brigit Sauer
Treasurer - Tracy Chu
CERT - Mark Sullivan
Communications - Leona Pearce
At Large - Cheryl Chang

POSITIONS OPEN:

We do have positions open for a Community Liaison Officer and for an additional At Large member.

If you are interested in joining the Steering Committee, please email shorelinewestmv@gmail.com or visit www.shorelinewestmv.com.

The Committee meets five times per year, and the meetings happen mid-week between 8pm to 10pm.
Local Election Results

NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ellen Kamei: “Our middle class is shrinking and our diverse community is changing. I am running to make sure opportunities continue for our next generation as well as family-orientated community.”

Lucas Ramirez: “The housing crisis and severe traffic congestion continue to threaten the long-term stability and diversity of our community. I will champion sustainable land use policy, increased investment in transportation infrastructure, and jobs/housing balance.”

Alison Hicks: “Over the next decade, Mountain View may grow faster than any other Bay Area city. I believe Mountain View must not be just a bigger city, but a healthy, vital and exciting city! Livability and equity must be at the core of our growth.”

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL BOARD

(New) Devon Conley: “As a board member, my priorities are to provide outstanding instruction in the classroom, build collaboration between families and the district, and attract, support, and retain high quality talent.”

(Re-elected) Ellen Wheeler: “First I was a teacher, then a lawyer and mediator, and, most meaningfully, I’m a mom and active volunteer. I serve on our school board where we work relentlessly to help the children in Mountain View.”

Street Tree - How to Get One and Care for It

If you would like a street tree planted on your property by the City this winter, call (650) 903-6273 or email parks@mountainview.gov. The City will plant and stake the tree, and trim it periodically over its lifetime at no charge. Property owners are responsible for watering new trees, which require 10 gallons a week to get established. Help keep the Shoreline West neighborhood looking its best.

Tree Care for Winter

Tree trimming is best done in fall/early winter. Water deeply after trimming. Some gardeners suggest that any aggressive pruning/trimming be done in early January. That allows the leaves to continue to absorb as much sun as possible now and gives the tree/bush time to recover before its heaviest growing season begins. Also trimming between September and early January is best for nesting birds.

Ask Mountain View

Using Ask Mountain View on the city’s website is a very effective way to get a response to any inquiry or request. Click on the words “Ask MV” on the bottom of the home page, mountainview.gov. If you are not already signed up with Ask Mountain View, you will be asked to provide contact information for a response, or to click on Remain Anonymous. If you are registered, remember to log in first.

Google Bikes

Google is trying to retrieve its lost bikes. If you see a multicolor Google bike where it should not be, you can report its location and the time spotted to Google Security at lostgbike@google.com, and they will pick it up. Google prefers an email rather than calling the number in the bike basket.