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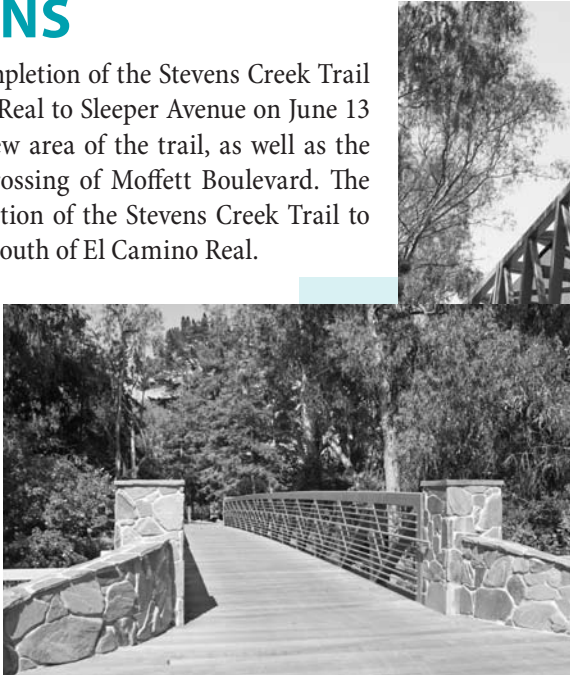
STEVENS CREEK TRAIL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR DEDICATIONS

The City celebrated the completion of the Stevens Creek Trail extension from El Camino Real to Sleeper Avenue on June 13 with the dedication of a new area of the trail, as well as the dedication of a new overcrossing of Moffett Boulevard. The project opens up a new section of the Stevens Creek Trail to residential neighborhoods south of El Camino Real.

This section of the wildlife corridor includes a paved trail lined with native shrubs, a grove of oak trees, a meadow area, and a steel bridge over Stevens Creek. The new overcrossing allows trail users to pass over Moffett Boulevard and avoid using the street-level crosswalk, eliminating the last street crossing along the trail in Mountain View. The overcrossing uses four separate bridge spans, which cross both Moffett Boulevard and the off-ramp from the freeway.

The next segment of the trail to be built will take hikers to a landing area at the intersection of Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way.

When completed, the hiking and biking trail will run from Shoreline at Mountain View Park to Mountain View High School. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Don't miss these annual community events this Fall:

Halloween Monster Bash – October 25

Reading Day at the Library – November 14

Save the Date:

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting – December 2

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET

The City Council has adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Budget, designed to address the deficit created by the current economic downturn. Originally, the FY 2009-10 General Operating Fund budget was estimated to have a \$6.1 million structural deficit. The budget is being impacted by the global recession, which has resulted in decreased property values and consumer spending, among other impacts. (For more information on the General Fund, see page 2.)

The City Council adopted a budget that reduced the structural deficit by approximately \$3.9 million through a combination of reductions in services, programs and modest revenue enhancements. Subsequently, the City Council adopted modifications to compensation for employees, in collaboration with employee groups, of \$377,000 reducing the structural deficit to \$1.8 million. Recognizing the significant impacts of achieving the additional \$1.8 million of deficit reduction, the new budget utilizes Budget Contingency Reserve ("Rainy Day Fund") funding to eliminate the remaining deficit, allowing additional time to address the remaining structural deficit.

In conjunction with adopting the Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget, a goal was set to achieve a structurally balanced General Operating Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11. This goal is considered fundamental to the City's ability to regain its fiscal stability when the economy recovers.

The fiscal challenges ahead are considerable. As a consequence, the City is beginning the budget process early (in the Fall), in order to review all alternatives to addressing this challenge. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The City completed the first phase of public meetings and outreach to gather community input for the update to the General Plan. More than 400 community members attended seven different City-wide neighborhood workshops held in May and June. Community members discussed potential policy directions to be considered in the General Plan update. Additionally, more than 100 community members attended smaller General Plan focus group meetings.



The General Plan is a comprehensive, long-range policy document describing how the community plans to address issues such as land use, economics, housing, climate change, urban design, community services, facilities, open space and conservation. The General Plan document will be used to guide Mountain View's future development for the next twenty years.

Further City wide community outreach meetings are planned in September focusing on land use alternatives. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or visit the General Plan website at www.mountainview2030.com.

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General Plan Community Meeting

Below is a list of upcoming General Plan community meetings. All meetings are from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise below.

- Monday, August 31: Miramonte/Springer – City Hall Rotunda, located at 500 Castro Street.
- Tuesday, September 1*: North Bayshore at Google located at 1300 Crittenden Lane., in the Maxwell Conference Room–
*Note: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, September 3: San Antonio/Rengstorff at the City of Mountain View Senior Center located at 266 Escuela Avenue.
- Wednesday, September 9: Moffett/Whisman at the German International School of Silicon Valley located at 310 Easy Street.
- Thursday, September 10: Central Neighborhoods at Mountain View City Hall located at 500 Castro Street.
- Tuesday, September 15: Grant Road/Sylvan – City Hall Rotunda, located at 500 Castro Street.
- Monday, September 21: Monta Loma – Rengstorff Community Center located at 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

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