

# THE LOOKOUT

NEWS FROM THE MUIR WOODS PARK COMMUNITY ASSOC.



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## hello may

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April gave us one of those days you hope for...and then actually get!

Our **Easter Egg Hunt** was a joyful success, with around 40 participants spreading out across the clubhouse grounds in search of several hundred eggs (and a very satisfying number of prizes). The weather cooperated beautifully, the energy was high, and it was a real pleasure to see families gathering, exploring, and enjoying the morning together.

We were especially lucky to have a visit from the **Easter Bunny**, who bounced from group to group, posing for photos and generally delighting kids, and more than a few grown-ups, with his Elvis-inspired poses. (We're still not entirely sure where that came from, but no one was complaining.) In addition to the bunny and the egg hunt itself, there were cupcakes and other treats, along with hands-on activities like decorating plant pots and sowing seeds; a nice way to bring a little bit of spring home (and a bit of dirt into the car).

A special thank you to Ben, Nicola, Nancy, and Shelly for helping make it all happen -- from egg-stuffing and set-up, to doing all the clean-up (the clubhouse continues to refuse to clean itself).

**The Sunday Café** also returned to form, with two successful weekends featuring Open Mic and live music with the **Resister Sisters** and the **Hell-No Bros!** It was wonderful to welcome Sandra, Eike, and Winnie back from their respective travels and officially hand things back over. The coffee tasted just a little more confident, and everything felt right again.

A full April and plenty more ahead.



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## from our president

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May already! And that means Summer is just around the corner. With all the late Spring rains, our beautiful Mountain is just popping with flowers and tree growth, but also with weeds and heavy branches, which will of course turn into dangerous fuel for fires.

Because there is so much growth, the Marin County Fire Department is going to be sending out the Defensible Space Team to visit every home on the Mountain again this year in **July**. They will be looking at ways to improve fire safety around our properties, which in turn improves fire safety for all of us.

We are so fortunate to have the Throckmorton Fire Station involved with our Community. Senior Fire Captain Aaron Jarvis has once again asked for and received a budget to pay for two **Chipper Days** this year. The first one will be held on **Sunday, June 21**, and the second one on **Sunday, August 23** in the lower lot of the Clubhouse at 40 Ridge Avenue. The times are 10 am until 4 pm, and as always, Throckmorton personnel will be there to help offload your

fuel. We've timed it so that you can do an initial clean up in June, get suggestions in July from the Team, then have another at the end of Summer. Reminders will be in the Lookouts.

**We are winding up our 2026 Membership Drive with a letter to folks who may have forgotten. In case you'd like to pay your fees online, [here's a link to our membership page](#). These fees help us to maintain our beautiful property and put on events.**

Happy Spring!

**Nancy Gribler**  
**MWPCA Board President**



A guest at last Sunday's café

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# marin county needs you!

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## **Marin County is updating its septic regulations (LAMP) and wants to hear from you.**

The MWPCA is hosting the County of Marin for a community meeting on Tuesday, May 19, at 6.30 pm at the MWPCA Clubhouse. This is one of several community meetings being held in Marin by the County, to inform updates to their LAMP (Local Agency Management Program) for the management and regulation of onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS).

As part of its efforts to update septic regulations, the County is hosting these meetings within many communities that have septic systems, to get feedback from residents on what's working, what may be confusing, and what challenges people may be experiencing with septic systems and related regulations.

The feedback from these county-moderated meetings will be included in a report and will inform recommendations to be presented first to the Supervisors. Following that, the County plans to have new regulations in place by 2027.

Participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions, learn about the goals and timeline for the updates, and provide recommendations for improving current regulations.

If you'd like to hear directly from the County, ask questions, and help shape the new regulations, then this is your opportunity. More information about the LAMPS program and regulatory updates can be found [here](#). We hope you can join us.

**Tuesday, May 19· 6:30pm**  
**At the MWPCA Clubhouse, 40 Ridge Avenue, Mill Valley**

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## join us for the inaugural film club

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Introducing Film Club - for all the films you've always meant to watch (or rewatch), and maybe talk about afterward.

Come join fellow film lovers for a relaxed evening of cinema, conversation, and a glass of wine. And don't worry if this isn't your jam - we're still offering Movie Night every quarter.

**First up: A.I. Artificial Intelligence (2001)**

Stanley Kubrick's prophetic vision felt distant when it was released. Only two decades later, it's hitting a little closer to home.

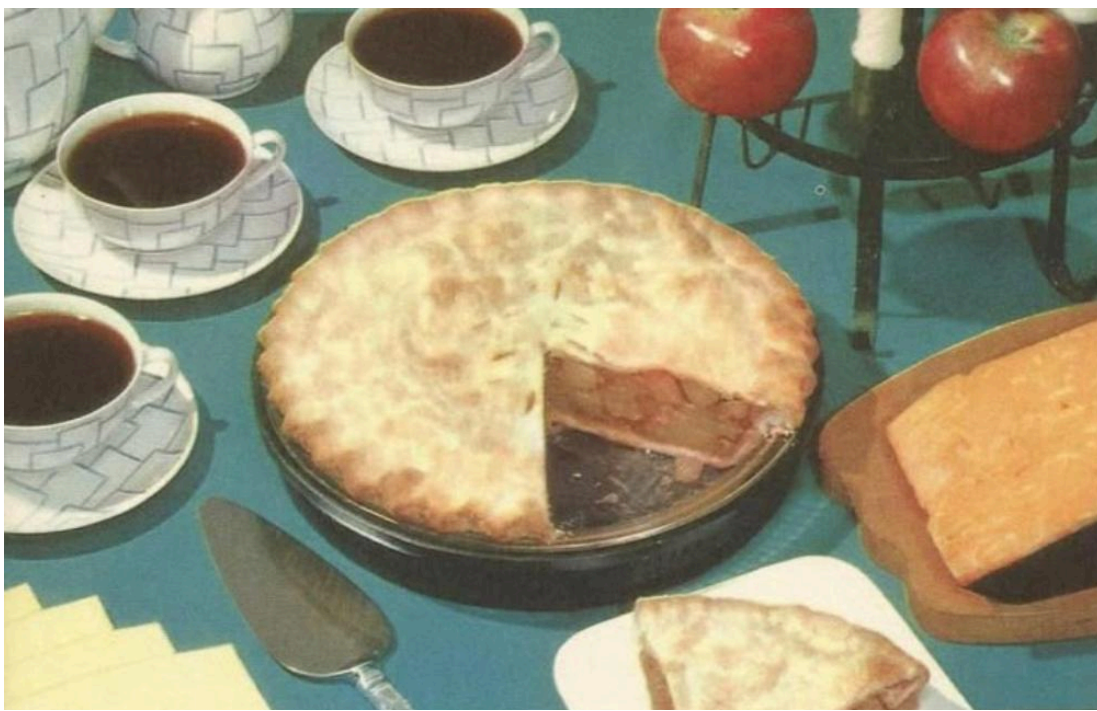
**Friday, May 8· 7pm at the Clubhouse**

**Questions?** Reach out to our movie mastermind at [bd.livesey@gmail.com](mailto:bd.livesey@gmail.com)

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for moms and people who know them

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Back in the day, culinary inspiration came from the side of a box. Take, for example, Mock Apple Pie—a recipe so brutally carb-heavy, so symbolically inappropriate, so NOT apple in any way that its five decade run on the Ritz cracker box defies reason. Personal reveal: Mock Apple Pie is my mom's fault.

What has this got to do with the Sunday café? —or Moms for that matter? First of all, it's about pie, and so is the café! Second, it's about a working mom (mine) in the 1960's whose job was to develop a nutrient-free pie recipe for the side of a cracker box, then test it on her ever-willing family. And *that* particular gem of family lore is about loving our moms no matter what they feed us—which is what Mother's Day at the café is all about!

**This Sunday, May 10th** (Mother's Day!) at the Sunday café, our food counter will be offering classic recipes from the Mom vault. Got one of your own? Bring it to sell with us! It'll be fun. There may be prizes. If nothing else, we'll sashay down memory lane and have a few laughs.

And speaking of memory lane, we'll be classing things up on Mother's Day with the live vintage swing of the ever popular, foot-tappin', *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Bar raised.

### **Sunday Café May Schedule (3-6pm):**

May 3 | Sunday Café open for business!

May 10 | Special Mother's Day café with **Ain't Misbehavn'**!

May 17 - CLOSED

May 24 | Sunday Café open for business!

May 31 | Cafe is open with live music from **Resister Sisters!**

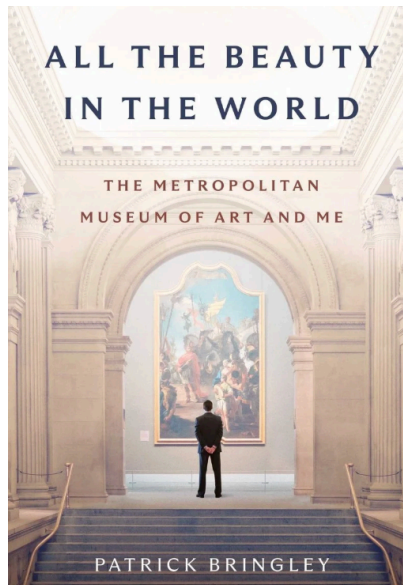
**We always need volunteers - for food and cafe shifts! It's fun!**  
**Contact: [sandra@workingdesigner.com](mailto:sandra@workingdesigner.com)**

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# don't miss our book club

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*Thank you to those who joined Book Club in April.* Our next meeting is on May 14 where we'll discuss the captivating memoir of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's beauty and history . If you're someone who's interested in meeting new people and enjoy having conversations with fellow readers, then come join us. **Everyone is welcome!**



**May 14 | All the Beauty in the World** by Patrick Bringley (240 pages)

**June 18 | Creation Lake** by Rachel Kushner (416 pages)

Come for one meeting or all of them. Questions? Reach out to Esther at [esther\\_ehrensaft@yahoo.com](mailto:esther_ehrensaft@yahoo.com)

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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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## from the county

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We'll include this new section every week. 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**

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# on the horizon

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

**Book Club** | Thursday, May 14 • 6:30pm

**Sunday Café** | May 3, May 10, May 24, May 31

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](mailto:bronia@promoteyourselfnow.net).



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