MVCC Regular Meeting, March 12, 7 p.m., Grace Church

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A Note from Chair Cherie Egbert

🍀🍀Got Luck? 🍀🍀

It's March already, and with it, and Saint Patrick's Day on the horizon, March is associated as the month of luck. The dictionary defines luck as "success or failure brought on by chance rather than through one's own actions."

Yet another quote reminds us, **"Luck happens when preparation meets opportunity."**

At MVCC, we create our own good fortune by staying engaged, learning about local issues, and being prepared. When opportunities arise to make a positive difference — by attending a meeting, participating in City Council, or supporting community efforts — we can help shape the future of our neighborhood. Together, we can help make Midtown Ventura an even better place to live and even luckier place to reside. Come join us for our monthly meeting on **March 12 at 7 p.m. at Cooper Hall at Grace Church at 65 Macmillan Ave.**

Check out meeting highlights:

Ventura Supports Our Youth

For our non-profit spotlight this month, **805 Community for Children** Founder **Marcie Youtz** will join us to share information on her organization**.** Their website states its mission is “centered around reduction the negative effects of homelessness on the youth by providing life’s essentials.”

Next up will be Co-founder and Executive Director, **Dan Parziale** from **MESA,** who will join us to share about their work providing transitional housing, and supportive counseling programs to foster youth who age out of the system when they turn 18.

Children are our future, and a community is only as strong as its children. Learning what we can do to support them, and taking any action, whether it’s small or large, is certain to make the world a better place. Supporting our youth will help to foster a brighter future for all of us.

Both non-profit organizations have opportunities for your involvement; come and learn more.

Citywide Historic Survey

Maruja Clensay, the assistant community development director with the City of Ventura, will provide information and answer questions regarding the Historic Survey (notices recently went out to impacted residents in potential historic districts). This project has been in the works for many years and its intention to help preserve our history, while at the same time making it easier and less expensive for some building permits.

Here is more information about the survey from Clensay: “The City of Ventura has been working on a Citywide Historic Preservation Survey to identify potentially eligible historic resources from Ventura’s earliest settlement through 1979. The draft City-wide Historic Context Statement and Survey has been completed and has identified potential historic properties and/or districts. Upon presenting the completed survey to City Council on February 3, 2026, the Council directed staff to conduct an additional 30-day comment period prior to the Council taking final action on the survey, scheduled for the City Council meeting on April 28, 2026. This public period will be from February 16th – March 16th... Additional information about the Citywide Historic Preservation Survey can be found at **www.historicventura.com** ... Questions and comments can be sent to Mr. Jared Rosengren, Principal Planner, at 805-658-4737 or via email at **jrosengren@cityofventura.ca.gov**."

~ Cherie Egbert

Elections

Also at the meeting we have our annual MVCC election. The full nominated slate for the 2026-27 year is as follows:

Officers:
Chair, Cherie Egbert
Vice Chair, John Jones
Treasurer, Karen Flock
Secretary, Robert Mather
Co-Secretary, Mark Sirota

Board Members at Large:

Eric Berg
Dan Long
David Ferrin
Pamela Hazard
Arlene Martinez
Patty Overley

Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Members nominated from the floor must be present to accept the nomination. To vote in the election a current member must have attended one meeting in the last year.

Save the Date: April 9

Ventura Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro will discuss the potential closure of schools due to declining enrollment locally and statewide. **Childhood Matters** — a Ventura County nonprofit supporting children's mental health and well-being — will also present and share their work.

Agenda

Midtown Ventura Community Council General Meeting 3/12/2026 at 7 p.m.

Cooper Hall at Grace Church, 65 MacMillan, Ventura

1) Welcome and Introductions, Board and Members
2) Police Report
3) Community Spotlights: 805 Community for Children | MESA
4) Historic Survey
5) Election
6) Reports (Time permitting)
a. Membership - Robert Mather
b. Community Pride and Revitalization – Cherie Egbert: Loma Vista Garden
c. Historical – Dan Long
d. Media – newsletter, website - Arlene Martinez, Eric Berg
e. Business
7) Community Announcements
8) Closing

Next meeting: April 9, 2026 at 7 p.m.

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