



hello september | from our president

El Niño is coming...let's meet it as a community.

I attended the recent Marin County Board of Supervisors meeting where the County's Office of Emergency Services presented a special report on the potentially challenging winter ahead caused by El Niño.

For months they've been working on plans to help prepare and mitigate the effects of overwhelming storms that **NOAA** is predicting for California. They have started an education campaign encouraging residents to prepare ourselves, our families, and our communities for emergencies.

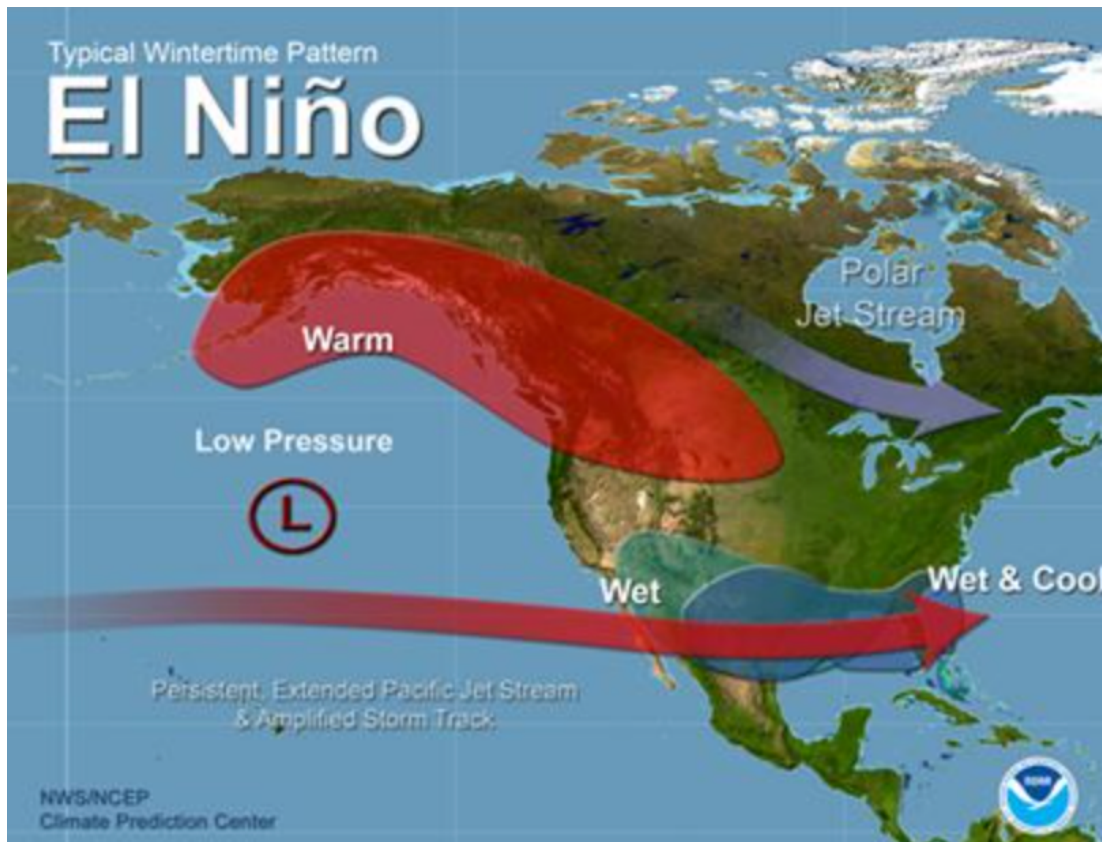
The Office of Emergency Services is an agency within Marin County Fire, and they've prepared a handy checklist called **ReadyMarin** that is a very worthwhile resource. Please take a few minutes to review how well you and your family are prepared should an emergency occur. If you aren't yet, please do sign up for **AlertMarin** to stay informed.

As we all know, and as many of us have experienced, up here on The Mountain, winters can hit hard. We get downed trees, downed electrical poles, gushing water from springs, and are often without electricity for days. We are a hearty folk, sure, but the best thing about us is our Community (yes, with a capital C).

This winter the MWPCA will be stocking our Clubhouse with fundamental provisions, and volunteers are going staff the Clubhouse during outages to provide generator and emergency battery power for limited hours to power devices such as phones and medical equipment.

And when I say volunteers...well, this means all of us. If you would like to get on our list of people who are willing to help at the MWPCA Clubhouse, please write to me at Nancy.Gribler@yahoo.com.

Nancy Gribler



work day

PLEASE BRING YOURSELVES (AND YOUR TOOLS) TO

WORK DAY

AT THE MWPCA CLUBHOUSE

FEATURING: GARDENING, CLEANING, REPAIRING,
SORTING & TOSSING... WITH: NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS,
MUSIC, BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DRINKS, & LAUGHS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

HELP US KEEP
THE CLUBHOUSE STANDING!

9AM - 4PM

40 RIDGE AVE

Join Friends, Neighbors, and Reluctant Family Members for
WORK DAY 2026 at the MWPCA Clubhouse

Saturday, September 19th
9 am to 4 pm (or earlier)

We've got a list of projects that are going to **improve our Community** Clubhouse and property.

We'll provide the snacks and drinks to keep our energy up, and a nice lunch we can enjoy while taking in the view and reflecting on a job well done.

Park in the lower lot and haul your tools up to the clubhouse to choose your tasks.

chipper day update



Chipper Day on Sunday August 23rd went smoothly, despite a smaller support crew than we usually have on hand, and it was surprisingly productive! 10 community members, some of them first-timers, brought in 19 loads. Wow. Thank you to Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station for managing the offloading, and kudos to neighbors who handled it themselves. Great way to close out the summer. Thank you all for participating. Now pray for rain (but not too much!).

Any questions re: Fire Prevention & Safety, please contact:

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sunday café



Ben Livesey - reciting an original poem at open mic

August was sweet—and I don't say that *just* because some of you dears brought us sugar-coma-adjacent pies and brownies and cakes and crisps (soooo many apples) for our food counter all month long. I say it because a couple of Sundays last month were just exactly what they were supposed to be when we dreamed this thing up: not too busy, no live music, kinda chill, happy new faces, happy old faces (no offense), funny convos, love and appreciation coming out of the woodwork. And those were the days *without* anything special planned. The other Sundays were more boisterous, more

musical... more sassy if you will. Those are the days when you might catch the kitchen volunteers singing along with the band. Those are good days too.

Also, Esther's dahlias. Peak August beauty. I mean, I KNOW you've been loving them as much as we do because you've told me so. Thank you Esther (and Bronia - worthy back up!) for the dahlias and all your other garden glories every week.

September is going to be more of the same. Come for the quesadillas, stay for the joy. Also: this is the month we start talking seriously about holiday happenings at the cafe. Swap? Maker Sale? Something else? Send your thoughts and inspiration (and willingness to help organize) to sandra@workingdesigner.com

One last note: we will be building a community altar once again this year at the **Sunday of the Dead Cafe** (Nov. 1st.). Last year's celebration was a tamale-filled extravaganza with the Easy Winners digging up some old time latin music for us to dance to. Please consider helping with this event, and bringing your own ofrenda to the altar.

SEPTEMBER CAFE DATES:

SEPT. 6 - Open 3-6

SEPT. 13 - LIVE MUSIC - Phil Richardson brings the strings

SEPT. 20 - CAFE CLOSED

SEPT. 27 - LIVE MUSIC - Resister Sisters amping up for mid-terms!



Falk Cammin regaling us with her storytelling!



Beautiful flowers by Esther Ehrensaft

film club



Join us for FILM CLUB to watch & discuss “The Creator,” a science fiction action thriller set in the year 2070 about a war between humanity and artificial intelligence. Directed by Gareth Edwards (“Rogue One”), the film tells the story of a former special forces agent recruited to hunt down & destroy the creator of a mysterious weapon that could end the war. What the agent finds is not what he expects, and the story explores themes of what it is to be human and whether artificial beings can feel, love and deserve to live.

This prophetic gem has been chosen by local lad Connor Hill, a student of St. Andrew’s University in Scotland, who will be beaming into to give us his insight on why he loves the film.

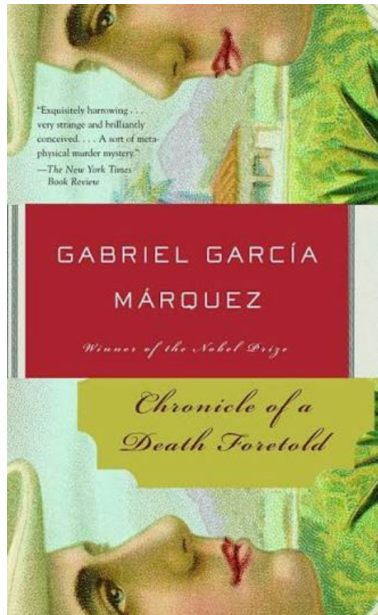
Reach out to Ben if you want come join the MWPCA FILM CLUB WhatsApp group and be part of the conversation every month (more importantly, choose

a film yourself).

Saturday, September 19 • 7:00pm at the Clubhouse | BYO (we supply the popcorn).

Questions? bd.livesey@gmail.com

book club



For book club NOBEL PRIZE WINNER • From the author of *One Hundred Years of Solitude* comes the gripping story of the murder of a young aristocrat that puts an entire society—not just a pair of murderers—on trial. A man returns to the town where a baffling murder took place 27 years earlier, determined to get to the bottom of the story. Just hours after marrying the beautiful Angela Vicario, everyone agrees, Bayardo San Roman returned his bride in disgrace to her parents. Her distraught family forced her to name her first lover; and her twin brothers announced their intention to murder Santiago Nasar for dishonoring their sister. Yet if everyone knew the murder was going to happen, why did no one intervene to stop it? The more that is learned, the less is understood, as the story races to its inexplicable conclusion.

September 17 | 6:30pm. Contact esther_ehrensaft@yahoo.com

and still...



If your days could use a little more calm, Tuesday Morning Meditation continues at the clubhouse. This is a chance to pause, breathe, and spend a quiet moment reconnecting with yourself and the beautiful place we call home. No experience required, no expectations; just come as you are.

📅 Tuesdays

🕒 9:00–9:50am

💛 Donation-based, benefiting the MWPCA

🧘 Led by Devin Patel

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voices of the community

Now That You Know

Amid the dawn there are the crows, stealth hunters in the sky
Hawks wearing cloaks on walks in the grass with bare-footed talons
A deer skids and the fog lays in the valley imitating the sea
Cars within it unseen roll in and out and out and in

Later, in the moonlight, high on a wire the owl sweeps the land
And stares beyond the hills at the ocean indivisible with the night
You turn toward the shore, to the beach houses
To the silhouettes in the orange windows and to the town

Crying like a baby, sobbing like a spared soldier
You are hurled into the path of the city's night
Where you find civilization and uncivilization
Possibilities and probabilities, everything and nothing

Polished as a silver service, the fire hose outlets
On the side of the bank will help wash away your tears
Then visions; laying on frozen fields, on dry roadside verges, on warm park benches
Freedom and safety right here in God's arms
Vulnerable body protected in the day's sun
The grasses start to thicken, nurturing loss in their dark blades

Back in the city's night, you look into the eyes of someone in a doorway
A few of us have the sun all our lives, others for an extended moment
Many have a cold wind
Early the next day, the crows lift and drop in the breeze
Cawing: 'What did you see? Now that you know, what will you do?'

The cars in the fog roll in and out and out and in asking the same.

-Ben Livesey

from the county



Be sure to check the links below to the County of Marin website to learn about events, feedback sessions, and any other issues that may impact our community:

1) **The County Newsfeed**

2) **Upcoming Events**

on the horizon

Tuesday Morning Meditation | Tuesdays • 9:00 –9:50am

Sunday Café | September 6, 13 and 27 • 3:00 - 6:00pm

Work Day | September 19 • 9:00am - 4:00pm

Film Club | September 19 • 7pm

Book Club | September 17 • 6:30pm

It really does take a village so if you have any questions or suggestions regarding The Lookout, or if you want to get involved, then email Bronia Hill at bronia@promoteyourselfnow.net.



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