

The Lookout



muir woods park community association

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February 20 is Town Meeting Time: Your Chance to Share Your Concerns

February 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 electro-magnetic 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

We wouldn't mind if you brought along your 1993 dues payment!! Save you some effort and all that. See the insert for details.



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!

CALL 388-8493 FOR INFORMATION

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.

President's Column: Moan & Groan to Your Heart's Content...

To burn or not to burn, that is the question. How do you feel about controlled burning on Mt. Tam?

The MMWD has recently presented a study supporting selective burning. Since the study cost was \$600,000 maybe they are right. But, maybe Mother Nature should be heard. Maybe we should let her take her prescribed course and let well enough alone. What is your opinion?

How about new development on the Mountain? Should we build out or not? How about sewers? How about the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station? Is it adequate or not???

These questions are among the many that are important to you and your family and the safety and betterment of life on our Mountain.

At our Town Meeting on February 20th at 8:00 PM at the Clubhouse (6:30 PM for potluck dinner beforehand, they will be reviewed. Then they will be prioritized and developed into an action list for the 1993 MWPCA Officers and Board of Directors. We need your input as to what is important to you.

Are we fire safe enough? Does the Clubhouse need improvements? Should we be doing more for our children? Is PG&E doing what it can for us regarding electromagnetic fields (EMF's)? Should we take a stand for or against the Tam Junction expansion project? Do we have too many or too few social events?

What do you think? Bring your thoughts to our meeting on the 20th and let's talk...

We certainly do have things to talk about, don't we?
--R. Popson

Merciful Junk Sorters Need Not Apply

At the Clubhouse we have a target: the junk that has built up over the years inside the Clubhouse and out!

Our mission: dispose of it heartlessly. Imagine the fun you'd have tossing out all that stuff!

The ultimate goal (outside, at least, for a later day): build a new, larger shed out back to accommodate only our vital necessities.

So, please come to our work day scheduled for Saturday, February 27, starting at 9:00 AM at the Clubhouse. Bring some old clothes and gloves, and some food and drink to share in a lunch time repast amid the action, if you wish.

John Hokanson has kindly agreed to coordinate the construction of the new shed, so there will be an experienced hand to guide the action. Hope to see you there!

--Peter Hindley, Clubhouse Maintenance

February is a great time to pay your 1993 MWPCA dues. Just complete the enclosed form and send a check to MWPCA, 40 Ridge Avenue, Mill Valley 94941. Or, bring it with you to the Town Meeting on Saturday, February 20!!!

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 to measure EMF's: \$10/day. Contact Jim Bramell at 388-6176. Not a bad price when you consider the 2-week plus wait list to go through PG&E. Talk about being ahead of the trend.

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Emergency Radio System Test

On Saturday, February 6, a test was conducted of the proposed emergency radio system. A test signal was broadcast for about 2 hours from the Mill Valley Public Safety Building. Several of our neighbors participated in monitoring the signal and reporting on the reception in various parts of our community. My own monitoring of the signal strength and clarity involved driving through our community and into some of the more secluded streets.

Once the initial test was completed, I was able to convince the engineers to conduct a second test by transmitting a similar signal from the Throckmorton Fire Station. The signal transmitted from this location provided slightly better coverage of our community than the signal transmitted from Mill Valley. However, it was reported that this signal's range was not adequate to cover Mill Valley.

I later determined that the engineer responsible for testing the "field strength" of the signal in our community did so from a number of locations along Panoramic Highway, and that except for a short section of lower Edgewood, did not venture into our side streets to determine the reception in our neighborhoods. It appears the only data available to address that issue was obtained by myself and our volunteer monitors. As a result of our testing, I am not fully satisfied that the proposed transmitter location is capable of meeting our needs. I will be exploring the possibility of a possible transmitter site on Blithedale Ridge.

If any of you caught the transmission on February 6 and have not yet contacted me with your results, please do so at 381-8430. It's never too late!

I'll keep you posted.

--James Campbell

**Good news:
Ghiloti Construction will be repaving
(not patching) the problem areas on
Panoramic Highway when the weather
allows!**

Current Real Estate Listings

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty of Prudential California Realty (recently merged with TRI Realty) for this update of listings on the mountain. For more details just call Kathleen at 388-4516. For current interest rates, call Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

New Listings

130 Marin View	4br 2.5ba	449,000
645 Sequoia Valley Rd.	4br 2ba	482,000
572 Panoramic	4br 3ba	585,000
1 Sunnycrest	4br 3.5ba	862,000
2 Sunnycrest	4 br 3.5ba	862,000

Pending

465 Edgewood Avenue	3br 1ba	210,000
530 Panoramic	2br 2.5ba	895,000

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 2ba	405,000
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Temporarily Withdrawn

16 St. Jude	2br 2ba	379,000
73 Ridge Avenue	4br 2ba	845,000

Withdrawn

280 Edgewood Avenue	3br 2ba	595,000
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Professional, Responsible Couple Seeking New Rental Home

10-year residents of Mill Valley and Mt. Tam seek private mountain-side rental for their new home. They need at least 2 bedrooms and preferable 2 baths. References (including Kathleen Delehanty) available on request. Please call Mark or Pilar at 383-9617.

Welcome New Members

Sandra & Duncan Ross	84 Monte Cimas
Roy Forest, DC	40 Monte Cimas
Josefa Heifetz	170 Bay View Dr
Harry & Ruth Olson	40 Brighton Blvd
Joan Herz	280 Panoramic
Ellen Hammerk & Michael Newman	24 Madera Way

Our 1993 total to date is 72 MWPCA members: 9 new members and 63 renewals. Send your dues in by February 28 to assure your listing in the 1993 directory. Just complete the enclosed form and send it to MWPCA at 40 Ridge Avenue.

Earl Mottley Passes Away

30-year Mountain resident Earl Mottley of 766 Panoramic Highway died January 14 at Marin General. He had been ill for a long time. He was a good neighbor and he will be missed.

Earl worked with the California State Employment Office for 25 years and was a World War II veteran. He had been retired for some time. He is survived by a brother, Vincent Motley of Citrus Heights.

Mallbox Thefts Cause Action on Monte Cimas--Will Washington Park Follow Suit?

Monte Cimas residents have taken action. With Marge Priest's leadership, they found special thief-proof mailboxes at a reasonable price (\$40 small and \$90 large size). All but 1 resident have chipped in to share the costs. With the help of Steve Thompson (resident architect) mailboxes are being modified to maintain a more rustic look. Marge is happy to talk with you about the manufacturer they found and other details. She can be reached at 383-8119.

Randy Barrow on Washington Park reports more problems in his neighborhood. He says he is willing to help organize residents on Washington Park.

If your mailbox is on Panoramic at Washington Park and you are interested in considering new, secure mailboxes (and perhaps fire safety), contact Randy at 381-6634. He will keep a list of interested people and then organize a meeting.

MWPCA Board Sending Letter to PG&E President

On the back page is a draft of the letter being sent to the president of PG&E concerning the need to study the electromagnetic fields on the Mountain. Copies of the letter are being sent to all the following people:

CC: Diane Feinstein, US Senator
Barbara Boxer, US Senator
Lynn Woolsey, Congresswoman
Milton Marks, State Senator
Vivian Bronschvag, State Assemblywoman
Gary Giacomini, Marin County Supervisor

White House Office of Science &
Technology Policy
Richard Guimond, Director, Office of
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William Farland, Director, Office of
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Dr. Richard Neutra, Chief, Special
Epidemiological Studies Program,
CA Department of Health Services

California Electromagnetic Fields
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Commission
Dr. Hiatt, Marin County Department of
Health & Human Services
Electric Power Research Institute
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Environmental Epidemiology &
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of Health Services
Diana B. Petitti, MD, Department of
Family & Community Medicine,
University of California, SF School of
Medicine

Fred Skillman, PG&E
Louis Slesin, Microwave News
Paul Brodeur, The New Yorker
All local newspapers and television



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February 12, 1993

G.A. Maneatis
President
Pacific Gas & Electric
77 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94106-0001

Dear Mr. Maneatis:

The Muir Woods Park Community Association (MWPCA) in Southern Marin County has conducted a survey of cancer occurrence in its neighborhood. Our Environmental Health Committee's cancer cluster study of cancer houses in our area has produced evidence of high EMF's in and around all of the cancer houses studied. As a control group, we have sampled long term residents in households with no cancer. All these houses had low EMF readings. Obviously more study is needed, but many residents rightly find the implications of this study alarming.

We are requesting two actions from PG&E:

- 1) **PG&E should work with the MWPCA to conduct a complete survey of the neighborhood, house by house, to ascertain where problems exist with power lines and transformers.**

On several occasions, Mr. Skillman of PG&E has conferred with residents in our area, but more work needs to be done. We feel that conducting a complete and systematic survey of the area at this time is far less disruptive to your staff than having each of the 350 families here make individual requests.

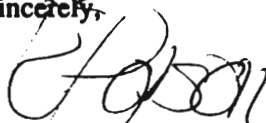
- 2) **PG&E should begin to survey the supply lines immediately. All transformers found to be faulty (emitting high levels of EMFs) or containing PCBs should be removed and replaced prior to the end of 1993.**

It is known that some transformers in the area still date from the 1950s. Many are rusting and present a clear hazard to health if they leak or are taken down by windstorm or earthquake.

The MWPCA Board of Directors feels that this issue is of such importance that we are enlisting the aid of our elected officials to help us win PG&E's cooperation.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please call me at 415/388-1135 at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Richard Popson
President

Attachments: Pacific Sun Article, Map of Muir Woods Park Area

cc: (see attached list)

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

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.

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

Deadline for next Lookout: March 3.

MWPCA 1993 Calendar

<u>Feb.</u>	20	MWPCA Town Meeting/Potluck 6:30 PM
	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



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

Friday, March 19

MWPCA's Annual Corned Beef
& Cabbage Feed

6 PM Bar -- 7 PM Dinner
8:30 PM Dancing

Music by THE JETT O'SHANNON BAND
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LETTA \$10 - DINNER \$10 - BOTH \$17.50

MEMBERSHIP/ESVP. Stella Winn 388-8504
MEMBERSHIP 388-8493

Board Meeting Highlights, Wednesday, February 3, 1993

Dick Popson welcomed new Board Members and congratulated returning members for the successes we had in 1992.

Del Goetz will devote her primary energies to organizing the community during 1993. She will be looking for ways to actively involve everyone in some way. She will create a Community Organizing Committee, to act as a resource for other committees as they reach out into the community.

Clif Davenport reported that the finances are in good shape. We have \$12,354 in the checking account, including the Save Mt. Tam Fund, and \$7,211 in the money market account. This is the best financial shape ever, largely due to the fundraising efforts last year. Those funds will be spent once a decision is made about the location of the emergency radio broadcasting transmitter.

Income from Clubhouse rentals exceeded income from membership dues for the first time during 1992. So, it was decided that we need to do a major Clubhouse clean-up and then arrange for regular cleaning.

Barney Lenheim was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

Bob Rydjord will take over the responsibility of community relations representative.

Kathleen Delehanty will have a "welcome" packet going out to new residents on the mountain beginning in Mid-February.

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

Pollen Alert! Pollen Alert! Pollen Alert!

Your Environmental Health Committee (EHC) urges all of you with runny noses, sneezing, asthma and other allergy symptoms to beware of the acacia. Acacia is one of the most highly allergic pollens and our woods are full of them.

There are 2 varieties which can be distinguished from one another. The most common one has a fern-like leaf; the less common one has a long, narrow leaf much like a bay tree. Both have yellow blossoms. However, the narrow leaf variety has a lighter, almost creamy colored blossom and is more potent. Both are in bloom now.

Another allergenic pollen currently in bloom is redwood. Yes, redwoods do have pollen--a light, yellow powder that often causes sinusitis and coughing as well as affecting eyes and nose.

Those of you with allergies may contact the EHC Chairperson Del Goetz about how to minimize the impact of pollens that create allergies.

The EHC recommends electronic air filters for furnaces, large amounts of vitamin C, and a chain saw to the acacias as most successful remedies.

Questions or comments may be directed to Del Goetz at 388-8110 or come to the next EHC meeting on Wednesday, March 10 at 8:00PM.

--Del Goetz, Chairperson

Classified Ads

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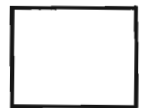
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