

The Lookout



muir woods park improvement association

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Summertime: Easy Does it!

June/July 1992 Issue

Come Celebrate August 2 as Julie Ley Departs the Mountain

Mark your calendars! Julie is leaving the mountain. The wonderful woman whom you all know as the person behind the scenes at our club functions for many years, whose family was among the first settlers on the mountain in 1917 and founding members of this association, has sold her property and is moving in August to her new home in Reno.

A going-away pot-luck dinner party is planned for Julie from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on August 2nd. Donations toward a gift to express our community's appreciation for Julie will be gratefully accepted. If you would like to assist in the arrangements for this event, please call Kathleen Delehanty at 388-4516 or Stella Winn at 388-3394.

What to bring:

A-M	Entrees
N-R	Salads/appetizers
S-Z	Desserts

Mountain Dwellers Network: Thursday, July 9 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Peter Spear invites those who **live and work** on the mountain to join him at a reception to meet each other. This effort to create a "network" to share common interests and problems of people who work out of their homes is off to a fine start. About 10 people came to the first event in June and were pleasantly surprised with the contacts made. After a break in August, the network will resume meeting in September. For more information contact Peter at 383-2820 or 383-1941.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Father's Day - June 21
9:30 AM to 1 PM

Pancakes
Orange Juice & Fruits
Coffee, Tea & Milk
\$5.00

EXTRA CHARGE FOR BACON & MIMOSAS

New Emotion Discovered

Enjoy that feeling of power you get when you fire up your chain saw and start swinging it around, especially some place where people have been elbowing in on you, like a crowded elevator? Well, that's nothing compared to what you feel when you watch the chipping machine roar and grind its way through piles of limbs and brush in nothing flat.

Several dozen locals added their brush to the pile at the Clubhouse on May 30, which the County then chipped into mulch and hauled away. The County also picked up brush along Ridge Avenue, which has been opened up and has benefited beautifully from neighborhood efforts.

Thanks to the County and also to those who left donations for the MWPCA along with their brush.

Vegetation Advice

"Exotic" Plant Removal Permits: Mt. Tam State Park has inaugurated a new process for granting permits to remove exotic plants on State Park land. A potential boon to native plant lovers and residents concerned about fire safety, the process involves a personal interview with park staff to discuss the planned project and the completion of an application form. Call Mt. Tam State Park to request an appointment at 388-2070.

Fire Safety Access: County Fire Marshall Jack Rosevear wants to remind residents that State fire prevention laws demand that flammable vegetation be cleared at least 5 feet from the sides of driveways and 15 feet vertically. Private roads need a 12 foot wide traffic lane with the same vertical clearance. Failure to ensure emergency access could cost you \$95 in fines or the loss of your home to fire. For an evaluation of your property's fire safety, call the fire station at 388-5414.

Trim Your Trees and Save Mt. Tam: Lucile Withington of 568 Panoramic Highway has offered to help neighbors trim their trees in return for donations to the MWPCA. Lucile has training as an arborist and comes with her own equipment and liability insurance. Contact her at 388-3005.

Special Thank yous...: --to **Robin Bruce** of 224 E. Strawberry Drive, Mill Valley, for her donation of a lawnmower.

--to lifelong neighborhood resident **Julie Ley** for her weed whipper and for her many, many years of service to the community association. The ridge won't be the same without you, Julie.

--to the inimitable **Lucile Withington**, thank you for reconditioning both our new tools.

--to **County of Marin** for their help May 30.

--to **Del Goetz** for her dedication in completing a thankless but vitally important job: revising our association Articles and Bylaws (enclosed).

--to **John Barnes & Nick Johnson** for their drive to clear lower areas of Ridge Avenue as well as the lower lot of the Club area.

MWPCA Welcomes New Members:

- Jack & Rima Vogensen
12 Washington Park, MV
- Karen L. Zink
1 Chanticleer Avenue, MV

Board Meeting Highlights: June 3, 1992

The Board of Directors agreed to change insurance brokers when its fire insurance policy expires in October. Improved coverage and better service are anticipated. All Club-sponsored events will be covered under the proposed liability policy.

Del Goetz outlined procedures for establishing our non-profit status. With minor revisions, the proposed Articles and Bylaws of the Muir Woods Park Community Association were approved and signed by the Board. Copies will be sent to member households for review. The new Bylaws are now in effect pending ratification. Treasurer Clif Davenport was instructed to change the titles of the Association accounts and deed to reflect the new name.

Plans for brush removal near the Clubhouse were reported stalled after Ridge Avenue resident John Barnes received two estimates of over \$5,000 for the work.

Two letters from the Tourist Club respectively rejected the MWPCA's request to locate an emergency supply cache on the site of their garage, and apologized for the traffic problems along Ridge Avenue during their last Fest.

Mt. Tam State Park will give the Association permission to install a permanent sign at Four Corners, provided the Park can use it to post summit closures. State Parks and Recreation has completed a new application process for permits to clear exotic plants on State Park property.

The CHP is increasing its radar patrols on Panoramic Highway with a special eye to disciplining speeding motorcyclists. Residents can help by reporting areas where speeding is common. Call Jim Campbell at 381-9320.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, 1992 at 8:00 p.m.

Safety Committee Report

Over several week ends, residents have pitched in to cut trees and brush along Ridge Avenue. This has reduced some of the fire danger and has greatly increased the visibility for traffic on the road.

Association members and neighbors hauled brush and clippings to the club property or to designated areas for the May 30th "Chipper Day". A big vote of thanks goes to the crew, the truck and chipper provided by the County of Marin Department of Public Works and to all members who worked so hard.

Several Ridge Avenue residents have obtained permits to remove broom and brush from State Park land 100 feet from the edge of their property line. Work has begun with heavy equipment removing a big stand of broom on the lower part of Club property. This action will greatly improve fire safety and makes it possible to prevent the future return of broom.

--Bob Scheibach, Co-Chair

Environmental Health Committee Report

The committee plans to map area residences that have experienced immune insufficiency diseases such as cancer and multiple sclerosis in an effort to determine if we are experiencing cancer clusters or clusters of other types of debilitating illnesses. Jim Bramell is in charge of the "census". anyone who can help with information should call him at 388-6176.

The committee will also examine information about possible environmental contributors to disease. Please send related articles to Jim Bramell at 241 Mt. View or Del Goetz at 237 Mt. View. (Yes, we have a local cancer cluster).

Residents sensitive to pollens are currently being bombarded by one form of Acacia (blooming out of season), Oak (Quercus) and a host of grasses. Hot and/or windy days will aggravate the condition. People who suffer from arthritis may find certain pollens aggravate their condition.

Persons interested in participating should call Jim, Del or Barbara Hochman (388-0127), or come to the next meeting on July 7 at 8:00 PM. The committee would like your input about other areas of concern to local residents.

President's Column: A Fairy Tale that May not Be

Once upon a time....peoples lived on a magical mountain. These diverse peoples were a strange lot - some big, some small; some rich (most not); some with warts and hair on their faces; with varying degrees of attitudes and involvement in stuff like politics, neighborhoods and the like. The one thing most had in common however, was their attraction and admiration of the mountain.

Then one day strange forces began to affect the mountaineers. The forces from the lowlands (and even some from the highlands) wanted the mountain folk to change their ways and "conform" to "normal" peoples thinking and lifestyles. "Change is good," they said. And some of their ways began to alter.

After some time a band of mountain people seeking advice, sought out the "Sage of the Mountain" who listened with interest to their plight. They related some of the changes taking place. After deliberation, she addressed the group. "Remember that the mountain is the mountain," she said. "It gives and takes, but mostly gives. It is the inverted melting pot of our area. It lives and is honesty and vindication personified. Trust your mountain because she trusts you," she added.

"So, what should we do?" cried the group.

The Sage responded, "You came here to be yourselves, so do it!! Listen to outsiders. Be fair, trust your judgment, speak your piece, don't accept censorship, fight for your beliefs, don't take any garbage from anyone, and above all, don't be cream puffs," she finalized with a smile and twinkle in her eye.

...and to all, a good night!

Richard Popson, President

Bylaws Committee

Done at last! The Board of Directors unanimously approved the final version of the Articles and Bylaws of the new corporation: **Muir Woods Park Community Association**. Those of you whose dues are paid (members in good standing) will find a copy of the new version enclosed in this Lookout--along with a ballot for ratification. If you know you've paid your dues and didn't receive a copy, please call Del Goetz. **Please return your ballots by July 1!**

Current Real Estate Listings

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty at TRI Realtors (388-4516) for this update of listings on the mountain. She says it's a great time to buy (See previous Lookout for current active listings):

Just sold by Kathleen (congratulations):

5 Muir Ave	1br	1ba	\$218,000
760 Panoramic	2br	1.5ba	299,000
547 Panoramic	2br	2ba	339,000

Pending

332 Panoramic	4br	2.5ba	995,000
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New Listing

430 Panoramic	4br	3ba	649,000
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Want Ads/Neighborhood Announcements

Moving Sale: Captain's trundlebed \$100; 2 victrolas appraised at \$200 each; mangle \$15. Lg upright freezer \$75; rabbit hutch free; miscellaneous items collected over 60 years, including some furniture, tools, kerosene lamp, etc. Phone Julie Ley at 388-2077. Home most evenings or leave message on the machine.

Cottage available: Private Mt. Tam 3 1/2 room cottage ideal for semi-retired couple or single who enjoys seclusion; \$600, reducible to \$400 in exchange for custodial, gardening or office tasks; need dependable car; available July; references. Reply with specifics to P.O. Box 5084, Larkspur 94939 or phone 389-6831.

Studio apartment for lease: Woodsy setting off Panoramic for 1 person: \$500 reducible to \$350/month with house, yard and pet care (8 dogs). 1 year lease plus \$500 deposit. Utilities included. References required. No pets. Must love dogs, have a small car and a green thumb. Call Del Goetz for details at 388-8493.

Looking Forward to Looking Back: Nostalgia Night! : September 19

Nostalgia: 1. A longing for familiar or beloved circumstances that are now remote or irrecoverable. 2. Any longing for something far away or long ago.

Between now and Saturday, September 19 check for old photos, menus, yearbooks and other momentos to share. It's a potluck dinner, so check your old recipes for those old favorites you've been longing to share with others. Dress accordingly--perhaps some styles from when you or your parents grew up. We may show a videotape: **Steaming Up Mount Tamalpais.**

Contact Julie Ley at 388-2077 or Del Goetz at 388-8493 for details and to coordinate recipes.

Annie Lane/Mt. View Residents Host a "Moveable Feast"

Area residents made a day of clearing brush and limbs from the street and along Panoramic. A junior ranger from the State Park insisted that the Park owned Panoramic and anyone brush cutting had to have written permits from the Park Office. Residents had permission from the County to trim along the right-of-way.

One Annie Lane resident said that a whole lot more brush would get cut if our public servants would spend as much time trying to pull broom as they do trying to pull rank! Chief Ranger Ron Angier promised it wouldn't happen again.

That incident didn't spoil the neighborhood party. Residents moved from house to house enjoying beverages, hors d'oeuvres, salads, entrees, desserts and coffee. Fortunately, it was after the wine course when the County's dump truck hauling the world's largest chipper got stuck at the end of Mt. View. Neighbors helped turn everything around by the time help came.

Chris from the Fire Department helped the driver get his rig safely across Panoramic and up to the Muir Woods Park Association Clubhouse where the County graciously chipped branches for local residents.

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LUNCH 11:30 - 3:30 DINNER 5:30 - 9:30 CLOSED MONDAYS
BREAKFAST SAT. & SUN. 8:00 - 11:30

"Fire Safe: Inside and Out"

Viacom's public affairs series this month offers a panel of experts who will discuss pertinent information about how to prevent a firestorm like Oakland's from happening in Marin County.

Panelists include:

Jack Rosevear Marin County Fire Marshall
Ron Zeise Ross Valley Fire Chief
Steve Bogel Sausalito Fire Chief

Schedule:

June 19 Fri 3:00 PM July 8 Wed 8:00 PM
June 25 Thur 8:00 PM July 15 Wed 6:00 PM
June 29 Mon 5:30 PM July 22 Wed 5:30 PM
July 2 Thur 8:30 PM July 30 Thur 7:00 PM

Viacom Cable will provide safety information and copies of "Fire Safe: Inside and Out" free of charge to Marin 36 viewers that request it. Just call 459-5333.

AM Radio Update

Discussions continue with two different companies about how they will address the challenge of providing a disaster communications system for our mountain community. Proposals will include equipment estimates and strategy. The primary mission continues to be serving our community here on the mountain although alternatives for us may reach as far away as Fairfax, San Anselmo plus Mill Valley.

--Jim Campbell
Safety Committee

"Surviving in the Wildlands"

This special comprehensive report is available through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at 707/576-2275.

Current Fire Safe Regulations

The following are some of the current regulations which will be enforced in this and other wildland interface communities.

Road and street networks, whether public or private, unless exempted, shall provide for safe access for emergency wildland fire equipment and civilian evacuation concurrently, and shall provide unobstructed traffic circulation during a wildfire emergency.

A minimum of 15 feet of vertical clearance should be maintained over roadways. Addresses shall be posted at driveway entrances and shall be visible from both directions of travel. Multiple addresses shall be on a single post.

Remove that portion of any tree which extends within 10 feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe.

Maintain any tree adjacent to or overhanging any building free of dead or dying wood.

Maintain the roof of any structure free of leaves, needles, or other dead vegetative growth.

Provide and maintain at all times a screen over the outlet of every chimney or stovepipe that is attached to any fireplace, stove or other device that burns any solid or liquid fuel. The screen shall be constructed of nonflammable material with openings of not more than 1/2" in size.

If you have any questions concerning the regulations, please contact the Marin County Fire Department.

REMEMBER TO SIGN AND RETURN YOUR BALLOTS NO LATER THAN JULY 1. CURRENT MEMBERS NEED TO RATIFY THE FORMATION OF THE NEW CORPORATION.

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Standing Committees

By-Laws	Del Goetz
Clubhouse Maintenance	Peter Hindley
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Newsletter	Lila Daniels
Social	Julie Ley
Tot Lot	Kathi Heimann

Fourth of July Fundraiser in Old Mill Park

In conjunction with the Centennial Day Celebration, the Save Mt. Tam Committee is having a bake sale to raise money for our public safety program. Volunteers are needed to help sell pastries during this day of fun and festivities.

There will be an old-time parade at 11:00 AM from Lytton Square to Old Mill Park. From 12:00 - 4:00 PM there will be a band concert by the New Albion Brass, a BBQ by the Lions Club and picnic in the park with games and contests.

Anyone interested in helping with the bake sale should call Dick Popson at 388-1135. Those interested in being in the parade should call Del Goetz at 388-8110.



MWPCA 1992 Social Calendar

<u>Sept.</u>	7	Labor Day Barbecue
	19	Nostalgia Party
	25	General Membership Meeting
<u>Oct.</u>	17	Octoberfest Potluck
	23	General Membership Meeting
	31	Halloween Party
<u>Nov.</u>	13	Election Potluck/General Meeting
<u>Dec.</u>	6/13	Adult Christmas Party
	19	Children's Christmas Party
	31	New Year's Eve Party
		-- Julie Ley, Social Chair

Community Calendar

<u>July</u>	4	MV Centennial Day Parade & Picnic in Old Mill Park - 11:00
	19	Tourist Club Sommerfest - Noon until dusk

MWPCA Clubhouse Calendar

<u>June</u>	20	Richard Popson - party
	27	Lila Daniels--use of parking lot
	28	Jeremiah Mock (wedding)
<u>July</u>	1	MWPCA Board Meeting
	7	Environmental Health Comm Mtg
	9	Mountain Dwellers Network
	19	Tourist Club Fest - use of parking lot
<u>August</u>	2	Going Away Party for Julie Ley
	5	MWPCA Board Meeting
	11	Environmental Health Comm Mtg
	15	Tom Pinkson - party
	23	Colleen McCauley

Clubhouse Rental Rates

	Weekday	Weekend
Member	\$ 50	\$ 75
Non-Members	100	300
Non-Profit	75	175

The new contract form stresses fire/smoking, parking, noise and maintenance regulations. All paid contracts honored at the old rates.

Lookout Deadline: Friday, July 24 is next deadline for August/September issue.



Mill Valley Lumber & Dowd's Barn

*Celebrate 100 Years on our
Centennial Day*

July 4, 1992

Schedule of Events



11:00 a.m.

Parade from Lytton Square to Old Mill Park

Prizes for Costumes, Decorated Cycles, Equestrians
(Parade entries contact 388-81100 — no motor vehicles please.)



12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Food & Festivities at Old Mill Park

Old Time Band Concert by the Nova Albion Brass
Mississippi Fiddler Noreen McCrary (Jim's Mom)
Games & Contests
Pony Rides

Community Organization Fund Raising Events

Mill Valley Lions Club Chicken BBQ — \$5 a plate
Save Mt. Tam Fund — Pastries & Bake Sale
Mill Valley Schools Community Foundation — Flavored Beverages
Mill Valley Rotary — Beer, Wine & Soda
Mill Valley Community Association — Fresh Fruit

*Please join us at Old Mill Park
on the Fourth of July.*

Everyone is welcome!



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