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## Mountain View Earth and Arbor Day Celebration April 20

**Rooted in our Environment!**

- **Saturday, April 20**
- **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- **Mountain View Community Center and Rengstorff Park - 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue**

**Stay Informed**

Celebrate our planet and the beauty of nature in Mountain View at this year's first ever combined Earth and Arbor Day Celebration! This FREE community event, themed "Rooted in Our Environment," is a fun event for all ages with hands-on and educational activities on the environment, trees and sustainability.

*Parking at the Mountain View Community Center and Senior Center is limited, so attendees are encouraged to walk, bike, carpool, or use public transit to join in the festivities. For more information, visit [MountainView.gov/EarthDay](http://MountainView.gov/EarthDay) or call the Recreation Division at 650-903-6331.*



## **Festivities Include the Following Activities:**

### **10:00 a.m. - Ceremonial Tree Planting**

Kick off the day with a tree planting! Join Mayor Pat Showalter for a special proclamation as we green our future, one tree at a time.

### **11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

## **Earth-Friendly Booths and Passport Activity - Redwood Hall**

Twenty local organizations, community groups and City departments will be tabling at the Mountain View Community Center. Each table will offer an interactive activity and information about environmental topics.

All ages are welcome to participate in the Earth and Arbor Day Passport activity. Complete activities at each table to receive stamps from vendors in your passport booklet. Free sustainable gifts will be given out to anyone who completes the passport, while supplies last.



## Planet Playground - Rengstorff Park

Led by members of the Youth Advisory Committee, this children's area features a rock-climbing wall, recycling games, a tree-hugging station, a photo booth, chalk drawing, and more!



## Live Animal Programs

### Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center - Outdoors

Experience wildlife up-close with Ambassador Birds from the [Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Center](#). Hear about local wildlife and their behaviors and biology.

### Insect Discovery Lab - Cedar Room

Explore the fantastic lives of beetles, millipedes, hissing cockroaches, walking sticks, and whip scorpions at the [Insect Discovery Lab](#). Learn about the diverse world of insects and other arthropods in addition to their key role in the web of life.

## [Electric Vehicle Showcase](#) - Community Center Drop-off Circle

Test-drive, ride-along, or experience an electric vehicle (EV) in-person. Learn about rebates, charging options, and more from experts. [Register here](#) for a time slot to test-drive with no wait!

### April 13 - Electric Vehicle 101

Saturday, April 13, log-on to the City's free, online, Electric Vehicle 101. Learn about current electric vehicles, rebates, charging options, and ask EV specialists questions. Register for the webinar [here](#) or find the recording after on the [City's YouTube channel](#).

# Live Music in Rengstorff Park - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy The Stragglers, a Folk Band!

## Outdoor Classroom, Hands-On Workshops, and Live Demonstrations

Get hands-on with a variety of workshops and demonstrations, potting edible plants, composting, and cooking demonstrations! Unleash your creativity at the piñata-making and soil painting activities! For more information, visit the event site.

[MountainView.gov/EarthDay](http://MountainView.gov/EarthDay).



### Taking place at Rengstorff Park:

#### Soil Painting Workshop

Discover the art of painting with soil, a sustainable medium that celebrates the beauty of nature. For experienced artists and interested beginners, create stunning artworks with environmentally conscious material.

#### 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Planting

#### Workshop

Gain valuable insight into simple and effective planting techniques that you can easily replicate at home! Learn watering, fertilizing, and placement tips to ensure healthy plant growth.

#### Bookmobile

The Mountain View Public Library will be on-site with the new [all-electric bookmobile](#) and seed library, too!

# Taking place at the Outdoor Classroom:

## 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Piñata Making Workshop

Get creative and crafty at our Piñata Making Workshop! Join us in making eco-friendly piñatas using recycled materials. It's a fun activity for all ages, and you'll get to take home your creation to enjoy at your next celebration.

## Taking Place Inside the Maple Room:

### 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Zero Waste Cooking Demonstration

Discover the joys of cooking while minimizing waste with our Zero Waste Cooking Demonstration. Learn tips and tricks for reducing food waste in your kitchen and enjoy delicious samples made from sustainable, plant-based ingredients.



### 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Composting Workshop

Interested in reducing your carbon footprint and enriching your garden soil? Attend our Composting Workshop to learn the ins and outs of composting at home.

## Tasty Plant-Based Food

Delight your taste buds by purchasing plant-based offerings from [Oaxacan Kitchen Mobile](#) and [The Compassionate Crumb](#), providing a variety of plant-based food options. The local food truck will be located outside of the Mountain View Community Center behind the performance stage.

Starting at 11:00 a.m., free plant-based food samples will be available in the Elm Room, while supplies last.

To reduce the amount of single-use waste, Spark! Reusables will be used at this event. Please use drop-off bins at the event to return reusable plates, utensils, and cups.



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# Earth and Arbor Day Photo Contest

[Enter Our Earth and Arbor Day Photo Contest](#) by April  
**10, 2024**



Leading up to the celebration, enter and vote for Voter's Choice in our first [Earth and Arbor Day Photography Contest](#) to showcase the beauty of our community and the importance of trees. Win fun and sustainable prizes, like a first place prize of a one year America The Beautiful pass! Children and adults that are a part of the Mountain View Community are invited to compete, with judging broken into age groups.

This year's theme is "Rooted in Our Environment." We encourage you to submit images that depict the beauty, biodiversity, and resilience of the environment in and around our City. Examples include photos of trees, plants, animals, and people interacting with the environment, either up close or from afar.

**Entries are due by 5 p.m. on April 10, 2024.**  
**Voter's choice voting opens April 10 at 5 p.m. and closes April 14 at 11:59 p.m.**

Winners will be announced April 19, 2024,

and will have their photos displayed at Earth and Arbor Day Celebration as well as City Hall through May 3rd.

For more information, including submission requirements and important dates visit the Contest's page on [Collaborate Mountain View](#).

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# Arbor Day Tree Giveaway Program

## Arbor Day Tree Giveaway Program

Celebrate Arbor Day 2024 with a FREE tree! The free trees are available to Mountain View homeowners to plant and maintain on their property. This program is in celebration of California Arbor Day and it supports the City's urban forest restoration and enhancement efforts.

Residents who would like to receive a free tree must complete and submit an [online application](#). Applications will be received through August 1, 2024, and the city will deliver the trees to recipients in September and October, 2024.

For more information and questions about this program, please reach out to city forestry staff at [trees@mountainview.gov](mailto:trees@mountainview.gov) or (650) 903-6326.

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