

# The Lookout



**muir woods park community association**

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## Discussions about Fire Prevention Heat Up!

September 1993 Issue

### BBQ Time Again: September 18-19 (Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival Weekend)

Return engagement of the Memorial Day BBQ -- this time in Dowd's Barnyard (en route to the Festival) at 157 Throckmorton.

Keith Papulias and his crew will do a repeat performance of the STEAK & BEANS BUFFET. It was such a hit that we ran out of food on Memorial Day. Don't miss this one--we promise plenty of food.

Menu: Santa Maria Style Trip-tip steak on a roll with BBQ beans.

Time: noon - 4:00 PM each day.

For information or if you would like to help out (2-hour shifts) contact Del Goetz at 388-8493 or Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

### September 25 Save Mt. Tam Benefit Jazz Dinner Dance



Steven T. Winn promises an entertaining evening at the MWPCA Clubhouse. There will be three sets of music: one for the cocktail hour, another for dinner, and a final one for dancing.

Menu: BBQ boneless chicken breast, risotto, and vegetables; bread and butter, wine and dessert. No host bar.

Plan to get tickets right away. Space is limited to 60 people. Cost is \$20 donation per person. Includes dinner, music, and dancing. For more information, contact Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

### Save Mt. Tam Fall BBQ

Sat. Sept. 18th  
Sun. Sept. 19th  
Noon to 4 PM

SANTA MARIA STYLE STEAK SANDWICH  
WITH BBQ BEANS -- \$5.00

Dowd's Barnyard  
157 Throckmorton Ave.



## **Supervisors Push for \$75 Parcel Tax to Make up County Fire Budget Deficit**

At the July 19th County Budget Hearings the Board of Supervisors agreed to keep the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station open pending new revenue sources to support County fire and paramedic services.

On the November ballot is a proposition to maintain the present one cent sales tax. Supposedly this tax is earmarked for public safety.

In addition to this sales tax is a proposition for the April ballot to create a special \$75/parcel tax for property owners in the unincorporated areas.

The MWPCA Board of Directors is polling residents in the Muir Woods Park area to find out how you feel about the proposed parcel tax.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to the association address.

## **Current Real Estate Listings**

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty of Prudential California 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**

7 Annie Lane	2br	1ba	369,000
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### **Pending**

1 Brighton Blvd	3br	2ba	394,500
40 Marin View	2br	2ba	419,000

### **Active Listings**

120 Marin View	1br	2ba	379,000
130 Marin View	4br	2.5ba	439,000
130 Sunnycrest	3br	2ba	499,000
280 Edgewood	3br	2ba	589,000

### **Sold**

766 Panoramic	2br	1ba	295,000
16 St. Jude	2br	2ba	359,000
98 Washington Park	3br	2ba	420,000
569 Edgewood	3br	2.5ba	449,000
572 Panoramic	4br	3ba	569,000
2 Sunnycrest	4br	3.5ba	799,000
4 Walsh Drive	4br	3ba	1,295,000

### **Lots**

120 Redwood	Lot	99,800	
600 Edgewood	2br	2ba	275,000

## **Panoramic Restoration Committee Formed**

A proposal to return the west side of Panoramic Highway to its former grassland status was made to the MWPCA Board. The plan calls for brush reduction and removal of non-native and exotic trees and plants along the west side of Panoramic.

Those making the proposal were:

**David Boyd**, State Park Resources Manager,  
**Ron Angier**, Mt. Tam State Park Chief Ranger,  
**Frank Neer**, Capt. of the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station,  
**David Carr**, Throckmorton Ridge Firefighter  
**Ray Moritz**, Tree Specialist

The group proposed that brush, non-native plants and exotic trees be cut down and then removed through a controlled burn--from 300 feet below Panoramic up to the road. The area would stretch from Ridge Avenue to the Fire Station. Subsequent burnings would occur every other year so that a western ridge fire break would be created to protect eastern slope homes from fires encroaching from the west.

There were many questions and suggestions as to how, what, when and where. But, there was general support for the ideas presented.

As a result of the presentation the Board voted to establish an *ad hoc* committee to study the merit of the proposal and determine if there is community support for the project. Committee members include: Peter Hindley, Dick Popson, Del Goetz, Bob Rydjord and Jim Campbell.

The committee will meet with officials this month to develop details of a plan that will be presented to the membership next month. Anyone wishing to make input should contact Dick Popson at 388-1135.

## **Nominating Committee Recruiting Candidates for the MWPCA 1994 Board**

Peter Hindley and Lila Daniels are responsible for nominations this year. To let them know you are interested in running for the board please contact Peter at 388-7252 or Lila at 383-8422. Deadline: October 8.

Annual Meeting and Election is November 12.

## **Feel the Urge to Paint--the Clubhouse?**

Peter Hindley is looking for a paint crew for refurbishing the Clubhouse. The week end of October 16-17 has been reserved for our work crew.

Why not get in on the fun--if you have the time and the interest. Give Peter a call at 388-7252 for details.

## MWPCA Board Highlights

The main item on the agenda was the presentation by local fire professionals concerning a plan to return the area west of Panoramic Highway back to its natural vegetation. This would control fire threats coming from the west. The Board was in basic agreement with the ideas presented and has scheduled a General Meeting for October 22 to open discussion with the membership and residents here on Mt. Tam.

The proposed \$75 parcel tax was also placed on the agenda for the General Meeting on October 22.

Hopefully within a month the emergency AM radio station will be in place.

The lookout coverage on Mt. Tam are going very well. Several brush fires were spotted with the "eagle eyes" of dedicated volunteers.

## Environmental Health Committee Report

Muir Woods Park residents living near power poles that had high EMF (electromagnetic field) readings were contacted by Stella Winn. They in turn were advised to contact PG&E to have their local areas checked for safety.

Don Osay of PG&E will meet with Pacific Bell to check out PacBell Cellular Phone Booster Boxes to determine if they might be contributing to the high levels of AM radio static that is occurring in our area (and which happens to occur in those areas where the boxes are located). He will advise us of the results of the test.

Anyone who would like to review the report may do so by contacting any of the following committee members:

Jim Brammel	388-6176
Stella Winn	388-3394
Del Goetz	388-8493

## August 29 Pancake Breakfast a Success

About 50 people enjoyed good fellowship and good pancakes able whipped up by Stella Winn, Keith Papulias, Wendy Nelson, Erika Teahan, and Mike Ansel. Other helpers included Constance Richardson, Lynn Hindley, Howard Winn and Peter Cunningham.

In addition to pancakes, the menu included bacon, melon, orange juice, and beverages. Everything worked out well--we didn't run out of supplies until just before noon. And, we made a profit! Many thanks to all who helped.

## T-Shirt Available to Help Keep Our Fire Station Open

There are still bold, red "Save Mt. Tam" T-Shirts available for \$15 each. Be sure to get yours "before it's too late"!

They are a great reminder to our neighbors and friends in other communities in Marin about the importance of protecting our mountain and our homes. Besides, they're *very attractive*--and the money goes directly to Board activities related to protecting our mountain from fire and other emergencies.

For the moment, our Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station is open at its current level of service only through the end of March.

Unless MWPCA visibly continues our efforts by keeping our concerns visible, we may be forgotten in the tangle of competing priorities.

Then, we might be paying a special parcel tax of \$75/year just to keep the station open at our current level of service. (See enclosed article.)

Del Goetz, owner of Dowd's Barn at 156 Throckmorton in Mill Valley has graciously agreed to sell shirts at Dowd's. If you want one mailed to you, call Lila Daniels at 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
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

	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.

## 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.

## MWPCA 1993 Calendar

<u>Sept</u>	18-19	MV Arts Festival BBQ at Dowd's Barn Noon - 4:00 PM
	19	Tourist Club Oktoberfest
	25	Dinner/Dance Fund Raiser
	26	Mike Bentel
<u>Oct</u>	6	Kids Play Group 10:00 - 1:00 PM
	6	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
	9	Jessica Britt
	11	Ann Matranga
	13	Environmental Health Committee 8:00 PM
	16-17	MWPCA Work Day: Painting of Clubhouse
	17	Tourist Club--Old Timer's Dinner
	22	MWPCA General Meeting--Panoramic Restoration and Parcel Tax Discussion 8:00 PM
	31	Halloween Party/Potluck
<u>Nov</u>	3	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
	3	Kids Play Group 10:00 - 1:00 PM
	10	Environmental Health Committee 8:00 PM
	12	MWPCA Potluck and General Election Meeting-- 5:30 cocktails, 6:30 potluck, 7:30 election
	13	Ruth Bramell

## Halloween Party, October 31st

Grab a get-up, costume, crazy hat, or come as you are. Potluck dinner at 6:00 PM, Bar opens at 5:00. Kid's games start at 5:00. Halloween costume contest; crazy hat contest. For more information, call Stella Winn at 388-3394.

**Au Pair:** Austrian girl (18-19) would like to stay with a family for 1 year starting in September in exchange for looking after small kids. Eva speaks some English. Contact Sue Lenheim at 383-1447.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT LOOKOUT: OCTOBER 8.**



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**Welcome New Members**

Olivia & Alex Bosman 30 St. Jude  
Hans G. Roenau 110 Marin View

**"Save Mt. Tam" T-shirts** are available for sale through Del Goetz at Dowd's Barn at 157 Throckmorton in Mill Valley. Price is \$15 each and all the proceeds go toward MWPCA's fire safety activities. If you prefer to order by telephone, call Lila Daniels at 383-8422 for details.

**Classified Ads**

**Professional woman seeks studio apartment** on Mt. Tam. Can pay \$650/month. Needs as soon as possible. Please call Annice Barber at 389-9214.

**Jane and Jan Rubenstein seek teenage baby sitter** for their 7 and 10-year olds. Prefer Mt. Tam resident. For details call Jane at 383-5714.

**One bedroom furnished cottage** for rent while owner is in Europe (3-6 months). \$750/month to caring, non-smoking tenant. Call June Heaslip at 388-2782.

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**Muir Woods Park Community Association Membership Survey--Please complete and return by September 30:**

- I am interested in serving on the 1994 MWPCA Board of Directors.
- I am prefer to volunteer for specific activities as needed. Skills that may be of interest include (please circle appropriate ones or add others):
 

word processing	desktop publishing	advertising	general maintenance
social activities	sign making	telephone	childcare
other (please list): _____			

**Muir Woods Park Parcel Tax Survey**

- I am in favor of the proposed \$75 parcel tax for public safety.
- I am opposed to the proposed \$75 parcel tax for public safety.
- I don't care either way.



**Comments:**

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**Name**

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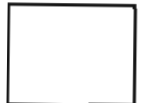
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