



Click [here](#) to read this newsletter in Spanish, Chinese, or Russian.

In this quarter's newsletter: (click section name to jump directly to the topic)

- [Electrify Mountain View](#)
- [E-bike Voucher Program](#)
- [Plant-Based Eating](#)
- [Recycling and Zero Waste Events](#)
- [Water Resources](#)
- [Electric Equipment Demo Days](#)

See you Saturday! The City's annual Earth and Arbor Day Celebration is this Saturday April 20, at Rengstorff Park and the Mountain View Community Center from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. This year has more hands-on activities and more fun for the whole Mountain View community! [Check out all festivities](#) and [pre-register for an Electric Vehicle test-drive!](#)

All photos entered in the Earth and Arbor Day Photo Contest will be displayed in the City Hall rotunda until May 6. Swing by during business hours to view how contestants interpreted the theme, "Rooted in Our Environment."

Electrify Mountain View

Switch with Support – Go Electric with the Help of Experts

New! Talk to a Go Electric Advisor to get the benefits of switching to electric easier than ever. Develop a full plan and connect to all available financial incentives or just get one question answered if that's what you need. [Silicon Valley Clean Energy's Go Electric Advisors](#) are available to SVCE customers by phone, email, chat, or even asking them to reach out to you!

No-Cost EV Charger Installation for Nonprofits, Small Businesses, and Multifamily Properties.

Spread the word! [This PG&E program](#) will install Level 1 or Level 2 EV chargers at no-cost to the property owner at multifamily properties, small businesses and nonprofits and is now open without geographic limits or being located in a priority community. [Apply online today!](#) The program even pays for two years of networking and software fees and provides a site-specific Operations and Maintenance plan.

Tell your property-owner, your favorite small-business, and that nonprofit employee you know next time you see them to support more EV Charging in our Community.

[Click to return to top.](#)

E-Bike Voucher Program – Apply and Spread the Word!

The City of Mountain View is excited to introduce its low to moderate income qualified [E-bike Voucher Program!](#) Bike further than you could before, decrease local air pollution and help the climate. See website for details on Eligibility Criteria (Mountain View residency, low to moderate income).

Step by Step Guide:

1. Check eligibility on the [program website](#)
2. Fill out the online application
3. Receive your voucher code via email
4. Choose your preferred vendor and buy your electric bike
5. Complete the post-application survey in your inbox
6. Enjoy your clean and safe ride



[Read more info and apply here!](#)

[Click to return to top.](#)

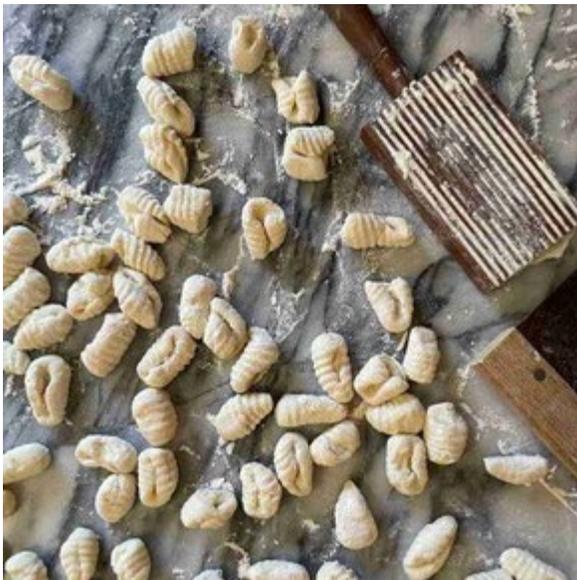
Plant-Based Eating

Our plant-based eating program focuses on promoting healthy and sustainable food choices, supporting equitable access to healthy food, and spreading awareness about the positive health and environmental impacts of a plant-based diet.

We're excited to welcome [The Zero Waste Chef](#), Anne-Marie Bonneau, at this weekend's Earth and Arbor Day Celebration. From 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. she will host a Zero Waste Cooking Demonstration using an induction stove and teach cooking, tips and tricks for reducing food waste in the kitchen and more! Get ready by trying some her recipes, like the two below.

3-Ingredient Gnocchi and Plant-Based Pesto

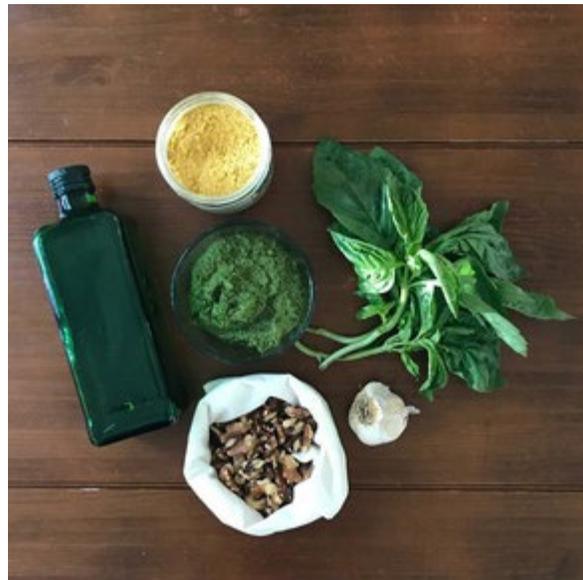
Kick-off the spring cleaning season with a zero-waste [3-ingredient gnocchi](#) recipe care of The Zero Waste Chef. Pair your gnocchi with [plant-based pesto](#) to start the spring fresh!



Ingredients:

Gnocchi:

- 2 pounds new red or yellow potatoes, whole and unpeeled
- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt



Plant-Based Pesto:

- 1 bunch basil leaves (2 cups packed)
- 2/3 cup walnuts
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 3 tablespoons nutritional yeast
- 2/3 cup olive oil

Directions:

3-Ingredient Gnocchi:

1. Scrub potatoes and place in a pot of water. Boil water and cook for 20 to 30 minutes. Remove potatoes and save the water for cooking the gnocchi.
2. If using a ricer or fork, first peel the potatoes with a vegetable peeler. While warm, mash potatoes on a wooden board until smooth. Sprinkle the salt onto potatoes.

3. A small handful at a time, work flour into the potatoes to make a dough. The dough shouldn't be sticky. If it is, add a bit more flour. Don't overwork the dough.
4. Divide dough into four even pieces and form the gnocchi with the first piece. Cover the remaining dough with a clean dish towel. Roll dough into a long $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch thick rope. Cut the rope into $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pieces. Indent each piece with the back of fork by pushing with your thumb as you roll it down the board. Repeat with remaining dough.
5. Add 2 teaspoons of salt to the pot of water you saved and bring the water to boil. Cook gnocchi in batches, adding only as many as can fit without crowding. Once gnocchi float, cook for 30 seconds longer. Remove the gnocchi with a slotted spoon and transfer them to a bowl. Toss immediately with your plant-based pesto. Repeat with remaining gnocchi.

Plant-Based Pesto:

1. Put basil, walnuts, garlic, nutritional yeast, and salt in a food processor. Pulse until well combined.
2. With the food processor running, slowly pour in olive oil. Process until smooth. Add pesto to cooked gnocchi and store leftovers in a glass container in the fridge.

[Click to return to top.](#)

Recycling and Zero Waste



Free Paint Drop Off and Giveaway Event

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Avenue. Follow signs for event.

PaintCare is hosting a free paint drop off and giveaway event to households and businesses as part of California's statewide paint stewardship program.

Households may bring any amount of paint, stain, deck/concrete sealer, and varnish. Paint must be in sealed, original container with original manufacturer label. Other hazardous waste or chemicals are not accepted. Paint in good condition will be available to residents for free.

Open to all Santa Clara County residents. To learn more, or to register for this event, please visit [Paint-Mountain-View.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paint-mountain-view).



Save the Date: Compost Basics Workshop

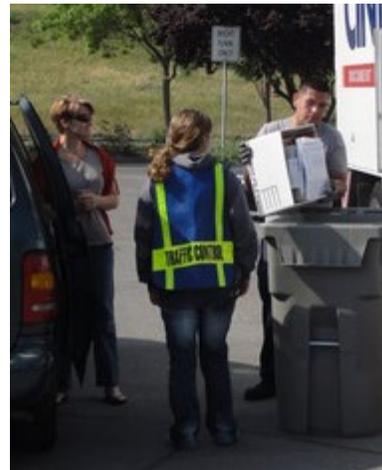
Saturday, May 18, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View.

Discover backyard composting basics and how compost provides nutrients for your plants at this FREE event for Santa Clara County residents. Learn more at MountainView.gov/ZeroWasteEvents.

Save the Date: Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, July 13, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale.

Protect your privacy by securely shredding and recycling confidential papers such as bank statements, pay stubs, cancelled checks and credit card offers at this free event for Mountain View and Sunnyvale residents. Proof of residency is required. The event line closes at 3:00 p.m. sharp. Late arrivals will be turned away. Limit of five bags or banker size boxes per household. For more information visit MountainView.gov/ZeroWasteEvents.



[Click to return to top.](#)

Water Resources



Spring Clean Your Landscape

Spring is a great time to prepare your landscape for warmer weather. Check your sprinkler system for signs of wear and fix any broken parts. Verify the irrigation schedule runtimes are correct to ensure your yard is using water wisely. View [landscape information and resources](#) for more guidance and check out the programs available for Mountain View residents.

Landscape Rebate Program

Valley Water offers many rebate programs to enhance your landscape. Convert grass to low water-use landscape, replace qualifying irrigation hardware with approved efficient equipment, and add rainwater capture elements such as a cistern or rain garden. [Learn more about the rebate programs and apply today.](#)

Landscape Classes and Workshops

Classes and workshops are offered in person and online for all members of the public to join. These events are designed to assist homeowners, property managers, and landscape service providers learn techniques on landscape water-efficiency, garden design, and lawn transformation.

[View the list of landscape classes and workshops available this spring.](#)



Water-Wise Surveys

Leak detection resources are available for both indoor and outdoor leak investigation. Request a [Do-it-Yourself Leak Check Kit](#) which includes a guidebook, a flow rate bag to check fixture efficiency, and toilet dye tablets for indoor leak detection. Property owners can request a free [Water Wise Outdoor Survey](#) and a trained irrigation professional will complete an evaluation of your irrigation system, flag any system inefficiencies, and assist with landscape rebate opportunities. Request a Water-Wise Outdoor Survey.

[Click to return to top.](#)

Electric Equipment Demo Days



The City of Mountain View Community Services Department has recently hosted several electric equipment demo days where companies were invited to bring their electric landscape equipment for parks and forestry staff to observe and try out. This is a great opportunity for companies to showcase the latest technology and advancements in electric equipment and for staff to test out various options and provide input before making purchases. Some of the featured electric equipment has included handheld tools such as blowers and chainsaws, ride-on mowers, and an all-electric tractor which can support attachments including mowers, rototillers, and ballfield grooming attachments. As the City moves from gasoline powered equipment to all-electric, these demo days are proving to be very effective in helping staff to shift their mindset and approach to more sustainable landscape maintenance practices.

[Click to return to top.](#)

FOLLOW US



SUBSCRIBER SERVICES

[Manage Subscriptions](#) | [Unsubscribe All](#) | [Help](#)