

The Lookout




muir woods park community association

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Happy New Year!--and Keep Enjoying All the Rain--Unless we Slide Away!

January 1993 Issue



TOWN MEETING
Saturday, February 20

6:30 PM Potluck
8 PM Meeting

What problems need to be solved?
What issues need to be dealt with?
What do you want your Association to do?
Help us identify community concerns!

We need your input!

Welcome New Board Members!

Les Draper Keith Papulias
Bob Rydjord Erika Teahan

First Parenting Meeting Scheduled for February 20

The first meeting of parents with young will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 AM. To be discussed are general topics that we are share:

- 1) Day Care possibilities at the Clubhouse
- 2) Baby-sitting network
- 3) Car pooling
- 4) Play yard completion/needs
- 5) Children's activity calendar

Plan to attend. Bring your concerns with you. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call Beth Popson at 383-1135.

Town Meeting--Saturday, February 20

Come one, come all! Bring your suggestions and questions! Your recently elected Board of Directors needs your input. What is important to you? What direction do you want MWPCA to take? What are your issues? What problems need to be solved? What needs to be done? Make your voice heard.

All of us who live in the Muir Woods Park area share a number of concerns about issues vital to the health and safety of our area. Some of the issues in recent years:

- Reopening of Highway 1
- Developing fire safety and disaster programs
- Improving public health by identifying potential health hazards such as electromagnetic fields
- Improving the vegetation in our environment
- Creating social programs for parents and children
- Fostering greater communication among residents

We need to identify future issues and be in a position to solve our mutual problems and improve our community.

Please make an effort to participate in this TOWN MEETING. Bring a potluck dish and get to know your neighbors.

Potluck: 6:30PM

A - M	Entrees
N - R	Salads & Appetizers
S - Z	Desserts

Remember: Everyone is welcome to attend Board Meetings at 8:00PM the first Wednesday of each month. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

President's Column: Happy New Year, Lady.

Twas a night between Christmas and New Years, and between downpours, I was taking out the garbage...En route, a Sheltie approached me. The strange dog nuzzled and warmly accepted petting. I did several other chores and the dog gladly followed. The dog then wandered off.

Time passed; I went outside and again the Sheltie appeared and followed me. This time I checked particulars--collar, no tag; female; well-kept but wet; older, but with all the characteristics of her breed; i.e., kind, trusting, loyal, wanting.

This time as I entered the house, she stayed with me and curled up on our front stoop. We fed her, wiped her down and called both the "Dog Hot Line" and the Humane Society and left details.

Night was approaching, another storm advancing, and our situation becoming more complicated because of our older dog who wouldn't take kindly to another lady canine.

So, we took our "found" lady dog to the MWPCA Clubhouse, got her fed, blanketed, etc., for the night. Michael Reiss was at the Clubhouse and we spent time with our new friend and walked and played with her that evening and the next morning.

That morning, the owners called, and at about 5:00 PM family and dog were reunited. The expressions and obvious joy of young Ryan and "Lady" (the Sheltie's name) were great final touches to the reunion.

Later that week, we got a message that read, in part..."This is a note to thank you for your care to me last week when I temporarily lapsed and subsequently found myself on your stoop...In gratitude", Signed, Lady Averill

Not many stories that finish with a happy ending for all. --R. Popson

Three Successful Holiday Parties during December

December was a busy party month! First was the Christmas Party attended by about 65 people. Rumor has it that the quality of the potluck food is on the rise and this party was no exception! Lots of good cheer and conversation renewing acquaintances and making new friends. Special thanks go to Stella Winn for coordinating the kitchen activity and Sue Lenheim for decorations.

The Children's Christmas Party was an equal success. There's a new generation taking hold up here on the mountain. About 20 youngsters under 10 years old showed up for a fun-filled day with lots of sharing and crafts activities. Michael Reese arrived as Santa Claus aboard a fire engine--generously shared by our Mt. Tamalpais Fire Station. Thanks to him and to Beth and Dick Popson for their leadership.

The New Year's Eve Party was fabulous in spite of the stormy weather. About 40 people danced the night away with vocalist Annie Whitehurst backed by Jeff O'Shammon's band (who contributed music for the Oktoberfest). They'll join us again for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Party--a dancing tradition here on the mountain. Don't miss it! They're GREAT!

January is the perfect time to pay your 1993 MWPCA dues. Just complete the enclosed form and send a check to MWPCA, 40 Ridge Avenue, Mill Valley 94941.

For Rent from the Association

Weed wrenches: Rates: \$5 first day; \$2.50 each additional day; \$15/week; maximum rental period: 2 weeks. Call Virginia Soper at 383-1941 or Lucile Withington at 388-3005 for details.

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Radio Alert Test Volunteers Needed!
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Emergency Radio Update

The creation of Southern Marin's emergency radio system is one giant step closer with the presentation of proposals by two competing communications firms. The meeting was held on January 13 at the Mill Valley City Council Chambers and was well attended by representatives from police and fire departments and other city and county agencies. Included were Marin County Fire Chief Stan Rowan, Fire Marshal Jack Rosevear, and Marjorie Goodman, Administrative Aid to Supervisor Gary Giacomini.

One of the firms submitting proposals has arranged for testing to be accomplished prior to the granting of any contracts. A transmitter will be set up at Mill Valley's Public Safety Building, the proposed location for the permanent transmitter. A signal will be generated in the form of a brief pre-recorded message and engineers will be combing the Southern Marin area to test for signal strength and clarity.

We need assistance from our MWPCA members to monitor the proposed frequency (530 on the AM frequency). Those who are usually home during the day on weekdays could monitor the channel for the brief testing period and report back to me at 381-8430. Once the date and time is set for the test our "monitors" will be notified.

The beset results would be obtained if we had about 12 monitors spread throughout the community, especially in some of our valleys and on the West side of Panoramic Highway. We also need to monitor a number of different AM radios including those that are part of our larger stereo systems, portable (transistor type) radios, and those inside our automobiles.

The next step is to pursue the installation of at least one more siren somewhere in the vicinity of Four Corners. This will insure adequate coverage of our entire community in case of emergency. I'll keep you posted.

--James Campbell

Current Real Estate Listings

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty of Prudential California Realty for this update of listings on the mountain. Call her for details:

New Listings

645 Sequoia Valley Rd.	4br	2ba	482,000
1 Sunnycrest	4br	3.5ba	862,000
2 Sunnycrest	4 br	3.5ba	862,000

Pending

465 Edgewood Avenue	3br	1ba	210,000
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Active Listings

474 Panoramic	3br	2ba	349,950
628 Amaranth	3br	3ba	419,500
569 Edgewood	3br	2.5ba	474,500
98 Washington Park	3br	2ba	479,000
430 Panoramic	4br	3ba	580,000
530 Panoramic	2br	2.5ba	895,000

Price Reductions

190 Edgewood Avenue	2br	2.5ba	409,000
620 Amaranth	2br	2ba	419,500

Lots

140 Redwood Avenue	79,000
120 Redwood Avenue	99,800
84 Cypress	150,000
65 Marin View	199,000
484 Panoramic Hwy	200,000
0000 Edgewood Avenue	549,000

Closed

295 Panoramic Hwy	2br	2a	405,000
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Temporarily Withdrawn

16 St. Jude	2br	2ba	379,000
130 Marin View	4br	2.5ba	449,000
73 Ridge Avenue	4br	2ba	845,000

Withdrawn

280 Edgewood Avenue	3br	2ba	595,000
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Anybody notice how our "beautiful" new resurfacing on Panoramic is falling apart? Wonder who's to blame? Better yet, who's gonna fix it?!!



1993 Officers and Board Members

President	Dick Popson	388-1135
Vice Pres.	Del Goetz	388-8493
Treasurer	Clif Davenport	383-3892
Record. Sec.	Peter Hindley	388-7252
Corresp. Sec.	Lila Daniels	383-8422
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	Kathleen Delehanty	388-4516
	Les Draper	383-6594
	Keith Papulias	388-9219
	Bob Rydjord	388-3621
	Erika Teahan	388-1122

Standing Committees

Clubhouse Maintenance	Peter Hindley
Public Safety	Bob Scheibach/Dick Popson
Environmental Health	Del Goetz
Newsletter	Lila Daniels/Les Draper
Social	Keith Papulias/Stella Winn
Parents Network	Beth Popson/Erika Teahan
Cancer Cluster Study	Jim Bramell
Mountain Workers Network	Peter Spear
Membership	Kathleen Delehanty
Community Affairs	Bob Rydjord
Sergeant-at-Arms	Barney Lenheim

MWPCA 1993 Calendar


<u>Jan.</u>	6	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
	30	Susan Johnson
<u>Feb.</u>	3	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
	10	Environmental Health 8:00 PM
	20	MWPCA Town Meeting/Potluck
	27	Work Day 9:00 AM
	27	Tam Conservation Club Dinner
<u>March.</u>	3	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
	10	Environmental Health 8:00 PM
	13	Mt. Tam Interpretive Association
	19	St. Patrick's Party/General Meeting 6:00 PM
	20	Yuki Matsumoto
	27	James Lloyd (Wedding)
<u>April</u>	7	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
	10	Children's Easter Egg Hunt (tentative)
	11	Easter Hike
	23	General Meeting: Fire Safety/ Potluck 6:00 PM
<u>May</u>	5	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
	8	Turnaround Dinner
	21	General Meeting: Environment
<u>June</u>	2	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
	20	Fathers' Day Pancake Breakfast (tentative)
<u>July</u>	4	4th of July BBQ
	7	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM

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.

Need a new MWPCA directory? Call Del Goetz at 388-8493.



**St. Patrick's Day
Dance & Potluck**

Friday, March 19
7:00 PM Potluck
8:30 PM Dance

Music by the Jeff O'Shammon Band
Vocalist Annie Whitehurst
Dance tickets: \$10

Information/RSVP: Del Goetz, 388-8493

Deadline for next Lookout: February 6.

Board Meeting Highlights, Wednesday, December 2, 1992

Treasurer Clif Davenport reported that the Club's financial status, excluding the Save Mt. Tam funds, was normal. For the first time in his experience, rental income exceeded dues.

Following the success of the Oktoberfest, the Board tentatively planned another dance for New Year's Eve.

Members were reminded of the Fire Department's "Toys for Tots" drive. Toys and canned goods were collected at the fire station or brought to the Children's Party at the Club.

The Board voted to add \$200, for a total contribution of \$400, to John Barnes' efforts to remove the brush along Ridge Avenue.

James Campbell reported that, due to foot-dragging by the Sheriff's Department, the collection of bids on the Emergency Broadcast System was behind schedule. With the project now in the hands of the public authorities, the MWPCA has been cut out of the decision-making loop. Jim will attempt to re-establish good relations with the Fire Department.

The Board urged the Safety Committee to create a menu of potential projects for establishing priorities for public safety programs.

The Environmental Health Committee solicited the names of owners of "clean", i.e., cancer-free, houses which could be tested for electromagnetic radiation as a control on the results of the study of cancer houses in Muir Woods Park.

The Board also approved a tentative calendar of events for the first three months of 1993, after examining the scheduled prepared by Lila Daniels and Peter Hindley.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Club on February 3rd at 8:00 PM.

Environmental Committee Report

New geophysical anomaly discovered on "Hill". Armed with field meters and dowsing rods, Jim Bramell and Del Goetz were checking the area behind Sue Lopez' house. They found an unusually high electromagnetic field below the power lines on the Marin View Avenue easement near its intersection with Mt. View Avenue. field readings at ground level ranged from 2.4 to 5.4 (.5 is normal; anything over 2 is unsafe). When the meter was raised to shoulder height, the field dissipated and readings were normal. Experts haven't encountered this before.

Dowsing indicates a subterranean water course 25 feet below the surface. It is moving downhill directly under and in line with power lines. The field occurs between 40 and 80 feet from a transformer on a pole. We think it is possible that the field generated by the water course is resonating with the field from the transformer creating an enhanced field. Mike Lopez died from brain cancer a few years ago.

Next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 8:00PM.
--Del Goetz, Chairperson

Classified Ads

Duplex unit: 975 sq. feet living area plus 500 sq. ft. deck. View 1 BR with sleeping loft, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, walk-in closets. Available Feb 1. \$1250/month includes utilities. Call Del Goetz at 388-8493.

Commercial space in Sausalito: 1750 sq. ft. with 18" roll-up door. \$1300/month. Call Mark Rizzo at 331-8227.

Help wanted: Retired sled dog team of 6 Siberian Huskies seeking a human willing to exchange total acceptance and affection (plus a little cash) for attendant services, which includes kennel work, some grooming, etc. Contact Pride at 388-8493.



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**Muir Woods Park Community Association
Officers & Board Members as of January 1, 1993**

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James Campbell Public Safety	30 Monte Cimas	381-9320	381-8430	
Lila Daniels Corresponding Secretary; Newsletter	604 Panoramic Hwy	388-6651	383-8422	388-6672
Clif Davenport Treasurer & Finance	7 Grove		383-3892	
Kathleen Delehanty Membership	86 Washington Park	383-6350	388-4516	383-9038
Les Draper Newsletter	20 Hamilton Lane		383-6594	
Del Goetz Vice President; Environmental Health, By-Laws	237 Mountain View	388-8110	388-8493	388-9600
Peter Hindley Recording Secretary; Clubhouse Maintenance	600 Panoramic Hwy	973-1216	388-7252	973-7043
Keith Papulias Social	98 Kings Way		388-9219	383-4126
Dick Popson President; Safety Committee	35 Ridge Avenue	331-1220	388-1135	389-8243
Bob Rydjord Community Affairs	16 Ridge Avenue		388-3621	
Erika Teahan Parents Network	95 Marin View	454-1783	388-1122	

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Standing Committees

Jim Bramell 241 Mountain View 388-6176
Cancer Cluster Study Chairman

Beth Popson 16 Ridge Lane 383-1135
Parents Network

Bob Scheibach 65 Ridge Avenue 388-6349
Safety Committee Co-Chair

Peter Spear 696 Panoramic Hwy 383-2820 383-1941
Mountain Workers Network

Stella Winn 409 Panoramic Hwy 388-3394
Social Committee Coordinator

A Brief History of ... Muir Woods Park Community Association

It was mud and dust that started the whole thing. Six inches of mud in the winter and six inches of dust in the summer blanketed Panoramic Highway (named Marin View Avenue back then). As the summer of 1935 progressed, the early residents on Throckmorton Ridge were choking on the thick clouds of dust churned up by tourists driving up the mountain now that the famous narrow gauge railway no longer ran up Mount Tamalpais.

The pioneering residents of the neighborhood determined to take collective action to get the road paved, and in September 1935 they formed the Muir Woods Park Improvement Association to pressure the County of Marin to get that job done. MWPIA was incorporated as a non-profit organization in January, 1937. It was recently reincorporated as the Muir Woods Park Community Association.

This was just the first of many successful battles fought by this group to improve and protect the neighborhood. It was for many years the largest improvement association in Marin County -- one long recognized by the County Supervisors as a power to contend with. These community struggles and activities have included:

- Getting the first mail delivery into the neighborhood
- Getting school bus and Greyhound bus service on Panoramic
- Getting natural gas installed on the mountain
- Becoming our own voting precinct
- Getting garbage collection
- Supporting one road improvement after another, including helping to pave Ridge Avenue up to the clubhouse

- Helping to defeat a proposed building ordinance which would prohibit one from repairing their own property
- Defeating an attempt to spot zone "Four Corners" for a commercial use so that a gas station could be installed
- More than doubling the number of fire hydrants on the mountain
- Learning about combating the serious fire hazards on the mountain and forming a volunteer fire brigade
- Getting our semi-rural area variously down-zoned to quarter acre, half acre and full acre lot sizes

- Supporting the many successful acquisitions of parklands to gain the open space we all enjoy today
- Defending year after year the natural integrity of the surrounding parklands against excessive exploitation
- Developing a far-sighted master plan for the proper land management of our own neighborhood
- Sponsoring innumerable festive potlucks, parties and special events for community get togethers
- Getting Highway 1 reopened the year after it was closed following the earthquake in 1989

For the past half century the MWPCA has brought together the strong-willed individuals of the mountain to defend, protect and improve the community and surrounding parklands. It promises to continue these good works with your dedicated participation.

P.S. Do you know why our hill is referred to as "nut hill"?