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November/December 1993 Issue

NOVEMBER 12—ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

Current Issues:

1. Proposed grasslands restoration along the west side of Panoramic Highway.
2. Proposed County parcel/unit tax for fire protection.
3. Status of our Safety AM Emergency Broadcast Station.

If you have any issues you want to raise, this is the time to do so. Your newly elected Board of Directors needs your input about what's important to you.

For more information call Del Goetz at 388-8493.

**MAIL YOUR BALLOTS IN NOW—
THEY ARE DUE NOVEMBER 12.**

**Annual Election Meeting
Potluck Dinner
November 12th**

Assignments for potluck:

A - M : Entree

N - R : Salad

S - Z : Dessert

No-host bar opens at 6 PM. Dinner is at 6:30 PM. Coffee and rolls will be provided by the Social Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 IS OUR ANNUAL MWPCA ELECTION MEETING. BRING YOUR POT AND JOIN OTHER RESIDENTS TO CATCH UP ON WHAT'S HAPPENING ON OUR HILL.

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

*November 12th, Friday, 6 pm
at the Clubhouse!*

NOVEMBER 13 IS TREE CUTTING DAY ALONG PANORAMIC (BETWEEN RIDGE AND MT. VIEW AVES). WE NEED HELP TRIMMING BRANCHES AND STACKING THEM.

The job will be to remove the slash and pile it at designated burn sites. This should only take one day and is just a start. The park will continue to cut and pile exotic trees throughout the winter readying the site for the following year's broom removal.

- Volunteers meet at the Three Sister Site (Mt. View Ave & Panoramic Hwy).
- A park representative will be there to identify the worksites and help co-ordinate.
- Volunteers should bring leather gloves and wear sturdy boots and protective clothing.
- Anyone that is highly allergic to poison oak or hometts should not take part.
- Glasses are recommended to avoid eye injuries from branches and brush.
- No chainsaws or power tools are allowed. Small tree saws or lopping shears would be appropriate.
- If bringing a vehicle, be sure to park it completely and safely off the road.

For more information, please call Peter Hindley at 388-7252 or Del Goetz at 388-8493.

Fuel Reduction/Grassland Restoration Resource Management Plan Report Available

If you didn't attend the Oct. 22 General Meeting and are interested in more information about the proposed Grassland Restoration Plan proposed by Mt. Tam State Park, you can get copies of their proposal by contacting Del Goetz at 388-8493.

The 12-page report was prepared by David Boyd, Marin District Resource Ecologist for the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Mt. Tamalpais State Park. It discusses current conditions, project goals and objectives, methods and materials and resource monitoring plans. Copies have been made available to MWPCA by the California Department of Parks & Recreation.

Mark your calendars...Sunday, December 12th is our Annual Christmas Party!

This Is Not Goodbye

With heavy, but focused, heart and head, I resign from the Presidency and Board of Directors of the Muir Woods Park Community Association.

I resign not because of weakness, but of strength.

I must now pursue other, more personal goals. I will never leave the club, what it stands for, and the importance of our mountain and the people for which it stands, (or better stated - what we stand for.)

The last two years we've done much - much that I feel personally and obliquely responsible for...but my best feelings center around a spirit that somehow has been rekindled within our club. A spirit that embodies the place that we live on and in.

The place we call home is the best place on earth. Hug it and cherish it. Protect it and kick anybody's *** that abuses it.

This mountain is our mountain...

This mountain is your mountain...

This mountain is my mountain.

Never forget it.

R. Popson



Environmental Health Committee Report

The EMF Controversy and Reducing Radiation Exposures is the topic of a 3-day national EMF conference being held Nov. 15-17 in Palo Alto. Anyone interested in information about the conference should contact Del Goetz at 388-8493.

The Environmental Health Committee has obtained a copy of the County's Telecommunications Facilities Policy Plan. Our committee plans to create a map of all facilities in our area by location, type and frequency of transmission and potential as a health hazard to local residents.

We need volunteers to help us with this project. We need a person with mapping skills and people who can help us get public information from the County. If you can donate a few hours to this project please contact any of the following committee members: Jim Bramell, 388-6176, Stella Winn, 388-3394 or Del Goetz, 388-8493.

MWPCA October 22 General Meeting Well-Attended

Over 60 people attended the meeting presented by State Park Resources Manager David Boyd regarding a program to return the west side of Panoramic Highway to its former grassland status. The program included a very graphic slide show and aerial photographs illustrating the changes in flora during the last century.

Following the formal presentation Boyd answered questions from the audience. Most were for clarification about the procedure itself and to probe around the care with which the plan would be put into action. The group seemed satisfied with Boyd's responses and although no formal vote was taken, there was general agreement about moving forward with the plan, which will take place this spring when the hills are safest.

It was evident that our situation is high risk—and that the idea of a controlled burn to restore Panoramic to its safer grassland status is our best option. (Now that wildlands fires continue to rage out of control in Southern California, it is even more urgent that we take positive action here on our beloved mountain—to protect it and ourselves!

To reiterate, 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.

More information will be made available as plans move forward. For further information, please contact David Boyd directly at: 456-1286.

What Happened, Part Two

Last month we reported on the demise of the recent addition of attractive greenery and fencing at the corner of Edgewood Ave. and Sequoia Valley Road. We were told that the recent redecoration of that corner was done by a landscape business owner who wanted to beautify the area. Unfortunately the property belongs to the Marin Municipal Water District, who didn't appreciate the landscape job. They came in and tore out the improvements.

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Clean Up Those Easements

Jim Bramell reported to the MWPCA Board that some trail and "paper road" easements need cleanup work. So when you clean up your property for fire protection, clean up the easements as well. And, please don't deposit debris in them. Trail access is important to local residents' safety. Hiking along Panoramic and the roadways (such as they are) can be hazardous — and you never know when that path along the easement will become an evacuation route to safety.

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PARCEL TAX UPDATE AND POLITICAL HI-JINKS

LOCAL SURVEY INDICATES 3 OF 4 RESIDENTS OPPOSED TO PARCEL TAX

Last month we were assured by Gary Giacomini's aide, Margie Goodman, that if the state sales tax measure passed, which it did, that there would be no parcel tax on the April ballot.

So what becomes of the parcel tax? It gets renamed a "Unit Tax".

According to Jeff Johnson of the County Administrators Office, an Administrative decision has been made to allocate the sales tax money to the Sheriffs Dept. and the Justice Dept. According to Johnson, none of the sales tax money will go for fire and paramedic services. To get the money to support fire and paramedic services, the County Administrators Office is preparing a "Unit Tax" measure to go on the April, 1994 ballot.

The Unit Tax would apply to all "Units" in the unincorporated area of the county. The property owner of each living unit will be taxed between \$70 and \$75 per unit. Business units will be taxed at a higher rate, probably over \$100.

Apparently the Board of Supervisors is ignoring the results of the Jefferson Report, which identifies waste and overspending in the Marin County Justice Dept. And, one wonders at the proposal to create yet another Public Defenders Office. Can we afford to fatten up the Justice Dept. and, at the same time, cut basic life protection services in the Fire and Paramedic Dept?

Once again, we ask our residents to contact Gary Giacomini's office and let him know how you feel about political priorities. Call him at 499-7331; FAX is 499-3645.

CLASSIFIED:

Mt. Tam 'flat', architect designed, 1500 sq. ft. of dramatic space, parklike setting, includes separate office space. Suitable for agile single or couple. Parking available. Utilities included. Contact: Heidi Homberger, agent, 388-5060.

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.

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!

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.



HELP WANTED

PEOPLE TO HELP CUT UP FELLEED TREES
AND PILE BRANCHES

SAT. NOV. 13, 9 AM

**Get your exercise and
reduce local fire hazards**

MEET AT MT. VIEW TURNOUT ON PANORAMIC
Information: Peter Hindley 388-7252

Community Members Pull Together to Rescue a Young Neighbor

Special thanks go to Dirk Van Waart, Stella and Howard Winn, Michael Gonsalves, and our Throckmorton Ridge Firefighters for helping rescue a little lost girl. She wandered from her house on Panoramic Highway on October 11 and ended up on Monte Cimas in Louette Columbano's yard.

Dirk heard an early announcement on the emergency radio station and put out the word to several neighbors on the mountain who began the search. Michael was the one who actually found the little girl.

Thanks to everyone in the community for being such good neighbors and for going out of your way to help. What a relief!

MWPCA Nov.3 Board Meeting Highlights

Dick Popson gave his closing remarks as President of MWPCA. He promises to continue his involvement but will do so in an informally. He will continue to work on the Save Mt. Tam Committee, etc.

A special ad hoc committee was formed to reexamine the policy on clubhouse rentals to reflect changes in usage patterns.

Public Safety Committee update given by Jim Campbell: AM Radio equipment has finally arrived. There will be a test that is tentatively targeted for Thanksgiving week. Watch for a special flyer coming from the Sheriff's Department giving details.

Jim Bramell requested that some of the easements be reopened.

Special thanks to the Hindley family, Sue Lenheim and Lucile Withington for giving the clubhouse a brand new coat of paint.

Current Real Estate Listings

New & Active Listings

5 Muir Ave	1br	1.5ba	235,000
550 Edgewood	1br	1ba	252,000
120 Marin View	1br	1ba	379,000
685 Sequoia Valley	3br	3ba	549,000
1 Marin View	4br	2.5ba	585,000
8 Walsh Dr.	5br	4.5ba	1,075,000
6 Walsh Dr.	5br	4.5ba	1,495,000
1040 Edgewood	3br	2.5ba	1,650,000

Pending

84 Cypress Ave	2br	2ba	125,000
600/602 Edgewood	2br	2ba	275,000
130 Marin View Ave	4br	2.5ba	439,000

Sold

766 Panoramic	2br	1ba	295,000
15 St. Jude	2br	2ba	369,000
1 Brighton Blvd	3br	2ba	394,500
40 Marin View Ave	2br	2ba	419,000
98 Washington Park	3br	2ba	420,000
569 Edgewood	3br	2ba	449,000
430 Panoramic	4br	3ba	549,000
572 Panoramic	4br	3ba	569,000
157 Bayview Dr.	3br	2.5ba	799,000
2 Sunnycrest Ave	4br	3.5ba	799,000

Active Lots

1 Walsh Drive	374,000
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Pending Lots

30 Redwood	99,800
999 Edgewood	200,000
23 Mono Way	239,000

—Please call Kathleen Delehanty of TRI/Prudential (383-6350) for actual sales prices.



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MWPCA 1993 Clubhouse Calendar

Clubhouse Calendar

Nov. 7	Yvonne Jaffe
10	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE:8PM
12	MWPCA ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK
13	Ruth Bramell
21	Erika Teahan
25	Ruth Bramell
27	Marta MacDonald
Dec. 1	BOARD MEETING
4	Mt. Tam Interpretive Association
11	Popson
12	CHRISTMAS PARTY
18	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
Jan. 1	Heidi Gundlach (Wedding)
8	BOARD MEETING: 9:00 - 1:00
22 & 23	Searles (art classes)

Clubhouse Rental Committee Formed

The MWPCA Board of Directors has formed an *ad hoc* Clubhouse Rental Committee to develop rental policies. Committee members Peter Hindley, Cliff Davenport, Robert Rydjord and Barney Lenheim will evaluate past and potential rental problems and make recommendations for future policies about rentals and rental guidelines. They will report on progress at the next board meeting on Dec. 1.

Clubhouse Gets New Coat

Thanks go to Peter and Lynn Hindley and family and Sue Lenheim for their incredible Clubhouse paint job. The place has never looked so good. The first paint day was rained out — as was much of the help with the paint job. The Hindleys took on the job and were assisted by Sue Lenheim and Lucile Withington. Many, many, thanks.

Welcome New Members

Voting Members:

Donna Andrews
222 Mt. View Ave
Maggie & Andy Miller
572 Panoramic Hwy.

Non-Voting Members:

Ann T. Spillane
212 20th Avenue, S.F., 94121

Welcome Newcomers to our Hill

Tamar Cohen & Winn Battum
40 Marin View

Timothy White
16 St. Jude

Carol & Doug Becker
430 Panoramic

Gus & Margie Arnold
1 Brighton Blvd.

Jon Corshen
20A Washington Park Ave.

Jon Lam & Gregory Martin
766 Panoramic Hwy.

Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to Dick and Beth Popson and their family. Dick's oldest son, Dwight, died October 11. In addition to his parents, brothers and sisters, Dwight leaves a wife, Sheri Popson, and a daughter, Kirstin Sullivan. Memorial contributions are preferred to the Kirstin Sullivan Memorial Fund, c/o Richard P. Popson, 35 Ridge Lane, M.V., 94941.

Sympathy is also extended to the friends and family of our neighbor, Mabel Rhea Wharton who died of cancer on October 10. Mabel lived on Panoramic Hwy. for over 20 years. She will be missed.

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Record. Sec.	Peter Hindley	388-7252
Corresp. Sec.	Lila Daniels	383-8422

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	Kathleen Delehanty	388-4516
	Les Draper	383-6594
	Keith Papullias	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 Papullias/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

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.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 18th

Santa Claus is coming to the annual children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, **DECEMBER 18TH FROM 3 - 6 PM**. Please bring a \$5 gift for your child and a plate of finger food for all to share. Don't forget the camera!



Children's Christmas Party—December 18th

The annual children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 18th from 3 - 6 pm. Santa will most certainly put in an appearance — perhaps a few of the elves as well.


Please bring a \$5 gift for your child and a plate of finger food for all to share. Don't forget the camera!

HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE CHILDREN'S PARTY PRODUCTION. IF YOU HAVE A COUPLE HOURS YOU CAN SPARE TO MAKE THIS A SPECIAL EVENT, CONTACT BETH POPSON AT 388-1135 OR ERIKA TEAHAN AT 388-1122.



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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!
 This annual international buffet is a gourmet's delight. Everybody brings their special hors d'oeuvres treat. It's the highlight of our year's social calendar and it's not to be missed. Bring your neighbor!
 For more information contact Stella Winn at 388-3394 or Keith Papulias at 388-9219.



QUESTIONNAIRE ON PROPOSED GRASSLANDS RESTORATION FROM MOUNTAIN HOME INN TO RIDGE AVE.

In favor of restoration

Approve of cutting:

Broom

Exotic/Non-native trees

(Acacia, Eucalyptus)

Approve of prescription burns in area
(every two years)

If you don't approve, why not? _____

Comments: _____

YES NO

For information call:

Bob Rydjord, 388-3621

Peter Hindley, 388-7252

Del Goetz, 388-8493

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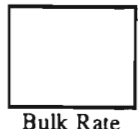
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