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Following two years of uncertainty spurred by the pandemic, there's finally light at the end of the tunnel as some long-established community programs and services fully reopen and others make their debut during a new era of in-person — and virtual — activities. To help Mountain View residents reconnect with one another and their community, Info 2022 highlights the many different opportunities now available in which to participate and explore the area and shines a spotlight on some of the people who are creating positive change beyond their neighborhoods.

From the return of in-person theater performances, concerts and the decades-old Obon Festival & Bazaar to the growing new outdoors arts program in neighboring Los Altos, this issue of Info Mountain View 2022 looks at where we are two years after the start of the pandemic and aims to capture what it means to be part of this community and the greater Midpeninsula.

Inside, you will find key resources and data to help you connect with neighborhood leaders, reach out to your city and school leaders, participate in the arts and other community programs, explore the great outdoors on your own or in a group, or find advocates for seniors and those in need.

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Info Mountain View editor

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With the Santa Cruz Mountains on the west and the San Francisco Bay on the northeast, Mountain View’s location provides plenty of opportunities to get outdoors and explore all nature has to offer within minutes of downtown. From day excursions along the shores of the San Francisco Bay to overnight trips in the redwoods to freshwater fishing in the foothills, it’s possible for residents to escape the urban pace daily, year-round if they choose.

For those looking to explore the outdoors and some of nature’s unique offerings in the greater Mountain View area, here are four ways to get started.

For a full list of nature preserves, parks and outdoor recreational offerings in Mountain View, see Open Space in the Info Resource Guide on page 26.
**CALIFORNIA KING TIDES**

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The Baylands Nature Preserve provides visitors the perfect place to witness the exceptionally high and low tides that only happen a few days each winter when the Earth, sun and moon align, creating a gravitational pull on the ocean. These tides, known as king tides, can rise above 9 feet — or about 2 feet higher than the average tide — causing flooding in parts of the Baylands. They also may force some rare birds out of hiding, making it more likely to see things you don’t normally observe in the marshland. “It’s an exciting time to look for endangered species,” Baylands naturalist Corinne DeBra said about the king tides. The annual phenomenon attracts more than 1,000 visitors to the baylands. Here’s how to see the king tides at the Baylands Nature Preserve:

**GUIDED WALKS**

**Environmental Volunteers | evols.org**

During the king tides, the nonprofit Environmental Volunteers leads free interpretive walks through the baylands that stop at sites that provide the best views to admire the higher-than-normal tides and learn about tidal systems. Trained volunteers explain what king tides are, how they affect the marsh and point out species, such as egrets, ducks and sparrows.

*If you go on your own ...* Make sure to stop at the Environmental Volunteers EcoCenter (2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto), where the king tides are most notable. The water comes up past the banks and floods the path leading to the building. Remember to wear waterproof shoes.

To find the best viewing times, see a tide map with high tide and heights at bit.ly/KingTide23Map.

For a quick guide to some common wildlife at the Baylands, go to inaturalist.org/guides/431.

**If you want to help document the king tides ...** Take and share photos of the shoreline with the California Coastal Commission, which is documenting changes to help experts predict how the baylands may look in the future as marsh plants lose their habitat due to sea level rise.

For more information about the California King Tides Project, go to coastal.ca.gov/kingtides.

**If you can’t make it to see the king tides ...** Explore the flora and fauna at the 1,940-acre preserve anytime of the year. The Baylands is home to a unique mixture of tidal and freshwater habitats and serves as a major migratory bird stopover on the Pacific Flyway. Stop by the Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center (2775 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto), which features exhibits about the Baylands and hosts walks and other activities.

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**SPRING WILDFLOWERS**

**MARCH, APRIL, MAY**

Native wildflowers are the harbinger of spring along the Midpeninsula as blooms make their annual debut, carpeting local hillsides in a vivid color palette not seen the rest of the year. While local preserves are home to hundreds of wildflower species that flower from early spring all the way through the later winter months, March, April and May bring the highest frequency and diversity of blooms — and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the grasslands in full color. The area’s serpentine soil, a geological and ecological phenomenon steeped in tectonic activity over millions of years, supports the annual flower showing. This soil, composed primarily of serpentine, is so toxic and depleted of common soil nutrients that only a few species of plants can survive in it. “Weeds and other invasive plants have a hard time in this soil. And, as a result, what remains are the native flowers that have evolved with it,” said Matt Dolkas of the Peninsula Open Space Trust.

Here’s where to see spring wildflowers near Mountain View:

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Lupine and poppies are among the native wildflowers that bloom each spring at Arastradero Creek Trail. Courtesy Peninsula Open Space Trust.
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GUIDED WALKS

Edgewood Park and Nature Preserve, Redwood City

Docents from Friends of Edgewood (friendsofedgewood.org) lead 3-mile leisurely walks starting at the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center at Edgewood County Park and Nature Preserve (10 Old Stage Coach Road) on Saturday and Sunday mornings from early March through June. The preserve’s serpentine soil nurtures special natives: Look for chick lupine and purple coyote mint that is limited to California. Western monarchs love to feed off this native’s pollen, so keep an eye out for this butterfly species that is experiencing an unexpected resurgence, thanks in part to backyard gardeners who make a point to propagate natives.

If you go on your own ... Wildflowers can be viewed at more than a dozen preserves and trails in the area. The Midpeninsula Open Space District’s website (bit.ly/MROSDWildflowers) includes a comprehensive list of places where residents can hike on their own to view spring blooms. For those interested in identifying wildflowers along these hikes, download the district’s wildflower guide (bit.ly/HowToIdentifyWildflowers). Rancho San Antonio County Park & Open Space Preserve (located on the Los Altos border off Cristo Rey Drive in Cupertino) is among the closest preserves to Mountain View for wildflower viewing. The preserve’s Chamise Trail provides visitors lots of opportunities to see Indian paintbrush, globe lily, brodiaea and lupine.

If you’re looking for a relatively easy excursion ... Head to Palo Alto’s Pearson-Arastradero Preserve (bit.ly/ArastraderoPreserve), which has more than 10 miles of trails easily accessible off Interstate Highway 280 (1530 Arastradero Road, between Page Mill and Alpine roads). The Arastradero Creek Trail is a relatively easy, one-way 1.44-mile trail with moderate hills. Enter from Foothills Nature Preserve and pass the lake before making the hike uphill. The gravel and dirt trail is nice and wide in most locations. There’s little shade, so go early in the season for the best showing and to avoid the heat. Lots of sky lupines and California poppies are visible from various spots along the route. The park is open 8 a.m. until sunset.

If you’re looking for a more challenging excursion ... Head to Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve (Skyline Boulevard and Page Mill / Alpine Road). There are lots of trail options at this 3,000-acre preserve. For the most bang for your buck, start at the Ridge Trail where Page Mill Road and State Route 35 meet on the northwest corner. Take the trail to the top of Borel Hill and soak in the 360-degree view. Continue to the Ancient Oaks and Charquin trails for a full 5.7-mile loop. Varied topography allows for shade- and sun-loving wildflowers to grow under oaks and fallen trees and out in the open. All of the grassland trails, including the loop listed above, offer lots of wildflower-viewing possibilities. Hikers might spot vibrant red Indian paintbrush or white Fernald’s Iris on sloping sunny hillsides. Look for western houndstongue, which is part of the borage family and thrives under the shade of oak trees. The park is open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

CAMPING

MAY-OCTOBER

Peninsula residents looking for an overnight getaway in the great outdoors don’t have to travel far. The area is home to thousands of acres of city, county and state parks, some of which offer tent camping. Here’s where to camp at destinations between 7 and 17 miles from downtown Mountain View:

Foothills Nature Preserve after dark

Towle Campground is located in the 1,400-acre Foothills Nature Preserve (11799 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto) about 7.2 miles from downtown Mountain View. After being exclusive to Palo Alto residents for more than five decades, the preserve opened its gates to the general public in December 2020. Campers from beyond Palo Alto now have access to 15 miles of hiking trails, three ecosystems (chaparral, oak woodland and grasslands), redwood groves, streams, rare native plants and a variety of wildlife, including bobcats, mountain lions, wild turkeys and deer. The preserve includes picnic areas, an artificial turf recreation area and a man-made lake for fishing and non-motorized boating. Each campsite has a picnic table, water, fire bucket, charcoal barbecue, food storage locker and pad for two four-person tents. The group sites have two pads for up to four, four-person tents. There are two campfire circles for use by all campers, but people must bring their own firewood. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance. Sites are $40 per night and available May-October. bit.ly/FoothillsCamping | 650-329-2423

Black Mountain Backpack Camp in Monte Bello Preserve in Los Altos provides visitors sweeping views of Santa Clara Valley. Photo by Kate Bradshaw.

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If you want to camp in the redwoods ... Book a reservation at Toyon Campground in Huddart Park (1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside) May-October. Toyon Campground includes three areas set in a dense forest of redwood, madrone and oak located about 17 miles from downtown Mountain View. Campers can explore miles of hiking and equestrian trails that wind through forested slopes, steep canyons and a redwood forest in the 900-acre park. The area also features barbecue pits, a playground and grassy meadows. Reservations must be made at least two days in advance. Camp hours and operations may change due to drought conditions during fire season. Check website for updated information. bit.ly/ToyOnReservations | 650-363-4021

If you want to backpack overnight anytime of the year ... Hike to Black Mountain Backpack Camp in Monte Bello Preserve (4301 Page Mill Road, Los Altos), open year-round. Black Mountain Backpack Camp (bit.ly/BackpackCampBrochure) is the only campsite located in the Midpeninsula Open Space District. Located about 12.5 miles from downtown Mountain View, the camp often serves as the first stopping place for backpackers wishing to hike from the valley to the coast. Campers can explore 3,436 acres of rolling grasslands and dense creekside forests. The preserve is noted for its rich wildlife and diverse ecosystem. The camping area itself features vistas with sweeping views of Santa Clara Valley. The campground is a 1.5-mile hike from the Page Mill Road parking lot and includes a 500-foot uphill climb. Four single campsites and one group site are available for one- or two-night stays throughout the year. A permit is required, and there is a $2 fee per camper, per night. openspace.org/where-to-go/permits/camping | 650-691-1200

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**FISHING**

**YEAR-ROUND**

The Midpeninsula provides opportunities for locals to cast a fishing line in freshwaters in the foothills on the west or from a pier over the San Francisco Bay on the northeast. Depending on the season, one can catch anything from spotted and striped bass, catfish, bat rays and leopard sharks to white sturgeon. Here’s where to go for a day of fishing near Mountain View:

**Boronda Lake**

Located near the main entrance of Foothills Nature Preserve (11799 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto), Boronda Lake allows freshwater fishing from its small public dock, as well as from small, non-motorized boats. This man-made lake reaches about 10 feet at its deepest point. Fishing is permitted year-round, but according to fishing enthusiasts, spring and summer tend to be the best times to reel in a catch. The most popular species caught here are large-mouth bass, red-ear sunfish, crappies, channel catfish and spotted bass (See fish guide: bit.ly/3PvFFjw). Park staff ask visitors to practice catch-and-release of large fish to maintain the brood stock. All anglers age 16 and over must have a California Sport Fishing License. Canoes are available for rent on the weekends and holidays from May-October. There’s a $6 vehicle entrance fee. bit.ly/FHGenralInformation | 650-329-2423

If you’re interested in fishing on the dock of the bay ... The Dumbarton Fishing Pier in Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (2 Marshlands Road, Fremont) is located directly beneath the Dumbarton Bridge, which spans from East Palo Alto to Fremont. The pier is open year-round, but winter and spring bring a greater variety of fish, according to fishing enthusiasts on pierfishing.com/dumbarton-pier. Common species caught here include bat rays, leopard sharks, white sturgeon, striped bass and shiner surperch. No license is required to fish from the public pier. Check in advance to make sure the road leading to the pier is not closed during bird-nesting season, April to August. bit.ly/FishingAtDumbarton | 510-792-0222

If you’re interested in fishing while listening to live music ... Head over to the Port of Redwood City (460 Seaport Court, Redwood City) on Sundays during the spring for the port’s free “Rock the Dock” concert series, which is held near the entrance of the newly upgraded concrete fishing pier. The public pier features grate flooring to enable visitors to see down to the water below and includes informational signs on the types of fish living in the bay. Common species caught here include leopard sharks, white sturgeon, jacksmelt, striped bass and bat rays. The pier is open 24 hours. No fishing license is required. Check the concert schedule at redwoodcityport.com/events.

— Information compiled by Linda Taaffe
Downtown Mountain View, also known as Old Mountain View, is a special community. Not just because of its incredible location in the heart of Silicon Valley and its history of entrepreneurship that existed long before The Valley of the Hearts became today’s Silicon Valley, it’s the people and spirit of Mountain View that makes it an incredible and unique place to live. Downtown Mountain View is the hub of that experience and spirit.

Downtown attracts a wide variety of neighbors from longtime residents, to Los Altos downsizers, families, singles, pet owners and couples of all ages and backgrounds. You just need to walk the neighborhood streets or grab a cup of tea or coffee to let the Downtown Vibe become your vibe.

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Even during the height of the pandemic shutdown, the local arts scene never went completely dark. Whether moving exhibits outdoors or presenting theater performances virtually, the Midpeninsula's creative minds found alternative ways to keep the arts alive, adding yet another layer to the area's already rich and eclectic arts offerings. As venues reopen and hybrid offerings continue to be an alternative, the coming months should provide more opportunities than ever to enjoy the arts along the Midpeninsula.

For those looking to view, create or experience some of the unique offerings in the greater Mountain View area, here are some suggestions to get started. For a full list of Mountain View museums, arts programs and performance venues, see The Arts in the Info Resource Guide on page 42.

Art in the outdoors

DOWNTOWN ART STROLLS

Those looking to take in some public art can stroll through Mountain View and Los Altos' commercial corridors to enjoy sculptures, murals and other visual arts on display. Downtown Mountain View is home to about a dozen pieces of artwork in the city's public art program that have been commissioned by a variety of public and private organizations. Most of the pieces are scattered throughout the downtown core and accessible by foot, making this a particularly fun way to explore the area while taking in some art. Civic Center, the train station and Eagle and Pioneer parks are good places to see many of the sculptures. Artworks range from metal sculptures like "Boy and Girl in the Calla Lillies" near Civic Center and the life-sized bronze "The Baggage Cart" at the Caltrain station to a glass atrium off Castro Street. Mountain View's public art collection includes about 40 pieces scattered throughout the city for those who want to explore beyond downtown's core.

To view the city's public art map, go to bit.ly/MVartwalk.

In neighboring Los Altos, art enthusiasts can enjoy more than a half dozen murals and interactive and illuminated sculptures in and around the downtown triangle. The collection, which includes both permanent and temporary rotating pieces, is part of a budding program founded by the nonprofit Los Altos Arts. The art is funded with private donations from local residents, business owners, investment groups and foundations. The group installed its latest mural, "Apricot Blossoms," this past July at 342 State St.

For more information or to view the group's art map, go to artslosaltos.org.

If you'd prefer a guided art hike in the mountains ... The one-time cattle ranch that late Stanford chemist Carl Djerassi (creator of the first oral contraceptive pill) transformed into a world-renowned artists' haven opens its doors to the public every Sunday from March through November for guided art hikes, offering visitors a rare look at the massive sculptures that dot the 580-acre private property. The 3.5-mile excursions (which include an elevation change of 300 feet over three hours) take visitors through Djerassi ranch's redwood forests, grasslands and mountain vistas.

Exploring the Midpeninsula's creative side

WHERE TO VIEW, CREATE AND ENJOY LOCAL ART
to view about 40 pieces of art created over the past four decades by artists of the residency program that Djerassi started in 1979. Each sculpture emphasizes the relationship between nature and art. The collection includes a broad mix of pieces, including a 17-foot-tall wooden Japanese torii gate on a hillside, a miniature clay village built under a grove of redwoods and a sculpture that can only be entered by traversing a winding tunnel in absolute darkness. Public hikes are limited to 20 people. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis and always fill up quickly. Djerassi Ranch (2325 Bear Gulch Road, Woodside) offers 12 free hikes a year; the rest of the hikes cost $50 per person. For more information, go to djerassi.org/events/spring-public-hikes | dgoldberg@djerassi.org

If you want a guided art tour, but don’t feel like hiking ... The Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University features a variety of exhibits within its walls but also offers the chance to enjoy the best of both worlds: the great outdoors and an array of unique art. On the second and third Sunday of each month, the center holds docented tours of its diverse collection of outdoor sculpture, which is well-known for its numerous works by renowned 19th-century sculptor Auguste Rodin, as well as more modern 20th-century pieces by artists such as Charles Ginnever, Bruce Beasley and Douglas Abbell. Tours are free and meet in front of the museum (328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford) at 2 p.m., unless otherwise noted. For more information, go to events.stanford.edu.

If you want to explore sculptures and exhibits virtually ... Stanford University offers live, guided visits of the Cantor Arts Center and Anderson Collection via Zoom. Guided virtual tours last 40 minutes and provide visitors a general overview of the museums and major highlights of their collections. The Cantor’s collection spans 5,000 years and includes more than 38,000 works of art from around the globe, on display in 24 galleries. The Anderson features a large private collection of modern and contemporary American art. Virtual guided visits of the museums are free, but requests must be submitted four weeks in advance of a scheduled tour. Tours must include at least 10 participants and are not available on weekends. For more information, go to bit.ly/VirtualTourInfo.

One-stop destinations for viewing and creating art

MUSIC CLASSES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

The Community School of Music and Art (230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View) offers music lessons open to all ages. Children and parents of all levels can take voice lessons together or learn an instrument in classical, jazz and contemporary styles. The school also offers art classes for those ages 14 and older that cover drawing, ceramics, digital arts, and fabric and fashion. For students who prefer private lessons or workshops, those are available, too. The school also hosts concerts and artist receptions and showcases student works in its gallery. For more information, go to arts4all.org | 650-917-6800

If you’re interested in virtual or in-person workshops ... The Pacific Art League (668 Ramona St., Palo Alto) offers workshops, exhibits and artist talks year-round at its Palo Alto studio. The Art League, which celebrates its 101st anniversary in November, serves more than 2,500 students of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels each year through an array of art workshops taught in-person, online — and even outdoors. Youth ages 10-17 can participate in the center’s Expressive Art Open Studio on select Fridays for free. For those who prefer to view art, rather than create it, the Art League showcases several exhibits a year in person and on its online gallery. From November-December, the League will showcase its 101st Anniversary Exhibition. For more information, go to pacificartleague.org | 650-321-3891.

If you’re interested in virtual children’s art classes, anytime ... In addition to its twice-yearly, in-person Family Days at the Cantor Arts Center (328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford) that feature live performances and art-making activities, the Stanford museum offers virtual art activities on YouTube that can be accessed at any time. The Art For All videos combine lessons about featured artists and their artwork with related hands-on art projects in clips that are 5 minutes or less. There are also archived videos from the Cantor Art Center’s Second Sunday at Home program that were streamed during the social-distancing era of the pandemic. From these videos, families can choose from a wide variety of art projects, including how to weave, make a bird migration station, create clay sculptures or put together a collage. There are more than 20 videos from 2020 and 2021, each ranging from about 30 to 60 minutes. For more information, go to museum.stanford.edu/programs/family-programs#virtual.

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IN-PERSON THEATER MAKES A COMEBACK

With audiences making their way back to in-person performances, some Peninsula theater companies are looking ahead to full seasons of shows for the 2022-23 season. Here’s what’s on tap at five local companies: TheatreWorks Silicon Valley (theatreworks.org) is set to present six shows, including two world premieres (“A Distinct Society” and “Alice Bliss”) for its 52nd season, which kicks off with the campy sci-fi musical “Little Shop of Horrors” on Nov. 30. The company is based in Mountain View but also stages occasional shows in Palo Alto. For its 28th season, Los Altos Stage Company (losaltosstage.org) announced a lineup of five plays and musicals that draw on literary and cinematic inspirations. The company opened its season with “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” on Sept. 8. The Pear Theatre (thepear.org) in Mountain View will continue up on the stories to be shared on The Pear’s stage for some productions. The Pear kicks off its 21st season with “Bull in a China Shop” and “Collective Rage: A Play in 5 Bet- ties,” running in repertory now through Oct. 2. Palo Alto Players (paplayers.org) marks its 92nd season with a lineup of Broadway-focused shows at the Lucie Stern Theatre (1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto). Setting a fairytale tone ahead of the holidays will be “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” opening on Nov. 4. For its 66th season, West Bay Opera (wbopera.org) will kick off its 66th season on Oct. 14 with “La Traviata” at the Lucie Stern Theatre, followed by “Don Giovanni” in February and “The Flying Dutchman” in May.

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Enjoy a live performance

If you're interested in live music, comedy — and a cup of coffee

... Red Rock Coffee (201 Castro St., Mountain View) has long served as a hub in Mountain View’s cultural community. In addition to exhibiting the photography, paintings and other visual works of local artists, the corner coffee shop is known for its weekly open-mic nights and live music. After a 19-month hiatus due to the pandemic, live open-mic nights returned in person last fall. The weekly open-mic night takes place Mondays, 6 to 9 p.m. on the second floor, offering 10-minute slots to musicians, poets, comics and other performers to get up on stage and share their work.

For more information, go to redrockcoffee.com

If you're interested in intimate outdoor concerts...

The Stanford Live Arts Festival summer series (live.stanford.edu) runs through September, with the Pacific Island Reggae festival Holo Holo Music Festival with Kolohe Kai on Sept. 24 and Grammy Award-winning bluegrass singer and songwriter Billy Strings on Sept. 30. The annual summer series is held every June-September at Stanford’s historic Frost Amphitheater (351 Lasuen St.). The picturesque setting has in the past hosted everything from concerts by jazz pioneer Louis Armstrong to performances by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

If you’d prefer live music in a former movie palace...

Just up the Peninsula, the Guild Theatre (949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park) is no stranger to big names: For over 90 years, a steady parade of stars flickered across the screen of the Menlo Park movie palace. But now, the names that appear on the marquee are performing live inside. After undergoing a $35 million renovation, the Guild reopened in February 2022 as a brand-new venue for live music on the Peninsula. The 500-seat not-for-profit theater showcases an eclectic mix of national acts. Upcoming shows include the Blast- ers, The Wallflowers, Social Distortion and Squirrel Nut Zippers. The theater also hosts film and other special events.

For more information, go to guildtheatre.com | 855-999-4025, ext. 0.

Movies in public venues

CLASSIC FILMS

Peninsula film lovers can once again catch a classic movie and hear the Wurlitzer organ play at Stanford Theatre (221 University Ave., Palo Alto). After shutting down for more than two years during the pandemic, the downtown Palo Alto movie palace reopened in July 2022. The theater often hosts festivals highlighting the works of certain actors or directors.

Find the full lineup of films at stanfordtheatre.org.

If you’re interested in taking in a film festival with a cause...

Stanford’s United Nations Association Film Festival (unaff.org) offers 11 days of screenings of 60 films at venues in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and the Stanford University campus Oct. 20-30. (San Francisco also hosts an evening of screenings.) The documentary films focus on human rights and vary in length from shorts to feature-length, making it easy to take in a session of as many as three or four films in an afternoon or evening. Founded in 1998 by Stanford educator and film critic Jasmina Bojic in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the festival is one of the oldest solely documentary film festivals in the nation. Many of the documentaries screened at the festival have gone on to win Academy Awards. This year marks its 25th anniversary.

— Information compiled by Linda Taaffe and Heather Zimmerman

After shuttering for more than two years due to the pandemic and renovation work, the Stanford Theatre, seen here in 2018, reopened this past July, kicking off its first scheduled showings of classic films for 2022. Photo by Adam Pardee.

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Devin Begley performs an original song at Red Rock Coffee’s open-mic night in Mountain View. Photo by Magali Gauthier.

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'Solo agers' have options on the Midpeninsula

Local programs help childless seniors navigate the future

BY CHRIS KENRICK

Throughout Palo Alto and the broader Peninsula, thousands of seniors are aging solo — without a partner and having had no children. But aging solo doesn’t mean to meaning alone. There are plenty of local programs and senior-care experts to help older adults thrive in their golden years. People like Paula Wolfson, manager of social work and caregiving for the Palo Alto senior services agency Avenidas, and Sara Zeff Geber, a Bay Area retirement coach and expert in solo aging, advise older adults to think ahead, find like-minded people and consider all of their options.

Peninsula couple Ros and John, who are childless, are among those weighing the challenges of navigating old age. The longtime married couple, who agreed to share their story but asked that their last names not be published to protect their privacy, are without immediate family to provide them needed care as they age.

John, a software engineer, was diagnosed with cancer in 2005 at age 49, and had to stop working the following year. He now has difficulty walking, suffers from frontotemporal dementia and needs considerable care. Ros, who is in her 60s, looks after him at home as she continues to work remotely for Stanford University.

“I’m coping on my own as we navigate his illness,” she said. “I have many friends, but you can’t ask friends to do what you would ask family. It’s a huge concern.”

Ros and John are not alone. More than 15 million American adults over 55 — nearly 1 in 6 — do not have children, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. And the bureau projects that “levels of childlessness among older adults” will increase in coming years as younger cohorts are increasingly not having children.

Without adult children to help in case they’re no longer able to care for themselves, “solo agers” have particular challenges in planning for their futures, Wolfson said.

“Solo agers have literally called me from the hospital because they’re going to be discharged and they don’t have anybody at home, don’t have any way to get food,” Wolfson said.

For those with money, hiring in-home care or paying roughly $10,000 in monthly fees to live in a care facility are possibilities, but most seniors do not have such resources, she said.

Rich or poor, it’s especially important for solo agers to focus on proactive planning, according to Geber.

For those without children, “ties with friends, siblings, nieces and nephews and even community tend to be (and should be) more prominent,” Geber said.

Geber and other local experts shared the following tips and local resources for solo agers:

Choose a proxy

“Do you have a durable power of attorney designated in case you have difficulty with healthcare or financial decision-making? That is the key,” said Paula Wolfson, manager of social work and caregiving for the Palo Alto senior services agency Avenidas. Choose someone to be your proxy decision-maker in case you develop an impairment and have difficulty making decisions. This can be a trusted friend or a trained professional, Geber added.

Choose to age in ‘the right place’

Geber said don’t just age in place, choose to age in “the right place.” If someone lives in a large home and barely knows their neighbors, that might not be the ideal place to age alone. She suggests exploring possibilities beyond how or where a person is living now. She said consider other opportunities, such as co-housing developments, active adult communities or mobile home parks that provide opportunities to participate in a ready-made community with activity centers, communal laundry and other spaces to socialize. Those who want to age in place might consider living with housemates, she said.

Housing resources:

• Avenidas Village is a support network for those aging in place, avenidasvillage.org.
• For home-sharing information and a searchable index, go to silvernest.com. Mountain View is home to a co-housing community. For more information, go to mountainviewcohousing.org.

Affordable housing resources:

Affordable housing is the top request that Palo Alto senior services agency Avenidas receives on its help line, said social worker Thomas Kingery.

The Santa Clara County Housing Authority (scchousingauthority.org) as well as the nonprofits Alta Housing (altahousing.org), Lytton Gardens (coviag.com), MidPen Housing (midpen-housing.org) and Stevenson House (stevensonhouse.org) operate low-income apartments in the area and are among the groups seniors should check with when searching for affordable housing. Searchable waitlists for affordable housing also are available at affordablehousingonline.com. The Santa Clara County Housing Authority also provides Section 8 housing vouchers (scchousingauthority.org/applicantportal) to help qualified seniors with rental assistance. The Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (svilc.org/workshops-and-events), which offers guidance to older adults and people with disabilities, including hosting a monthly housing workshop on Zoom on the first Friday of the month to help people with their search.

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Making space on the Peninsula for a cultural club that celebrates Chinese traditions

Newly opened Little Bookworm Library is brainchild of LuLu Roberts

BY SHERYL NONNENBERG

On any given week at the Little Bookworm Library, children can be found making kites, color ink paintings, rice paper and an array of other crafts during Chinese Culture classes. In another area of the library, children and parents learn how to make Chinese desserts and other dishes in the Little Chef Cooking Class. And at Chinese Story Time, preschoolers are enthralled by specially curated books written in Mandarin.

Part library, part community center, the Little Bookworm Library provides a place where Chinese families can celebrate their heritage while encouraging literacy, and the broader community can learn about Chinese culture. It is one of many language-enrichment programs offered in the Palo Alto area.

The newly opened library is the brainchild of Atherton mom LuLu Roberts, who moved to the Mid-peninsula from Taiwan in 2008. As a mother of four young children, Roberts said she struggled to find children's books or story times in Mandarin.

Roberts said she was dismayed that she had such a difficult time finding resources, especially since Asians represent a growing segment of the population.

In Santa Clara County, the percentage of the population marking themselves in the U.S. Census as “Asian alone” was 32% in 2010 and 39.2% in 2020. Palo Alto’s Asian population accounted for 33% of the whole in 2020. In Menlo Park, 15% of the population identifies as Asian.

So Roberts decided to create the Joy Culture Foundation, the nonprofit Chinese cultural club that operates the Little Bookworm Library.

“I want to pass down my heritage to my kids,” Roberts said. “It is so important for them to recognize who they are.” Roberts said she believes that many second-generation Chinese American children deny the Asian part of their ancestry or “become molded into a stereotype.” “It is hard because their skin color is different, and the culture their parents infuse them with is different,” Roberts said.

Many Asian immigrant mothers also struggle, Roberts said. Life can be challenging because they lack English language skills or because they do not drive, she said. Using seed money from her husband’s family, who cofounded the investment company Kohlberg, Kravis and Roberts, she established the Joy Culture Foundation with a board of directors that shares her vision.

Roberts said she wanted to establish a cultural space in Menlo Park because of the area's central location on the Peninsula and because she lives within minutes of downtown. It was not an easy search, and the pandemic caused a delay in her timeline, she said. Roberts said everything came together during the summer of 2021 after a landlord unexpectedly called to offer her 2,200 square feet of space in a building he owned in downtown Menlo Park.

“I seem to surround myself with supportive people,” Roberts laughed. The space at 934 Santa Cruz Ave. includes a private courtyard and dedicated parking. “It was a perfect fit,” she said. Relying on a small staff, along with the work of many volunteers, the Little Bookworm Library opened in February — just in time for the Lunar New Year celebrations. Roberts pointed out that it was not just the work of interested Asian families that created the library. “There were students from Menlo Atherton High School who came to build the shelving,” she said, noting, “We welcome all races — people who are interested in Chinese culture.” The foundation consists of three facets: play spaces, programs and the library.

Roberts lights up when she describes the mommy/baby programs that take place in the colorful, toy-filled section of the center. “They can come and have quality time here with their babies,” said Roberts, adding that it is a chance for bonding to occur between mother, child and other mothers.

Ivy Sun, who lives in Santa Clara, brings her 3-year-old daughter, Summer, to the center nearly every other week to participate in the Mandarin story times and other preschool programs.

“This is a place where I can feel safe. ... The children have fun and make as much noise as they want,” Sun said. Programs offered for school-aged children are usually taught in both English and Mandarin by experienced educators. They include a wide range of classes, from art workshops to calligraphy to cooking to mental math. Two multipurpose rooms are used for classes while parents sit outside in a shaded courtyard and socialize. “I love it when I see parents out here having their own party,” Roberts said.

The library holds contemporary books, many published in Taiwan, that are written specifically for elementary school children. Roberts said that there are books in both traditional and simplified

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Mandarin, as well as graphic novels for the older kids — and their parents. The goal is to provide the all-important advantage of language skills.

“These children will be biliterate so they can read in Chinese,” Roberts said. She pointed out that studies show it takes 13 years for a person to learn enough language skills to use them for a lifetime. “Language is a tool, but ultimately, it is about the culture and community they get to be within,” Roberts said. “First-generation parents were so busy trying to fit in, they lost their heritage and now want to get it back.”

Roberts said she believes the parent-child participation aspect really helps that process. The foundation operates on a membership basis, with families paying $50 a year to use the center and borrow books from the lending library. Roberts said there are currently 200 members, all of whom heard about the foundation through word of mouth.

Families as far away as San Jose and Hayward have become members. Jennifer Nguyen said she, her husband and two elementary age children make the 30-minute drive down the Peninsula from San Francisco to the Little Bookworm Library every weekend.

“Our family is quite Americanized, and we only speak English at home, so we did not have much opportunity to partake in cultural activities prior to the Joy Culture Foundation,” Nguyen said. Nguyen said her entire family uses the library: Her children participate in classes, such as calligraphy, while she and her husband look for books to take home and read together as a family.

“Ultimately, we want to help the community understand who we are,” Roberts said. “We are all different, but everyone is included.”

The Joy Culture Foundation/ Little Bookworm Library is located at 934 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

GET INVOLVED

To become a member of the Little Bookworm Library or sign up for classes, go to thejoyculturefoundation.org.

To support the nonprofit Joy Culture Foundation, find volunteer opportunities or make a donation go to thejoyculturefoundation.org/volunteer-donate.

If you are interested in getting involved in Chinese cultural events closer to home ... The Zhao Yu Cultural Foundation operates Books & Me Children’s Chinese Library at 4600 El Camino Real #203, Los Altos. The nonprofit is open Monday through Saturday and offers Chinese storytime and Cantonese, math, art and other cultural classes for children. For more information, go to booksandme.org.
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Parks and trails are open from 6 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset, unless otherwise indicated.

For more information: 650-903-6392 | bit.ly/MountainViewparks

### Del Medio Park
- **380 Del Medio Ave.**
  - 0.35 acres
  - Mini-park with a sand play area, picnic tables, walking trail

### Devonshire Park
- **62 Devonshire Ave.**
  - 0.65 acres
  - Play equipment, swings, arbor, picnic tables

### Dog Park
- **Northeast corner of Shoreline Boulevard & North Road**
  - 0.66 acres
  - Fenced areas for small and large dogs off-leash

### Eagle Park
- **650 Franklin St.**
  - 6 acres
  - Playground, swimming, picnic area, restrooms

### Heritage Park
- **771 N. Rengstorff Ave.**
  - 1.2 acres
  - Historic Immigrant House, 80-year-old windmill, native beehives, demonstration garden

### Hidden Villa Farm and Wilderness Preserve
- **26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills**
  - 1,600 acres/8 miles trails
  - Nonprofit organic farm and nature preserve; open 9 a.m. to dusk, Tuesday - Sunday. (Closed to the public for Summer Camp sessions.)
  - 650-949-8650 | hiddenvillafarm.org

### Amy Imai School Park*
- **253 Martens Ave.**
  - 5.1 acres
  - Playground, baseball, soccer

### Jackson Park
- **Jackson Street and Stierlin Road**
  - 0.84 acres
  - Playground, picnic area

### Klein Park
- **Ortega Avenue and California Street**
  - 1 acre
  - Basketball, playground, picnic area

### Landels Park*
- **Dana Street and Calderon Avenue**
  - 10 acres
  - Basketball, soccer, football, softball, volleyball, playground, picnic area, trail access

### Magnolia Park
- **Magnolia Lane and Whisman Station Drive**
  - 1.1 acres
  - Playground, picnic area, fountain

### Mariposa Park
- **305 Mariposa Ave.**
  - 0.6 acres
  - Playground, picnic area, water-sand play feature

### McCkelvey Park
- **Miramonte Avenue and Park Drive**
  - 0.6 acres
  - Baseball, softball, restrooms, Schaefar Park playground

### Mercy-Bush Park
- **513 Bush St.**
  - 0.6 acres
  - Mini-park with play and picnic areas

### Monta Loma Park*
- **460 Thompson Ave.**
  - 7 acres
  - Baseball, basketball, playground, picnic area, restrooms

### Pioneer Park
- **1146 Church St. (behind City Hall)**
  - 5 acres
  - Rolling lawns, oak trees, pathways, benches, rock garden

### Rancho San Antonio Preserve
- **22500 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos Hills**
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  - 650-691-1200 | openspace.org/preserves/rancho-san-antonio

### Rengstorff Park
- **201 S. Rengstorff Ave.**
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### Rex-Manor Park
- **Farley Street and Central Expressway**
  - 1 acre
  - Playground, picnic area

### San Veron Park
- **San Veron Avenue and Middlefield Road**
  - 2.08 acres
  - Basketball, volleyball, playground, picnic area

### Thaddeus Park
- **2395 Middlefield Road**
  - 0.68 acres
  - Playground, picnic area

### Sierra Vista Park
- **Sierra Vista Avenue & Plymouth Street**
  - 0.8 acres
  - Playground, picnic area

### Springer School Park*
- **1120 Rose Ave.**
  - 3.25 acres
  - Soccer, playground

### Stevens Creek Trail
- **Dale Avenue at Heatherstone Way**
  - Hiking, biking (Trail starts at Shoreline Park and runs along Highway 85.)
  - stevenscreektrail.org

## Additional Resources
- Visit bit.ly/MountainViewparks for more information.

Mountain View officials unveil the city’s newest public art installation, a mosaic seating area crafted by Bay Area artist Angelina Duckett, at Mora Park. Photo by Miles Breen.

**Schaefer Park**
- **914 Mountain View Ave.**
  - 2 acres
  - Mini-park, playground, walking path

**Shoreline at Mountain View Park**
- **2600 N. Shoreline Blvd.**
  - 750 acres
  - 50-acre sailing lake and center, 18-hole golf course, more than 10 miles of trails that link with Palo Alto and Sunnyvale, birdwatching, Michael’s at Shoreline and the Lakeside Cafe. (Aquatic Center rents sailboats and windsurf boards as well as paddle boats and kayaks.)
  - shorelinelake.com | mountainview.gov (search “shoreline”)

**Sierra Vista Park**
- **Sierra Vista Avenue & Plymouth Street**
  - 0.8 acres
  - Playground, picnic area

**Springer School Park**
- **1120 Rose Ave.**
  - 3.25 acres
  - Soccer, playground

**Stevens Creek Trail**
- **Dale Avenue at Heatherstone Way**
  - Hiking, biking (Trail starts at Shoreline Park and runs along Highway 85.)
  - stevenscreektrail.org

**Stevenson Park**
- **750 San Pierre Way**
  - 12 acres
  - Basketball, soccer, football, softball, tennis, playground, picnic area, restrooms

**Sylvan Park**
- **Sylvan Avenue and DeVoto Street**
  - 9 acres
  - Tennis, horseshoes, playground, barbecue and picnic area, restrooms

Mountain View officials unveil the city’s newest public art installation, a mosaic seating area crafted by Bay Area artist Angelina Duckett, at Mora Park. Photo by Miles Breen.

## For more information:
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- www.MV-Voice.com
- shorelinelake.com | mountainview.gov (search “shoreline”)

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Varsity Park
Duke Way and Jefferson Drive
• 0.45 acres
• Basketball, playground, picnic area

Whisman Park
Easy Street and Middlefield Road
• 12 acres
• Basketball, soccer, football, softball, tennis, volleyball, playground, barbecue and picnic area, restrooms, trail access

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Shoreline Aquatic Center at Shoreline Lake
• See Parks & Open Space

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• 650-941-6113 | losaltoshills.ca.gov/parks (search “Westwind Community Barn”)

MULTI-SPORT COMPLEXES

Whisman Sports Center
1500 Middlefield Road
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Graham Sports Complex*
1175 Castro St.
• Basketball, volleyball, sports fields

Rengstorff Park
• See Parks & Open Space

TENNIS

Cuesta Park
615 Cuesta Drive

Cooper Park
500 Chesley Ave.

Rengstorff Park
• See Parks & Open Space

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COVID-19, self-care and caregiver
Stanford Health Library
• bit.ly/COVIDDirectory

COVID-19 INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Mountain View COVID-19 Community Resources
• Links to general information, city services, rent assistance and resources for businesses, seniors, families and employment
• bit.ly/MVCOVIDInfo

One Degree
• Resource website helps users find free food, pantries, medical treatment, legal aid, emergency financial services and other critical resources in the Bay Area
• 1degree.org

California Department of Public Health
• COVID-19 health alerts, virus statistics, vaccine appointments, resources
cdph.ca.gov/covid19

COVID-19 Resource Directory (Santa Clara County Public Health)
• COVID-19 vaccination, testing, treatment; business and school inquiries
• bit.ly/COVIDDirectory

Stanford Health Library
• COVID-19, self-care and caregiver resources
• 650-725-8400 | healthlibrary.stanford.edu

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Domestic Violence Crisis Line (YWCA Silicon Valley)
375 S. Third St., San Jose
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Alzheimer’s Association
1060 La Avenida St.
• Information, support, referrals and education/training
• 24/7 helpline: 800-272-3900; office: 650-962-8111 | alz.org/norcal

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2335 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
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• 650-326-6686; toll free: 888-222-4401 | bcconnections.org

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463 College Ave., Palo Alto (Mail: P.O. Box 60448, Palo Alto, CA 94306)
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Breathe California of the Bay Area
1469 Park Ave., San Jose
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Pathways
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Swimming

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Rengstorff Park
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Social Services

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• 888-978-1306 | pathwayshealth.org
### HEALTH CLINICS AND HOSPITALS

- **Pacific Stroke Association**
  3801 Miranda Ave., Bldg. 6, A-162, Palo Alto
  - Monthly support groups for stroke survivors and caregivers
  - 650-565-8485 | pacificstrokeassociation.org

- **Planned Parenthood Mountain View Health Center**
  2500 California St., Mountain View
  - Family planning and health services
  - 650-948-0807 | bit.ly/PPMountainView

- **Rapid Response Network**
  1381 South First St., San Jose
  - A community defense project developed to protect immigrant families in Santa Clara County
  - 408-290-1144 (hotline to report ICE activity) | bit.ly/RapidResponseSCC

- **Stanford Blood Center**
  515 South Drive, Suite #20
  - Independent, community blood center with various donor centers and mobile drives set up throughout the region
  - 650-723-7831 | stanfordbloodcenter.org

- **Stanford Health Library**
  Various locations. Main Branch: Hoover Pavilion, 211 Quarry Road, Suite 201, Palo Alto
  - Provides scientifically based medical information to help people make informed decisions about their health and health care; services are free
  - Ask a Librarian: healthlibrary@stanfordhealthcare.org | healthlibrary.stanford.edu | 650-725-8400

### EL CAMINO HOSPITALS

- **El Camino Hospital**
  2500 Grant Road
  - Full-service, acute-care community hospital; serves Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, parts of Palo Alto and surrounding cities
  - 650-940-7000 | elcaminohospital.org

- **El Camino Hospital Maternal Connections**
  2485 Hospital Drive, ground floor
  - Lactation and breastfeeding support
  - 800-216-5556 | elcaminohospital.org/connections

- **El Camino Surgery Center**
  2480 Grant Road (El Camino Hospital, Willow Pavilion)
  - Ambulatory surgery center and outpatient health care center
  - 650-961-1200 | elcaminosurgery.com

- **Kaiser Permanente - Mountain View**
  555 Castro St.
  - Non-emergency medical services
  - 650-903-3000 | healthy.kaiserpermanente.org (search “Mountain View”)

- **Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford**
  725 Welch Road, Palo Alto
  - Devoted to the care of children and expectant mothers
  - 650-497-8000 | stanfordchildrens.org

- **MayView Community Health Center (member of the Ravenswood Family Health Network)**
  900 Miramonte Ave., 2nd floor
  - Primary medical care for low-income individuals
  - 650-327-8717 | mayview.org

- **Palo Alto Medical Foundation (Sutter Health)**
  701 E. El Camino Real
  - Primary care, urgent care (drop-in)
  - Urgent care: 650-934-7800 | sutterhealth.org/pamf

- **Stanford Health Care**
  300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford
  - Includes the Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford Hospital & Clinics, the Stanford University School of Medicine
  - 650-498-3333 | stanfordhealthcare.org

- **Stanford Medicine Children’s Health**
  1174 Castro St., Suite 250
  - Medical services for young adults ages 12-21
  - 650-723-5511 | stanfordchildrens.org

- **Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System**
  3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto, and multiple campuses
  - General medical, surgical and psychiatric care for veterans
  - 650-493-5000 | paloalto.va.gov

- **HOUSING**

- **Project Sentinel**
  1490 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
  - Fair-housing investigation, counseling, education, COVID-19 rent relief and community mediation
  - 408-720-9888 | housing.org

- **MEDIATION**

- **Mountain View Mediation Program (Project Sentinel)**
  1490 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
  - Advice, conciliation and mediation services to help resolve work, rental and other disputes
  - 650-282-2514 | housing.org

- **SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

- **Ability Path**
  350 Twin Dolphin, Suite 123, Redwood City
  - Support services for children and adults with special needs and developmental disabilities
  - 650-259-8500 | abilitypath.org

- **Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**
  2500 El Camino Real #100, Palo Alto
  - Rehabilitation program and other services for clients with severe sight loss
  - 650-858-0202 | vistacenter.org

- **VTA Access Paratransit**
  331 First St., San Jose
  - Transportation for individuals who have a disability that prevents them from using public transportation (bus, light rail)

- **SOCIAL SERVICES**

- **Child Abuse Reporting (Santa Clara County Child Protective Services)**
  - 833-722-5437 (24 hours a day, seven days a week)
  - 911 (emergency)

- **Community Services Agency**
  204 Sterlin Road
  - Safety-net services for low-income, homeless and seniors in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills
  - 650-968-0836 | csacares.org

- **Day Worker Center of Mountain View**
  113 Escuela Ave.
  - Connects employees and employers; provides ESL, job readiness and other classes and access to social services
  - 650-903-4102 | dayworkercentermv.org

- **Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties**
  4001 N. First St. and 750 Curtner Ave., San Jose
  - Partners with hundreds of nonprofit agencies to provide food at more than 770 sites, including pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and after-school programs
  - Food connection hotline: 800-984-3663; San Jose centers: 408-266-8866 | shfb.org

- **Social Services Agency — North County District**
  1330 W. Middlefield Road
  - Adult and child welfare services
  - 408-278-2400 | sccgov.org (search “social services agency”)

- **Veterans Emergency Social Work Fund**
  3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto
  - 650-493-5000 | paloalto.va.gov

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A volunteer empties a bag of bell peppers into a crate during a weekly food distribution event at Community Services Agency in Mountain View in December 2021. The nonprofit provides safety-net services for seniors and low-income individuals in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Photo by Megali Guathier.
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**SENIORS**

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**COVID-19 INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

**California Department of Aging**
- Through the California Department of Aging, seniors can access information on how to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 vaccines and find assistance, support and other COVID-19-related resources.
- Vaccine Information Line: 833-422-4255 (4CA4ALL) | aging.ca.gov/covid19

**RESOURCES**

**Avenidas Care Partners**
- Information and Assistance telephone line
  - Free service that seniors can call for information, resources, support or just a friendly voice.
  - 650-289-5433

**Horizon Networks**
- A free online service that connects seniors to high school volunteers for one-on-one online video chats. The program also connects seniors to activities such as interactive yoga, meditation sessions and music performances.
- thehorizonnetwork.org

**DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICES**

**Avenidas**
- Through its Door-to-Door program, the nonprofit senior services agency Avenidas provides free home delivery of essential items, such as groceries, toiletries and prescriptions; check-in phone calls.
- 650-289-5411 | avenidas.org

**MEALS**

**Meal delivery**
- Delivers meals to those in need in Santa Clara County
  - 408-350-3200 | mysourcewise.com/meals

**Hot lunches**
- **Senior Nutrition Program, 266 Escuela Ave. (Mountain View Senior Center)**
  - Subsidized, hot lunches five days a week for seniors over age 60
  - 650-968-0836 | csacares.org

**SENIOR CENTERS**

**Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center**
- 270 Escuela Ave.
  - Adult daycare and healthcare for less-independent older adults
  - 650-289-5499 | avenidas.org

**Mountain View Senior Center**
- 266 Escuela Ave.
  - Programs and services for adults 55 and older
  - 650-903-6330 | mountainview.gov (search “Senior Center”)

**RESOURCES**

**Avenidas Village**
- 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto
  - A membership program that provides 24/7 concierge support, transportation assistance, cultural outings and more
  - 650-289-5405 | avenidas.org/village-overview

**Community Services Agency**
- 204 Sterling Ave.
  - Nutrition, senior case management, utilities assistance
  - See “Social Services” listing in Resources section of Info Guide

**Institute on Aging Peninsula**
- 881 Fremont Ave., Suite A2, Los Altos
  - Licensed home health agency offering home care, personal care assistance, care management and consultation; offers specialized dementia care.
  - 650-424-1411 | ioaging.org

**Seniors At Home**
- Koret Family Resource Center, 200 Channing Ave., Palo Alto
  - Comprehensive services to help seniors live more independent lives in their own homes.
  - 650-931-1860 | SeniorsAtHome.org

**Tele-care**
- Free program for older adults who live alone
- Volunteers from El Camino Hospital; fees charged.
  - 408-350-3200 | mysourcewise.com

**Transportation**

**Avenidas Door to Door**
- Rides by volunteers/Lyft drivers to and from appointments in private cars within a 12-mile radius; pickup service from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; advance reservations required; fees charged.
- Reservations: 650-289-5411 | avenidas.org/programs/door-to-door

**VTA Access Paratransit**
- 3331 First St., San Jose
  - Transportation for individuals who have a disability that prevents them from using public transportation (bus, light rail).

**RoadRunners Transportation Service**
- 2500 Grant Road
  - Transportation for medical-related, and personal appointments, including COVID-19 vaccine appointments, within 10 miles of El Camino Hospital; pickup services Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; clients need not be affiliated with El Camino Hospital; fees charged; advance reservations required.
  - 650-940-7016 | elcaminohospital.org (search “RoadRunners”)

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**Dinners at Home**
- Volunteer-prepared meals delivered to home
- 650-940-7016 | elcaminohospital.org

**Elder Telephone Call Program**
- Call-in program that allows seniors to pre-arrange time to check on their phone calls.
- Auxiliary call participants daily at a pre-arranged time to check on their well-being.
- 650-988-7558 | 24-hour line: 800-216-5556 | elcaminohospital.org

**Meal delivery**
- Delivers meals to those in need in Santa Clara County.
- 408-350-3200 | mysourcewise.com/meals

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**Yoga instructor Lily Anne Hillis, 85, left, guides Ann Cripps, 64, right, during a balance-strengthening session at Moldaw Senior Residences. Photo by Marvin Fong.**
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PUBLIC K-12

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**MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (GRADES K-8)**

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**
1400 Monteceo Ave. | 650-526-3500
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All schools located in Mountain View unless otherwise noted.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
The Mountain View Whisman School District’s five-member board meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of most months at the District Office. Meetings are currently conducted via Zoom. The board sets direction for the district, approves the annual budget, hires the superintendent and makes other policy decisions.

For more information, go to mvwsd.org/about/board_of_trustees.

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505 Escuela Ave.
• 650-526-3575 | mistral.mvwsd.org

Monta Loma Elementary
460 Thompson Ave.
• 650-903-6915 | montaloma.mvwsd.org

Stevenson Elementary (PACT choice program)
750-B San Pierre Way
• 650-903-6950 | stevenson.mvwsd.org

Theuerkauf Elementary
1625 San Luis Ave.
• 650-903-6925 | theuerkauf.mvwsd.org

Crittenden Middle
1701 Rock St.
• 650-903-6945 | crittenden.mvwsd.org

Graham Middle
1175 Castro St.
• 650-526-3570 | graham.mvwsd.org

**MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM (K-8)**

Crittenden Middle
1701 Rock St., #101
• 650-567-9757 | homeschool@mvwsd.org

**LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT (GRADES K-8)**

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**
201 Covington Road, Los Altos
650-947-1150 | lasdschools.org
Superintendent Sandra McGonagle: SMcGonagle@lasdschools.org

All schools located in Los Altos unless otherwise noted.

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Almond Elementary
550 Almond Ave.
• 650-917-5400 | almondschool.org

Covington Elementary
205 Covington Road
• 650-947-1100 | covingtonschool.org

Oaks Middle
North campus (K-5): 102 W. Portola Ave.
South campus (K-8): 1 124 Covington Road
Bullis Charter
South campus (K-8): 1124 Covington Road #3005
North campus (K-5): 102 W. Portola Ave. #1210
• 650-947-4100 | bullischarter.org

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (GRADES 9-12)**

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**
1299 Bryant Ave.
• 650-940-4600 | mvla.net
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Covington Elementary
205 Covington Road
• 650-947-1100 | covingtonschool.org

Gardner Bullis
25890 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills
• 650-559-3200 | gardnerbullis.org

Loyola Elementary
770 Berry Ave.
• 650-254-2400 | loylaschool.org

Oak Avenue
1501 Oak Ave.
• 650-237-3900 | oakschool.org

Santa Rita Elementary
700 Los Altos Ave.
• 650-559-1600 | santaritaschool.org

Springer Elementary
1120 Covington Road
• 650-934-3800 | flachschool.org

Egan Junior High
100 W. Portola Ave.
• 650-917-2200 | eganschool.org

**Boards of Education**
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1325 Bryant Ave.
• 650-961-2433 | avhs.mvla.net

Los Altos High
201 Almond Ave., Los Altos
• 650-960-8811 | lahs.mvla.net

Middle College Program
12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills
• Alternative program at Foothill College
• 650-949-7168 | foothillmiddlecollege.org | middlecollege@foothill.edu

Mountain View High
3535 Truman Ave.
• 650-940-4600 | mvhs.mvla.net

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CHILD CARE, PRESCHOOLS, AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

All schools located in Mountain View unless otherwise noted.

**Action Day Primary Plus**
333 Eunice Ave.
- Exploration, discovery, semi-structured activities
- Infant care to 5 yrs
- 650-967-3780 | actiondayprimaryplus.com

**Ames Child Care Center**
270 R T Jones Road
- Play based
- 6 wks to K
- 650-604-5100 | ameschildcare.org

**Champions at Covington Elementary**
201 Covington Road, Los Altos
- Before and after-school homework support; activities promoting character, literacy, science, fitness
- Grades 1-6
- 650-559-7900 | discoverchampions.com

**Champions at Santa Rita Elementary**
700 Los Altos Ave., Los Altos
- Before and after-school homework support; activities promoting character, literacy, science, fitness
- 6 wks to K
- 650-917-9300 | discoverchampions.com

**Children’s House of Los Altos**
770 Berry Ave., Los Altos
- Preschool: Open-ended activities, structured group time
- Preschool: 2-5 yrs; After school: K-6
- 650-968-9052 | emeducation.com

**Children’s House of Los Altos - Gardner Bullis**
25890 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills
- Foreign language experiences
- 2-4 yrs, plus TK
- 650-941-1277 | emeducation.com

**Children’s Learning Cottage**
675 Escuela Ave.
- Indoor/outdoor play, language, math, science/cooking and arts
- 2-5.5 yrs
- 650-564-9906 | clcottage.com

**German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV)**
310 Easy St.
- German/English bilingual educational programs
- Preschool: 2-5 yrs; After school: K-12
- 650-254-0748 ext. 300 | gissv.org

**Hobbledehoy Montessori Preschool**
2321 Jane Lane
- Montessori program with music and dramatic play, reading and writing readiness
- 2-5 yrs
- 650-968-1155 | hobbledehoy.org

**Kiddie Academy**
205 E. Middlefield Road
- Phonics, math, science, language, art, music and social development
- 6 wks to 12 yrs
- 650-960-6900 | kiddieacademy.com/mountainview

**Little Acorn School**
1667 Miramonte Ave.
- Play based, Christian
- 1-6 yrs
- 650-964-8445 | littleacorn.org

**Mountain View KinderCare**
2065 W. El Camino Real
- Play based
- 6 wks-5 yrs
- 650-967-4430 | kindercare.com

**Mountain View Parent Nursery School**
1535 Oak Ave., Los Altos
- Parent participation school
- Toddlers-5 yrs
- 408-883-5437 | mvpns.org

Sarah, left, watches her friend Morgan soar high on her swing as Howard Shim, a parent of a student at Mountain View Parent Nursery School, walks over to give her a push. Photo by Magali Gauthier.

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Our program empowers each student to know themselves, find and exercise their voice, seek to understand multiple perspectives and take meaningful action. These are achieved through:

- Personal learning
- Innovative hands-on projects
- Community connections
- Social Emotional Learning

Cubberley Community Center
400 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
www.imagination-school.org | (650) 460-8940
Mountain View Whisman School District Preschool Program
1850 Latham St.
- Developmentally based curriculum
- 3-5 yrs
- 650-526-3560 | mwvwsd.org

Palo Alto Academy Bilingual Montessori
4232 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
- Mandarin/English Montessori
- 2-6 yrs
- 650-739-0137 | pabilingualmontessori.com

St. Paul Lutheran CDC
1075 El Monte Ave.
- Montessori, Christian
- 2.5-6 yrs
- 650-969-2696 | st-paul.org/cdc

St. Simon Catholic Church
Extended Day Care Center and Preschool
1840 Grant Road, Los Altos
- Whole child, faith based
- Preschool/pre-kindergarten: 2.5-5 yrs.; Extended: K-8
- 650-880-1403 | school.stsimon.org

St. Timothy’s Preschool
2094 Grant Road
- Play based
- 2-4 yrs
- 650-967-4724 | sttims.org/preschool

Ventana School
1040 Border Road, Los Altos
- Reggio-inspired Episcopal school
- 2 yrs to 5th grade
- 650-948-2121 | ventanaschool.org

YMCA Kids’ Place at Almond Elementary
550 Almond Ave., Los Altos
- After-school activities
- 408-351-6482 | ymcasv.org

Right at School, Castro Elementary
505 Escuela Ave.
- Before- and after-school programs
- 650-407-0531 | rightatschool.com

Right at School, Amy Imai Elementary
253 Martens Ave.
- Before- and after-school programs
- rightatschool.com

Right at School, Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary
220 N. Whisman Road
- Before- and after-school programs
- rightatschool.com

Right at School, Landels Elementary
115 W. Dana St.
- Before- and after-school programs
- rightatschool.com

Right at School, Stevenson Elementary
740 San Pierre Way
- Before- and after-school programs
- rightatschool.com

Right at School, Theuerkauf Elementary
1625 San Luis Ave.
- Before- and after-school programs
- rightatschool.com

YMCA Kid’s Place, Oak Elementary
1501 Oak Ave.
- Before- and after-school programs
- 408-351-6482 | ymcasv.org

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admissions@woodland-school.org

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MentorTutorConnection.org

TUTORS
work with K - 8 students one or more hours per week on campus or remote during school hours (8-4)

MENTORS
work with high school students meeting at variable times and places 2 - 4 times per month

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS:
PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO HIGH SCHOOL

All schools located in Mountain View unless otherwise noted.

Canterbury Christian School
101 N. El Monte Ave., Los Altos
• Classical Christian school
• canterbury.school

Castilleja School
1310 Bryant St., Palo Alto
• Girls, college prep
• castilleja.org

German International School of Silicon Valley (GISSV)
310 Easy St.
• German/English
• gissv.org

Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School
450 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto
• Coed, college prep, Jewish
• hausner.com

The Girls’ Middle School
3400 W. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto
• Girls
• girlsms.org

Helios New School
597 Central Ave., Sunnyvale
• Gifted
• heliosschool.org

Imagination Lab School
4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
• Interdisciplinary, coed
• imagination-school.org

Silicon Valley International School
(Formally International School of the Peninsula before merging with Alto International School in 2021)
475 Pope St., Menlo Park (middle-high school); 151 Laura Lane, Palo Alto (K-5)
• French, Chinese and German language programs from preschool-grade 12
• siliconvalleyinternational.org

Kehillah Jewish High School
3900 Fabian Way, Palo Alto
• Coed, college prep, Jewish
• kehillah.org

The King’s Academy
562 N. Britton Ave., Sunnyvale
• Coed, college prep, Christian
• tka.org

Los Altos Christian Schools
625 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos
• Coed, Christian
• lacs.com

Meira Academy
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto
• Jewish, girls
• meiraacademy.org

Miramonte Christian School
1175 Altamead Drive, Los Altos
• Seventh-day Adventist Christian
• miramonteschool.org

Mountain View Academy
360 S. Shoreline Blvd.
• Coed, college prep, Christian/Seventh-day Adventist
• mtnviewacademy.org

Palo Alto Prep School
2462 Wyandotte St.
• Coed, college prep
• paloaltoprep.com

Pinewood School
Lower campus (K-2): 477 Fremont Ave., Los Altos; Middle campus (3-6): 327 Fremont Ave., Los Altos; Upper campus (7-12): 26800 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills
• Academics, arts, moral values
• pinewood.edu

St. Joseph Catholic School
1120 Miramonte Ave.
• Catholic
• sjmv.org

St. Nicholas Elementary School
12816 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills
• Coed, Catholic
• sntnicholaslah.com

St. Simon Parish School
1840 Grant Road, Los Altos
• Coed, Catholic
• stsimon.org

St. Francis High School
1885 Miramonte Ave.
• Coed, college prep, Catholic/Holy Cross
• sfhs.com

St. Stephen Lutheran School
320 Moorpark Way
• Coed, Christian based
• ssls.org

Ventana School
1040 Border Road, Los Altos
• Progressive, Reggio-inspired Episcopal
• ventanaschool.org

Waldorf School of the Peninsula
11311 Mora Drive, Los Altos; 180 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View
• Developmentally based experiential curriculum
• waldorfpeninsula.org

Yew Chung International School of Silicon Valley
310 Easy St.
• Mandarin/English immersion
• ycis-sv.com

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**Cañada College**  
4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City  
- canadacollege.edu

**Carnegie Mellon University Silicon Valley Campus**  
NASA Research Park, Bldg. 23, Moffett Field  
- sv.cmu.edu

**De Anza College**  
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino  
- deanza.edu

**Foothill College**  
12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills; 1070 Innovation Way, Sunnyvale  
- foothill.edu

**Menlo College**  
1000 El Camino Real, Atherton  
- menlo.edu

**Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education**  
333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View  
- as.mvla.net

**Palo Alto Adult School**  
50 Embarcadero Road, Room 8, Palo Alto  
- paadultschool.org

**Palo Alto University**  
1791 Arastadero Road, Palo Alto  
- paloaltou.edu

**Sofía University**  
1069 E. Meadow Circle, Palo Alto  
- sofa.edu

**Stanford Continuing Studies**  
365 Lasuen St., Stanford  
- continuingstudies.stanford.edu

**Stanford University**  
450 Serra Mall, Stanford  
- stanford.edu

**UC Berkeley Extension**  
1301 Shoreway Road, Suite 400, Belmont  
- extension.berkeley.edu

**UCSC Silicon Valley Extension**  
3175 Bowers Ave., Santa Clara  
- ucsc-extension.edu

### LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

**All school located in Mountain View unless otherwise noted.**

**Bay Area Arabic School**  
310 Easy St., German International School of Silicon Valley  
- Arabic language and Islamic studies for children  
- baaschool.org

**Kumon Math and Reading Center**  
1253 W. El Camino Real; 1780 Miramonte Ave.  
- After-school program for reading and math skills  
- 408-222-1500; 650-966-6600 | kumon.com

**Nine Fruits Bilingual School**  
2484 Old Middlefield Way  
- ninefruits.org

**Stanford Chinese School**  
780 Arastadero Road, Palo Alto  
- Mandarin classes; ages 6+  
- mychineseschool.com

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Students in a microbiology class conduct experiments at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. Photo by Magali Gauthier.
THE ARTS

Facilities located in Mountain View unless otherwise noted.

LITERARY ARTS

Books Inc.
317 Castro St.
- Book launches, author lecture series
- booksinc.net

East West Bookshop
324 Castro St.
- New Age/metaphysical books, author events
- eastwestbooks.org

Kepler’s Literary Foundation
1010 El Camino Real #100, Menlo Park
- Conversations, classes and seminars
- keplers.org

Mountain View Library
585 Franklin St.
- Author events
- bit.ly/MVVirtualLibrary

GALLERIES

Gallery 9
143 Main St., Los Altos
- Monthly exhibitions of member artists
- gallery9losaltos.com

Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center
230 San Antonio Circle
- Artwork by local and international artists
- arts4all.org

Viewpoints Gallery
315 State St., Los Altos
- Fine art by local artists
- viewpointsgallery.com

MOVIE THEATERS

Century Cinema 16
1500 N. Shoreline Blvd.
- bit.ly/Century16

ShowPlace ICON Mountain View
2575 California St. #90
- showplaceicon.com

Stanford Theatre
221 University Ave., Palo Alto
- stanfordtheatre.org

MUSEUMS

Computer History Museum
1401 N. Shoreline Blvd.
- Large international collection of computing artifacts
- computerhistory.org

Los Altos History Museum
51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos
- Permanent/exchanging exhibits, J. Gilbert Smith History House
- losaltoshistory.org

Moffett Field Historical Society Museum
Bldg. 126, Severnys Ave., Moffett Field
- Aircraft displays, artifacts from post-1930
- MoffettFieldMuseum.org

Museum of American Heritage
351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto
- Permanent and rotating exhibits emphasize invention and technology from 1750-1950
- moah.org

Rengstorff House
3070 N. Shoreline Blvd.
- Artifacts and images of 19th-century life
- bit.ly/RengstorffHouse

PERFORMING ARTS

Foothill Music Theatre
Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills
- Produces classic to contemporary musicals
- foothill.edu/theatre

Los Altos Stage Company
Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos
- Neighborhood playhouse focused on American theater
- losaltostage.org

The Pear Theatre
1110 La Avenida St.
- Hosts full plays, plus an annual short-works festival, “Pear Slices,” created by members of its playwrights’ guild
- thepear.org

Peninsula Youth Theatre
2500 Old Middlefield Way
- Award-winning youth theater company
- pyt.net

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley
Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts (500 Castro St.) and Lucie Stern Theatre (1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto)
- Tony Award-winning theater troupe
- theatreworks.org

Shoreline Amphitheatre
1 Amphitheatre Parkway
- Large outdoor venue hosting classical and contemporary performances and music events
- mountainviewamphitheater.com

Schultz Cultural Arts Hall
Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto
- Hosts music, theater, comedy and speaker events
- paloaltojcc.org

Tateuchi Hall, Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center
230 San Antonio Circle
- Concert hall hosting a variety of music events
- arts4all.org

STANFORD ARTS DISTRICT

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Anderson Collection at Stanford University
314 Lomita Drive
- Modern American paintings and sculptures
- anderson.stanford.edu

Bing Concert Hall
327 Lassen St.
- Music, dance, theater performances
- live.stanford.edu (search “Bing”)

Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University
328 Lomita Drive
- 24 art galleries, Rodin Sculpture Garden
- museum.stanford.edu

Dinkelspiel Auditorium
471 Lagunita Drive
- Used by Stanford’s Department of Music
- music.stanford.edu (listed under: Venues - Dinkelspiel)

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Meetings are held at City Hall, 500 Castro St., unless otherwise noted. Check city website for updated status on in-person meetings or how to access virtual meetings.

CITY COUNCIL
City Hall
500 Castro St. | 650-903-6300
mountainview.gov

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Mayor
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650-903-6304 | lucas.ramirez@mountainview.gov

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alison.hicks@mountainview.gov

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Pat Showalter
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Council-appointed officers
City Attorney Jennifer Logue, 650-903-6303

City Clerk Heather Glaser, 650-903-6304

City Manager Kimbra McCarthy, 650-903-6301

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Assistant City Manager
Audrey Seymour Ramberg, 650-903-6610

Community Development Director
Aarti Shirvastava, 650-903-6456

Community Services Director
John Marchant, 650-903-6074

Finance and Administrative Services Director
Jesse Takahashi, 650-903-6006

Fire Chief
Juan Diaz, 650-903-6365

Chief Information Officer
Roger Jensen, 650-903-6027

Library Services Director
Tracy Gray, 650-903-6866

Officer Evan Crowl and family friend McKenzie give a thumbs up to the camera during the annual National Night Out event held in downtown Mountain View on Aug. 2 to foster neighborhood camaraderie. Photo by Malea Martin.

Police Chief Chris Hisung, 650-903-6478
Public Works Director Dawn Cameron, 650-903-6311

Boards, commissions and committees
Meetings are held at City Hall, 500 Castro St., unless otherwise noted. Check city website for updated status on in-person meetings or how to access virtual meetings.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory
Meets monthly except May, July and December, last Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room. Staff liaison: Brandon Whyte, 650-903-6311 | bpc@mountainview.gov

Downtown
Meets as needed, on a Tuesday, 8 a.m., Plaza Conference Room. Staff liaisons: John Lang and Tiffany Chew, 650-903-6306 | dc@mountainview.gov

Environmental Planning
Meets first and third Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, second floor. Staff liaison: Eric Anderson, 650-903-6306 | epc@mountainview.gov

Human Relations
Meets first Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room. Staff liaison: Laurel James, 650-903-6301 | hrc@mountainview.gov

Library Board
Meets third Monday, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, 585 Franklin St. Staff liaison: Tracy Gray, 650-903-6866 | lb@mountainview.gov

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
330 Distel Circle, Los Altos
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CIVIC AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Services and programs may vary due to COVID-19 reopening policies.

1 Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center
270 Escuela Ave. Adult day care and adult day health care for the less-independent older adult. Transportation, therapies, group exercises, recreation and lunch. Sliding-scale fee.

- 650-289-5499 | avenidas.org/care

2 Community Services Agency
204 Stierlin Road. Safety-net services for low-income persons: emergency rent and utility assistance, food, homeless services, senior case management and senior lunch.

- 650-968-0836 | csacares.org

3 City Hall
500 Castro St. Headquarters for city departments, services and meetings.

- 650-903-6337 | mountainview.gov

4 Day Worker Center of Mountain View
113 Escuela Ave. Connects skilled workers to employers in need of yard, construction, house or event labor. Offers ESL and other education, access to social services.

- 650-903-4102 | dayworkercentermv.org

5 Mountain View Public Library
585 Franklin St. Books, audio, videos, digital collection, mobile service, events, homework help, Internet access.

- 650-903-6337 | bit.ly/MVLibraryInfo

6 Mountain View Senior Center
266 Escuela Ave. Programs and services for adults 55 and older, including classes, referrals and social services, activities, a community garden and lunch.

- 650-903-6330 | mountainview.gov, search for “Senior Center”

7 Police Department
1000 Villa St. Crime prevention, reduction and intervention. Also offers crime statistics, ride-alongs, department tours, permit and license information.

- 650-903-6395 | bit.ly/MVPDInfo

8 Post Office (Main)
211 Hope St. Retail, passport photo, P.O. boxes, self-service kiosk.

- 650-960-6851 | usps.com

9 Recycling Center
935 Terra Bella Ave. Buy-back and recycling drop-off center; The Buy-Back Center for the redemption of CRV containers is open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

- 650-967-3034 (general/Buy-back appointments); bit.ly/MVrecyclingcenter

10 Social Services Agency

- 408-278-2400 | bit.ly/SocialServicesAgency

11 The View Teen Center
263 Escuela Ave. The View offers programs for grades 6-12, including recreational and educational classes, special events, resources and drop-in activities.

- 650-903-6333 | bit.ly/MVTeenCenter

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Mountain View is made up of 25 neighborhoods contained within 12.2 square miles. Here’s a glimpse of each area’s distinctive features and contact information for its neighborhood associations. Neighborhood data from Weichart, Nextdoor.com and the city’s Mountain View Neighborhood Associations & Groups list.

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<th>Neighborhood</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Homeowners</th>
<th>Average Age</th>
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<td>Blossom Valley</td>
<td>Mostly single-story 1950s-era ranch homes built on former orchards</td>
<td>78%</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>Castro City</td>
<td>Quiet, six-square-block enclave located across the street from Rengstorff Park</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>Cuernavaca</td>
<td>170 Spanish-style homes that rest on 30 acres of land</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>Cuesta Park</td>
<td>Tree-lined streets with predominantly one-story ranch homes on similar lot sizes</td>
<td>58%</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Dutch Haven</td>
<td>Near YWCA, Stevens Creek Trail, shopping</td>
<td>86%</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td>Eastern Varsity Park</td>
<td>Mix of modernist remodels clustered around Varsity Park</td>
<td>89%</td>
<td>56</td>
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<td>Gemello</td>
<td>Traditional and classic neighborhood with mostly 1950s-era homes on former winery land</td>
<td>49%</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>Jackson Park</td>
<td>Eclectic mix of old and new homes surrounded by city parks</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Martens-Carmelita</td>
<td>Mix of original and remodeled homes with wide verandas and modern profiles built between the 1930s and 1950s</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>51</td>
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<td>Moffett Boulevard</td>
<td>Mix of condos and single-family homes; easy access to Caltrain, light rail, Highways 85 and 101</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Monta Loma</td>
<td>Near Palo Alto border; predominantly homes built by Mid-century design</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>North Whisman</td>
<td>Area nestled between Google and Symantec</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>34</td>
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<td>Old Mountain View</td>
<td>Diverse neighborhood in the heart of downtown</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>47</td>
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<td>Rex Manor</td>
<td>Diverse area located near downtown shopping and entertainment</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td>St. Francis Acres</td>
<td>Mix of original and remodeled California ranch-style homes near Los Altos border</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>San Antonio</td>
<td>Diverse neighborhood nestled next to the San Antonio Caltrain station</td>
<td>46%</td>
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Developed in the 1950s, St. Francis Acres is a mix of original and remodeled California ranch-style homes near the Los Altos border. File photo.
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**Springer Meadows**  
Subset of Blossom Valley with ranch-style homes  
- Homeowners: n/a | Average age: n/a

**Stierlin Estates**  
Tract development with mostly one-story, 1960s-era homes  
- Homeowners: 58% | Average age: 49

**Sylvan Park**  
Mix of single-family homes, mobile-home parks, apartments and duplexes near downtown  
- Homeowners: 47% | Average age: 42

**Wagon Wheel**  
Named after a local watering hole back in the day whose patrons were engineers from Fairchild Semiconductor, Intel and National Semiconductor  
- Homeowners: 55% | Average age: 38

**Waverly Park**  
Developed in the 1960s on former apricot and prune orchards  
- Homeowners: 84% | Average age: 45

Mountain View resident Joyce Cavanaugh walks to her garden with her dog, Diamond, at the Willowgate Community Gardens. Photo by Magali Gauthier.

**Whisman Station**  
Planned community with single-family homes, condos and townhomes that opened in 1997  
- Homeowners: 45% | Average age: 32  
Whisman Station HOA: whismanstationhoa.connectresident.com

**Willowgate**  
Subdivision of five houses; close to downtown amenities, Stevens Creek Trail  
- Homeowners: n/a | Average age: n/a
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