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

January 1993 Issue

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

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

Field meter: $10/day. Contact Jim Bramell at 388-6176.
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 best 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 4br 3.5ba 862,000

Pending
465 Edgewood Avenue 3br 1ba 210,000

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

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

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

Directors       Jim Campbell      381-9320
                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

Jan.  6  MWPCA Board Meeting  8:00 PM
      30  Susan Johnson

Feb.  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

March.  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)

April  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

May  5   MWPCA Board Meeting  8:00 PM
        8   Turnaround Dinner
        21  General Meeting: Environment

June  2   MWPCA Board Meeting  8:00 PM
        20  Fathers’ Day Pancake Breakfast
             (tentative)

July  4   4th of July BBQ
         7   MWPCA Board Meeting  8:00 PM

Clubhouse Rental Rates

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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.

Deadline for next Lookout: February 6.
Board Meeting Highlights, Wednesday, December 2, 1992

Treasurer Cliff 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.
The Lookout
muir woods park community association
40 Ridge Avenue
Mill Valley, CA  94941

Address Correction Requested
Muir Woods Park Community Association
Officers & Board Members as of January 1, 1993

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Barney Lenheim         998 Edgewood Avenue 383-1447

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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"?