

LETTER FROM THE SELLERS

1824 Mountain Blvd, Oakland, Ca

It's Sunday morning, and the sunshine streams in as our kids jump out of bed and run down the hall to wake us. It's Dads & Donuts day; our weekly ritual of neighborhood fathers and kids trekking into town to feast on donuts, peruse the local farmer's market, and cap off the morning with a playdate at Montclair Park. For the past three years, we've done this every Sunday morning, and it has become one of the best parts of our week.

Heading into town, we run into Bill and Laura, our neighbors who raised their kids (now 31 & 28) here in Montclair. At the farmer's market, Cyrus – the local flower shop owner – greets us with a smile, a high-five, and oftentimes, a flower for the kids. The Fontana Farms market stall offers up samples of their delicious flavored almonds as the kids dance and jump to the live music playing. As we walk toward the park, we drop into one of the local watering holes to check to score of a game or grab a quick bite. On our way home from the park, we stop and chat with Mark and Angie as they walk their dog, Kyle. Mark and Angie have lived on our block for more than 12 years and are raising their two children, who both attend Montera Middle School.

This is what community feels like – a neighborhood that fosters memories with your family and friendships with your neighbors. The ability to walk into the Village has been a cornerstone of our experience while living here, allowing us to take advantage of all Montclair has to offer.

This past fall, our 5-year-old daughter started Kindergarten at Montclair Elementary School. Our commute is less than 1 minute, as we walk across the street, trek down to the playground, and line up with her classmates, all eager to start the school day. Recently recognized as a California Blue Ribbon School, Montclair Elementary is one of the primary reasons we moved to Montclair five years ago. With top-notch teachers and staff and a rock-solid parent community, Montclair Elementary is one of the things we'll miss most about living in the village.

We are truly blessed to have lived in such a special community as Montclair, and to have created such fond memories both in our home and neighborhood. The short walk into town for dinner and frozen yogurt, a hike along the Montclair Railroad Trail, or a quick run to the grocery store, has truly made living in Montclair a dream. Whoever is fortunate enough to make this house their next home will begin an incredible journey of falling in love with this beautiful and unique community, just as we did.

– Sellers of 1824 Mountain Blvd