

The Lookout



muir woods park community association

40 RIDGE AVENUE OFF PANORAMIC HIGHWAY • MILL VALLEY CALIFORNIA 94941

FALL IS HERE ON THE MOUNTAIN

OCTOBER 1994 ISSUE

**FUNDRAISER
for new siren**

Adults—\$15
Kids 12 & under—\$7.50
Seniors—\$10

OKTOBERFEST
& SILENT AUCTION

**Saturday
October 22**

BAR OPENS &
SILENT AUCTION AT 6
GERMAN FOOD & TREATS AT 7
DANCING 8 TILL MIDNIGHT

All proceeds from
Silent Auction
will go toward
a new siren!

For more information or
to help out call Keith
Papulias at 388-9219.



FALL FUNDRAISER FOR NEW SIREN

It's getting closer! Saturday, October 22 is the date for MWPCA's Oktoberfest 1994. It will be held at the MWPCA Community Building (Clubhouse), 40 Ridge Avenue. Events will start out with a silent auction at 6 PM, which is when the bar opens. German food and treats will be available starting at 7 PM; the band will start at 8 PM and continue until midnight. Social Chairman Keith Papulias is still looking for volunteers to help with the event and is asking that everyone look around the house to see what they can donate for the silent auction. All the proceeds will go towards getting a new siren. For more information call Keith at 388-9219.

Music by: Alpine Rose (just back from tour of Germany ready to get us dancing)

Menu: Bockwurst, German Potato Salad, Sweet-sour Red Cabbage and Apple Strudel — German beer and big pretzels.

OKTOBERFEST SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS:

Our thanks go to the following individuals who have donated items for the Silent Auction on Oct. 22:

Howard & Stella a Winn—fresh baked cookies

Kathleen & Stuart Walton—trundle bed

Christine Leonardich & Arlene Hoffman — Gift Basket of Candles

Molly Jones — One Session Rosen Bodywork

Robert Rovin — Three Sessions of Bodywork

Del Goetz — \$50 gift certificate from Dowd's Barn

Bernie Moss & Martha Metzger — 3 posters (redwoods by German artist; Mary Silverwood painting; Minozo print)

Robin Jones — Statue of Marilyn Monroe and a Cat Scratch Post

Keith Papulias and Wendy Nelson — Pappy's Choice Meat Seasoning Gift Baskets

Bill and Lila Daniels — slightly used CD's in excellent shape.

PRIZES ARE COMING IN DAILY.

OTHER DONATIONS TO SIREN BENEFIT:

Bob & Alison Shapiro — \$20 cash

Keith Papulias & Wendy Nelson—Meat for Oktoberfest

MWPCA DONATIONS

Marge Priest: \$100 to kitchen improvement fund

Linda & Jeff Lockwood: \$25 for Popson's wood donation.

WELCOME TO THE MOUNTAIN

Jennifer Bailey & Michael Wechsler, 23 Ridge Lane
 Harold Dittsmer, 24 Brighton Blvd.
 Jeff & Mia Lilian, 4 Lone Tree Ave.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Grace, 45 Mono Way

CURRENT REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty of Pacific Union of Marin for this update of listings on the mountain. For more details just call Kathleen at 388-4516 or 383-1900, ext. 107. For current interest rates, call Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

New Listings

7 Mountain View Ave 3br/1ba 376,000

Pending

280 Edgewood Ave. 3br/2ba \$528,000

Active Listings

680 Panoramic Hwy	2br/1ba	295,000
442 Panoramic Hwy.	4br/2ba	\$299,000
120 Marin View Ave.	1br/2ba	\$379,000
23 Ridge Lane	3br/2ba	\$429,000
655 Edgewood Ave.	2br/1.5ba	\$574,000
687 Amaranth Blvd.	5br/3ba	\$659,000
30 Sunnycrest	4br/3ba	\$775,000
284 Panoramic Hwy.	4br/2.5ba	\$965,000
6 Walsh Dr.	5br/4.5ba	1,380,000
1040 Edgewood Ave.	3br2.5ba	1,495,000

Sold

328 Panoramic Hwy	Lot	259,000
150 Edgewood	2br/2ba	319,000'
24 Brighton Blvd	2br/2ba	325,000

Lots

0000 Edgewood	345,000
1 Walsh Drive	\$357,500
760 Edgewood Ave. #2	\$379,000
720 Edgewood Ave.	\$400,000
Edgewood Lots 1,2,4,5,6	495,000-695,000

WASHINGTON PARK MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY TEAM PLANS NEIGHBORHOOD WALK-THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 10-1 P.M.

The Washington Park Areas neighborhood liaisons plan to walk through: 574-604 Panoramic Highway, 100 Adams, Muir Avenue, Mountain Lane, part of Redwood Avenue, and all of Washington Park. We want to familiarize ourselves with street and house locations as well as utility shutoffs. This will make it easier for neighbors to help you in case of emergencies like earthquakes. We don't want to intrude, so we will call and remind you we are coming beforehand. Aren't you glad your neighbors care enough to be there when disaster strikes! For more information call Randy Barrow at 381-6634 or Jane Marshall at 388-7726.

AM 1280: EMERGENCY RADIO STATION UPDATE

The radio frequency has been changed again. The new frequency is 1280 AM. We will be mailing stickers for you to put on your telephone, your radio, and your emergency handbook. There also will be signs along Panoramic Highway informing the public about his new local specific emergency radio information service.

The station will have recorded information for park areas during non-emergency periods which will be overridden by the Marin County Sheriff's Department during an emergency, like fire. This gives us that all important evacuation information so we all can get off the mountain safely. The station is still not operational, but we hope to have testing sometime in the next month. We will keep you posted.
 —Randy Barrow

MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY TEAM ADDITIONS

474-496 Panoramic Hwy, Marlene Baar, 383-1290
 270-284 Panoramic Hwy, Joan Herz, 388-4830
 Upper Ridge Ave., Bob Rydjord, 388-3621
 Lower Ridge Ave., Bob & Bethli Scheibach, 388-6349
 Ridge Lane, Dick Popson, 388-1135
 Tourist Club area, Peter Cunningham, 388-9987
Corrections: St. Jude area : Marge Priest and Steve Thompson

Still needing coverage: 730-814 Panoramic (east side); Sequoia Valley Road, Walsh Drive, and Lone Tree. For more information contact Randy Barrow at 381-6634; Kathleen Delehanty at 388-4516; or Del Goetz at 388-8493.

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Sweatshirts are \$20; T-shirts \$10; available at Dowd's Barn. Shirts are Kelly green with white lettering. Sizes: large & X-Large. T's: medium, large and X-Large.



PARCEL TAX UPDATE

We passed the parcel tax for fire and emergency services in June. When you receive your property tax bill, you will see this new assessment on to your bill.

Last week it was reported that Marin County would receive several million dollars back from the state as a result of the governor's signature on Assembly Bill 786. Depending on who you talk to the amount is somewhere between \$3.1 million and 5.6 million dollars. Some of the funds are mandated to certain budget items by AB786. However, a large portion is to go into the General Fund to be held as a rainy day fund.

The question many have is, of course, can any of this money be used to reduce or eliminate our new parcel tax. The short answer from the County Administrator's Office is NO. However, as of press time, this issue remains murky with many unanswered questions. To be fair to all sides we will continue to report once we have clarified the amount of available funds and how the County will disperse and reserve those funds.

—Randy Barrow, Public Safety Chair

THE RIDGE AVENUE SIGNS ARE WORKING

For the first time ever, Ridge Avenue was open for emergency access during the Tourist Club's recent Fest. The reason? — three parking signs posted along the way reminding everyone to watch where they park. The signs are a low cost safety reminder.

If you have a similar situation on your street, you may want to invest in a couple of street signs. Just contact Del Goetz for more information at 388-8493.

FIRESAFE MARIN TO STUDY PROPOSED PANORAMIC FIREBREAK

Firesafe Marin representatives Jack Rosevear (County Fire Marshal) and Wayne Clark (Marketing) met with Board Members Del Goetz and Keith Papulias on Thursday, Sept. 22 to discuss the feasibility and benefits of the proposed firebreak. The Throckmorton Ridge Fire Safety crew on duty also attended. Discussion centered on the need to set standards for brush and tree trimming/removal and ways to get compliance from property owners. It was noted that residents and the State Park have done an immense amount of brush and tree removal. The County has been most negligent in its failure to trim trees along the Panoramic right-of-way, citing budget cuts and lack of funds.

Our Association will submit maps to Firesafe Marin outlining the areas needing attention and filling them in on the State Park burn areas. When mapped and laid out topographically, it shows that we can create a defensible firebreak along Panoramic.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 7, 1994

The State Park is donating wood to construct the Fire Danger sign at 4 Corners. It's up to us to get the sign completed.

A motion was passed to donate up to \$1000 to the Carter Collins Defibrillator Fund. We will contact Bank of Marin, who's handling the fund, to find out how much has already been donated and how much is needed.

The nominating committee reported that the following individuals have consented to candidacy for the Board of Directors in 1995: Del Goetz, Pres., Keith Papulias, V. Pres., Clif Davenport, Treas., Erika Teahan, Secy., Randy Barrow, Lila Daniels, Kathleen Delehanty, Barney Lenheim, and Bernie Moss.

Details of the Oktoberfest Fundraiser for a new siren were discussed. Keith Papulias has an 11 foot bar (pre-1906 quake vintage) he can loan to the Assn. for use in the Clubhouse.

The Mountain Emergency Team list will be published in the Lookout. Randy Barrow reported the AM radio station call letters are WNEG 346; AM frequency is 1280, and it's still not operable.

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Address Correction Requested

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Summer's over and, hopefully, so are most of the accidents on Panoramic Hwy. Panoramic is just what it says it is -- a great view of a lot of area. People come here from all over the world to experience what we get to see each and every day. While some folks are stopping to smell the roses, others are whizzing by in a big hurry to get "over the hill". The differences in speed combined with the lay of the land create a tremendous accident potential. And, we have the accidents to prove it.

Hikers, walkers, skaters, bikers, motorcycles, autos, trucks and motor homes all share Panoramic Hwy. The ones who seem to get hurt the most are the bikers. A neighbor of mine broke her collarbone when her tandem bike went over on Panoramic. Residents are complaining about cars speeding and want to do something about it. Suggestions for improving safety include widening Panoramic for a foot and bike path on one side. It's a terrific idea. Three years ago we suggested that the County widen the road when the new paving went down. "Too expensive" was the reply. Well, if we take a look at the cost of the accidents, it's a whole lot cheaper to pave an apron & restripe.

Personally, I think that bicycle owners should be licensed -- as they are in almost all other states -- and the tax money used to build bike paths. Fifty years ago, when I got my first bike, I had to pay \$3.50 for its license. Make the tax based on the purchase price of the bike, like they do on autos. Hit the \$2500 fancy mountain bikes with a \$50 annual tax and work it down to a minimum tax of \$10 per year. It would give our county over a million dollars a year to build bike paths. Cars and trucks pay a road use tax, why shouldn't bicycles. And, it could save lives.

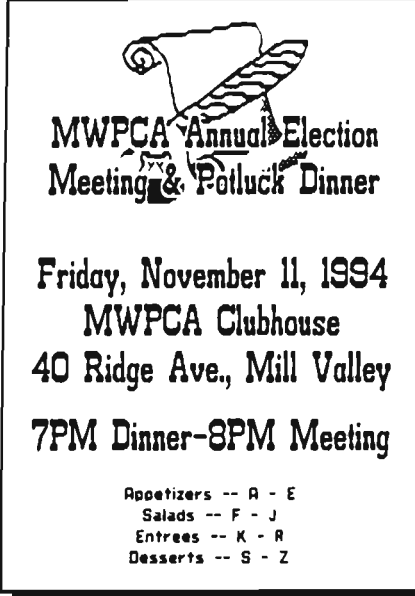
Another lifesaver is a new siren. The one we have now is an old World War II air raid siren. Its location at the firehouse prevents it from being heard on the west side of Throckmorton Ridge -- especially towards 4 Corners. As one resident so succinctly put it: "What good is it to have a radio station if we can't hear the siren that alerts us to turn on the radio?" So dear resident, please dig into your larder to find some "white" or "gold elephants" that you can donate to our silent auction. And, please buy tickets or make a cash donation to the Oktoberfest. All proceeds will go to purchase a siren to be located on MWPCA property. —Del Goetz

RESIDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY ON PANORAMIC

Fred Hacker of 270 Panoramic is concerned about the traffic on Panoramic and would like to work with others to form a committee to make recommendations to the County on what needs to be done to make Panoramic safer for hikers, bikers and drivers. If anyone is interested in working on this worthy project please contact: Del Goetz, 388-8493; Randy Barrow (Safety Committee) 381-6634 or Fred Hacker at 383-3111.

MWPCA ELECTIONS COMING UP

Since the Sept. 7th Board of Directors Meeting three additional candidates for the 1995 Board have emerged: Marge Priest from the St. Jude Area, Peter Cunningham of the Ridge Area. and Dick Popson (former MWPCA President). Anyone else interested in participating as a Board Member or Alternate contact Robert Rydjord at 388-3621 or Randy Barrow at 381-6634 before November 1.



MWPCA Annual Election Meeting & Potluck Dinner

Friday, November 11, 1994
MWPCA Clubhouse
40 Ridge Ave., Mill Valley
7PM Dinner-8PM Meeting

Appetizers -- A - E
Salads -- F - J
Entrees -- K - R
Desserts -- S - Z

GRASSLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT

Robert Rydjord reports that David Boyd of the California State Parks and Recreation Department recently said funding is available for clearing two more areas along Panoramic of acacia, eucalyptus and pines.:

- From Ridge Avenue down to the Sun Trail (which goes on the level from the Tourist Club over to Panoramic).
- From Mountain View to the Ranger House on Panoramic(680 - 700 block) — Boyd is in the process of getting bids now

Boyd will also request bids to take out the pines at Four Corners, which are a special risk because of the high winds that whip through right there.. Special thanks to Dave for his persistence on our behalf. We're going to get our defensible space yet!

RIDGE AREA RESIDENTS ORGANIZE FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Robert Rydjord , Dick Popson, Bob Scheibach and Peter Cunningham organized a recent neighborhood potluck dinner at the MWPCA Clubhouse to discuss their emergency preparedness plans and distribute the Mill Valley PREP booklets. About 24 people. attended. Following the potluck, they broke into four teams based on zones to discuss how to get organized. Team leader will contact residents in their zones as follow up.

1994 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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Vice President	Keith Papulias	388-9219
Treasurer	Clif Davenport	383-3892
	Lila Daniels	383-8422
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	Jim Campbell	381-9320
	Kathleen Delehanty	388-4516
	Barney Lenheim	383-1447
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	Erika Teahan	388-1122

COMMITTEES

Clubhouse Maintenance	Barney Lenheim
Public Safety	Randy Barrow/Lila Daniels
Elders Network	Stella & Howard Winn
	Les Draper
Environmental Health	Del Goetz
Newsletter	Lila Daniels/Gari Thompson
Social	Keith Papulias/Stella Winn/Lynn Hindley
Parents Network	Beth Popson /Erika Teahan
Cancer Cluster Study	Jim Bramell
Membership	Kathleen Delehanty
Community Affairs	Bob Rydjord
MWPCA Clubhouse	Peter Cunningham

FOR RENT FROM THE ASSOCIATION:

Weed wrenches: Rates: \$5 first day; \$2.50 each additional day; \$15/week; maximum rental period: 2 weeks. Call Clif Davenport at 383-3892.

Field meter to measure EMF's: \$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.

LOOKOUT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Please submit articles for next Lookout by November 15. Copy is to be submitted on computer disk, either for Macintosh or PC; also acceptable is a clean, typewritten original page that can be scanned into the computer.)

MWPCA 1994 CALENDAR

<u>Oct.</u>	15	Brad Lord Wedding
	16	Old Timers' Dinner at Tourist Club
	18	Gari Thompson & Carol Roghair
	22	MWPCA Oktoberfest — 6 p.m.
	26	Gari Thompson
<u>Nov.</u>	2	Board Meeting — 8 p.m.
	5	Ruth Bramell
	9	Gari Thompson
	11	Annual Meeting & Potluck — 7 p.m.
	24	Mrs. David Raskin
	30	Gari Thompson
<u>Dec.</u>	7	Board Meeting — 8 p.m.

CLASSIFIED

Metal Signs: 'Maintain 12 Foot Fire Lane Clearance': 'Violators Will be Towed per MCC 15.33.010' \$20 (18"x24"); 'No Parking, Fire Lane' \$12 (12"x18"). Available from MWPCA. For information contact Del Goetz at 388-8493.

Medical doctor & artist wife looking for house — to rent: 2 bedroom/2 bath with work space and storage. Up to \$1,400 rent. Please call Arlene at 332-5216.

Office Space Wanted: Sex? Now that I've got your attention: kind, fun, reliable & creative Ph.D. writer/producer/psy'ist/play therapist will pay \$100 - 200 reward for info leading to teensy, weensy tiny space for DAYTIME use, only for office in trade for \$\$ petcare, therapy, massage, light child/elder care -- even a generous royalty arrangement on my forthcoming potential bestseller book and video on PLAY. Dr. Gary Krane 267-7645.

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