

The Lookout



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Fire Safety Key Priority for October--At Least!!

October 1992 Issue



Octoberfest Potluck, Dance & Raffle Saturday, October 17, 6:00 PM-Midnight

MWPCA'S major fundraising event for our emergency warning equipment will be held at the MWPCA Clubhouse at 40 Ridge Avenue (off Panoramic Highway). Music is being donated by vocalist Annie Whitehurst and her band: *Smokehouse Annie and the Riverboat Gamblers* who play a broad range of 50's through 70's music--including some Country/Western and even some Polkas. Tickets are \$10 per person (although we happily accept larger donations!).

Plan on a full evening beginning at 6:00 PM--no host bar, Potluck at 7:00 PM (A-M Entrees, N-R Salads, and S-Z Desserts). Dancing from 8:30 PM - Midnight. Come have fun for a great cause!!!

Raffle tickets are available at \$5 each or 5 for \$20. (You need not be present to win.) There are all kinds of exciting prizes being donated by local businesses and residents :

- Mountain Home Inn bed & breakfast for 2
- Living Foods: two \$50 gift certificates
- Dowd's Barn, four \$25 gift certificates
- Mill Valley Lumber, \$25 gift certificate
- Mt. Tam State Park, campsite at Pantoll
- George Cagwin: a ride up Mt. Tam in his Model T
- Mike Lopez: 4 personal fitness sessions

Other surprising and wonderful prizes are being donated by True Confections, Lawson-Dyer Pharmacy, and the many restaurants in town. There are massages and food and treats and much, much more.

To obtain tickets, contribute prizes or get more information about the Save Mt. Tam Fund and dance, contact:

Richard Popson, President MWPCA	388-1135
Keith Papulias, Gifts Committee	388-9219
Lila Daniels, Ticket Committee	388-6651
Del Goetz, Event Coordinator	388-8110



SAVE MT. TAM BENEFIT DANCE

Sat., Oct. 17, 1992
MWPCA Clubhouse

WE NEED TO RAISE \$5000 TO PUT OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY ALERT
SYSTEM IN PLACE

6 PM - NO HOST BAR

7 PM - POTLUCK
A - M Entrees
N - R Salads
S - Z Dessert

8:30 PM - DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF
SMOKEHOUSE ANNIE AND
THE RIVERBOAT GAMBLERS

Fire Knows No Season

How would you feel if you cried "fire" and nobody responded?

Frightening thought, isn't it?

Well, maybe that thought is more realistic than not. It appears that Marin County is considering either eliminating our Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station or reducing staff, except during Fire Season.

Several comments...

First, when is our Fire Season?, or better yet, when isn't our Fire Season?

Second, our "fire station" to a major degree is a misnomer. While it is perceived by many to be understaffed and under equipped for a major fire disaster, it is a major safety aid, and because of its neighborhood proximity, it is an immediate necessity in a fire condition. However, a great deal of the fire station's current benefit to us is in fire prevention: building and road inspections, etc.

In addition, it is invaluable to our families and tourists because it provides paramedical and accident response services. While I was at the station last week, a "fire" crew had just rescued a hiker who had broken an ankle near the Pantoll Ranger Station. These "non-fire" crisis handling situations are important to our community's well-being.

We need to have the County Budgeteers realize that our station services not only us, but the millions of tourists to our area each year. Where is the new electronic defibrillator that all stations are supposed to have? It seems that every Emergency Rescue service in Marin has one -- except Throckmorton Ridge!

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO RAISE
THE \$5000 WE NEED TO FOR OUR
CONTRIBUTION TO GET THE ALERT
SYSTEM OPERATING.**

**YOUR RAFFLE TICKET PURCHASE
MONEY WILL BUY YOUR SAFETY.
PLEASE BE GENEROUS. THANKS.**

The key point to consider is: we can't afford to lose (or reduce the staff of) Throckmorton Ridge, because minutes count in a time of need. Consider that during the Oakland Hills Fire, 790 structures were ignited in the fire's first hour.

Let's not have that happen on Mt. Tam.

Call Chief Rowan or Jack Rosevear at 499-6717 and let them know you're mad as hell. (tell them we're not crying "wolf" either.)

Call County Administrator Tom Campanella at 499-6358 and tell him to cut budgets elsewhere.

Finally, call Supervisor Gary Giacomini at 499-7331.

Let them know we care what happens to us.
--Richard Popson, President



Social Scene

The Labor Day BBQ was well attended. Desserts were pooled for a super pig-out. Beth Popson's chocolate & cream specialty vanished like raindrops on parched earth.

Nostalgia Night was very special. Thanks to the Winns & Julie Ley for the amazing array of "oldies & goodies"; the costumes and old newspapers were very interesting.

The videotape "Steaming Up Mt. Tam" is must viewing for hill dwellers. Check the M. V. Library for rental copies. Peter Hindley's roast beef was terrific, too. Thanks to all who helped make this event so special.

1992 Officers and Board Members

President	Dick Popson	388-1135
Vice Pres.	Peter Hindley	388-7252
Treasurer	Cliff Davenport	383-3892
Record. Sec.	Virginia Soper	383-1941
Corresp. Sec.	Del Goetz	388-8493
Directors	Jim Campbell	381-9320
	Lila Daniels	383-8422
	Kathleen Delehanty	388-4516
Past Pres.	David Schonbrunn	383-9321

Standing Committees

By-Laws	Del Goetz
Clubhouse Maintenance	Peter Hindley
Community Relations	David Schonbrunn
Public Safety (Co-Chairs)	Bob Scheibach
	Dick Popson
Environmental Health (Interim)	Del Goetz
Membership	Kathleen Delehanty
Newsletter	Lila Daniels
Social	Stella Winn & Keith Papulias
Tot Lot	(open)

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.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Stella Winn needs help with social events -- we need volunteers to help with the table set-up for the Oct. 17th Octoberfest; people to help with the Christmas and New Year's Eve parties and to generally shepherd events. We need people who'll volunteer to help with the shopping, make a few calls and generally lend a hand. **Please call Stella Winn at 388-3394.**

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Anyone who would like to help should call a committee chairperson or complete and return the enclosed membership form. Special needs:

- Health & Safety Committee
- Save Mt. Tam Committee
- Adult & Children's Social Committees
- Kitchen Maintenance

MWPCA 1992 Calendar

<u>Oct.</u>	3	Erica Moon
	4	Ruth Bramell
	7	MWPCA Board Meeting 8 PM
	14	Environmental Health Committee Meeting 8 PM
	15	Mt. Dwellers Network 5-7 pm
	17	Save Mt. Tam Benefit-- MWPCA Clubhouse: 6:00 PM Potluck 8:30 Dance and Raffle
	18	Nature Friends Oldtimers Dinner-- Tourist Club
	23	General Membership Meeting: Fire Safety Focus 8 PM
	24	MWPCA work day
	31	Halloween Party
<u>Nov.</u>	4	MWPCA Board Meeting--8:00 PM
	11	Environmental Health Committee Meeting--8:00 PM
	13	Annual MWPCA Election Night/ Potluck Dinner: 7:00 PM
<u>Dec.</u>	6/13	Adult Christmas Party
	19	Children's Christmas Party
	20	Tourist Club Christmas Dinner
	31	New Year's Eve Party

Mountain Dwellers Network: Thursday, October 15 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Here is another opportunity to get together to share the "thrills and chills" of living and working on the mountain. Those previously attending have found them to be beneficial--we have some impressive neighbors involved in such enterprising activities as financial management, management and organizational development, writers of advertising copy and novels, marine biologists turned general contractors, hair stylists--and more. If you're curious (and you should be...) come join the group.

Lookout Deadline: Friday, October 16 is the deadline for the November issue.

It's never too late to pay your dues--after all, our association operates on your behalf. What better way to hear about what's happening here on the mountain than via **The Lookout**. Remember, our association is "looking out" for all of us.

Board Meeting Highlights: September 2, 1992

The Sept. 2 meeting did not have a quorum to conduct business. Dick Popson and Kathleen Delehanty were on vacation. There were two board vacancies due to the moving out of our area by Julie Lay and Kathi Heimann. Board members attending were Jim Campbell, Lila Daniels, Cliff Davenport, Del Goetz and Peter Hindley. Virginia Soper & David Schonbrunn were unable to attend.

Cliff reported that since January of this year we've had expenditures of \$6664.84 and income of \$8870.30 leaving us with a current checking account balance of \$5005.16.

The Board's mail ballot about approving a check made payable to the FCC in the amount of \$180. was approved. The money is to accompany our application for the AM Radio Station License.

There was also discussion about the status of the siren and AM station, as well as about planning the forthcoming fundraiser and raffle on Oct. 17.

THE SIREN WILL BE TESTED EVERY SATURDAY AT NOON. YOU WILL HEAR A SHORT BLAST.

IF YOU HEAR IT AT ANY OTHER TIME -- A TWO-MINUTE BLAST THAT WILL BE REPEATED, TUNE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AM RADIO STATIONS:

- KCBS 740 AM
- KNBR 680 AM
- KGO 710 AM
- KSFO 560 AM
- KAPX 1510 AM
- KTID 100.7 FM

SEPT. 25 GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The Nominating Committee presented its partial slate of officers and directors: Dick Popson, Pres., Del Goetz, V. Pres., Lila Daniels, C. Secy., Peter Hindley, Rec. Secy., Cliff Davenport, Treas. Directors at large: Jim Campbell, Kathleen Delehanty, Keith Papulias and Les Draper. We would like to have a board member representing young people on the hill. If you know of anyone, please call Lila Daniels at 383-8422.

Dick Popson gave an update on the status of our AM Radio program and the hassle to get the siren operating.

The evening's program was presented by the Environmental Health Committee's Cancer Cluster Study Group headed by Jim Bramell. Jim's committee members discussed the analyses of electromagnetic fields in their residences. Residences included the Winn's, Lopez, Upjohn, Duke. Bramell, and Goetz homes -- all of whom have experienced cancer. Significantly high readings were found in all the residences and adjacent yard areas. In the case of the Upjohn and Goetz residences, when the field were corrected, significant behavioral changes were observed.

The most significant change was the elimination of hyperkinetic type behaviors in a 3-year-old. It made us wonder just how many cases of childhood hyperkinesis (or adult, for that matter) may result from over exposure to excessively strong magnetic fields from TV's, Nintendo games, computers, and faulty household wiring.

For more information call Jim Bramell at 388-6176.

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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):

New Listings--Active

16 St. Jude	2br 2ba	379,000
569 Edgewood Avenue	3br 2ba	474,000
98 Washington Park	3br 2ba	499,000

Active:

530 Panoramic	2br 2.5ba	895,000
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Withdrawn:

84 Monte Cimas	5br 4ba	769,000
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Price Reductions:

130 Marin View	4br 2.5ba	449,000
430 Panoramic Hwy	4br 3ba	580,000

Lots:

84 Cypress Avenue	150,000
65 Marin View	199,000
484 Panoramic	200,000
000 Edgewood Avenue	270,000

Sold and Closed:

222 Mountain View	4br 3ba	\$429,000
24 Madera	5br 3ba	559,000
284 Panoramic	4br 2.5ba	845,000
214 Panoramic	3br 3.5ba	895,000
332 Panoramic	4br 2.5ba	995,000

This is a great time to buy! Values have depreciated and loans are better than ever (the lowest in 20 years).

Rate update from Keith Papulias, our resident mortgage broker:

30-year fixed

Conforming (under \$202K)	7.625%
Jumbo	8%

Adjustables range from;

Conforming (under \$202K)	4.5%
Jumbo	6.5%

(If you have questions, contact Keith Papulias at his home office: 383-0269.

If you would like an analysis of listing prices compared to sales prices in the area, please contact Kathleen Delehanty at: 383-6350.

Nominations Committee Seeks Candidates

Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact Lila Daniels right away at 383-8422. Her committee will submit its nominees for three "at-large" Board Members at the upcoming Board Meeting on October 7.

Neighborhood Announcements

Help Wanted: Panoramic Highway resident needs responsible person for dog care. Duties include feeding, playing, reading bedtime stories (?), putting to bed, etc., etc. Experience with dogs a must. Some overnighters. Non-smoker. Call Cindy at 383-8250.

BEWARE OF BURGLARS AND MAIL THIEVES

Several burglaries were reported on Ridge Ave. recently -- one occurred while the resident was at home. Best to stay alert and keep gates locked. If your aren't fenced with gates, best to deep doors and lower floor windows locked even when at home.

Hard economic times are driving criminals to new forms of getting money: robbing tolltakers and hijacking cars and trucks. It's also made some older forms of robbery more attractive: stealing mail. There have been more than ten mail robberies in the last year. They usually occur at the time that Social Security checks are mailed -- the last of the month. Report burglaries and mail theft to:

Marin County Sheriff 479-2311
Mill Valley Post Master 388-8656

**REMEMBER TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS.
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 SYSTEM HAPPEN!**



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LUNCH 11:30 - 2:30 DINNER 5:30 - 9:30 CLOSED MORNINGS
 BREAKFAST SAT. & SUN. 8:00 - 11:30

MT. TAM SIREN SONG

Remember last Spring when we urged the Fire Dept to locate and reactivate the old siren the volunteer fire fighters put up years ago? Remember early Summer when we asked "how about the siren?" Well, the Fire Dept. got it up to the firehouse and fixed it up. But then the County Bureaucracy said they would charge the Fire Dept. budget \$3000 to install it. (\$1400 to rewire and hook to Woodacre dispatch; \$1600 to lift it from the ground to the roof and secure it.) Fire Dept. budgets being what they are, there was no money and nothing got done.

A call to Supervisor Giacomini got things moving again. He used \$3000 of the money budgeted for our safety alert system and told the Boys in the Bureau to get the siren up. Well, the electronics folks got their part done, but the General Services people dropped the ball.

The siren was supposed to be operational the Friday before Labor Day. Three weeks later and one day into a *Red Alert*, and it still wasn't operating. We decided if they couldn't do it, we would. General Services response: "we don't want the liability of anyone on that roof." To which we responded that we felt the liability of leaving more than 1000 people with no form of alert system during Red Alert fire conditions was far greater than the liability of our contractors on the roof.

Again, a call to Gary Giacomini. Again, the siren was up and running by noon the next day. The General Services contractors got there at 7:30 AM and finished at 11:30 AM. For that they want to charge us taxpayers \$1600!

We urge all of you to call Giacomini's office and get a copy of the Marin County Budget. Go through it and do some red-lining of your own. Then return it to Giacomini. We're paying for things we don't need; the things we do need, we're paying far too much to get.

When you call Giacomini's office (499-7331) please be sure to thank him for:

1. *Getting the siren up and running.*
2. *The spiffy repaving of Panoramic Hwy.*
3. *His support of our AM Broadcast Alert System.*
4. *Getting Hwy. 1 re-opened before 1996.*



General Meeting

Fri., Oct. 23rd
8 PM

Focus on Area
Safety Services--
What do we need
and want?

It's Never Too Late to Pay Your Dues

Contact Cliff Davenport or Kathleen Delehanty for details.

SAVE MT. TAM



Oktoberfest Dance & Raffle

Saturday, October 17, 1992

Proceeds will be used to purchase
Fire Safety Communication Alert Systems

Dance to the music of
Smokehouse Annie & the Riverboat Gamblers

Admission: \$10.00
Time: 8:30 PM - Midnight
Location: 40 Ridge Avenue - MWPCA Clubhouse
Shuttle & parking on Panoramic Highway

Raffle tickets: \$5.00
Fantastic and unusual prizes donated by local businesses, government agencies and residents
You need not be present to win!



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Yes! I want to contribute to the Save Mt. Tam Fund and the establishment of an early warning emergency alert system for our area.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Please use the funds for:

- _____ Dance tickets for the October 17th. Benefit Dance @ \$10 each.
- _____ Raffle tickets @ \$5 each, or 5 for \$20 (get one free!).
- _____ My donation to help pay for the emergency alert system.

Please indicate if we should:

- Mail tickets
- Hold 'em at the door

Name: _____ Address: _____

Mail to: Ticket Chairperson, MWPCA, 40 Ridge Ave., Mill Valley, CA. 94941

Make checks payable to: **MWPCA**

For more information, call: Lila Daniels: 383-8422 Del Goetz: 388-8493 Dick Popson: 388-1135



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