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### **Fire Season is Here - Special Feature by Faybeth Diamond**

The June 21 Chipper Day was a big success. Kudos and hearty thanks from MWPCA Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Committee to everyone who tackled the fire-risk fuel on their property. Twenty-two truckloads (some seriously over-loaded) of branches, limbs, and slash were brought up to the clubhouse lower parking lot. Residents buddied up with neighbors and several people made multiple trips. It takes a village....

Many thanks to the personnel from Marin Fire who handled the off-loading and managed the placement of the piles for chipping. Both CalFire and the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority have commented on the extraordinary amount of fuel we have this year, so think of this as a "1<sup>st</sup> pass" and expect summer growth.

**A second Chipper Day is scheduled for late August** Meanwhile, keep filling those green yard-waste recycle cans with wacked grasses and choppables like Scotch Broom and that nasty Italian Thistle, both of which should be dug out by the root if possible.

### **Emergency Preparedness – Updates about Alert Marin**

During my own recent Wildfire Risk Assessment Inspection, I was asked if I was signed up with Alert Marin. I am, but you might not be! Turns out that many people think they are because of Nixle. Not true. If you expect to receive Disaster/Emergency information and updates, especially evacuation orders, you must register with Alert Marin as a separate entity. Go to [AlertMarin.org](https://AlertMarin.org) and fill out all the requested information. Up to five phone numbers can attach to one address for phone calls or text messages. So if you have an au pair or live-in housekeeper or anyone who will likely be home with your children or pets when you are not, they will also need to get the call or text.

If there is a change of household assistance personnel, don't forget to go on [AlertMarin.org](http://AlertMarin.org) to change the phone number. Also, if you have an ADU or in-law suite that you VRBO or rent out on a short-term basis, it is advised that you make a little sign to place by your guest book or any check-in materials asking your "guest" to please register their phone number at your address while they are staying there, and to please remove it when they leave.

Any questions? Contact Faybeth Diamond @ fbdlive.comcast.net  
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## from our president

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### **Have You Been to the Sunday Café?**

For over a year on most Sunday's, the Clubhouse turns into an incredibly lovely café, with food and drink (including beer and wine) made by and served by our neighborhood volunteers.

Sunday Café founder and MWPCA Board Director Sandra Murray hosted a meeting the other night with a group of stalwart Sunday Café volunteers.

While the café has been a success from the start, Sandra wanted to hear from people who volunteer on a regular basis about what was working, not working, ways to improve the café experience and discuss new ideas for the café.

I was there and really enjoyed the lively discussion and particularly enjoyed the enthusiastic way the volunteers talk about the café. But most especially, I loved hearing about what the café means to some folks. Some comments from the meeting:

*"I've lived here 40 years without knowing more than a handful of people on the mountain. Volunteering and just being at the cafe has led to true friendships up here that would not have happened any other way."*

*"The neighborhood feels warmer to me now."*

*"It feels like the local pub. Where friends, neighbors and visitors are all welcome."*

*"I love that musicians who've played here once always offer to come back and play again - for free - because the vibe is so great."*

At Sandra's turn she said that she noticed our clubhouse would sit closed most of the time unless there was an event or a rental and wanted to create a place to gather and visit and enjoy our Mountain, while having a snack and drink. Sandra has a background in culinary arts, and as a matter of fact her mother owned three high-end food and kitchen ware stores back east.

I'd encourage everyone to come round the Sunday Café (summer hours 3-6 pm) and either drop off one of your famous deep dish pies or family recipes,

volunteer (it's fun!), then sit and enjoy the sun, the view, chat with a hiker who happened by and make sure to say hello to your neighbors who live on our beautiful Mountain for the same reasons as you.

And finally, please join a virtual community meeting hosted by the County where they'll report back on feedback gathered from residents across Marin County as part of the LAMP (Local Agency Management Program) update process. County representatives will walk through what issues came up, what questions people had, and what recommendations are being carried forward.

- Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 6:00-7:30 PM
- Join online via [Zoom](#)

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



*Two of our café guests about to enjoy a root beer float*

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## sunday summer café

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The *bad* news is that our in-house neighborhood barista, Eike, along with our in-house neighborhood kitchen whirlwind Winnie (the latter, by the way, recently unveiling an open mic talent that few expected but none, when you think about it, were too surprised by), will be gone for the next 6 weeks—leaving the rest of us kitchen volunteers to serve our World Cup-loving locals without the unflappable aplomb and life-affirming can-do of the incomparable duo. We'll do our best.



*Eike and Winnie giving us unflappability and joy in the cafe kitchen*

The *good* news is that despite its personnel setback, the Sunday Café, as mentioned, will indeed be open during the World Cup playoffs and finals this month. That said, you are encouraged to bring your own snacks and beverages, as the café will not be open during the entirety of every game.

**Bonus World Cup activity:** Christine Lemoire-Drake is organizing a Panini Sticker Swap in the back room of the clubhouse on July 19th while the final game is being shown on the big screen in the other room. Apparently, this has nothing to do with Italian sandwiches and everything to do with a certain global FIFA sticker mania that falls into the category of IYKYK. Bring your stickers and get swappin'!

And finally, more good live music news this month! **Phil Richardson**, a phenomenal musician and beloved café enthusiast, will be bringing his guitar, banjo and fiddle to the cafe on July 12th (this is a real treat for us). Then, on July 26th **The Resister Sisters** (& the Hell No Bros) will be back on July 26th with beautiful and powerful songs of resistance, reminding us that we are community in all things. Raise your voice with the Sisters and sing along in righteous solidarity.

If you find yourself elsewhere in July, we see you. We've arranged to satisfy your FREE live music needs at the café *throughout* the month of August with café favorites Easy Winners Aug. 2nd, Migrant Pickers Aug.16th and TDK August 23rd. Stay tuned for more August news.

**Sunday Café June Schedule (3-6pm):**

**UPCOMING CAFE DATES:**

July 5th | World Cup soccer on the big screen. 1pm and 5pm

July 12th | FREE LIVE MUSIC - Phil Richardson  
July 19th | World Cup soccer + Panini swap. Noon.  
July 26th | FREE LIVE MUSIC - Resister Sisters!  
Aug. 2nd | FREE LIVE MUSIC - Easy Winners  
Aug. 9th | CLOSED  
Aug. 16th | FREE LIVE MUSIC - Migrant Pickers  
Aug. 23rd | FREE LIVE MUSIC - TDK  
Aug. 30th | Potluck picnic cafe (More on this later.)

Finally, if you, like us, are bemoaning the cafe's loss of volunteer star power and would like to help us out this summer, please sign up for a shift! Contact [sandra@workingdesigner.com](mailto:sandra@workingdesigner.com) for more info. Thanks!

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## film club - true grit

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Jeff Bridges Is Rooster Cogburn In

## TRUE GRIT

Join us at Film club as we journey into the rugged heart of a one-eyed marshal seeking to level the scales of justice in America's heart land.

When her father is murdered, 14-year-old Mattie Ross does the only reasonable thing: hires the meanest, drunkest marshal she can find and then micromanages him across Indigenous Territory. Jeff Bridges grumbles, Matt Damon's Texas Ranger desperately wants to be taken seriously (he is not), and the whole thing becomes a revenge western powered entirely by one girl's refusal to take no for an answer. Way funnier than it should be.

**Saturday, July 18• 7:00pm at the Clubhouse**

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

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**it's coming home!**

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Join us for a Big (GIANT!) Screen showing of TWO FIFA Soccer World Cup games starting at 1pm and 5pm. Round of 16 knockout stage! *'This is more important than life or death.'* (Bill Shankly).

Big game buildup starts at noon. Bring Your Own Whatever (BYOW) and enjoy the Sunday Cafe's very own goodies from 3-6pm!

AND get ready for Super Sunday July 19 when we will screen the World Cup Final at noon at the Soccer Cafe. **GOOOAAAALLLLLLL!**

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

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## and still...

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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

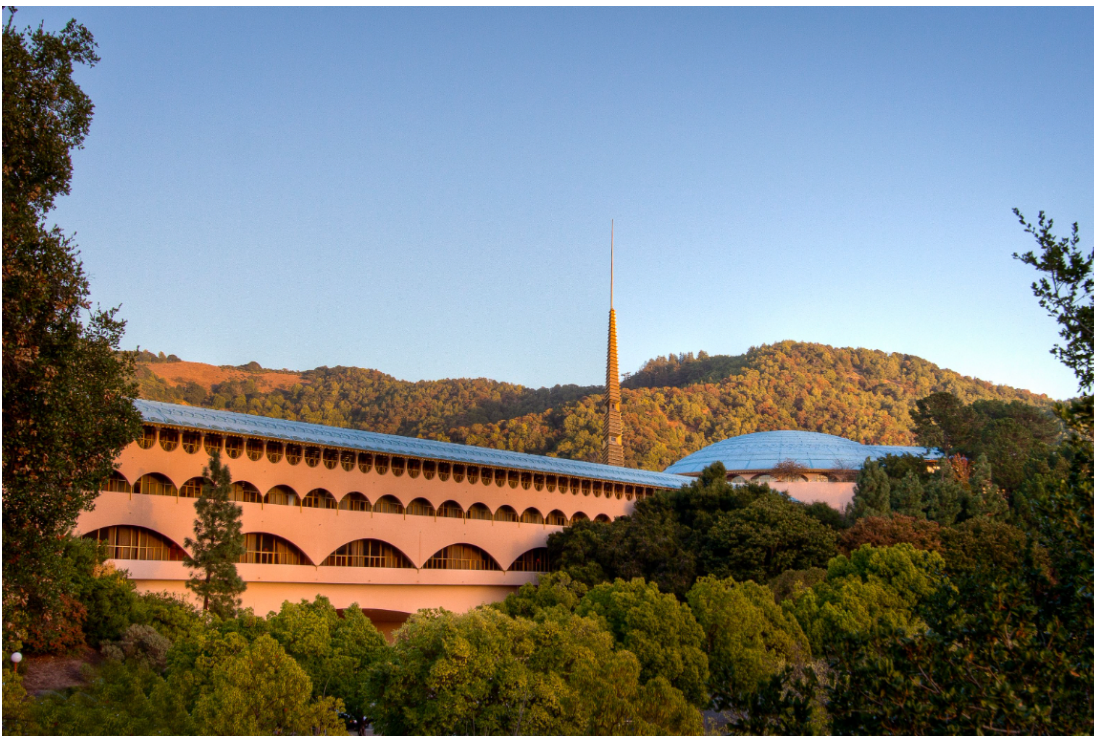
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## from the county

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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:** **LAMP Septic Program Update Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 7th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Via Zoom. [Click Here to Join](#)**

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## on the horizon

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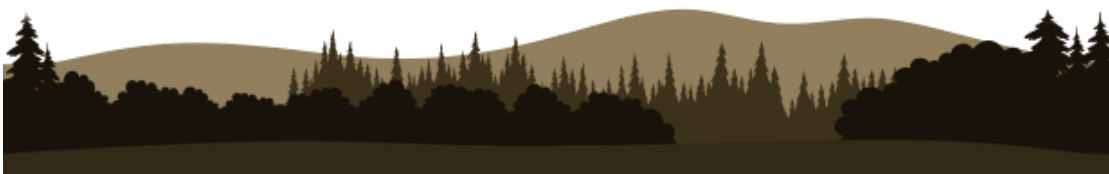
**Tuesday Morning Meditation**|Tuesdays • 9:00 –9:50am

**Sunday Café**|July 5, 12, 19, 26 • 3:00 - 6:00pm

**FIFA World Cup Soccer Matches** |July 5 • Kick off at 1pm and 5pm

**Film Club**| July 18 • 7pm

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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