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Spring is here—so is the approach of fire season!

April 1993 Issue

Prescriptive Burning ? !

One of the primary goals for our association has been to plan and implement programs addressing the safety and welfare of our community. The predominant issue is that of fire safety and, as we draw closer to the start of the fire season, many questions are being raised concerning the methods by which this danger will be mitigated by our public agencies.

The April 23 General Meeting will be devoted to fire safety. The agenda will include a presentation by Robert Badaracco, Manager of the Environmental Resources Division for the Marin Municipal Water Department, of the proposed fuel management plan and use of prescriptive burning.

Fire Marshal Jack Rosevear, Capt. Frank Neer, and other representatives of the Marin County Fire Department will also be participants in what will prove to be a very interesting program.

The agenda will also include some discussion of the status of the emergency radio system currently under development, the Multi-Agency Wildland Fire Drill set for May 22, community fuel reduction programs, and related issues. However, the primary focus will be fuel management, particularly the application of prescriptive burning.

Come join us. Hear about what's happening *and* share your concerns.

—Jim Campbell, Public Safety Committee

Turnaround Dinner is May 8

Mark your calendars now for one of the historic MWPCA traditions—the Turnaround Dinner.

The men will cook a bountiful meal for their favorite women. This is the opportunity for each husband/partner to make points with his spouse!!!

Join with your neighbors for one of the outstanding events of the year. Everyone is invited.

Make your reservation NOW by calling Stella Winn 388-3394 or Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

Fire Safety

MWPCA General Meeting

Friday, April 23—8:00 PM

FUEL MANAGEMENT PLAN & USE OF PRESCRIPTIVE BURNING

with

Robert Badaracco, MMWD

Other presenters:

**Jack Rosevear
Fire Marshal**

**Capt. Frank Neer
Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station**

6 pm—social hour

7 pm—potluck

**A-M Entrees
N-R Salads
S-Z Desserts**

8 pm—presentation

For more information contact:

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Board Meeting Highlights

DEL GOETZ SUGGESTED that MWPCA apply for a special permit covering a broad area for removal of exotics from state park lands. It was agreed that the following plants should be listed for removal on the permit: broom, acacia, eucalyptus, pampas grass, anise, Monterey pine, and thistle. The Board approved waiving the usual fee for use of the broom-pulling weed wrench for park exotic removal.

CLIF DAVENPORT REPORTED the finances continue in good shape. The St. Patrick's Day part was a "wash" due to the cost of the band. Peter Hindley reported that the costs of the new secure shed behind the clubhouse will cost about \$1,500.

PLANS for the April 23 General Meeting were approved. The focus of the event will be discussion of the countywide plan for prescriptive burning headed up by Robert Badaracco of MMWD.

KEN BOVERO will push the brush pile on the lower lot over the edge of the hill with his Bobcat on Chipper Day, April 25. The chipper will be there from 10 am-1 pm.

"NO DUMPING" SIGNS will be put near the corner of Ridge and Panoramic to discourage the dumping that has gone on there recently.

A SECURITY DEPOSIT for Clubhouse rentals will normally be \$300; for those members with a good cleanup history, Clif Davenport will have the discretion of reducing the amount to \$100 for members. Costs of cleanup after events will be deducted from deposits.

THE BOARD WILL SPONSOR a booth at the Lions Club Mill Valley Day festivities on May 31. Keith Papulias will organize MWPCA activities.

ROBERT RYDJORD REPORTS that the county agreed to try to improve road markings at the Four Corners intersection to help reduce the confusion.

DEL GOETZ REPORTS that the possible reason for delays with the MWPCA incorporation process may be that it lost its incorporation in the 1950s because of a refusal to sign some sort of loyalty oath. Reinstatement should now be easier.

KATHLEEN DELEHANTY REPORTS that the welcome packet is available and will go to new members as well as new residents.

Marin Arborists Chipper Day, April 25

Once again, Ken Bovaro and his company, Marin Arborists, have donated equipment and manpower to help our fire prevention activities. The schedule is as follows:

- 1) Materials must be chippable--tree branches, shrubs, etc. Nothing more than 3" in diameter. NO DIRT, STONES, OR TRASH will be accepted.
- 2) The Clubhouse will be open on Saturday, April 24 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM to accept material.
- 3) Chipping will be from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 25. Materials will also be accepted on this day.
- 4) A donation of \$5/household is requested. Funds will go to support our fire prevention efforts.

THANKS AGAIN TO KEN AND MARIN ARBORISTS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY!

—Richard Popson, President

Annual Marin County Chipper Day

June 5 (Saturday), 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MWPCA Clubhouse

If you aren't able to make the April 25 day, here's another opportunity to chip away at your chippable debris.

And, the price is right: IT'S FREE!

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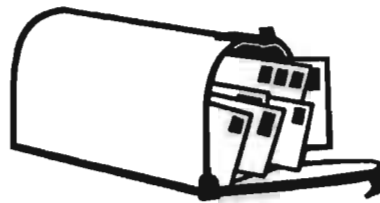
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MWPCA 1993 Calendar

- APRIL 19-23 Sharon Searles (classes)
23 General Meeting: Fire Safety/
Potluck 6:00 PM
25 Chipper Day 10:00 - 1:00 Courtesy
of Ken Bovaro & Marin Arborists
26 Ann Matranga—Blue Shield of CA
28 Kids Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
30 Keith Papullias
- MAY 1 Mike Weise (wedding)
5 Kids Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
8 Turnaround Dinner
12 Environmental Health Comm 8 PM
Kids Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
15 Hannah Creighton (wedding)
16 Tourist Club Fest
19 Kids play group 10:00-1:00
21 General Meeting: Environment
23 Carol Campbell
26 Kids play group 10:00-1:00
- JUNE 2 MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
20 Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast
- JULY 4 4th of July Barbecue
7 MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM

New MWPCA directories will be coming out soon. Make sure you pay your dues soon to assure your listing. For more information call Del Goetz at 388-8493.



Mailboxes at Panoramic & Washington Park

Randy Barrow has spearheaded a neighborhood effort to address mail theft.

Neighbors met at his residence on March 30 to discuss details. All 15 people present responded unanimously to the offer from the US Post Office to install a secure mailbox.

So far, 25 households have agreed with the plan and are sending their \$12 checks to Randy made out to the MWPCA to pay for installation. The US Post Office will maintain and repair the unit once it is in place.

There was some concern about our 'funky, photographable' old mailboxes, but there seems to be mostly enthusiasm for the trade-offs of security and convenience being offered to us.

If your mailbox is on Panoramic at Washington Park call Randy at 381-6634 for more details.

Welcome New Members

Mark & Pilar Montaine—15 St. Jude Road.

MWPCA 1993 members to date: total 108. Our target is to exceed our 1992 total of 165. If you haven't paid yet *please do so now!*

Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee has put together a packet of information for newcomers to the neighborhood. If you are a newcomer or know of someone who is, please contact Kathleen Delehanty to receive a copy. She can be reached at (w) 383-6350 or (h) 388-4516.

Two of our mountain folk pass on—

MAX JANOFF, 30-year Mt. Tam resident, passed away Easter Sunday of an apparent heart attack. He recently donated a lovely bench in memory of his wife, Gladys, who predeceased him. Max was active in MWPCA and was our president a few years ago. He worked hard and was always there, even if he was a bit feisty sometimes. He is survived by his sister Helen Nalibow of Woodstock, Vermont and nephew Kenneth Nalibow of Burlington, Vermont. The association will host a memorial service for Max when the bench to Gladys is dedicated.

ANNE A. CLOSE, long-time Mt. Tam resident, passed away on April 2, 1993. She moved to the US from her native Luxembourg in 1946. She came to California and established a millinery business in San Francisco, and later became a medical secretary. She is survived by her husband, Jay Close, of Mill Valley, who requests that any donations be made to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mill Valley.



The Times They Are A-Changin'

As if you haven't noticed, our clubhouse is taking on a newer look. Check out the new storage unit out back when you can. Thanks primarily to Messrs. Hokenson, Hindley and Bramell we'll be able to keep things safe and protected.

Check out the Wednesday AM Kids Play Group. Parents and kids are having a good time interacting, and enjoying day trips and numerous planned events. Participation is also increasing.

The Clubhouse itself is also going through better times. The floors are clean!! And they're going to stay that way. We're also taking action to improve the look of the interior, including furniture up-grades, etc.

Outside, the grounds will be better groomed thanks to two chipper/clean-up days, April 25 and June 3. So join our clean-up efforts. Bring your chippable stuff to the clubhouse (see specifics elsewhere inside this newsletter), and we'll help you clean-up your act, too.

Thanks to all that have contributed to the above, and an urging to those that haven't: *get involved*. Why not? It's only your clubhouse and your neighborhood.

Happy spring cleaning!

—Dick Popson, President



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COMMERCIAL SPACE IN SAUSALITO: 1750 sq. ft. with 18 in. roll-up door. \$1,300 per month. Call Mark Rizzo at 331-8227.

Environmental Health Committee Report

On March 18, MWPCA members met with representatives of PG&E to discuss our association's request for a survey of the power lines and transformers in our area. We want to be certain that there are no areas of high EMF's. PG&E representatives indicated a reluctance to undertake the survey, but finally admitted that problems do exist and that they will take steps to "mitigate".

We requested that PG&E conduct a complete survey of the neighborhood, house by house, to ascertain where problems exist with power lines and transformers. We asked that any faulty transformers (emitting high levels of EMF's or containing PCB's) be replaced no later than the end of 1993.

We also advised them that static noise from their lines was interfering with our AM safety broadcast reception and requested they "clean it up".

We are still waiting to receive a "letter of understanding" outlining just what PG&E is willing to commit to in the way of "mitigation".

Attending the meeting was MWPCA's President, Dick Popson; V.P., Del Goetz; Cancer Cluster Study Coordinator, Jim Bramell; Disaster Registry Coordinator, Virginia Soper; Environmental Health Committee Member, Stella Winn; Donna Lowe, and Fred Skillman and Brad Cottreau of PG&E.

—Del Goetz, Chair

FOR RENT FROM THE ASSOCIATION:

WEED WRENCHES: Rates: \$5 first day; \$2.50 each additional day; \$15/week; maximum rental period: 2 weeks. Call Virginia Soper at 383-1941.

FIELD METER TO MEASURE EMF \$10/day. Contact Jim Bramell at 388-6176. Not a bad price when you consider the 2-week plus wait list to go through PG&E.

Current Real Estate Listings

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty of Prudential California Realty (recently merged with TRI Realty) for this update of listings on the mountain. For more details just call Kathleen at 388-4516. For current interest rates, call Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

New Listings

151 Bayview	3br	2.5ba	950,000
130 Marin View	4br	2.5ba	439,000

Pending

545 Edgewood	2br	2br	385,000
628 Amaranth	2br	2ba	419,500
4 Walsh Drive	4br	3ba	1,295,000

Active Listings

474 Panoramic	3br	2ba	349,950
16 St. Jude	2br	2ba	369,000
190 Edgewood	3br	2.5ba	409,000
84 Cypress	2br	2ba	425,000
130 Marin View	4br	2.5ba	439,000
645 Sequoia Valley	4br	2ba	482,000
280 Edgewood	3br	2ba	589,000
1 Sunnycrest	4br	3.5ba	862,000
2 Sunnycrest	4br	3.5ba	862,000
8 Walsh Drive	5br	4.5ba	1,195,000

Active Listings with Price Reductions

600 Edgewood	2br	2ba	309,000
602 Edgewood	2br	2ba	309,000
766 Panoramic	2br	1ba	345,000
1 Brighton	3br	2ba	405,000
98 Washington Park	3br	2ba	420,000
569 Edgewood	3br	2.5ba	449,000
430 Panoramic	4br	3ba	549,000
572 Panoramic	4br	3ba	569,000

Lots

30 Redwood	50,000
140 Redwood	85,000
120 Redwood	99,800
000 Edgewood	200,000
600 Edgewood	309,000
720 Edgewood	450,000
0000 Edgewood	350,000

Sold

620 Amaranth	3br	3ba	419,500
530 Panoramic	4br	2.5ba	850,000

1993 Officers and Board Members

President	Dick Popson	388-1135
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Standing Committees

Clubhouse Maintenance	Peter Hindley
Public Safety	Bob Scheibach/Dick Popson
Environmental Health	Del Goetz
Newsletter	Lila Daniels
Social	Keith Papulias/Stella Winn
Parents Network	Beth Popson/Erika Teahan
Cancer Cluster Study	Jim Bramell
Mountain Workers Network	Peter Spear
Membership	Kathleen Delehanty
Community Affairs	Bob Rydjord
Sergeant-at-Arms	Barney Lenheim
Disaster Registry	Virginia Soper

Clubhouse Rental Rates

	Weekday	Weekend
Member	\$ 50	\$ 75
Non-Members	100	300
Non-Profit	75	175

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