



City of
Mountain View

COUNCIL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

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NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

PICKLEBALL STUDY PROJECT UPDATE

City staff held a Pickleball Study Community Meeting on Aug. 27 to provide an update on the Pickleball Study, Design & Construction project. Thank you to those who have sent in emails regarding this project and to those who attended and provided feedback at the meeting. Three sites are currently being considered – with concepts presented for Cuesta Park Dog Bowl, Cuesta Park Annex, and future San Rafael Park. These concepts are available on the project website – Collaborate.MountainView.gov/PickleballStudy. Staff is continuing to gather public input on these concepts through September 12; see the website for more information. To date, no recommendations or decisions have been made regarding these options. The feedback received is helping staff further understand the opportunities and challenges of each site.

Staff has also been actively discussing with private property owners the possibility of locating public pickleball courts on their property. While details are not available at this point, potential opportunities have been identified for the City to work collaboratively with private property owners. The properties being considered meet the City's criteria for pickleball courts and, based on their locations, would have minimal impacts on residences or wildlife. Staff cannot share specific details at this time; however, recent conversations with these property owners have been productive. Discussions are ongoing to determine if these sites can be utilized for public pickleball courts.

City staff will continue discussing the potential use of these recently identified properties, keeping the community updated through the project website. In addition, future public meetings will be scheduled to continue the dialogue with the community.

R3 ZONING UPDATE

The R3 Zoning District Update is a Council Work Plan project with the following goals:

1. Create opportunities for diverse types of housing, including middle-income ownership and stacked flats
2. Produce a better design that reflects the community's vision through objective form-based standards such as pedestrian-friendly streetscapes, respectful transitions in building size (i.e., building setbacks and setbacks from smaller developments), and more trees/landscaping
3. Create opportunities for neighborhood-serving uses
4. Respond to State and Housing Element requirements

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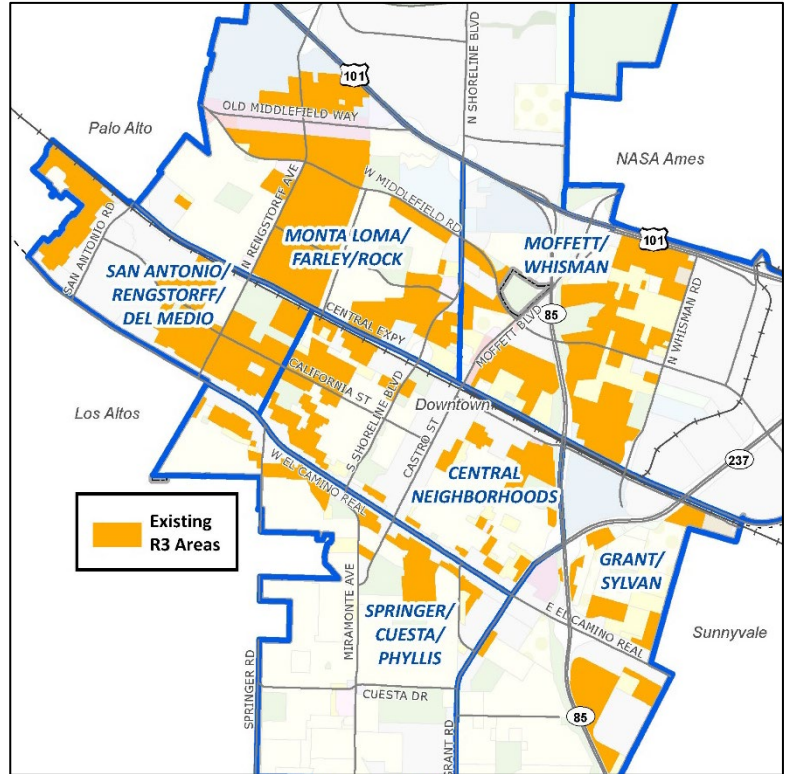
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5. Change density in targeted areas to achieve desired goals, implementing changes to large parcel areas rather than small, and increasing the supply of housing
6. Encourage parcel assembly

On March 25 and June 24, the City Council provided direction on locations for increased density in the R2 (One and Two-Family) and R3 (Multiple-Family) Zoning Districts, where single-family/duplex and apartment buildings, respectively, can be constructed.

The project team has started drafting development standards and carrying out environmental review. Staff will return to the Environmental Planning Commission and City Council to discuss the design strategy, commercial and live/work strategy, and small parcels strategy in winter 2025.

For more information, visit MountainView.gov/R3ZoningUpdate.



GENERAL CITY UPDATES

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Homeless Response Strategy

The City has developed a strategy to address homelessness over the next seven to 10 years. Called the Pathways to Housing – Homeless Response Strategy Implementation and Expenditure Plan, the strategy was adopted on June 10, 2025.

For more information, visit the Human Services Division webpage, MountainView.gov/HumanServices.

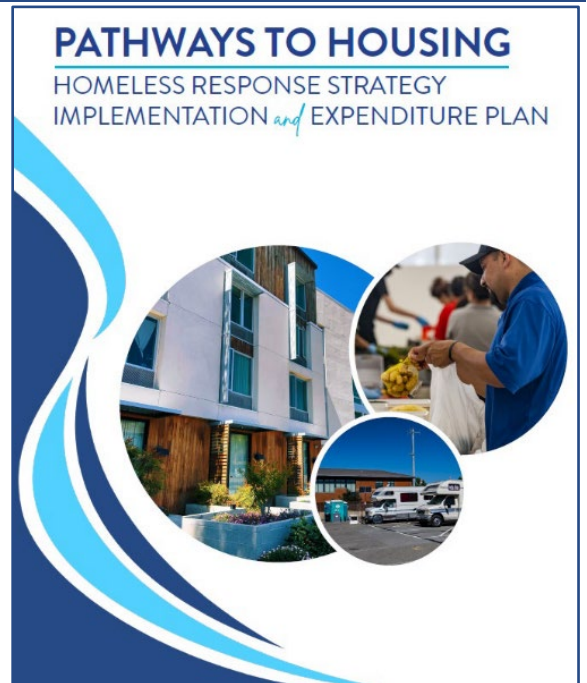
Community for All Grants Program

The City of Mountain View is committed to being a “Community for All” by promoting strategies to protect vulnerable populations and preserve the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of the community.

The goal of the Community for All Grants Program is to support efforts to fund and/or improve awareness of—and access to—information and referral resources for immigrant community groups and mixed-status families.

This year's \$10,000 grants went to the following organizations:

- CAIR California
- Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County



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- Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto
- Day Worker Center of Mountain View
- S.T.A.N.D. 4

These organizations will use the grant funds to conduct workshops about immigrant rights, and assist with citizenship applications, provide medical pop-up clinics to assist low-income and undocumented individuals with health insurance, and offer no-cost immigration legal services, among other projects.

For more information, visit the Community for All webpage, MountainView.gov/CommunityforAll.

Spanish and Chinese Language Civic Leadership Academies

The City is holding its third Chinese Language Civic Leadership Academy in spring 2026. The free, eight-week program is designed to engage and empower Chinese-speaking residents who are interested in becoming more involved in their local government and community.

For more information, including how to apply, visit the Chinese Language Civic Leadership Academy webpage, MountainView.gov/ChineseAcademy.

The City held its sixth civic leadership academy for Spanish-speaking residents earlier this year.



New Electric Water Heater Rebate

The City is pleased to announce a significant initiative: the Year of the Electric Water Heater in Mountain View. This is an excellent opportunity for residents to consider upgrading to an electric Heat Pump Water Heater. This upgrade not only has the potential to save approximately \$200 annually on energy costs compared to gas options but also contributes to improved indoor air quality.

For a limited time, residents can benefit from a \$2,000 rebate offered by the City. Additionally, Silicon Valley Clean Energy is providing an extra \$2,000 incentive for those transitioning from gas water heaters. There are also state rebates available, along with a 30% federal tax credit that is applicable until the end of the year.

Additional financial support may be accessible for those who meet specific income eligibility criteria. In addition, rebates are available for those switching from an existing electric water heater to a heat pump model.

With these incentives, installing a Heat Pump Water Heater may be more cost-effective than installing a traditional gas water heater. For more information, visit MountainView.gov/WaterHeater.

Climate Change Planning Efforts Underway

This spring, the City launched a major initiative to address climate change by undertaking a Decarbonization Strategy and a Climate Vulnerability Assessment. This project will provide insights into how the City can reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the community, which contribute to climate change, as well as how climate change will impact Mountain View. This information will support informed decision-making for building the Mountain View of Tomorrow.

As part of this effort, the City plans to establish a community decarbonization goal for either 2035, 2040, or 2045 (existing goal year), along with a five-year action plan to initiate implementation. The vulnerability assessment will examine how climate change will affect neighborhoods in Mountain View, focusing on threats such as extreme heat, storms, wildfires, and rising sea levels. The findings will be presented to the City Council in 2026.

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For those interested in staying updated on developments, the Council Sustainability Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Plaza Room at Mountain View City Hall (500 Castro St.). Remote participation options are available. To receive updates, please sign up for alerts at MountainView.gov/eNotify.

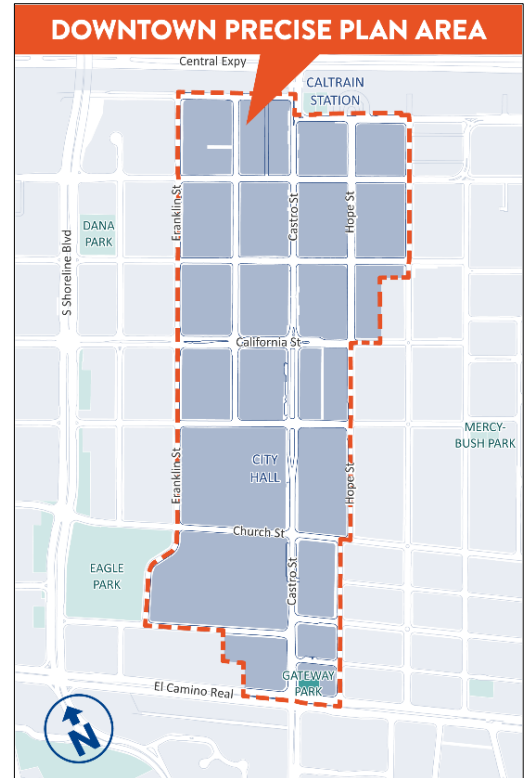
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Downtown Precise Plan Update

The Downtown Precise Plan Comprehensive Update is a key initiative aimed at refining the vision for Mountain View's Downtown area. The plan will guide long-term policy related to land use, building design, mobility improvements, and the development of public spaces to ensure the continued vitality and accessibility of the Downtown core.

The three-year planning effort is currently in the visioning stage, where the City is gathering community input to help shape the future of Downtown. A significant phase of stakeholder engagement took place from January through June 2025, including discussions with key groups such as the Old Mountain View and Shoreline West neighborhood associations, the Downtown Business Association, and the Mountain View Historical Association.

Building on these efforts, the City hosted a Community Visioning Workshop on August 14 with approximately 85 community members in attendance. The workshop provided an opportunity for the broader community to share their ideas and hopes for shaping the future of the Downtown. The community input collected to date will be presented to the Environmental Planning Commission and City Council during Study Sessions later this year. The Commission and the Council will provide guidance on the development of a draft vision for the Downtown. For additional information, including upcoming meeting dates and opportunities for public participation, visit MountainView.gov/DTPPComprehensiveUpdate.



Development Updates

The Planning Division periodically publishes a list of major development projects with descriptions that are currently under review, approved, or under construction. The list indicates which Planning Area, including the Miramonte/Springer Area, the project is located within.

Review the latest list and map by visiting MountainView.gov/our-city/departments/community-development/planning/active-projects.

ExpressPermitsMV

In April 2025, the City of Mountain View launched ExpressPermitsMV, a building permit program for single family and duplex homeowners and small businesses that saves time and money on select projects.



The following projects are eligible for express permitting:

- Single-family homes and duplexes, remodels of 600 square feet or less, and additions less than 500 square feet; and
- Small businesses, commercial building improvements of 5,000 square feet or less for retail, office, personal service (e.g. nail salon, hair salon) and medical businesses.

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The permitting program offers customers a quicker review timeline (2 weeks) and a scheduled meeting with City staff reviewers, resulting in the most efficient way to obtain a building permit. Visit MountainView.gov/ExpressPermitsMV for more details.

Downtown Updates

The City has been actively working to enhance Downtown vibrancy—from public space activation and special events to business support and efforts to address vacant storefronts.

Here's what's new:

- **New Decorative Street Treatment** - The recently completed “Ribbons” design on the 100, 200, and 300 blocks of the Castro Street Pedestrian Mall adds vibrant color and energy—enhancing Downtown’s welcoming, pedestrian-friendly atmosphere.
- **Colorful Seating, Games & Outdoor Patios** - Enjoy playful public games (ping pong, corn hole, and more!), colorful seating areas, and restaurant outdoor patios throughout Downtown. These spaces are perfect for relaxing, dining, or simply soaking up the atmosphere.
- **Free Fall Events**- Events and programs are happening downtown into the fall. They include Music on Castro and Concerts on the Plaza, featuring live performances and family-friendly entertainment for all ages. Visit MountainView.gov/special-events for full details on upcoming City-hosted happenings.
- **Regional Destination & Economic Driver** – The City engaged a retail specialist to conduct an in-depth analysis of Downtown vacancies, including collecting information on retail market trends and consumer visitor data. The analysis showed that Downtown Mountain View continues to attract visitors from across Silicon Valley and beyond, attracting not just local residents but also high-earning professionals from a broad regional area.



For the latest Downtown updates, subscribe to the Downtown Digest eNewsletter at EconDev.MountainView.gov/downtown/downtown-digest.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center

The Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center opened this March, showcasing the latest in green building design to create a premier destination for aquatic fun and fitness.

The facility is the first electrified municipal aquatics center in California to include more than 10,000 sq. ft. of pool area. The Aquatics Center features a lap pool, a recreation pool with zero-depth beach entry, and a community event space.

The City's second pool, Eagle Park Pool, remains in operation, serving swim teams and providing pool rentals and seasonal swim programs.

Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan is currently under development.



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The Plan, one of the City Council's top priority projects, will shape the future of the City's parks and open spaces, community facilities, and recreation programming. The project kicked off in August 2023 with a robust community input process. This process included a number of community and stakeholder meetings, pop-up input opportunities at special events, a statistically reliable community survey, and more.

The public input phase concluded in summer 2024 and, over the last year, the project team has been working diligently to develop a draft Strategic Plan to present to the City Council in the near future.

To follow the plan process, visit the project website at ImagineMVParks.com.

Magical Bridge Playground

Earlier this year, the all-inclusive Magical Bridge Playground opened in Rengstorff Park. The playground provides an innovative play area and companion programming intentionally designed to welcome people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

The playground is also hosting a performance series, featuring a fun-filled afternoon of music and entertainment. The next one takes place on Friday, Sept. 19, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

For more information, visit MountainView.gov/MagicalBridgeSeries.



Biodiversity and Urban Forest Plan

Development of a Biodiversity and Urban Forest Plan is currently underway.

The Plan, which was included as a Sustainability and Climate Resiliency initiative in the City Council's 2023-2025 Work Plan, will inform and influence other city plans, projects, and ordinances related to vegetation, wildlife, trees, and species, aiming to increase local habitats, preserve and enhance tree canopy, mitigate the effects of climate change, and create a more resilient environment.

Community engagement for the project began in June 2024 and wrapped up in December 2024. Efforts included pop-up events, public workshops, a survey, an interactive project webpage, and more. Following that process, the public feedback received was synthesized with science-based research and data to shape the Plan's vision, goals, and objectives.

The project team is currently identifying and reviewing feasible actions and metrics for the Plan. The timeframe to bring a draft Plan to commissions and the City Council for review and adoption is August 2025 through April 2026.

For more information and updates about the Biodiversity and Urban Forest Plan project, please visit BiodiversityMV.com.



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- Maintain a virtual bookshelf with custom lists and saved searches.
- Enable reading history.
- Browse staff-curated lists and materials that were recently added to the collection.
- Update their email address, phone number, or preferred pickup location for holds.

Mountain View History Center Updates

The History Center recently announced the availability of digitized Mountain View High School yearbooks spanning 1904-1929. This unique and valuable collection of yearbooks has long been housed in the History Center, but it is now available to access online thanks to a grant through the California Revealed digitization initiative.

The yearbooks contain the names and photographs of faculty and students, as well as information about student activities, advertisements from local businesses, written reflections, short fiction, and inside jokes. Viewers will find details about the experience of World War I, the influenza epidemic of 1918-1919, and the Prune & Apricot Exposition.

The collection can be accessed for free at Library.MountainView.gov/learn/mountain-view-history.



Those who'd prefer to view print copies of these yearbooks may visit the History Center on Tuesdays, 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 4:00-8:00 p.m., or by appointment. Extended Thursday hours were recently added to allow more residents to explore its unique resources and deepen interest in Mountain View's history.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

New Emergency Ambulance Transport Now in Service

The City of Mountain View Fire Department recently started a new 9-1-1 emergency ambulance transport in service.

Until now, the MVFD has not provided its own 9-1-1 emergency ambulance transport service. Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency has agreed to allow MVFD to operate one ambulance.

Since the inception of the MVFD Paramedic Program in 1998, the MVFD has played a critical role in Santa Clara County's EMS system. In Fiscal Year 2023-24, MVFD responded to 4,981 EMS events. Approximately 70% of the fire department's emergency responses are EMS-related.



Having an ambulance to perform transports to the hospital in Mountain View will improve pre-hospital patient care for our residents.

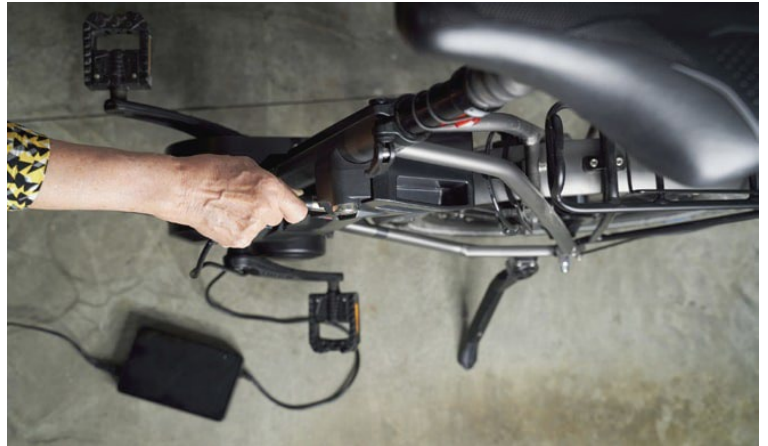
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Lithium-ion Battery Public Education

The City of Mountain View Fire Department is educating the public about the dangers of charging unattended lithium-ion batteries. If not used correctly, lithium-ion rechargeable batteries can overheat, catch fire or explode. Tips include:

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device. Do not use aftermarket or generic batteries or chargers.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Plug directly into a wall electrical outlet for charging. Do not plug chargers into a power strip or overload an outlet.
- Keep batteries at room temperature and away from heat or direct sunlight.
- Do not charge batteries at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire



Lithium-ion batteries are commonly found in residences and businesses used in electronics such as phones, laptop computers, tablets, e-bikes and other devices requiring plug-in charging.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Opening of La Avenida Apartments

La Avenida Apartments, located at 1188 Armand Drive in the North Bayshore Precise Plan area, has completed construction and welcomed its first residents in June 2025.

Developed by Eden Housing, this is the first 100% affordable housing community in the North Bayshore area, offering 100 rental homes for individuals and families earning between 30% and 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI), adjusted for household size. For example, 30% AMI for a one-person household is \$42,200 and \$60,250 for a 4-person household.

Residents will have access to a range of supportive services, including health, career, education, and financial literacy programs. The development also features amenities such as a community room, computer room, laundry facilities, and secure bicycle parking.



Housing and Community Development Funding Update

On May 13, the City Council approved the City's Fiscal Year 2025-30 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Action Plan. These plans are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for jurisdictions like Mountain View that receive annual federal housing and community development funding (known as "entitlement jurisdictions"), such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program

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(HOME) programs. The plans were developed over the past year with extensive public engagement and input from the Human Relations Commission.

Five priority needs were identified through the plan development process:

- Increase Affordable Housing
- Respond to Homelessness
- Support Public Services
- Promote Economic Vitality
- Enhance Public Infrastructure

For Fiscal Year 2025-26, a number of different public service agencies will be funded to meet the priority needs. Additionally, the Council approved funding for a minor home repair program, assisting microenterprise businesses that provide child-care services in the Mountain View, implementing accessibility improvements for public facilities and infrastructure, and advancing affordable housing developments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Automated License Plate Reader Project Update

With approval from the City Council in May 2024, the installation of fixed Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras on streetlight and signal poles is underway throughout Mountain View.

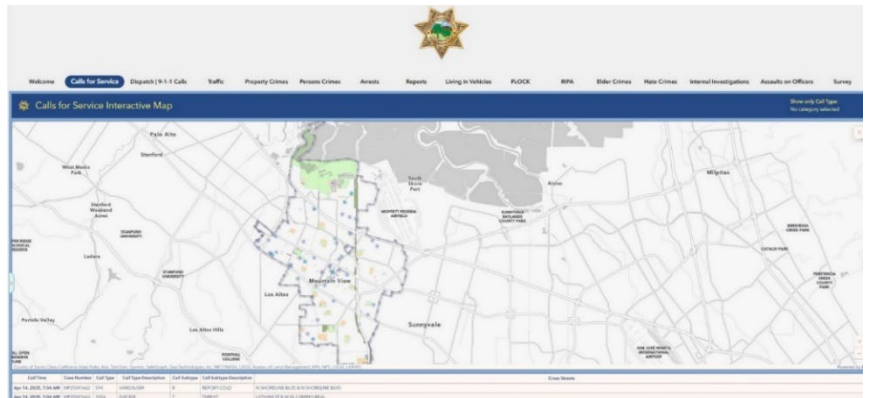
A total of 30 cameras will be installed including two located in Palo Alto serving Mountain View's border.

The ALPRs will assist the Mountain View Police Department in their crime investigations. The images collected do not contain driver information and the data is not readily accessible to other City personnel or the public.

MVPD Transparency Dashboard

The Mountain View Police Department recently debuted a Transparency Dashboard (MountainView.gov/our-city/departments/police/transparency) that makes it easier for the public to access information that is frequently requested.

The dashboard features a wide range of data including traffic collisions, property crime data, crime and arrest statistics, internal investigations, Racial and Identity Profiling Act data, hate crimes, elder crimes, and more. There is also an interactive map for MVPD's calls for service, which can be broken down by date and time period.



This latest effort reflects MVPD's ongoing commitment to transparency and building trust with the community.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Transportation Demand Management Ordinance

The City of Mountain View is developing a new ordinance that aims to reduce reliance on single-occupancy car trips while increasing alternative transportation options.

The plan will be available to the public in fall 2025 and will be reviewed by City commissions and committees. Final adoption of the ordinance by the City Council is anticipated in early 2026.

Active Transportation Plan

The City of Mountain View is currently updating and consolidating the Pedestrian Master Plan and the Bicycle Transportation Plans into what will be the City's Active Transportation Plan.



This initiative aims to create a comprehensive and updated set of project and policy recommendations that will enhance walking, biking, and green streets throughout Mountain View. Project prioritization and policy recommendations will be available for public comment in fall 2025 at commission and committee meetings. Final Council adoption of this plan is scheduled to occur in spring 2026.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer on an Advisory Body

The City is looking for a few good volunteers for its boards, commissions, and committees.

Board, Commission, and Committee members are volunteer positions that consider a wide range of matters, including zoning and land use, library policy, parks and recreation programs, social and cultural issues, and public art and aesthetics. All meetings are open to the public.

Advisory bodies serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.



For more information, visit MountainView.gov/AdvisoryBody or contact the City Clerk's Office at City.Clerk@mountainview.gov or 650-903-6304.

Stay Connected with the City

For the latest news and information about the City of Mountain View, sign up to receive email notifications at MountainView.gov/eNotify.

This includes news releases from the City, Fire Department, and Police Department; general updates; event announcements; newsletters from the City, Economic Development, Mountain View Public Library, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Recreation Division, Mountain View Senior Center, and Sustainability Division; and more. You decide whether to sign up for one, a few topics, or all of them.

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The City is on social media as well. Follow us @MountainViewGov. For all of the City's social media channels, visit MountainView.gov/Social.

COUNCIL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee (CNC) was established to oversee programs and activities intended to improve and enhance the City's neighborhoods. The Committee consists of three City Council members.

The general functions of the Council Neighborhoods Committee include:

- Hosting three to four neighborhood meetings throughout the community to receive comments about neighborhood issues and respond to questions and suggestions for improving City services
- The City's [Neighborhood Grant Program](#) which provides funding to support the activities and organization of neighborhood groups
- Making recommendations to the City Council on issues referred to them concerning housing, neighborhoods, and similar residential topics



Committee Members

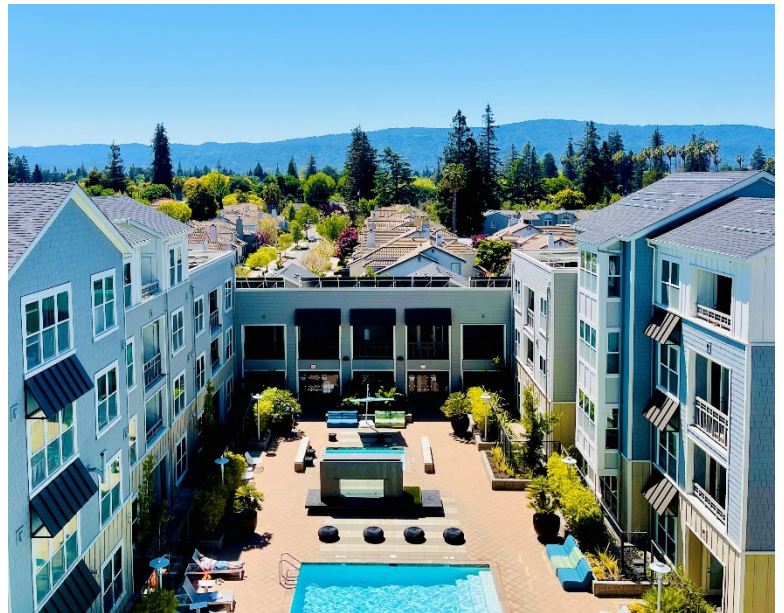
- Councilmember Pat Showalter (Chair)
- Councilmember John McAlister
- Vice Mayor Emily Ann Ramos

Upcoming Council Neighborhoods Committee Agendized Business Meetings

- Thursday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m., Mountain View City Hall, Plaza Conference Room

2025 Neighborhood Meetings

- Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. – Moffett/Whisman Road Area, German International School, 310 Easy St.
- Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. – Central Neighborhood Area, S.F.V. Portuguese Hall, 361 Villa St.
- Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. – Spring Cuesta Phyllis Area, Benjamin Bubb Elementary School, 525 Hans Ave.



To learn more, visit MountainView.gov/CNC.