PARCEL TAX UPDATE

County Supervisors continue to press property owners for additional revenue. Instead of getting their priorities straight about the fact that taxpayers see a much greater need for fire and paramedic personnel than for planning staff and other clerical efforts, the Sups are pressing for yet another tax.

They are proposing a $76 tax on each living unit (landlords take heed); $114 tax on each business; $38 tax on each unimproved parcel, which doesn’t include MMWD lands or Park lands—most of the unincorporated area. They expect the overtaxed property owner to support the burden. We suggest they tax the tourists who use the MMWD and Park lands; we are already paying more than our share.

To make matters worse, the County Administrator, Tom Campanella, has made the decision to take all the monies from the 1 cent sales tax approved by voters in November and give them all to the Sheriff and Justice Departments—none will go for Fire and Paramedic Service. Governor Wilson has issued a public warning to counties trying to misuse the 1 cent sales tax funds, which were designated for public safety. Our association is exploring possible violations with the Governor’s Office.

If you want more information or can help our Ad Hoc Parcel Tax Committee, please contact Del Goetz at 388-8493.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PARCEL TAX

Public hearing on the parcel tax will be Tuesday, January 25 at 11:00 AM, in Room 322 of the Civic Center. Please be there! Make your voice heard.

GEOMANTICS STUDY GROUP STARTS JANUARY 28TH

The Environmental Health Committee will establish an ongoing study group to discuss and explore topics on Geomantics and the effects of both man made and naturally occurring radiation. Meetings will include guest speakers. Anyone interested should contact Del Goetz at 388-8493.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY

Saturday, March 19, 1994

MWPCA Clubhouse

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

No host bar at 6:00 PM
Dinner at 7:00 PM
Entertainment at 8:00 PM

Contact Lynn Hindley for more information at 388-7252
CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S
Stella Winn wants to thank all of you wonderful people who helped with our Christmas Party this year. The party was a great success, full of holiday cheer, marvelous international cuisine and, best of all, lots of new faces. Stella’s special thanks go to Lynn Hindley and Julie Ley for their help with setting up; to Barney Lenheim, Del Goetz and Lynn Hindley for shopping; to Barney Lenheim, Bob Scheibach and John Hokanson for bartending; and to all the “old faithful” Christmas elves who always help with the clean up.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY THANKS
Thanks to organizers Chris Davenport, Erika Teahan, and Beth Popson for a very successful party. 25–30 children attended and had great fun. Thanks, too, for Ruth Bramell’s help on the day of the event.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS
Merle Smith was in Marin General Hospital. You may call Bob Scheibach at 388-6349 for further info on Merle. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

WELCOME to the Mountain:
Clare Cooley & Jan Werner at 820 Edgewood Ave (381-6100)
Carol & Jerry Harrison will be at One Marin View

NEW MEMBERS
Tamara Cohen & Win Bottum at 40 Marin View
John Thomas at 295 Panoramic Highway

CONGRATULATIONS to:
Chris Mumford and Bonnie Himberg who were married on October 4, 1993 at Sunset on Alucala Island, Fiji
Sandy Neville and Eric De Jong for the birth of their baby boy, Eric Wolf.

CONDOLENCES to:
Peter Spear, his wife Virginia Soper, and their son Jeremy Spear at the recent loss of Peter’s father. Their address is 696 Panoramic Highway.

MORE THANK YOUs—for Lookout Assistance
Lila Daniels wishes to give special recognition to her team members for their year long commitment to producing our outstanding newsletter. Lisa Zenker put in the time on data entry; Gari Thompson did the layout beautifully (she should since she does desktop publishing for a living!), Del Goetz for editing and doing whatever needed to be done, and Virginia Soper handled distribution. Such a team!

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Saturday, January 8, 1994
To start the year off well, new MWPCA President, Del Goetz hosted a special half-day board meeting to discuss priorities and roles for 1994. Despite the fact that the football playoffs were underway and the heater wasn’t working in the Clubhouse, the group stayed focused and productive. (Everyone came except Jim Campbell who was away on business.)

Del was assisted by organization consultant and resident Bill Daniels regarding organizational structures, especially those most appropriate for voluntary organizations. (He and Lila Daniels run a successful business from their garage here on the mountain.)

The analogy of a tree worked well to describe overall roles and responsibilities: board members function as the trunk to sustain the overall organization, the branches are committees, and the leaves are individuals who become involved in specific, issue-related tasks and then move away.

Key motivators for board member participation reflect those of the community at large: political action as a community to protect our safety, respect for each other’s privacy while still being part of the community (private but not alone), have fun, be part of the community, help out, and find out what’s happening.

As a board we want an organization that effectively deals with specific issues, doesn’t ‘cry wolf’ by creating artificial issues, and respects the influx of new blood coming in which is more interested in social aspects of community. There is a sense that our community may be ahead of the growing trend where people want a greater sense of community.

The board agreed to make more personal contact with community members, which will include developing networks around disaster preparedness.

Committees were formed for the year. Also discussed was the upcoming public hearing about the proposed parcel tax on Tuesday, January 25 at 11:00 AM in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room #322 at the Civic Center. Interested residents are urged to attend.
MEET YOUR 1994 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Our Money Man: Clif Davenport, Treasurer

Clif has been a member of MWPCA for 27 years; for 14 of those he has served on our Board of Directors and has served as Treasurer for the last 8 years.

Clif was born in Connecticut. He graduated from Wesleyan University with a BA. Clif served as a Naval officer during World War II in Europe and Asia.

He then began his professional career with the Social Security Administration, first in Connecticut and then in San Francisco. When he retired in 1978, he was the Assistant Regional Commissioner.

Clif's married to Rosemary and has three children: Dorothy, Robert and Christine (also an active MWPCA member). There are 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Clif’s hobbies include stamp collecting and cycling.

In addition to being the Association's Treasurer, Clif is responsible for booking clubhouse rentals.

Our Wordkeeper: Lila Daniels, Secretary

Lila has lived on the Mountain for 5 years, has been a MWPCA member for 3 years and has served on the Board for 2 years. She was active in the Highway One Emergency Committee that got Hwy 1 reopened. She’s been instrumental in helping to improve the quality of The Lookout over the last two years and is now its Editor-in-chief.

Lila was born and raised in rural Modesto, has a graduate degree in Education from San Jose State and traveled around the world by ship before she was 21. She is President of American Consulting & Training, which she operates with her husband, Bill, to help organizations become faster and more flexible.

Lila is a tennis player, hiker, loves everything French and does everything well.

Our Whipcracker: Del Goetz, President

Del has lived on the Mountain for 28 years and has been on the MWPCA Board for 4 years serving as both Secretary and Vice President. She was also the Coordinator of the Hwy. One Emergency Committee from 1990-92.

Del came to California from Cleveland, Ohio. She received a degree in Political Science from Ohio State Univ. which started her on her career of political and social activism. She owns and operates Dowd’s Barn Used Furniture & Antiques in Mill Valley.

Del has many interests and activities. She still loves sports and formula car racing (she raced a Formula VEE), is a scuba diver and recently retired from sled dog racing but maintains a kennel of Siberian Huskies and does research into Domestic Dog Pack Behavior. She also enjoys figure skating and Mountain Watching.

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 home office 388-4516 or business office 383-6350. For current interest rates, call Keith Papalia at 388-9219.

New Listings
685 Sequoia Valley Rd 3br 3ba 549,000
475 Edgewood 3br 3.5ba 639,000
330 Panoramic 5br 2.5ba 750,000

Pending
602 Edgewood 2br 2ba 275,000
1 Marin View 4br 2.5ba 585,000

Active Listings
84 Cypress 2br 2ba 125,000
5 Muir Avenue 1br 1.5ba 235,000
1040 Edgewood 3br 2.5ba 1,495,000

Sold and Closed
639 Sequoia Valley Rd 3br 2ba 359,000
130 Marin View 3br 2.5ba 439,000

Lots—Active
50 Mountain Lane 139,000
1 Walsh Drive 374,000
000 Edgewood Lots 1,2,4,5,6 495,000-575,000

Lots—Pending
120 Redwood Avenue 99,800

Special apologies to our neighbor Roger Scharner. We incorrectly listed his house as sold in the last newsletter. He lives at 15 St. Jude and the sale was actually for 16 St. Jude. Sorry. We’re glad you’re still with us!

HELP WANTED

Retail Sales Store Clerk

Experienced sales person available to work on Mon, Tues, & Sat, 10 AM to 6 PM

Must enjoy furniture and “stuff” with all its attendant care: dusting, cleaning, organizing and reorganizing.

Must be a self-starter able to work with minimal supervision.

For more information contact: 388-0110
Dowd’s Barn Used Furniture & Antiques
157 Throckmorton, Mill Valley
**MWPCA 1994 Clubhouse Calendar**

**January**
- 22-23: Sharon Searles (Art Classes)
- 28: Environmental Health Committee Meeting at 7:30 PM Topic: Geomancy
- 29: Les Draper (birthday party)
- 31: Focal Point Productions

**February**
- 2: Board Meeting 8:00 pm
- 12: Children’s Valentine Making Party
- 26: Mountain Brush Pull/Noon Barbeque/General Meeting—Re: Property Tax
- 27: Gari Thompson (Classes)

**March**
- 19: St. Patrick’s Day Party/General Meeting

**April**
- 3: Easter Sunday Hike and Picnic at Divide Meadow

**May**
- 7: Turnaround Dinner
- 30: Mill Valley Week End Parade & MWPCA BBQ booth fundraiser in the park

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**NEW CLUBHOUSE RENTAL POLICY**

We have a wonderful meeting facility that many people would like to use. Our purpose in having and maintaining this space is to have it available for Club activities and for activities which generally provide a service to our members and community. Due to the increased demand on the use of our space by various people unrelated or minimally related to the Club, the Board decided to revise our policy for renting the Clubhouse as follows:

1. There will now be 3 categories of renters:
   a. Working Members—persons who have been dues-paying members of the MWPCA for at least two years and have performed at least 24 hours of volunteer work on behalf of MWPCA during those two years
   b. Non-profit organizations
   c. All others, including both non-members and members who are not working members.

2. Rental Rates: The rental rates will be generally per the table below, but are subject to change, from time to time, at the Board’s discretion.

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For rental information please call Clif Davenport at 383-3892.

**FOR RENT FROM THE ASSOCIATION**

Weed wrenches: Rates: $5 first day; $2.50 each additional day; $15/week; maximum rental period is 2 weeks. Call Virginia Soper at 383-1941.

Field meter is available to measure electro-magnetic fields. Contact Jim Bramel at 388-6176.

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**1994 DUES**

It's now time to pay your dues for 1994 membership:
- $35 / regular
- $10 / senior citizens

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**Blake Richardson**

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**Barney Lenheim**

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999 Edgewood Ave.
Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 383-1447
SIGN UP NOW TO GET REDUCED CLUBHOUSE RENTAL RATE—we need help on committees (see below)

The new clubhouse rental policy rewards members who donate time to Association projects with reduced clubhouse rental rates. Time spent working on committees will qualify so hurry to sign up now — we need help in the following areas:

Social Committee: help arrange social functions, maintain supplies for meetings and events, coordinate community social functions. Contact Keith Papulas at 388-9219.

Clubhouse Maintenance Committee: help keep our building and property in shape. We need people handy with tools who can spare a few hours now and then. We also need help with decorating the interior and spiffing up the place. Contact Barney Lenheim at 383-1447.

Newsletter Committee: someone with computer skills (Macintosh or DOS) to help key in data for the Lookout (up to 4 hours per issue); we also need someone to coordinate the distribution (about 2-4 hours per issue). We are interested in finding someone now who might be interesting in considering the editor-in-chief role for 1995. Contact Lila Daniels at 383-8422.

Parenting/Recreation Committee: help arrange events for children. Contact Beth Popson at 388-1135 or Erica Teahan at 388-1122.

CLASSIFIED

For Rent: One bedroom downstairs apartment on Marin View. Private entrance, lots of light with view of large yard and trees. Possible baby-sitting of 2-year old boy in exchange for some rent reduction on $500/month rent. Call Erika Teahan evenings or mornings at 388-1122.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS GEOMANCY ON JANUARY 28

Noted Geomancer, Steven Post, will discuss geomancy and the study of geomancy at a special meeting of the MWPCA’s Environmental Committee on Friday, January 28 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the MWPCA Clubhouse at 40 Ridge Avenue.

Geomancy is a holistic philosophy of environmental understanding, design and attunement that fosters living in harmony with the earth.

Mr. Post is well acquainted with our Mountain — he worked as a fire lookout for 3 summers in the early 1970's. He says that being on the Mountain inspired him to learn more about geomancy.

Reservations are required. Please call Del Goetz at 388-8493 for information and reservations.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Efforts are underway to explore the possibility of creating an emergency fire access road that would connect North Edgewood Avenue to Washington Park Avenue. Property owners have been contacted and hopefully will meet soon with Fire Department personnel to look over the area to determine if the connection is feasible.

The proposal would require bulldozing along the easement between Les Draper's property and that owned by Richard Roncancio. The access would not be open for use; it would be kept chained to prevent through traffic. But, the access would give residents an emergency exit and enable fire fighters to have additional access to the area.

SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are progressing slowly with the AM radio station. Jim Campbell is doing his best to connect with the various and assundry powers that be. The latest is that we will be testing 2-3 new locations within the next 30 days in order to move the signals closer to our community. We will notify everyone in advance in order to get important input from locations throughout our community.
PRESIDENT’S LETTER

We are very fortunate to have such talented and dedicated residents serving on our Board of Directors this year. Our first meeting of the new board brought out the commitment.

New to the board this year is Dirk Van Waart, an eight-year resident of Washington Park. Dirk is a Paramedic in San Francisco. He volunteered to co-chair a safety networking committee with fellow Washington Park resident Kathleen Delehanty. The objective is to have one person on each street serve as a neighborhood coordinator in case of a general emergency.

Also new to the board this year is another Washington Park resident, Randy Barrow. Randy has worked hard to help keep the fire station open. He has volunteered to work with Lila Daniels to determine the scope and activities of our safety committee and to come up with recommendations for how to organize it. They will report back to our next board meeting in February 2.

Barney Lenheim is returning to our board after a 10-year vacation. He has graciously agreed to chair the Clubhouse Maintenance Committee. He will work with Keith Papulias who agreed to oversee the clubhouse kitchen as well as chair the Social Committee. Keith and Barney will be assisted by Lynn Hindley, Stella and Howard Winn, Sue Lenheim, Ellen and Bob Olson, Emily Clemmons, Connie Richardson, Bob Rudy, Micki Nelson, Sue Lopes, and Wendy Nelson.

Kathleen Delehanty has been on the board for 6 years. In addition to the neighborhood networking, she is responsible for getting the word out to new residents and potential members.

Erika Teahan has spent much of her life on the Mountain and now is raising her 2-year-old son, Colin, to mountain ways. Erika is chairing the Parenting/Recreation Committee with help from Beth Popson and Chris Davenport.

Returning as Treasurer is Chris’ father, Clif Davenport, who has served on the board for 14 years, the last 8 as treasurer.

Members Lila Daniels and Jim Campbell will each serve their third year on the board. Lila is responsible for the marvelous changes to the Lookout over the last 2 years. Jim is responsible for researching, developing and helping implement our AM radio alert system as well as being Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

All of us are very fortunate to have these people working on our behalf. But, they need your help; 11 people cannot do it all for the 1,000 people who live here. If you have any skills or helping hands, even just a few hours a month, please make yourself known to any of our board members. We hope you will be willing to give a little of your time to help our new board of directors get the job done.

Remember, too, that your dues help to support MWPCA efforts to improve our community. If you have some spare change, we are trying to raise funds to install a second siren, which will benefit residents from Ridge Avenue to the south and east.

We look forward to a productive 1994 and to celebrating our 60th Anniversary in 1995. And, I look forward to hearing from you. My home phone is 388-8493; Dowd’s phone is 388-8110 and if there is anything you want to FAX, the number is 388-9600.

—Del Goetz, President
# Muir Woods Park Community Association
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1994 MWPCA Dues Form

1991-1993 have been very successful years for our association. We have more members and greater involvement from our membership. We helped get Highway 1 reopened in 1 year (when they originally projected environmental impact studies of 3-5 years), we have a siren at the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station, and we have most of the needed funds for a local area radio station to alert us in case of fire, earthquake, or other disaster. It’s taken a lot of work from our members but the results are paying off.

Now we need to put extra effort into keeping our Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station open year-round. With the deep budget cuts happening in the County, they are threatening to close it down during the non-fire season. I wonder when they think that is?!

The dues from our membership help keep efforts moving forward to benefit our community, and we ask you to make a contribution now for 1994. It’s never too late.

In addition to the regular amount of $35 for families and $10 for seniors, please consider making an additional contribution. The last five years your extra donations have made the difference between break-even and having flexibility to take special action. Please complete the form below and mail it to MWPCA.

I would like to contribute to my community's well-being by joining/extending my membership in the MWPCA. My check for $35 is enclosed.

As a senior citizen I would like to contribute to my community's well-being by joining/extending my membership in the MWPCA. My check for $10 is enclosed.

Enclosed is my donation to help support association activities.

Enclosed is my donation to assist the "Save Mt. Tam" Disaster Committee in their important efforts.

I would like to discuss serving on the following Committee: ______________________

Please contact me.

Please send me further information about MWPCA.

Please send me details on Clubhouse rentals. I'm interested or I know of someone who might be interested in renting it.

Name/s ____________________________

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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”?