Let's Celebrate the Return of the Rain—What a Relief!

February Town Meeting Report

40 community members attended a lively town meeting that generated several clear priorities for the 1993 MWPCA Board. The meeting was ably facilitated by Bill Daniels, a resident who is an organization consultant.

Priorities grouped themselves around 3 key issues. (After generating lists in 6 groups, everyone chose first and second priorities). Here are the results:

Fire Safety (30 priority points)
18 Interim fire safety step before radio system is installed
6 More chipper days
2 Scotch broom control
2 Tree maintenance by property owners
2 Monterey pines a fire hazard

Road Safety (35 points)
11 Four Corners dangerous
10 Walking on Panoramic unsafe
7 Sign at Four Corners that we are a Community
5 Speed of traffic a problem
2 Coordinate street maintenance

Community (19 points)
5 Mediation system for conflict resolution between neighbors
4 Transportation (car pooling & public)
3 Exercise groups
3 Activities for children and adults
2 Buddy system among neighbors
2 Tam Junction development

The MWPCA Board thanks everyone who participated. Action will be taken based on this input. Keep it up!

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner & Dance

Friday, March 19
MWPCA’s Annual
Corned Beef & Cabbage Feed

6:00 PM Bar 7:00 PM Dinner
8:30 PM Dancing

Music and vocals by
Annie Whitehurst and Jeff O’Sammon
with Bill Keaney, Robert Manzanedo, Steve Bernd and James “Fingers” Shupe--National Trick & Fancy Fiddle Champion 1990-92.

Dinner $10 — Dance $10 — Both $17.50

Information/RSVP—to assure there is plenty of food and drink:
Stella Winn 388-3394
Keith Papulias 388-9219
**Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Kite Flying Party, April 10, 10:00 - 1:00**

Refreshments will be served. Craft making and Easter Egg Hunt to follow. Bring your own basket.

Kite flying will happen all day. Prizes for the most unusual and best flyers.

To RSVP or volunteer to help, call Beth Popson at 388-1135.

**Board Meeting Highlights, Wednesday, March 3, 1993**

The expense of sending the Lookout to non-members was discussed. (The added cost is about $700-$1,000.) The benefits of mailing to all include involving new residents, alerting readers to possible safety issues, and what appears to be an improving sense of community. The Board will be actively soliciting new memberships to offset costs.

Finances continue to be in good shape. We ended 1992 with $2,535. We have since had expenses of $1,253 and revenues of $3,369, leaving a checking account balance of about $4,600. About $17,000 is deposited in an interest-bearing account of which a little over $9,000 is for the safety alarm network. The balance is in reserve for building repairs.

Lila Daniels reported on the costs of new letterhead and envelopes and the Board approved spending about $400 for a quantity of 2,000 each.

The Board approved, with Jim Campbell abstaining, the installation of a full concrete pad to cover the area formerly enclosed by the fence behind the MWPCA Clubhouse. A shed and new fence will also be put up.

The Board approved spending up to $200 to have Ken Bovero push the debris pile on the lower lot onto the adjoining slope. (The funds had originally been approved for John Barnes to remove the pile.)

Discussion regarding regular cleaning of the Clubhouse was discussed. It has become necessary because of the increase in rentals.

A meeting with PG&E has been scheduled at the MWPCA Clubhouse to discuss aging equipment and electro-magnetic fields. MWPCA hopes to involve PG&E in a full-scale study. Dick Popson reported that the kids/parents get-togethers on Wednesday mornings are going well. About 8-10 children ranging from 6 months to 5 years have attended.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Club on April 7th at 8:00 PM.

**Classified Ads**

**Car Pool Request:** I'm looking for someone to car pool down the hill 2-3 days a week. I need to be on a bus to SF by 8:00 AM and generally reach MV at 6:00 PM. So, if you have a similar schedule and would like to save gas, cut down on air pollution and share the trip with someone, give me a call and LET'S TALK!

--Myra 381-9117

**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.
Stella & Howard - Winners Both
Our First “Mountain Folk” Feature Article

Stella and Howard Winn have been married for 42 years. When you spend a little time with them, several things are apparent. Howard likes to talk. By his own admission, he says with an impish smile, “The Winns are good at extemporaneous speaking!” Stella usually becomes his straight person. She’ll begin a subject and Howard will finish it. This is in no way negative. Their marriage works—they’re compatible and a team. But their real bond centers on a deep respect, honesty and sense of humor that permeates their relationships. And when you watch them interact, there’s still a twinkle in her eye and a glint in his.

Their roots are deeply stepped in California lore. Stella’s grandmother’s middle name is “California”; Howard’s grandfather, involved in redwood timber industry, renamed the community of Mezeisville, Redwood City. Stella was California born; Howard from Canada—both reared in the East Bay. A cousin of hers introduced them and they fell in love. “I liked him because he was funny and had nice manners,” Stella remembers. Howard was introduced to the mountain and lived in a small cottage for $25 per month.

Howard’s career centered on employment with printers and typesetters in the City. He’s done serigraphs and cards from his garage studio—a throwback to his family’s artisan endeavors. “I took the 7:05 bus to the City and returned on the 6:10 every day for over 30 years,” recalls Howard. Stella is a nurse and has plied her talent to area hospitals and medical/nursing organizations.

Stella and Howard have lived on Panoramic Highway since 1952. “We love the mountain and its people. They’re all individuals and relate to the environment. I recently spent some time in the Castro area— the people all sounded alike and looked the same; they all had the same routines. I hated it and couldn’t wait to get back to the mountain. Even though it’s called ‘nut hill’ it’s home to us,” said Stella.

Howard continued (like he does), “And the Club is a real positive catalyst for us. We’ve built so many lasting relationships there, and had so many memorable times.

I remember a Fiesta Fund Raiser we had about 30 years ago. We had a Rock ‘n’ Roll contest, folk dancing, concession stands and a miniature golf course (complete with golfers in knickers and kilts). Late in the day, we saw billows of smoke coming from Camp Monte Vista, near Muir Woods. Since most of us were part of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, we sped down the hill—kilts and all. We fought the fire and as we were dousing its last embers, I happened upon a small still—smoldering pocket. Unfortunately, my water backpack was empty, so was my canteen. So, I did what I had to do— I peed on the fire and put it out.”

It’s also obvious that Howard, like most mountaineers, possesses the valuable characteristic of resourcefulness—even though maybe his manners have changed somewhat over the years.

Bless the Winns. —R. Popson, President

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.

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.

March is a still a great time to pay your 1993 MWPCA dues. Just complete the enclosed form and send a check to MWPCA.
Marin Arborists Chipper Day, April 25

Once again, Ken Bovaro and his company, Marin Arborists, have donated equipment and manpower to help our fire prevention activities. The schedule is as follows:

1) Materials must be chippable---tree branches, shrubs, etc. Nothing more than 3” in diameter. NO DIRT, STONES, OR TRASH will be accepted.

2) The Clubhouse will be open on Saturday, April 24 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM to accept material.

3) Chipping will be from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 25. Materials will also be accepted on this day.

4) A donation of $5/household is requested. Funds will go to support our fire prevention efforts.

THANKS AGAIN TO KEN AND MARIN ARBORISTS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY!
---Richard Popson, President

Special Thanks

To Peter and Bonnie Carisetti, owners of TamPrint at 447 Miller Avenue. Once again they have given our association a very special price to print up our new stationery. We are grateful for their help. They just purchased a new printer giving them more capability; be sure to check in with them. Telephone: 381-5522.

To Gage Schubert for his generous donation of $100.

Changes

Lucile Withington may be reached at her warm weather digs: 17200 W. Bellard #VS157, Surprise, AZ 85374; 602/975-5096.

Anne Bowhay has changed her name to Anne White. She lives at 479 Panoramic; 383-3626.

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
766 Panoramic  2br  1ba  385,000
1 Brighton Blvd  3br  2ba  425,000
130 Marin View  4br  2.5ba  439,000
572 Panoramic  4br  3ba  585,000

Pending
628 Amaranth  2br  2ba  419,500

Active Listings
474 Panoramic  3br  2ba  349,950
600 Edgewood  2br  2ba  352,000
602 Edgewood  2br  2ba  352,000
16 St. Jude  2br  2ba  369,000
280 Edgewood  3br  2ba  389,000
190 Edgewood  3br  2.5ba  409,000
620 Amaranth  3br  3ba  419,500
84 Cypress  2br  2ba  425,000
569 Edgewood  3br  2.5ba  474,500
98 Washington Park  3br  2ba  479,000
645 Sequoia Valley Rd.  4br  2ba  482,000
430 Panoramic  4br  3ba  580,000
572 Panoramic  4br  3ba  585,000
1 Sunnycrest  4br  3.5ba  862,000
2 Sunnycrest  4br  3.5ba  862,000
530 Panoramic  4br  2.5ba  895,000

Lots
000 Edgewood  200,000
600 Edgewood  350,000
720 Edgewood  450,000
0000 Edgewood  549,000

Sold
465 Edgewood Avenue  3br  1ba  190,000

HELP!!

Are there any copy editors or typists, especially Mac-literate typists out there with a few hours to spare? Lila Daniels needs help with the newsletter. It would require about 3-4 hours/month. Please call Lila at 388-6051.
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
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
Disaster Registry          Virginia Soper

Clubhouse Rental Rates

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The new contract form stresses fire/smoking, parking, noise and maintenance regulations.

Attention Moms and Dads!!

Our first Play Group is underway. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 1:00 at the MWPCA Clubhouse. It’s a great opportunity to meet other moms and their kids. Come join us.

Also, we will be scheduling monthly field trips--to the Discovery Museum, hikes on the mountain, picnics, etc. Any ideas from you will be helpful.

Our next field trip will be a picnic at Muir Beach (weather permitting).

Please see the questionnaire on the back page!!!
**Something Almost Free for Residents with Mailboxes at Panoramic Highway & Washington Park**

Randy Barrow has been making progress with the US Post Office to address mail theft on behalf of residents with mailboxes located at Panoramic Highway and Washington Park.

Do you believe they agreed with Randy to pay for and install a large, secure mailbox unit?

All residents must do is come up with about $12/mailbox to pay for pouring the concrete slab. MWPCA will pay up front and be reimbursed after money has been collected from residents.

Randy is hosting a meeting to discuss details. It is set for Tuesday, March 30 at 8:00 PM at his place at 20 Washington Park.

If your mailbox is on Panoramic at Washington Park call Randy at 381-6634 and come discuss mailboxes with your neighbors March 30.

**Welcome New Members**

Debra & Michael Cummings  
11 Monte Cimas

Sharon & Stanley Searles  
20 Nelson Avenue

Micki Nelson &  
195 Golden Hind Passage, CM

Robert C. Rudy

Shirley & Steven Berman  
PO Box 2229, MV

Linda Tumey &  
692 Sequoia Valley Road

Steven Frei

Suzanne & Christopher White  
420 Panoramic

Wilma & Jim Brodale  
560 Panoramic

Robin, Tom &  
631 Sequoia Valley Road

Larissa Jones

Rachel Naomi Remen, MD  
762 Sequoia Vly Rd

June P. Heaslip  
15 Madera Way

Mary Edwards  
255 Ethel Avenue

MWPCA 1993 members, to date total 107 (Our target is to exceed our 1992 total of 165.) If you haven’t paid yet DO SO NOW!!

**Welcome Committee**

The Welcome Committee has put together a packet of information for newcomers to the neighborhood. If you are a newcomer or know of someone who is, please contact Kathleen Delehanty to receive a copy. She can be reached at (W) 383-6350 or (H) 388-4516.

**Environmental Health Committee (EHC) Update**

Our letter to PG&E requesting a complete EMF survey of our area has resulted in scheduling a meeting of MWPCA EHC members and association officers with PG&E's Mr. Skillman at 10:00 AM on March 18 at the Clubhouse.

We are also sponsoring a Dowsing School at the MWPCA Clubhouse on April 17. (See article below.)

The committee would like to prepare a guide to pollens of the area. We need help: anyone with some expertise to share on pollen and chemical allergies would be a welcome addition to our committee. Please call Del Goetz at 388-8493.

**Dowsing Society Meeting and Dowsing School on April 17 at 12:30 MWPCA Clubhouse**

The Environmental Health Committee is co-sponsoring this event with the Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Dowsers.

Guest speaker will be Gail Montgomery a professional dowser who holds a Masters in Psychological Counseling and uses dowsing in her counseling work.

The focus is learning easy tools like: watching how the Earth is changing on a daily basis; getting a reliable reading on dowsing accuracy; determining factors that block clarity; and learning to receive unclouded messages from guides and other resources.

Participants will receive new charts for easy dowsing and instructions for creating personal dowsing charts geared to both beginning and professional dowsers.

Following Gail's presentation there will be class for those who want to learn dowsing or brush up on rusty skills.

The meeting is open to MWPCA and ASD members without charge. Reception and introductions start at 12:30 PM. Ms. Montgomery will speak at 1:30; dowsing instruction will begin at 3:30 PM.

For more information, call Del Goetz at 388-8493.
Muir Woods Park Community Association
Parent/Family Questionnaire

NOTE: This is a revised questionnaire requesting new data. Even if you have filled one out previously, please do so again. THIS DATA IS CONFIDENTIAL AND FOR MWPCA USE ONLY.

Our association is trying to communicate with and better serve families residing on Mt. Tam and in its neighboring communities. We are establishing a parents/family network, children's party activities, and "young people's" facilities both inside and outside our clubhouse. We ask you to fill out the following revised questionnaire to further aid us in our concept and direction. We welcome your comments whether or not you are currently a member. (If you're not, we cordially invite you to join us.)

Name ___________________________ Address ___________________________

Home Phone ___________________________ Work Phone ___________________________

MWPCA Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐ Please contact me to join: ☐

Number of Children in Family
List ages and sexes: ________________________________________________________

☐ Yes I would like to attend parents meetings to discuss mutual areas of interest.
☐ No

☐ Yes I would appreciate having a small playground at the MWPCA Clubhouse.
☐ No

☐ Yes I would be interested in having licensed day-care facilities at the MWPCA Clubhouse.
☐ No

Play Group days that work best for me: 1st Choice ___________________________
2nd Choice ___________________________

Times: ___________________________ AM: ___________________________ PM: ___________________________

Are you currently driving your child to school? If so and you are interested in car pooling, list School: ___________________________ Days: ___________________________ Times: ___________________________

Are you currently using a baby sitter you would like to recommend?
Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________ Age: ___________________________

Are you interested in aerobics classes at the clubhouse? If so, specify the type; i.e., low impact, yoga, dance, etc. (List first choice days):
Type: ___________________________ Days: ___________________________ AM/PM: ___________________________

Do you know anyone who would like to list baby sitting services in the newsletter? If so, have them contact Lila Daniels at 383-8422.

Would you be interested in participating as a baby sitter as part of a coop situation? ___________________________

Other Comments/Suggestions: ______________________________________________________

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If you questions or concerns or if you have any toys, carpeting or other items that would be useful in the Play Group, please contact Richard or Beth Popson at 388-1135.
SAVE MT. TAM
(Before its too late)

The Lookout

muir woods park community association
40 Ridge Avenue
Mill Valley, CA 94941
Neighborhood Disaster Registry
Muir Woods Park Community Association
40 Ridge Avenue off Panoramic Highway, Mill Valley, CA 94941

The material on page 1 will be shared with the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station. Material on page 2 will be kept by your neighborhood Disaster Liaison. Please return the form to Virginia Soper at 696 Panoramic Highway, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

Family/Household Name ___________________________ Date / /

Address (street) ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Address (mailing) ___________________________

Household Listings: Please list likely daytime locations and phone numbers for everyone living at this address. Include children’s ages, schools, pets’ names and brief descriptions. List special circumstances beside each name (diabetes, allergies, medications, etc.)

1) Name ___________________________ ___________________________

2) Name ___________________________ ___________________________

3) Name ___________________________ ___________________________

4) Name ___________________________ ___________________________

Emergency Contacts: One contact should be outside the Bay Area:
Name ___________________________ Address ___________________________ Phone ( )

Name ___________________________ Address ___________________________ Phone ( )

Utilities: If nobody is at home, I hereby give permission for water, gas, and electricity to be shut off if necessary for the safety of our house and/or the neighborhood.
Signed ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Utility Shut-Offs: Please describe or sketch your house, showing the gas meter, water valve, and circuit box:
FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD NAME:

PERMISSION TO PICK UP CHILDREN: If we cannot get home by the end of the school day, we have given the school permission to release our children to the following people:

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Neighborhood Resources: Please mark the equipment, skills, water, and food supplies that you are willing to share in an emergency.

EQUIPMENT (note quantity) | SKILLS (name person with skill.
Ax | CPR
Chainsaw | First aid
Hose | Nursing
Generator | Paramedic
Propane/camp stove | Physician
Porta-potty | Child care
Shovel | Cooking
Sleeping bag | Counseling
Tent | Recreation
Water purifier | Teaching
Bicycle | CB radio operator
Camping trailer | Driver/4-wheel drive
Horse | Driver/motorcycle
Motorcycle/trail bike | Ham radio operator
RV | Auto mechanic
Station wagon | Carpenter
Truck | Electrician
4-wheel drive | Plumber
CB radio | Telephone repair
Ham radio | Tree cutting
Scanner | General contractor
Walkie-talkie | Clerical
Cellular phone | Clergy

WATER SUPPLIES: (fire, washing)
Hand/gas powered pump | Red Cross trained
Swimming pool | Runner
Hot tub | Other
Water bed

FOOD & DRINKING WATER:
Water heater holds _____ gallons.
We have _____ gallons bottled water.
We have a vegetable garden.
We have a freezer with _____ cubic feet.

EMERGENCY HOUSING (for those unable to reach a Red Cross/neighborhood shelter)
Our home can accommodate _____ people.

OTHER COMMENTS: For more space, use an extra sheet or call Virginia Soper at 383-1941.