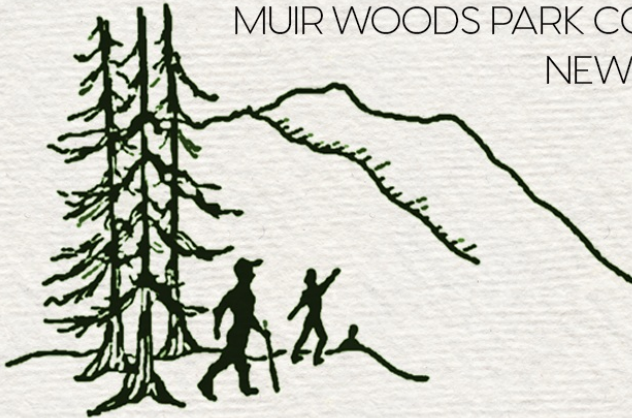


# THE LOOKOUT

MUIR WOODS PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR, NEIGHBORS!

First the good news: The powerhouse wordsmith behind our MWPCA newsletters for the past ten (10!) years, Nancy Gribler, will now be applying her savvy communication know-how to running the whole MWPCA shebang as President. She's taking over from Linda Sawtelle—a fearless champion of MWPCA causes for whom three years of brilliant, unrelenting volunteer leadership have proven, inexplicably, to be enough. We will miss them in their former capacities, but are grateful they both continue to serve on the Board.

So now it's on me to produce this venerable publication. Please forgive the typos (as *if*), unfortunate word choices and grammatical offenses. I'm new to this, but I love my community and I love talking about it—so this should be fun! (for me). Send feedback, news items, local photos, ideas for short articles, recipes, mountain memories, herbal remedies, gripes, hikes... anything you like! ... to me: [sandra@workingdesigner.com](mailto:sandra@workingdesigner.com) Thanks!

- Sandra Murray

## MEET THE 2025 BOARD

If you missed the December holiday potluck due to an unscheduled alien abduction, we forgive you. But do try to make it to the next shindig—and bring your new friends. These events at the clubhouse are for ALL neighbors—young and... less young. Heck, the blazing twinkle light extravaganza *alone* is worth the cost of admission (free).



At this year's event—which doubled as our Annual General Meeting—the entire 2025 Board of Directors showed up ready to show the world what a positive election result looks like. Some even made it into the photo below (*left to right*): Linda Sawtelle, Sandra Murray, Ben Livesey (VP), Keith Papulias, Faybeth Diamond, Liza Dunning and Nancy Gribler (Pres.). Not pictured (sorry): Sarah Burke Richmond (Treas), Kate Walton (Rec. Sect'y), and Directors John Lovell, Robert Savala and Roel Jonkman.

Photos: John Lovell, Sandra Murray, Liza Dunning



## USE YOUR MWPCA

Those handsome volunteers in the photo above may seem like they have a higher stake in the clubhouse than you do, but in truth, every dues-paying member of the MWPCA is a valuable contributor to the upkeep of the building and its mission of fostering community up here on the mountain. Good work neighbors! Thank you! (And if you're NOT a dues-paying neighbor, join [HERE](#)). Don't be a stranger. Read on to see what's coming up at the clubhouse...

## FREE TRAINING AT THROCKMORTON RIDGE STATION:

Join our esteemed first responders in their natural habitat at the



**Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station (!)** on January 23rd to learn how to handle emergencies almost as expertly as they do...

## Start the New Year with Emergency Preparedness Training

Join Captain Jarvis & the Office of Emergency Management to improve your own personal disaster resilience in 2025!

- Alerts & Warnings
- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Hands Only CPR
- Disaster Planning in the home
- Evacuation Discussion

This FREE 90 minute class is suitable for all ages 12 years and up. Register [here](#) or email [info@readymarin.org](mailto:info@readymarin.org) for more information. Spaces are limited!

**Thursday January 23rd, 2025 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**  
📍 Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station, 816 Panoramic Highway



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### MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, Feb. 1 - 7pm

Join us at the clubhouse for **The Fantastic Mr. Fox** ~ a kind of cinematic alchemy that happens when the quirky mind of Wes Anderson meets the beloved fiction of Roald Dahl ~ with arguably the best ensemble voice-over cast ever ensembled (Clooney, Streep, Murray, Schwartzman, Dafoe, etc).

### He**ART** of Tam: valentine's arts & crafts for kids!

Let's get creative and celebrate all things love with an afternoon of arts & crafts. We'll be making nature-inspired Valentines gifts.



Saturday, February 8th,  
1pm to 3pm

Donation-based to benefit the MWPCA.



## Super Bowl Potluck

Want to eat popcorn, drink beer and chat with neighbors while enjoying the grunting, crowd-roaring soundtrack of Superbowl LIX? Have we got a party for you!

**Bonus** pre-game and halftime archival clips, "expert" (?) predictions and general shenanigans.

**Sunday, February 9th**  
**2:30pm pre-game. Kickoff at 3:30**  
**potluck + byob**



## Tuesday Morning Meditation

Please join us in taking a pause from outward engagement so that we can, for a moment, listen to ourselves and appreciate this beautiful land we call home. *This is an open group for beginning and experienced sitters alike.*

Tuesday mornings from 9:00-9:50 am  
MWPCA Clubhouse  
Donation-based to benefit the MWPCA.

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## ICYMI\* • HOLIDAY EDITION

**V.I.P MEET & GREET AT THE MWPCA CLUBHOUSE ...** On Dec. 8th, renowned toymaker **Santa Claus** and his adorable plus-one, Mrs. Claus, dropped in on the clubhouse to the delight of local super-fans who queued up for a bit of one-on-one time with the Man himself. Compliments to Throckmorton Fire Station for the ride, and to Liza Dunning, Ken Cook and Esther Ehrensaft for reaching out to the North Pole and making it happen.

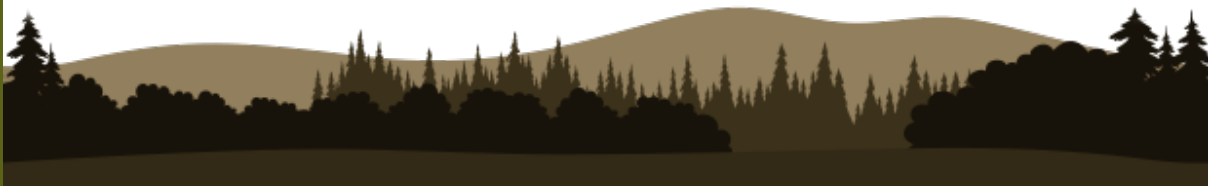
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\* IN CASE YOU MISSED IT :)

### Marin County Emergency Portal

The [Marin County Emergency Portal](#) is a trusted source of information during an emergency and for emergency preparedness. Take a tour of the site, and save it as a bookmark on your computer.



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