

The Lookout



muir woods park community association

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**Let's turn up the heat...
make your voice heard!**

June 1993 Issue



WE NEED YOUR HELP IN APPLYING PRESSURE TO LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL POLITICIANS TO GET THEM TO PUT EMERGENCY SERVICES AS NO. 1 BUDGET PRIORITY.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Write letters to each of the politicians on the political contact list published in the Lookout last month. (If you can't find it, call Lila Daniels at 383-8422 for another copy).
2. Write a letter to the editor of the Independent Journal stating your feelings about the proposed budget cuts.
3. Participate in our protest march down Panoramic on the 4th of July.
4. Decorate mailboxes & road with color and signs for the 4th.
5. Buy a *Save Mt. Tam T-shirt* (\$15) to help us raise the money to finance our efforts to retain existing emergency services.

IF LETTER WRITING IS NOT YOUR FORTE, YOU CAN:

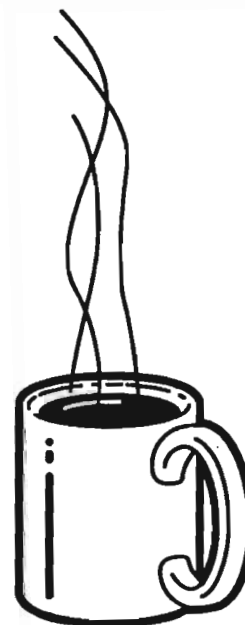
1. Call the politicians on the political contact list.
2. Come to the MWPCA Clubhouse to get help with writing your letter. We will have computers, printers and operators available to help you get letters off to each politician and the IJ editor (one letter fits all).

Following are the dates and times you can letterize at the Clubhouse:

SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH 9 AM until Noon
(Pancake Breakfast)

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 22nd, 7:30-9:30 PM

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 24th, 7:30-9:30 PM



**PANCAKE
.....
BREAKFAST**

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DAY**

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

9 am—noon

...for more information call

**Stella Winn—388-3394
Keith Papulius—388-9219**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: Gary Giacomini, Marin County Board of Supervisors

Dear Gary:

This letter is in response to the recent actions taken by the Marin County Supervisors regarding our Public Safety and specifically the actions taken that affect our Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station.

In short we are frustrated and angry.

Our frustration centers around several factors-

1. We were told no vote would be taken at the June 4 meeting, but that we would be permitted to present our data for your review for future action. It became clear that decisions were already agreed to - our presentations were irrelevant.

2. The group of 200 or so that were at the June 4 meeting were "used" to address Senator Marks and Assemblywoman Bronschvag. We seemed to be a ploy used by the Supervisors to shift focus from the county to the state. While we realize that indeed "the State" is a culprit in this financial mess, we hold you accountable. You are our elected official. You are our voice and your actions are most important to us. You said that you supported our efforts and the "no change" policy for our fire station. We're frustrated at the turn of events and ask for an explanation.

While it is encouraging that reinstating our Throckmorton Ridge Station to its existing status is the County's first priority if added funds are available, we have no guarantees - and if we did, could we believe them?

But, most of all, we are angry.

The anger comes from the fact that we face the closure of our fire station during the non-fire season and a reduced staff during the fire season. This is total insanity. To put Mt. Tam, its residents, and the millions of tourists in potential jeopardy is unconscionable.

You said it best when you said "It will mean people will die." Our previous correspondence indicated the importance of our fire station to the Mountain. It serves not only our community, but visitors to Mt. Tamalpais State Park, GGNRA lands, Muir Woods

National Monument, Muir Beach, Stinson Beach, MMWD open lands and other recreational areas. The station is THE first line of fire defense and vital paramedic services, handling the accidents and medical needs of all who travel to the parks and beaches. Take away our station and you increase response time drastically, and increase the risk of people dying - as you so aptly stated.

Several added factors that have been advanced as solutions should be addressed...

A parcel tax assessment and a Volunteer Fire brigade/auxiliary are band-aids. They cover up the basic problems, may indeed create more problems and set a precedent for "easy-money". The taxes we pay should stay here, work for us and protect us. We've taken a straw-poll of our members and there is strong feeling against any additional assessment. (If the County or State think about diverting our monies, maybe we should think about keeping our taxes for our specific community needs.)

At a meeting of our Association last night, we felt more dedicated than ever to champion our cause. Our "Save Mt. Tam" committee plans to do anything to keep our Throckmorton Ridge Station open. We're continuing our petition drive; planning parades and events; developing public service TV and radio commercials; expanding our letter/fax support efforts and applying added pressure to install our first alert Radio Communications system.

Gary, we realize the tough position the County is in. However, when we see administration budgets increasing, questionable

priorities being established, and internal bureaucracy squabbles, is it any wonder we feel the way we do? We further realize that the State is a major part of the problem, and we'll do all we can to do battle with them. But our first battle is with the County - and you are our elected representative. You're accountable and our lives may well be in your hands.

I'll call you early in the week to set an appointment to discuss this further.

Frustrated and Angry,
(but hopeful)

R. POPSON



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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Congratulations to Peter Hindley on the occasion of establishing his own business. He will be providing consulting services to firms who are major power users.

One of our own has become a Power Broker.

Peter Hindley
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Arthur, Joanna and Eric Davies
10A Sunrise Lane

Paul, Constance and Ashley Goldsmith
10 Kent Way

Evelyn Bruenn
14 St. Jude Road

Christine Chanteloup
190 Cazneau Ave., Sausalito

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 Delehanry to receive a copy. She can be reached at (w) 383-6350 or (h) 388-4516.

JUNE 2ND BOARD MEETING REPORT

Dick Popson and Jim Campbell reported on their meetings with Fire Chief Rowan and Supervisor Gary Giacomini about the proposed budget cuts and problems with getting the AM Emergency Radio Station in place.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing and planning what was to be done prior to and during the Board of Supervisors Hearing on the proposed budget cuts.

It was pointed out that the amount needed to keep our station open was somewhere around \$150,000 (later updated to \$183,000) and that \$500,000 was needed to keep the County's safety services at its present level.

The Save Mt. Tam T-shirts were made available for sale at \$15.00 each. The money will go to support the cost of our efforts to save our Fire and Paramedic services.

The June 5th chipper day activities were discussed and copies of the permit to cut on the Panoramic right-of-way and on adjacent State Park property were passed out with instructions on clearing.

—P. Hindley, Recording Secretary

NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN DEDICATION ON THE FOURTH

Mt. Tamalpais State Park has graciously granted us permission to install a community sign on the northwest corner of 4 Corners. The sign will welcome visitors to the Mountain and urge them to take care of her. It will also sport the "Save Mt. Tam" logo and acknowledge our Association and the Park.

CLASSIFIED ADS

QUIET, CONSCIENTIOUS WOMAN—non-smoker, no pets, seeking cabin or apt. on the mountain. To \$700. Excellent local references. Call 381-0737.

JULY HOUSESITTING—Two close friends from Toronto will be in the Mill Valley area during July. They are reliable, will take care of your house, pets, plants. Phone us for information and local references. Ruth & Jim Bramell, 388-6176.

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We desperately need two posts to support the sign. If you have any 16' pressure treated 4X6 or 6X6 posts or want to donate funds to help acquire them, please call Barney Lenheim at 383-1447.

MWPCA 1993 Clubhouse Calendar

June	9	Kid's Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
	11	Ron Angier
	16	Kid's Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
	18	Marybeth Tereszkiwicz (wedding)
	20	Father's Day Pancake Breakfast
	23	Kid's Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
	26	Susan West
	30	Kid's Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
July	4	4th of July Parade/Brunch/General Meeting on Panoramic
	7	Board Meeting
		Kid's Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
	14	Kid's Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
	18	Tourist Club Fest
	21	Kid's Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
	23	Christine Chanteloup
	28	Kid's Play Group 10:00 - 1:00
	31	Kevin Singer (wedding)

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL RATES

	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekend</i>
Member	\$ 50	\$ 75
Non-Members	100	300
Non-Profit	75	175

The new contract form stresses fire/smoking, parking, noise and maintenance regulations.

CURRENT INTEREST RATES

Jumbo Loans (over \$203,000) 7.875%	Fixed
Conforming (under \$203,000) 7.25%	Fixed

(These rates are quoted by Keith Papulias, our resident mortgage broker. Contact him at his office: 332-5626; or at home: 388-9219.)

Keith says the best way to determine if you will benefit from refinancing your home is to calculate your monthly savings on the new loan payments. If the savings pays back the costs of obtaining the new loan in a relatively short period of time, then you are wasting money by keeping your old loan. If you have any questions please call him. He will be happy to analyze your mortgage needs.

1993 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President	Dick Popson	388-1135
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	Keith Papulias	388-9219
	Bob Rydjord	388-3621
	Erika Teahan	388-1122

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

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ THANKS

The Memorial Day Art and Food Festival hosted by the Mill Valley Lions Club was a fundraising success for our club's Save Mt. Tam Committee's efforts to keep the Throckmorton Ridge fire house open. The club's concession stand sold steak sandwiches, "Save Mt. Tam" T-shirts, bumper stickers and pins to fill our war chest with over \$800 to lobby against the closure of our fire station. Over 500 petition signatures were gathered. The event was coordinated by Keith Papulias and all food was donated by Pappy Meat Company and club member Ron James. Special thanks go out to Ron James, Bob Rudy, Jim Campbell, Lila Daniels, Anne Matranga, and Laura Chariton who helped make the event a great success!

—K. Papulias, Social Committee

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.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARADE & PICNIC

CALL: Del Goetz, 388-8493; Erika Teahan, 388-1122; Dick Popson, 388-1135; or Lila Daniels, 383-8422

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YES, I WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR 4TH OF JULY PARADE & PICNIC. I WILL:

- RIDE, WALK, RUN IN THE PARADE
- CARRY A FIRE / PARAMEDIC BUDGET CUT PROTEST SIGN
- JOIN IN THE PICNIC
- HELP WITH THE PARADE / PICNIC ARRANGEMENTS
- HELP WITH MAKING PARADE PLACARDS / SIGNS (7:30 PM, WED. JUNE 30)
- OTHER _____

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