

The Lookout

muir woods park community association

40 RIDGE AVENUE OFF PANORAMIC HIGHWAY • MILL VALLEY CALIFORNIA 94941

October 1993 Issue

OCTOBER 22—GENERAL MEETING TO DISCUSS TWO PROPOSALS:

**\$75 Parcel Tax;
Grasslands Restoration Along Panoramic**

The meeting will be held at the MWPCA Clubhouse at 8 PM on Friday, October 22nd.

Parcel Tax

According to Gary Giacomini's office, the \$75 parcel tax will go on the April ballot if the 1 cent sales tax measure fails on the November ballot. Residents need to give MWPCA Board Members input about what action they want the Association to take. If you didn't fill in and mail the survey form in last month's LOOKOUT, please do so, or call your opinion to Del Goetz at 388-8493.

Grasslands Restoration

State Park Resources Manager David Boyd will make a presentation to area residents to develop a program to return the west side of Panoramic Highway to its former grassland status. The program includes a very graphic slide show and aerial photographs illustrating the changes in flora during the last century.

The plan calls for brush reduction and removal of non-native and exotic trees and plants in that area. Brush, non-native plants, and exotic trees would be cut down and then removed through a controlled burn from about 300 feet below the highway. The area between Ridge and the Alpine Club would be affected during the first phase. The plan is to create a western ridge fire break that could protect eastern slope residences from a fire to the west. Subsequent burnings would occur every two years to prevent the broom from once again taking over.

Residents along Panoramic in the proposed burn area are encouraged to attend this meeting to express their opinions and concerns about the proposal.

*October 22nd,
Friday, 8 pm
at the Clubhouse!*



Halloween Party

Sun., Oct. 31st,

**MWPCA Clubhouse
6 PM - Potluck**

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES
KIDS & ADULTS

See Oct. Lookout for more information

Hallowe'en Party - October 31st Family Fun for Kids & Adults!

To celebrate Hallowe'en this year MWPCA will host a potluck Hallowe'en party with prizes for best and most imaginative costumes for both children and adults.

In addition to the pot in potluck, please bring some treats for the "trick or treat".

Assignments for potluck:

A - L : Entree

L - P : Salad

R - Z : Dessert

No-host bar opens at 5:30 PM. Dinner is at 6:30 PM. Tricks and treats start at 5:30 and continues until whenever.

For more information please contact the Social Committee members: Keith Papulias: 388-9219, Stella Winn: 388-3394, Del Goetz: 388-8493

MWPCA 1993 Clubhouse Calendar

- Oct: 8 Blake Richardson
9 Jessica Britt
11 Ann Matranga
13 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
COMMITTEE: 8 PM
16-17 CLUBHOUSE WORK DAYS
17 Tourist Club: Old Timer's Dinner
22 GENERAL MEETING: 8 PM
23-24 Carol Davis
30 Aria Rose
31 HALLOWE'EN PARTY & POTLUCK:
6 PM
- Nov: 3 Board Meeting
10 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
COMMITTEE: 8 PM
12 ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK:
7 PM
13 Ruth Bramell
21 Erica Teahan
27 Marta MacDonald

Welcome New Members

Voting Members:

Marta MacDonald
22 Ridge Lane

Non-Voting Members:

Jessica Britt
33 Mountain View
Fairfax, CA 94930

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

There is a new arrival in our neighborhood: Laura Sofia Nogueiro. She weighs about 7 pounds and was born to Anna and Carlos Nogueiro on Tuesday, September 28. Stella Winn says Laura is very cute. They all live at 405 Panoramic Highway.

Environmental Health Committee Report

The source of local static interfering with AM broadcast reception continues to remain a mystery. PG&E reports that it has tested Pacific Bell's Cellular Phone Booster Boxes, which are not the source. They have also worked with Cable TV crews—turning off the cable power—and found that cable TV is not the source. Efforts are still being made to find out if local ham radio installations might be the source. More work needs to be done.

Environmental Health Committee members have been invited to meet with residents in the San Geronimo area who are interested in learning about our efforts to discover and correct local and residential sources of electromagnetic fields that may be health hazards.

Fall Arts Festival Sandwich Sale Successful

Santa Maria Style Steak Sandwiches were a big hit at MWPCA's BBQ fundraiser held in Dowd's Barnyard on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18th & 19th. Many thanks to Keith Papulias, Social Committee Chairman, for getting this event together and for the generous donation from Pappy's Meats, the family business. Take it from this reporter, Pappy's seasoning salt is outstanding.

Thanks, too, to the many who contributed their time and effort to this successful event: Bob Rudy, chef extraordinaire, Lila Daniels, Erika Teahan, Sue & Barney Lenheim, Clif Davenport and Del Goetz for the loan of furniture and facilities.

Siren Song Wanted

We need a siren to cover the west side of Panoramic. Probable location will be on MWPCA property. However, we are probably going to have to put the siren up ourselves because of the current lack of County funds. Perhaps the Feds and State Park people can help us with this effort because it is vital to their safety. A siren is the only way that hikers can be made aware of fire danger.

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MWPCA Board Meeting Highlights, October 6

Treasurer's report showed we are in great financial shape—the best in a long time. The current balance is just over \$4500 which will be helpful with our fire safety efforts. Keith Papulias has spear-headed several fund raising events this year for our Save Mt. Tam campaign, including the recent Mill Valley Arts Festival BBQ (\$300 net), and the Jazz Dinner Dance (\$1100 net). The Board unanimously expressed special gratitude for all Keith's fine work.

The General Meeting scheduled for October 22 was discussed. Topics will be fuel reduction and special parcel tax. Other neighboring associations like the Alpine Club and the Tourist Club have been invited to this special meeting.

The AM Radio Station: testing should be done in the next two to three weeks. IT SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER. At last!

PG&E's Don Osay continues to keep his interest high in solving our static electricity problem. So far, cellular, cable television and Ham radio interference have been eliminated as sources of the problem, and Don is committed to solving the riddle.

Painting weekend coming up October 16-17

Peter Hindley has plans well under way and would like volunteers to help with the painting and preparation. (See announcement below for details.)

Illegally parked cars along Ridge Lane have been alerted to comply with—an especially important issue during FIRE SEASON! And, it's working. Don Jewett drafted the letter being placed on cars. If you would like a copy to use on your street, just contact Dick Popson at 388-1135.

Nominations for the 1994 MWPCA Board of Directors were discussed for the ballot that is enclosed in this issue of the Lookout. Voting members are asked to either return their ballots by mail or return it election night (November 12) at the potluck dinner.

Feel the urge to paint... the Clubhouse?

Peter Hindley is looking for a paint crew for refurbishing the Clubhouse. The WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 16-17 has been reserved for our work crew.

Join the fun!

Give Peter a call at 388-7252 for details.

It's Time to Clean Up Our Recycling Act!

We have been warned!!! Marin Recycling is about to lose their permit for our mountain. Why?—because of the litter some of us are leaving out by the road causing a health hazard. At least that's what Marin County is telling our recyclers.

So, it's up to us to be more careful about what we leave out for the Thursday morning pick up. We don't want to say much but rumor has it that Mountain Lane is the problem.....HELP!

Watch for a post card coming soon. It will remind us once again of what we're supposed to be recycling and how we're supposed to do it. IT'S TIME TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS and keep this wonderful service for all of us.

It would be a terrible inconvenience to have to lug all that 'stuff' down the mountain. Instead, let's get our recycling ACT TOGETHER!!!

If you have parked cars blocking your road you might want to use the following letter that was crafted by member Don Jewitt:

PARKING SAFETY

From the MWPCA Board of Directors

Dear Neighbor:

Both the Fire Marshal and the Sheriff's Office have told us of the dangers of having only a narrow, single outlet road. In case of emergency—especially a fire—access can be a life and death matter. The Oakland fire and the Slick fire, together with the frequent closing of Mt. Tam, are sufficient warnings for us to want to follow the advice of the Fire Marshal and the Sheriff—to be sure that our roads provide adequate access.

The Marin County Code reads as follows:

Sec. 15.33.010: Parking prohibited. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to park upon any roadway unless an unobstructed distance of not less than six feet is maintained to the centerline or to the center of the improved or main traveled portion of the road.

Sec. 15.36.030: Seventy-two hour limit. No person shall park or leave standing a vehicle upon a street or highway within the unincorporated territory of Marin County for seventy-two or more consecutive hours.

We realize that changing your parking arrangements is probably inconvenient. We're sorry for any such inconvenience to you, but we hope that you realize that being endangered by a blocked road is also very inconvenient for most people who live on your road—especially in an emergency.

Please comply with the Marin County Code and advise your guests and visitors to do so as well. Thanks.

**The Board of Directors of the
Muir Woods Park Community Association**

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	Keith Papulias	388-9219
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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
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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

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

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.

HALLOWEEN PARTY POTLUCK DINNER
needs planners, decorators, and hosts. If you are interested in helping contact Stella Winn at 388-3394 or Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

GREAT TIGER CAT needs good home:
Healthy, mellow, friendly, indoor-outdoor, all shots, excellent mouser.
Call Dael at 388-3939

CLASSIFIED:

Hardrock Stump Jumper Bicycle 2 years old, seldom used, 14 1/2" frame, lock and pump included. Cost over \$700 new. Sell for \$450. Call Kaela at (510) 486-0339.

Professional woman seeks studio apartment on Mt. Tam. Can pay \$650/month. Needs as soon as possible. Please call Annice Barber at 389-9214.

Jane & Jan Rubenstein seek teenage baby sitter for their 7 and 10-year olds. Prefer Mt. Tam resident. For details call Jane at 383-5714.

One bedroom furnished cottage for rent while owner is in Europe (3-6 months). \$750/month to caring, non-smoking tenant. Call June Heaslip at 435-9260 or 388-2782.

*T-Shirts Still
Available—
Help Keep Our
Fire Station
Open!*

Bold, red SAVE MT. TAM T-Shirts are still available for \$15 each. Be sure to get yours "before it's too late."

They are a great reminder to our neighbors and friends in other communities in Marin about the importance of protecting our mountain and our homes. Besides, they're very attractive—and the money goes directly to Board activities related to protecting our mountain from fire and other emergencies.

Del Goetz, owner of Dowd's Barn at 156 Throckmorton in Mill Valley has graciously agreed to sell shirts at Dowd's. If you want one mailed to you, call Lila Daniels at 383-8422.

Thank Your Lucky Stars

The September 25th "Save Mt. Tam Dinner Dance" was a wonderfully successful event. It was probably one of the classiest gatherings that we've had at the Clubhouse in a long time. The ingredients of a good cause, good food, good people, and good music all contributed to its success, but special thanks must go to Keith Papulias for an outstanding job of organizing and directing the party. Keith has been a deeply involved and extremely positive addition to our Club.

However, the real star of the Dinner Dance was our Mountain. The majority of the guests had never been to the Clubhouse and never viewed Stinson Beach, Muir Woods, Sausalito and Oakland on a balmy, perfect moon-lit night. "I can't believe where you guys live", said an impressed visitor. "It's like no other place on earth." "What a powerful, inspirational place to call home", stated another. As I walked home later that evening with full belly, warm heart and the strains of Steve Wynn band fading into the night, I recalled the compliments paid to our "home". I was proud of where I live, and what we're trying to do as a group to improve our community. Too often we take Mt. Tam and what it stands for, for granted. We also probably do the same with the contributions of friends, neighbors, and members. Both are mistakes.

Thanks to Mt. Tam and Keith for a job well done.

Thanks also to the many who helped with the event—Stella & Howard Winn helped set-up; Sue & Barney Lenheim for kitchen and bar work; Bob Rudy, Wendy Nelson and helpers for outstanding food preparation. We were able to raise over \$1,200 at this event.

—R. Popson



What Happened?

Over the Summer I watched as residents at the intersection of Edgewood Ave and Sequoia Valley Rd. worked to landscape the western corner. They removed the brush and trimmed out the area. Then they built a redwood split rail fence that marked the trail entrance. As if that weren't enough, they brought in a few plants to make it even more attractive.

Every time I drove up the hill I thought to myself that I should find out who was responsible and call them to congratulate them on their good work. Procrastination being what it is, I didn't get around to it.

One recent morning, on my way to work, I noticed two big, white trucks (that I think said MMWD on the side) parked at the corner and a crew was dismembering—utterly destroying that neighborhood's wonderful work.

By the time I drove up the hill after work, the plants were ripped out, the split rail fence was gone and the whole area was covered with flammable hay. I simply could not believe my eyes! Who would do such a thing? Why?

If anyone can fill me in on what happened, I'd really appreciate it. Please call me. Thanks.

—Del Goetz (388-8493)



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