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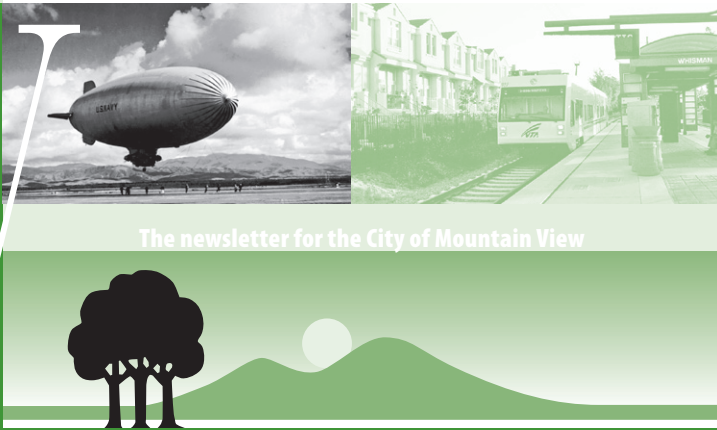
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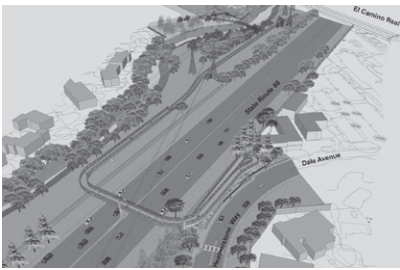
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STEVENS CREEK TRAIL

The City Council has awarded a \$4.1 million contract for the construction of the Stevens Creek Trail extension from the Sleeper Avenue neighborhood access point over Highway 85 to a landing area at the intersection of Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way. A groundbreaking will take place in March.



State and regional grants totaling more than \$1.7 million will finance a large share of the construction cost, including an \$800,000 River Parkways grant from the California Natural Resources Agency. The City is one of thirty-one agencies out of 125 applicants statewide to receive this State park grant.

The completion of this extension will open the trail to the residential neighborhood east of Highway 85 and bring the trail closer to the City limit. The new neighborhood access point is expected to increase the number of pedestrians and bicyclists using the primary segment of Stevens Creek Trail between Sleeper Avenue and the San Francisco Bay.

Construction will take approximately one year to complete. For additional information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

GENERAL PLAN

This December, the City Council endorsed the strategy to update the City's General Plan, a document that will be used to guide future development in Mountain View. As part of the strategy, the City held a series of community meetings with residents, community members, and representatives from the City to help gather community ideas.

The General Plan strategy sets forth the land uses and draft policies that will be studied within the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR process will begin in 2011, along with the drafting of the General Plan chapters covering topics such as land use, parks and open space, and infrastructure.

The Environmental Planning Commission will continue to review General Plan materials as they are developed. The Draft General Plan and EIR are expected to be released in Summer 2011 for formal public review and comment.

For further information, please visit www.mountainview2030.com or contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



CITY BUDGET UPDATE

As is the case with all levels of government throughout the country, the City has needed to actively respond to the ongoing impacts of the "Great Recession" of the last three years. Over these difficult years, revenues to the City's General Operating Fund (GOF) have been negatively impacted. This fund provides most City services and is very dependent on the performance of the overall economy. With the significant economic challenges of this time, key City revenues, including sales tax and property taxes, have decreased. At the same time City expenditures were expected to grow. The City has been required to take decisive actions over the last two budget years in order to keep Mountain View fiscally stable during this downturn. Unfortunately, this challenging trend continues into the Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget.

Two years ago as the City prepared the FY 2009-10 budget, Mountain View faced a projected \$6.0M General Operating Fund budget deficit. Through aggressive efforts including the reduction of positions and assistance from employee organizations to contain compensation cost growth, the projected deficit was reduced to approximately \$1.6M. Aggressive cost management during the FY 2009-10 resulted in the City under spending the budget, and the City ended the fiscal year with revenues slightly exceeding actual expenditures. For FY 2010-11 the City faced a substantial challenge with a total projected structural deficit of \$4.6M. The City developed a "multi-prong" proactive budget management strategy and implemented many additional organizational efficiencies, revenue enhancements (mainly fees for services), and compensation cost growth containment and expenditure reductions (including staff positions), which resulted in the projected deficit being eliminated for FY 2010-11. However, while the budget was balanced, it was done with a very slim margin with projected revenues exceeding projected expenditures by less than 1/2 of 1% of the GOF budget.

As the City assesses the current fiscal year and the FY 2011-12 budget, GOF revenue growth is not matching projections due to the slow rate of economic recovery. While some revenue categories are performing better than estimated in the FY 2010-11 budget, property taxes are performing below expectations due to lower than estimated assessed values. In addition, City investment earnings are not meeting expectations due to continuing depressed interest rates. Given these challenges additional corrective actions will be needed. An anticipated gap of approximately \$2.1M is forecast for FY 2011-12 and a strategy will be developed to ensure a structurally balanced budget.

The City is currently developing options for addressing this challenge while minimizing impacts to services. The City Manager will present a balanced budget framework for the upcoming fiscal year to the City Council on March 8 with anticipated budget hearings in May and adoption in June. For further information on the City budget, please contact the City Manager's Office at (605) 903-6301. (Also see sidebar on this page for ways to stay informed.)

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Join us
Saturday, April 23
for the **33rd Annual Downtown
Parade, Castro Street, at 12:00
noon. Rain or shine!**

Check out the
**Community Calendar of
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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Do not miss these annual community events this Spring:

- Arbor Day Celebration – March 12
- Downtown Parade – April 23
- Community Yard Sale – May 14
- Rengstorff House Anniversary Celebration – May 22
- Library Family Picnic – June 9
- July 4 Celebration at Shoreline – July 4

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Kevin Duggan, the longest serving City Manager in the history of Mountain View, has announced his retirement effective April 2, 2011. Mr. Duggan, who was appointed City Manager in July of 1990, joined Mountain View after having served the City of Campbell in several capacities over 18 years, the last six as its City Manager. His selection as Mountain View's City Manager allowed him to "return home" since he had lived in the community while attending high school and college, and began his public service career as a Student Intern in the Mountain View City Manager's Office in June of 1971.

Mr. Duggan served as President of the City Manager's Division of the League of California Cities for 2009, President of Cal-ICMA from 2003 to 2005 (the California chapter of the International City/County Management Association), and Chair of the Santa Clara County City Manager's Association. Kevin Duggan is a credentialed city manager through the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). He is also a volunteer ethics trainer for that organization. Additionally, he received gubernatorial appointments and
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WAYS TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE CITY'S BUDGET:

- Sign-up for budget updates by E-mail by sending an E-mail to citybudgetinfo@mountainview.gov.
- Subscribe to budget E-mail notifications on-line on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov.
- Sign-up with your E-mail to the new on-line service "Ask Mountain View" and request budget updates.
- Contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 with comments or questions.
- Check-out future editions of *The View*, the City's newsletter.
- Tune-in to the cable broadcast of scheduled budget meetings on channel KMVT-26.
- Download webcasts of City Council meetings any time.