SWAN NEWS

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SWAN’s New President

At the September neighborhood block party, Shoreline West Association of Neighbors voted in a new President, Thida Cornes.

Thida moved to Mountain View in 1999 and to Shoreline West in 2001. She is the cofounding member of Great Streets Mountain View and has served on the Environmental Sustainability Task Force and served eight years on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Thida ran for City Council in 2016.

SWAN would like to thank our outgoing President Devon Conley for her service to the community and we are pleased to have her continue with SWAN in a Member at Large capacity.

Changes to Voter Registration

The County of Santa Clara’s Registrar of Voters (ROV) is changing the way it administers elections in advance of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. This is a result of the Voter’s Choice Act (VCA) signed into law in 2016 which reformed our county’s electoral system.

Starting March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election:

1. Every registered voter will receive a Vote By Mail ballot starting 29 days before Election Day
2. Voters can vote at any of the Vote Centers in Santa Clara County
3. Approximately 22 Vote Centers will open for 11 days including Election Day and approximately 88 Vote Centers will be open for 4 days including Election Day for a total of 110 Vote Centers throughout the County on Election Day
4. Vote Centers will offer more space, additional services and new enhanced voting equipment

Voters will have more options and will get to choose when, where and how to vote! For more information about registering to vote, how to vote and about election day, please see the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters website at link.
MyNabes App

MyNabes is a new neighborhood app. It is based on mutual-aid between neighbors—a way to share services or items, help one another and get to know each other better.

MyNabes has been created by two Bay Area “mompreneurs,” Elodie and Raluca. Two years ago, they decided to launch this project as a good way to build a strong, reliable community.

You can download this FREE app on Google Play and on the App Store and join your community! When neighbors start helping each other out, good things happen!

Winter Community Events in Mtn View

Community Tree Lighting
500 Castro Street
December 9, 5.30pm-7.30pm

Senior Pancake Breakfast
Mtn View Senior Center
February 8th 9am-11am

Summer Camp Fair
Mtn View Community Center
February 29th 9-11am

Why the 2020 Census Matters

Every 10 years, people across the country and in California fill out the Census in order to have an accurate count of all people in the United States. There’s a lot at stake in the 2020 Census and our communities can’t afford an undercount. Essential neighborhood resources throughout California rely on federal funding that is based on the information collected during the Census.

The 2020 Census will help decide how billions of dollars will reach our families. Your answers will help determine funding for dozens of programs that provide essential resources to Californians. Census data determines funding allocations that:

- Improves local schools
- Enhances streets and roads
- Builds affordable housing
- Increases jobs opportunities

Participating in the 2020 Census ensures that you and your communities have fair representation. Information collected during the 2020 Census cannot be shared or used against you in any way. Your information is only used to generate statistics, it cannot be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies, and it cannot be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits. Your privacy and security are taken seriously. For more info please see this link.

City Wide CERT Drill

The CityWide CERT Exercise was held on Saturday, 16th November. This was the first time the Shoreline/Rengstorff CERT participated as a functioning neighborhood CERT Team with 12 team members present. If you are interested in joining or would like more information about CERT, please contact Rich Bodo at richbodo@gmail.com or see the Mountain View City Council CERT website at this website link.
Restaurant Scene by Max Hauser

Crawfish Bros. Cajun and Seafood is the new, more focused incarnation of Chop&Pub (124 Castro). Same owners, but a new menu emphasizing shellfish of many kinds. More info see this link.

Work proceeds at 383 Castro for the popular Ludwig's German Table to expand from San José, despite long delays attributed by Ludwig's owners to surprise requirements from the City. Elena Kadavny wrote about it in the Sept.-27 MV Voice ("Ready, Set, Delay"). The property's owners have also listed the site for sale. Note that (contrary to some perceptions) a sale need not affect a restaurant tenant.

Teaspoon departed the front portion of Mervyn's, 236 Castro, after a window notice warned patrons of temporary closure in November during renovation at a planned new 134 Castro site down the street (formerly Han Gen Szechuan). At which vigorous work is currently underway inside, while the old marquee still, as of tonight, displays a banner from earlier this year: "3 Kingdoms Classic Hot Pot coming soon!" Umai Sushi Bar "by Mervyns" replaced Teaspoon at 236 Castro, and is currently in "soft-opening" mode.

Approved improvements at the currently vacant 301 Castro storefront (former home of Books Inc.) include a café tenant, originally identified as a Joe & The Juice location, but a specific tenant has not yet applied for permits, according to City staff.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is a way to honor his life and teachings by engaging in community action that continues to solve social problems. Community service breaks down barriers by bringing people from different experiences together. MLKDay.gov.

SWAN neighbors will be meeting at 10am on Monday, January 20th 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.
**Scooter Pilot in MV**

The MV Voice reported in October that hundreds of electric scooters may soon be piloted in Mountain View. The City Council endorsed the idea of a pilot program that would allow scooter share companies to bring as many as 800 e-scooters to the city as soon as next year. The pilot program will need to comply with speed caps and establishment of designated parking areas the would prevent “free-floating” scooter parking.

**MV Police Dept**

The Mountain View Police Department is seeking monetary donations to help feed families in need this Thanksgiving. With our annual Cops + Gobblers right around the corner, every monetary donation helps give a family a healthy Thanksgiving meal to enjoy. If you would like to make a donation, head online here.

Or, if you’d like, you can drop off/ mail a check to us at: Mountain View Police Department Attn: Amber Wilson 1000 Villa Street Mountain View, CA 94041.

Join us November 24th at 9am at 1000 Villa Street to build baskets for our neighbors -- no RSVP required! Just simply show up, support, and build together!

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**SWAN Block Party and AGM**

SWAN’s Block Party and Annual General Meeting (AGM) were a resounding success this year. Over 150 neighbors gathered in Mariposa Park on September 28th, and approved a letter urging City Council to extend the Permanente Creek Trail to SWAN.

A special thanks to all of the city representatives and community organizations that came out to support SWAN! Mayor Matichak and Councilmembers Ramirez, Hicks, and Kamei stopped by to celebrate with SWAN neighbors. The Mountain View Fire Department gave families an opportunity to talk with our fire-fighting heroes in person and explore a fire engine up close. Officer Magee from the Police Department joined us with K9 Zeus. We also had representatives from the Magical Bridge Foundation, Canopy CSA, the City of Mountain View’s Multicultural Community Outreach Program and Census 2020.

**Thanks for celebrating SWAN with us**

This year we celebrated our fifth year of Silly in the Street, our neighborhood kids block parties that are hosted five times each year. We also hosted an MLK community service day and an ice-cream social. Thanks for joining us this year to celebrate! Next year we will have a similar collection of events to help you meet your neighbors and build community, including:

18th April 2-4pm: Ice-cream Social
29th August 3-6pm: Annual Block Party

We will also host five Silly in the Streets in March, May/June, July combined with Marketplace, September and October. If you are interested in having the party come to your block please email shorelinewestmv@gmail.com

We have also scheduled our SWAN Steering Committee meetings for 2020. If you would like to join any SWAN meeting, please email shorelinewestmv@gmail.com. The meetings are scheduled at 8pm on January 15th - Civic Engagement; March 18th - CERT; May 13th - walking/biking in SWAN; July 15th - budget and annual block party/AGM planning; and November 18th - Agenda/goals for 2021.