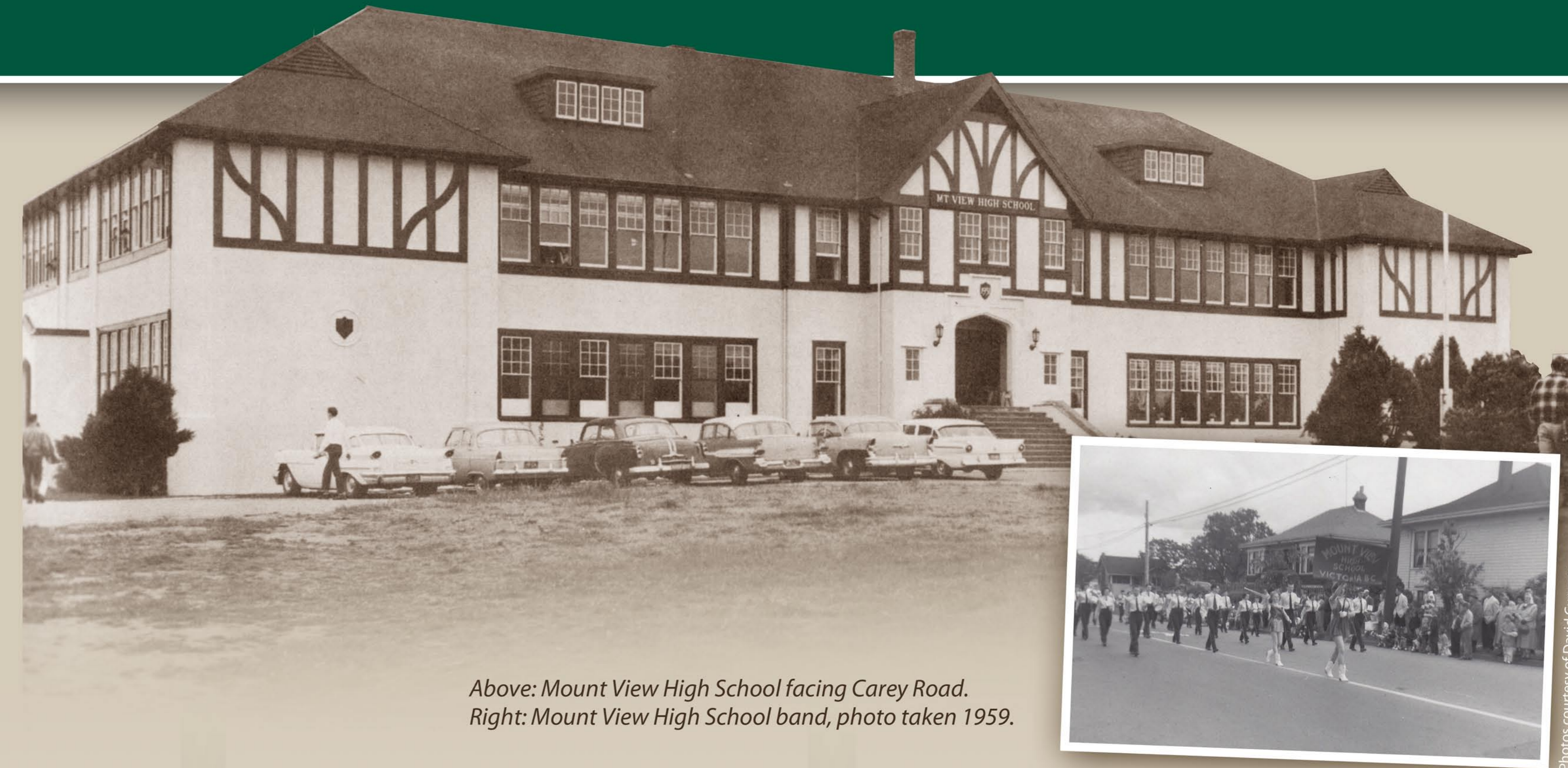


Welcome to Mount View Park

Our park sits on the former site of Saanich's third high school - Mount View High. Originally occupying 1.8 ha (4.5 acres), the school was designed by Saanich architects Hubert Savage and Eric C. Clarkson, and built in 1932 by local contractor A. McKinty for \$45,250. Like Mount Douglas and Mount Newton schools, Mount View High was named after local well-known elevations, and

references the south-westerly view of the Olympic Mountains. Before these schools were built, Saanich students were sent to Victoria High at a cost of \$125.00 per child per year. Mount View High School produced graduates from 1932 - 1974. Many remain loyal and active to this day, and have contributed funding, information and photos for this sign.



Above: Mount View High School facing Carey Road.
Right: Mount View High School band, photo taken 1959.



Spectrum Community High School

In 1973 Mount View's facilities were deemed inadequate for the province's new modern curriculum, and a new facility - Spectrum Community High School - was built to replace it at a cost of 4.5 million dollars. In the following years the old school building had a variety of uses, including a satellite campus for Camosun College, a training ground for Saanich police dogs, and a church.

Mount View Heights Campus of Care

In 2007 the site was acquired by the Capital Regional Hospital District. Shortly after, Saanich Council removed the school from the community heritage register and the buildings were deconstructed. In its place the CRHD built the Mount View Heights Campus of Care, located to the north-east of the park.

Mount View Park Development

Land for Mount View Park (.54 ha or 1.3 acres) was dedicated during the Campus of Care development process. The plan for the park was developed through consultation with area residents and the Mount View Colquitz Community Association, and approved by the District of Saanich in 2011. Its construction was funded by the Capital Regional Hospital District, Morguard Investments Limited and Saanich Parks.



red-flowering currant
ribes sanguineum



swordfern
polystichum munitum



nootka rose
rosa nutkana



goldenrod
solidago spp.



camas
camassia quamash



coastal strawberry
fragaria chiloensis



bleeding heart
dicentra formosa



mock orange
philadelphus lewisii



kinnikinnick
arctostaphylos uva-ursi

Mount View Community Garden

A focal point in the park is our Community Garden, which is maintained by the Mount View Colquitz Community Association (MVCCA). The garden is located next to an old walnut tree and contains a variety of native plants, summer vegetables and herbs. The emphasis on native plants helps to conserve water and build biodiversity by supporting wildlife such as birds and beneficial insects. All park visitors are welcome to harvest the vegetables and herbs. If you see a weed, or a flower that has gone to seed, feel free to pull out the weed or deadhead the seeds. If you are interested in helping to maintain the garden, or just want more information about it, please contact mountviewcolquitz.ca.

