



City of
Mountain View

THE

VIEW

AT SHORELINE

The Past, Present and Future of Shoreline

This special edition of The View is in honor of the 40th anniversary of Shoreline at Mountain View. This 750-acre regional park was first opened in 1983. However, the vision for the Shoreline Community goes back to 1969, when local and state leaders saw the potential - and passed state legislation - to turn an auto wrecking yard, a landfill and a hog farm into the recreational and environmental jewel we know and love today, with a vision for future housing.

The pages of this newsletter tell the stories of the past, present and future of the Shoreline area. We invite you to learn more about the many facets of Shoreline: how the park is built on a closed landfill, the wide range of recreation opportunities available for all to enjoy, sea level rise projects planned to protect Mountain View from flooding, and the ability for 9,850 housing units to be built in dynamic, new neighborhoods. We also invite you to join us for the “Celebrate Shoreline” 40th anniversary event.

Hope to see you there!



Shoreline offers recreational opportunities for all to enjoy.

Please Join Us

Celebrate Shoreline

Sunday, Oct. 15 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Shoreline at Mountain View

Live Music | Food | Carnival Games
Antique Vehicles Display | Photo Booth
Crafts | Community Art Project
Self-guided Tours | Giant Slide

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Shoreline Community's Exciting Transformation

The Shoreline Community, long known for its picturesque regional park and office park developments, is poised for a remarkable transformation. Around **7,500 new homes** are scheduled for development, reshaping the area into dynamic neighborhoods and fostering diverse economic growth. The 2017 North Bayshore Precise Plan, adopted by the City, aimed for **9,850 residential units** in the Shoreline area. The new housing proposed in the area accounts for **more than 30% of the units** in the City's recently adopted Housing Element and will help accomplish the purpose of the 1969 Shoreline Act that established the Shoreline as a Special Park District.

At the heart of this transformation is the ambitious 153-acre Google North Bayshore Master Plan, which aligns with the City's vision to create vibrant complete neighborhoods.

Google's visionary plan aims to add **7,000 residential units**, including **1,050 affordable units**, along with **26 acres of parks and open space** and a **new elementary school**. By introducing a mix of uses such as housing, retail establishments, city facilities, educational facilities, and new parks, the area will be reshaped into a dynamic mixed-use district. This new development will coexist peacefully with the natural environment of the Shoreline at Mountain View park and wildlife refuge.

While undergoing transformation, the Shoreline Community remains committed to preserving its natural heritage. The new developments prioritize sustainable practices and ecological stewardship and aims to protect biological habitats and open spaces.

Infrastructure development will play a vital role in supporting this growth. The City is gearing up to plan and implement essential infrastructure improvements to create a vibrant and well-connected community. From upgraded roads and active transportation options to new utilities and community facilities, these improvements will lay the foundation for a seamless and efficient living experience.

The success of these new growth opportunities hinges on community support and active participation. As residents engage in the planning process, they can help shape the vision for these new neighborhoods and ensure that the developments align with the needs and aspirations of the community.

The integration of job-housing balance within the area will undoubtedly offer promising solutions for local workforce needs. By creating a diverse economic base, the Shoreline Community can become a thriving hub for both residents and businesses, further enhancing its appeal and contributing to the City's overall economic vitality.



Something for Everyone

The 750-acre wildlife and recreation area—nestled within Mountain View’s 12 square miles—is beautifully set by the San Francisco Bay and has gorgeous views of the mountains to the west and east across the bay.

The Shoreline regional park and surrounding area have a special role in the history and future of the Mountain View community. Whether you want to spend leisure time golfing, hiking or flying a kite; soak up the rich history of the Rengstorff House and its gardens; or appreciate the abundance of wildlife that calls Shoreline home, there is something for everyone.

Come Sail Away

A centerpiece of the park is Shoreline Lake, a 50-acre saltwater lake filled by waters pumped in from the San Francisco Bay that circulate back out into Permanente Creek. It’s a perfect spot for kayaking and sailing, and after you’re done you can grab a bite to eat at the lakeside café with a full-service restaurant. For more information, visit ShorelineLake.com.

Happy Trails

Multiple trails at Shoreline offer a wide variety of opportunities to get outdoors and stay active whether you jump on a bike, throw on some roller skates, go for a jog, or just take a leisurely stroll. Trails are open from 6 a.m. to a half hour after sunset daily.

We are Family

There’s no better place to spend some family time than Shoreline at Mountain View. Gather together for a round of golf or grab some lunch at Michael’s at Shoreline. Take your new kite to the

kite lot or brand-new puppy to the dog park. Spend some time on the water or just take in the natural beauty of all that makes up Shoreline.

Thanks for the Memories

Whether it’s a simple walk with the one you love or a wedding ceremony or anniversary party with 150 of your closest family and friends, the facilities and amenities at Shoreline can’t be beat.

Enter the historic grounds at the Rengstorff House and you will immediately sense the unique character as well as the simple elegance of the place. Adjacent to the Rengstorff House is a charming lakeside area (perfect for bridal photos!). In addition, the facility is located within a wildlife and recreation area, away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Wild Thing

Shoreline’s meadowlands, habitat areas and wetlands are home to abundant wildlife from birds to bunnies to butterflies. Extensive wetlands include two tidal marshes, two sloughs, a seasonal marsh and storm retention basin, two creeks and five irrigation reservoirs.

Discover Shoreline’s environment with a self-guided interpretive sign system or environmental docent-led walks program. (Note: please stay on the designated walking areas as veering off them could damage nests and other habitats.)

Learn more about all that Shoreline has to offer at MountainView.gov/Shoreline

Environmental Stewardship & Sustainable Efforts

Shoreline at Mountain View is a lot of things to a lot of people: a place for recreation, a spot to watch a concert, a space for contemplation, a site to commemorate a wedding or anniversary, and an area to take in the natural habitat and wildlife in the middle of a bustling Silicon Valley.

A lot goes on behind the scenes to ensure ongoing stewardship, natural habitat restoration and climate change protection of the Shoreline area.

Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan and Projects

The City adopted the Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan to protect the distinctive wildlife and habitats at Shoreline. As part of the plan, the City has managed the vegetation of sensitive habitats around Shoreline that support protected species. Starting in 2022, nearly 1,000 native plants have been established to provide cover and food resources for a diversity of wildlife species.

Monarch Butterfly Efforts

In 2021, the City signed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge through the National Wildlife Federation to increase biodiversity to benefit many local species, including monarch butterflies. The City is now in the second phase of a monarch and pollinator habitat enhancement project. The project includes the installation of irrigation and planting of pollinator-friendly plants. And the good news is these efforts are working as monarch eggs, as well as caterpillars and butterflies have been seen foraging at Shoreline.

Burrowing Owl Preservation Plan and Projects

In 1998, the City formally implemented the first of two Burrowing Owl Management Plans to ensure the safety and success of this "species of special concern." The City continues to monitor and collect data on the burrowing owl population. Along with participating in a juvenile overwintering project, which helps reduce mortality rates for owl young, the City has also installed artificial burrows and removed invasive weeds. The efforts are making an impact as the burrowing owl population at Shoreline has doubled in recent years.

Permanente Creek Restoration Project

Over three years, the City and Grassroots Ecology—with grant funding from Valley Water—restored habitat along Permanente Creek. A total of 1,079 native plants of 30 species were planted and 150 animal species were observed using the site including 90 invertebrates, 46 bird species, two reptiles, two amphibians and 10 mammals.



Sailing Lake Island Protection Project

The City is working on protecting the Sailing Lake island, stopping further erosion and possibly restoring the island to its previous size. The island provides prime nesting habitat for multiple species including American avocets, black-necked stilts, Forster's terns, Canada geese, mallards, killdeer, gadwalls and black skimmers (a special status species). Currently, the City removes invasive species and prepares the island with suitable nesting conditions for the bird breeding season each year.

Sea Level Rise

Mountain View's Shoreline Community, a low-lying area adjacent to the San Francisco Bay, is vulnerable to rising sea levels and flooding. The City has studied current conditions and potential risks to this area from sea level rise. **According to the 2021 Shoreline Sea Level Rise Study, the Bay could rise between 23 and 42 inches by 2070, potentially flooding a large portion of northern Mountain View.** The Study identifies a number of infrastructure and environmental projects that can protect communities from these threats, including:

- levees
- wetland habitat restoration
- floodwalls, and
- pump stations.

These improvements are projected to cost at least \$122 million and are an important investment by the Shoreline Park District to protect the Shoreline at Mountain View regional park, the existing office park and residential properties, as well as the planned new neighborhoods and school site.

Managing the Closed Landfill

When you visit Shoreline Park or Amphitheater, you may not realize that underneath your feet is a 682-acre closed landfill comprised of 19 million cubic yards of non-hazardous solid waste.

In managing this closed landfill, the City complies with state regulations, maintaining the landfill final cover system, implementing erosion control measures, and monitoring groundwater, surface water and landfill gas. This aims to prevent contamination into the groundwater and emission of air pollutants and greenhouse gas.

Additional Efforts

Along with the efforts above, the City also installed solar panels on the parking carports at Shoreline Golf Links and the Shoreline maintenance building to produce clean electricity.

Shoreline Park also uses recycled water for irrigation and plumbing i.e., non-potable purposes such as toilet flushing. The recycled water system is also available for use in commercial buildings in the North Bayshore area. available for use in commercial buildings in the North Bayshore.

For more information on the environmental stewardship and sustainability efforts, visit MountainView.gov/Shoreline

The City of Mountain View would like to thank the following organizations for their partnership in these efforts:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Valley Water
- Google
- Grassroots Ecology
- National Park Service
- California State Coastal Conservancy
- Ducks Unlimited
- Friends of Stevens Creek Trail
- Friends of “R” House
- Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams
- California State Water Board
- Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District
- CalRecycle – State agency overseeing landfills
- County of Santa Clara, Local Enforcement Agency
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- Audubon Society
- Sierra Club
- PG&E
- Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge



From Past to Present



Today, Shoreline Park is the crown jewel of Mountain View. It is home to the most innovative companies in the world, top-notch community amenities, and a vast expanse of wildlife conservation and recreational activities.



The Shoreline area used to be the site of a regional landfill, auto wrecking yard and hog farm. Leaders at the time knew that the site could be so much more for the residents of Mountain View and the Bay Area.

In 1969, the California State Legislature voted to adopt the Shoreline Act and establish the Shoreline Regional Park Community Tax District with an ambitious vision to create the Shoreline we know today: to end the use of the landfill and clean up the site; protect the environment; generate economic activity; create new neighborhoods with new housing; and create a regional destination for the community to gather.

State and local leaders had the foresight to know that **this vision would be realized over the course of decades**. They granted the Park District the flexibility to be able to meet the needs of current and future generations. For example, sea level rise was not contemplated at the time of creation, yet flood protection was identified as a need. The Shoreline Park District is now at the forefront of protecting residents, businesses and vital infrastructure from the harmful impacts of sea level rise.

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But the transformation of Shoreline is still underway. The purpose of the Shoreline Act has not yet been fulfilled.

Shoreline is planning now for the needs of the future by creating new housing, protecting Mountain View from the perils of sea level rise, maintaining the closed landfill, and providing even more recreational opportunities for residents to enjoy.

For more information on Shoreline's history, present and future, visit MountainView.gov/Shoreline



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Preserving the Shoreline Park District Into the Future

In 1969, the California State Legislature voted to establish the Shoreline Park District with an ambitious vision to create the park we know today— to preserve the environment, generate economic activity, add much needed housing, and develop a regional destination for the community to gather.

It is imperative that the City continue to steward this precious resource and ensure that Shoreline Park remains the crown jewel of Mountain View and our region. Taxes generated provide ongoing funding for the Park District's legal obligations, including the maintenance and operation of Shoreline Park and the closed landfill, whose environmental risks need to be managed, and the investment in transportation and other infrastructure that supports the development of new housing and brand-new communities. In recent years, climate change has added new capital obligations to protect Mountain View at Shoreline and the neighboring communities from flooding due to sea level rise.

There are thousands of special tax districts throughout the state of California, ranging from Air Pollution Control Districts to Fire Protection Districts. The Shoreline Regional Park Community District is one of over a hundred Recreation and Park Districts in the State.



It is imperative that the City preserve the Shoreline Park District now and into the future.

Special districts are local government entities, authorized through State statute, to deliver specialized services essential to the health, safety, economy and well-being of a community or region. Shoreline Park has become one of the premier examples of properly managed Recreation and Park Districts in the State.

More information on the Shoreline Regional Park Community Tax District can be found at:
MountainView.gov/ShorelineParkDistrict

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City Vision

A welcoming, vibrant city that plans intentionally and leads regionally to create livable, sustainable neighborhoods, access to nature and open spaces, and a strong innovation-driven local economy.

2021-2023 Strategic Priorities

- Community for All
- Intentional Development & Housing Options
- Mobility & Connectivity
- Sustainability & Climate Resiliency
- Livability & Quality of Life
- Economic Vitality
- Organization Strength & Good Governance



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