

THE VIEW

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CITY MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



Stevens Creek Trail Segment Dedication

Mountain View celebrated the latest addition to the Stevens Creek Trail on October 12 with the dedication of Reach 4, Segment 1 of the Trail. Festivities included a ribbon cutting, entertainment and refreshments.

The ribbon cutting was followed by a walk along the new half-mile segment of the Trail, which stretches from Landels School to Yuba Drive. The segment includes two undercrossings at Highway 85 and a 350-ft pedestrian and bicycle overpass spanning Highway 237.

The addition of Reach 4, Segment 1 allows trail users to travel from Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park along San Francisco Bay to the El Camino Real area. The Trail currently connects many of the City's park, recreation and open space facilities.

Stevens Creek Trail is part of a larger network of Bay Area trails. In Mountain View, the Stevens Creek Trail is used by more than 1,000 people each day for recreation and commuting.

Reach 4, Segment 2 of the Trail, a 1.7-mile section that would run from Yuba Drive to Mountain View High School, is currently under study by the City.

For more information on the Stevens Creek Trail, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

El Camino Landscape Improvements Completed

The City has completed work on a three-year project to improve the landscaping along El Camino Real from Crestview Drive to San Antonio Road. The improvements were part of a plan by the City Council to enhance the aesthetic quality of this important City thoroughfare.

The project replaced the aging irrigation system and all of the plantings, except trees, in the median along the street. The new shrubs and groundcover require lower maintenance and are more drought-resistant.

The project also included improvements to the median to help protect it from vehicle damage.

For more information about the El Camino Real landscaping project, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.



Link Up to Millions of Books

This fall, the Mountain View Public Library began offering a new service that gives Library customers access to millions of books throughout California at no charge. The new Link + program allows local library users to access the collection catalogues of more than 20 public and academic libraries across the State, place a request for a book, and have it delivered to the Mountain View Library within three or four days.

Since initiating the program, Mountain View residents have ordered hundreds of previously unavailable or inaccessible books from other California libraries. Some of the Link + libraries include Santa Clara University, California State University at San Jose, California State Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo, the University of San Francisco, and public libraries throughout the Bay Area.

You can access the new Link+ system by using your home computer and logging onto the Mountain View Library catalogue at library.ci.mtnview.ca.us and clicking on the Link+ button in the upper right hand corner of the page. Or, you can visit the Mountain View Library at 585 Franklin Street and use a library computer.

For more information about the Link+ system and how to access it, call the Library at (650) 903-6337.

Within the Walls of City Hall, an exhibit exploring the growth and change of local City government over the last 100 years, continues through the middle January in Mountain View City Hall, 500 Castro Street. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

