

The Lookout

muir woods park community association

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EMERGENCY DISASTER TRAINING April 16 & 17 -- Sign Up Now! April 1994 issue

* 1994 DUES ARE DUE *

MT TAMALPAIS STATE PARK FRENCH BROOM CUTTING

Wildfire prevention on Mt. Tamalpais is underway in a big way! Mt. Tamalpais State Park in conjunction with the Muir Woods Park Community Association's "Save Mt. Tam" Program is conducting tree and brush removal and prescribed burns along Panoramic Hwy between Mt. View and Ridge Aves. As one resident commented while observing last week's burn: "Better we burn it now than have it burn us later!"

Beginning on Monday, April 4, a major assault will be made on a dense, 21 acre brush field located on the northeast edge of Mt. Tamalpais State Park. The stand is immediately downslope of Panoramic Hwy where it divides the Park wildlands from residential areas. The brush is primarily French Broom, now very easily recognized because of its yellow flowers.

It is the target of concern for two reasons:

1. It is an important contributor to the severe fire hazard along the urban wildland interface.
2. It is a very invasive exotic plant that is a major threat to native plant communities.

An aerial photograph taken in 1943 shows that this area was a grassland prior to the influx of French Broom. The plan is to remove the Broom and restore this grassland community.

A number of exotic trees, including Acacia and Eucalyptus, have already been cut and burned by State Park staff and community volunteers. Now, the next step is to cut the broom. A crew under contract to the Park will cut the entire stand in two or three days of work. Subsequent prescribed burning will consume the cut material and will, at the same time, prevent resprouting of cut stems and seedling establishment.

MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY TEAM

RED CROSS DISASTER TRAINING

SAT., APRIL 16, 9 AM - NOON

SUN., APRIL 17, 9 AM - NOON

**MWPCA CLUBHOUSE
40 RIDGE AVE.**

Emergency Preparedness Training

**Sign up now to learn what to do
in case of an emergency like an
earthquake or fire**

Information: Dirk Van Waart 383-0843

MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY TEAM MWPCA General Meeting Friday, April 22, 8 PM

This meeting will describe the activities and goals of the Mt. Emergency Team -- Who does what, when, when, where, how and why.

Everyone on the Mountain should know what to do in case of an emergency. The elderly and children are particularly vulnerable to panic. Parents, caregivers and others should sign up for the Red Cross Disaster Training program on April 16 & 17. (See coupon on inside back page.)

Turnaround Dinner is May 8

Mark your calendars now for one of the historic MWPCA traditions--the Turnaround Dinner. The men will cook a bountiful meal for their favorite women. This is the opportunity for each husband/partner to make points with his spouse!!!

Join with your neighbors for one of the outstanding events of the year. Everyone is invited. Reserve NOW by calling Stella Winn 388-3394 or Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

WELCOME TO THE MOUNTAIN

Diane Krantz & Will Carroll 330 Panoramic Hwy

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rhonda & Lorne Dubin 671 Edgewood Ave.
Alleine Hughes 192 Adams Ave.
Annette & Rudy Pucci & Jordan Pucci
73 Ridge Ave.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

Many, many thanks go to Lynn and Peter Hindley for their hard work and great cooking. Fifty-eight people attended and we were able to put another \$300 into the Building Improvement Fund as a result. Thanks to Stella and Howard Winn, Barney and Sue Lenheim, Keith Papulias and the many unsung heroes who helped with dishes and cleanup. Foo Kennedy and Erika and Pat Teahan provided music for dancing into the late evening hours.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD GOES TO THE HINDLEY FAMILY

Visitors to the Clubhouse will notice a new Eucalyptus Tree Bench, recently dubbed The Hindley Bench. The bench award was presented to Peter and Lynn Hindley at the St. Patrick's Day Party to recognize their contribution to making our community a better place in which to live.

The Hindleys have devoted a great deal of time and effort to making the Association work for the community. For years Peter published the newsletter and handled property maintenance. And, with a handful of others, literally kept the Association going. We thank him and his family for their contribution to our community.

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.

April is still a great time to pay your 1994 MWPCA dues. Just complete the enclosed form and send a check to MWPCA.

MMWD MAKING CHANGES TO PARKING LOT BELOW FIREHOUSE

Many residents are unhappy about the increasingly limited parking at the firetrail parking lot. MMWD brought in dirt to fill, which limited parking. We're not sure just what is going to transpire in the future. For more information contact MMWD Chief Ranger, Casey May at 459-5267.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

Be sure to tell your guests, tenants, and teenage children who drive that the rules of the road will be vigorously enforced. Parking violations are \$20 minimum; moving violations even more.

Unincorporated areas: cars must park at least six feet from the center of the road -- leaving a 12 foot wide passage way for traffic. All areas: Traffic going downhill must yield to traffic going uphill. Bicyclists must follow the rules of the road and will be cited for violations.

Fire Safety MWPCA General Meeting

Friday, May 20, 1994

**"Fuel Management Plan &
Use of Prescriptive Burning"**



FIREHOUSE CORNER
—Captain Frank Neer

I hope everyone has gotten a chance to view the controlled burn operation along the west side of Panoramic. As you have seen, the standing (green) vegetation burns well now; just imagine how it would burn in the middle of fire season. The project is progressing nicely and should greatly improve the fire safety of the area once completed.

Our department will soon embark on a state of the art residential vegetation hazard reduction program. This program was developed jointly with Fire Ecologist Ray Moritz and uses a device developed by him. I will be setting up an information session to explain the program, demonstrate the use of the device, and answer questions. We are excited about this revolutionary new program since it is far more site specific and offers options and suggestions as well as requirements.

When doing any pruning or tree work on your property, please be careful around overhead wires. As you may have read or heard through the grapevine, a tree trimmer and long time Muir Beach resident was electrocuted while working with a pole pruner.

Remember to attend the disaster training sessions for potential neighborhood coordinators on April 16 & 17. Call Del Goetz for details at 388-8493.

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

| | | |
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| 150 Edgewood Ave. | 2 br 2ba | 319,000 |
| 24 Brighton Blvd. | 2 br 1ba | 325,000 |
| 30 Sunnycrest Ave. | 4br 3ba | 849,000 |

Pending

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 84 Cypress Ave. | 2br 2ba | 125,000 |
| 130 Sunnycrest Ave. | 3br 2ba | 495,000 |
| 328 Panoramic Hwy | lot | 259,000 |

Active Listings

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|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2 Sunrise Ave. | 2br 2ba | 349,000 |
| 190 Edgewood Ave. | 3br 2.5ba | 529,000 |
| 475 Edgewood Ave. | 3br 3.5ba | 629,000 |
| 6 Walsh Dr. | 5br 4.5ba | 1,395,000 |
| 1040 Edgewood Ave. | 3br 2.5ba | 1,495,000 |

Lots

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 000 Edgewood | 400,000 |
| Edgewood Lots 1,2,4,5,6 | 495,000-695,000 |
| 10 Ridge Ave | 175,000 |
| 484 Panoramic Hwy | 184,950 |
| 1 Walsh Dr. | 374,000 |

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.

Nice, very affectionate: cat available: black and white male; a good mouser; all shots; 6 months free food. Call Foo Kennedy at 388-3939.



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PARENTING COMMITTEE TO SPONSOR DANCE CLASS

Parents interested in participating in a dance class taught by Carey DaRoza should contact Beth Popson at 388-1135. She is trying to put together a group that would make use of our clubhouse facility to provide classes for children on the hill. She teaches children as young as 2 years. One of her classes, called "Leaps & Bounds", is designed to create a fun-filled learning experience for very young children. Cost of a program will be about \$40 for 6 sessions, however, a 10% discount is being offered for first enrollments, reducing the cost to \$35.

The program is called "LEAPS & BOUNDS -- CREATIVE MOVEMENT AND TUMBLING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS". It is a unique program that invites your child into the magical world of learning about themselves through the process of creative movement. Lively music enhancing spontaneous dance-play and motor skill games create a fun filled learning experience for the very young mover. Colorful props, musical instruments and storytelling accentuate specific activities. Also, there are many opportunities to perform in costume.

Through balancing structure with exploration, individuality with group participation, and leadership with interaction, the young mover learns invaluable physical and social skills. By providing a warm and safe environment, children are able to express themselves naturally with confidence and pride. Activities are dynamic and build positive self esteem, strong, flexible bodies, and memories your child will cherish for a lifetime.

Instructor Carey daRoza has been successfully teaching her program in Bay Area schools and community centers since 1988. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Dance/Theater and has performed with several professional dance companies. Carey looks forward to sharing the joy of movement with your children.

Class Schedule

Dates: April 7 - May 12
Day & Time: Thursdays, 3:00-3:30 PM
Ages: 2 1/2 - 5 years
Fee: \$40 for 6 weeks
10% discount for April '94 session

If enrollment permits, in the future Ms. daRoza may offer two class divisions, 2-3 years and 4-5 years. Minimum is six students per class.

KIDS LIST

So far, we have identified 60 households having an interest in childrens' programs. Some are parents, some are grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters, etc.

If you want to receive notices of events for children, please contact Erika Teahan at 388-1122 to be added to the mailing list.

PARENTING COMMITTEE GOALS

1. Establish a kiddie park on Clubhouse property -- swings, play area, etc.

Dick Popson has been working with the City of Mill Valley to obtain play equipment being replaced there.

2. Create a parenting network

3. Identify babysitters and other caregivers in our area

4. Develop meaningful programs for youth in our area



NEW! NEW! NEW! ELDERS NETWORK

Our disaster preparedness work made us realize that elders have special problems to deal with in emergencies -- especially if evacuation is required. Consequently we are preparing our ELDERS LIST and have created a new committee being co-chaired by Stella & Howard Winn and Les Draper.

If you know of someone in your neighborhood who could benefit from an Elders Network connection, please call Stella at 388-3394 or Les at 383-6594. Or, if you have an suggestions for programs we could develop that would be helpful to those over 60, please let them know.

WHAT'S ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN?

Environmental Health Committee members Stella Winn and Del Goetz began their review of Marin County Planning Dept. files to determine what electronic equipment is on top of Mt. Tam. A permit file from 1982 indicates that Watson Communications (later renamed Telecommunications Properties) has a master lease with MMWD on Middle Peak. Apparently they sublease to other companies. In 1982 the list of sub lessees included:

Catholic TV Communications: 10' Diameter antenna (radio, receiver)
Federal Express: Radio base station transmitter, receiver, antennas
Fireman's Fund Ins. Co.: Radio base station transmitter, receiver, antennas
Golden Gate Bridge District: Microwave transmitters & receivers; UHF transmitter & receiver
State of Calif., Parks & Rec: Transmitter, receiver, antennas
State of Calif., Dept. of Trans: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antenna tower, generator bldg., fuel tank
State of Calif., Dept. of Gen'l Services: Microwave system & antennas
State of Calif., Office of Emergency Services: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
Calif. State Hwy. Patrol: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
Patchett's Bus & Trans. Co.: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver & antennas
U. S. Customs: Radio Base Station transmitter, receiver, antennas
Dept. of Gen. Services: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
GGNRA: Radio base station, transmitter, antennas
12th Coast Guard Dist: 30' antenna towers, UHF transceiver, VHF-FM transceivers
U. S. Dept. of Justice, FBI: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
U. S. Dept. of Justice, Immigration: Antenna, boxes, system
U. S. Dept. of Justice, U. S. Marshall: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
U. S. Postal Service: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
U. S. Secret Service: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
McGee Communications: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
Pacific Ambulance: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
MMWD: Radio base station, transmitter, receiver, antennas
Marin County: Equipment not listed

In addition, we found reference to usage by:

Watson Television Communications
United Radiophone Systems
Intrastate Radio Tel. Inc.
McPhails
RCA Global Communications
GTE Mobilnet
Viacom
U. S. Army Radar
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Is there any wonder why we're having static interference problems installing our Emergency Preparedness AM Radio System?



**TURNAROUND
DINNER**

Sat., May 8, 7 PM
MWPCA CLUBHOUSE

THE MEN COOK FOR THE WOMEN!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Information: Keith Papulias 388-9219
Stella Winn 388-3394

1994 Officers and Board Members

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| | Dirk Van Waart | 383-0843 |

Standing Committees

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Clubhouse Maintenance | Barney Lenheim |
| Public Safety | Randy Barrow/Lila Daniels |
| Environmental Health | Del Goetz |
| Newsletter | Lila Daniels/Gari Thompson |
| Social | Keith Papulias/Stella Winn/ Lynn Hindley |
| Parents Network | Beth Popson/Erika Teahan |
| Cancer Cluster Study | Jim Bramell |
| Membership | Kathleen Delehanty |
| Community Affairs | Bob Rydjord |
| MWPCA Clubhouse | Peter Cunningham |

Clubhouse Rental Rates

| Working Member Rate: | Week Days | Weekend Days |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Group of 30 or less | 50 | 85 |
| Group of more than 30 | 75 | 125 |
| Non-Profit Rate: | | |
| Group of 30 or less | 75 | 175 |
| Group of more than 30 | 150 | 250 |
| Commercial Rate | | |
| | 750 - 1,000 | |
| All Others: | | |
| Group of 30 or less | 100 | 300 |
| Group of more than 30 | 200 | 450 |

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

MWPCA 1994 Calendar

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|--------------|-------|---|
| <u>April</u> | 2 | Ruth Bramell |
| | 3 | Easter Picnic at Divide Meadows |
| | 6 | Board Meeting — 8 PM |
| | 10 | Ferena Chinourd |
| | 16-17 | Red Cross Emergency Training for Mt. Emergency Team |
| | 22 | General Meeting—Mt. Emergency Teams |
| | 23 | Caroline Alexander (wedding) |
| <u>May</u> | 4 | Board Meeting — 8 PM |
| | 7 | Turn-Around Dinner |
| | 15 | Tourist Club Spring Fest |
| | 16-20 | Sharon Searles (class) |
| | 20 | Gen' Meeting — Fire Safety |
| | 30 | MV Memorial Day BBQ |
| <u>June</u> | 1 | Board Meeting — 8 PM |

New MWPCA directories will be coming out soon. Make sure you pay your dues soon to assure your accurate listing. For more information call Del Goetz at 388-8493.

Changes in the Lookout Requirements

Deadline for next Lookout: April 27. (This is a change of 1 week earlier.) Also, copy is to be submitted on computer disk, either for Macintosh or PC; also acceptable is a clean, typewritten original page that can be scanned into the computer.)

Parcel Tax Survey Response

1. Take no action and let the Board of Supervisors do what they want to: 1 response
2. Publicly endorse and support the additional parcel tax: 16 responses + 1 - 19
3. Send in a letter of protest to the proposed tax: + 1 - 19
18 responses

Checked all three categories: 1 response
Checked 1. and 2. categories: 2 responses

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fire safety is the burning issue. I don't know about you, but I was frankly very skeptical about burning so close to residential areas. I've changed my mind — at least about burning in the "off season". Watching a burn charge up the hill on a cool, damp day in early Spring made me realize what could happen on a hot, dry day in late Summer!

Folks, we've got to do whatever it takes to reduce the fuel load in our area and in the areas surrounding us. We have to "clean our house" and then we have to urge our neighbors to do the same. Of great concern to all of us is the vast netherland below us that is now part of incorporated Mill Valley. Few homes are in the area and no one has paid attention to fuel

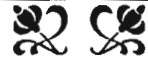
reduction in that area. If there's a fire in Cascade Canyon with an off-shore wind, we're in Big Trouble!

We have to take steps to prevent wildfires and we have to learn what to do if one does occur. We need to have everyone who lives here attend the Disaster Training Program being presented by the Red Cross and our Fire Department on Saturday, April 16 (9 - noon) and Sunday, April 17 (9 - noon). It's particularly important that older persons and families with children attend. Awareness will prevent panic. So, give me a call and sign up for the training. It could make the difference between life and death. See you there.

— *Del Goetz* (388-8493)



MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY TEAM WANTS YOU!



When a disaster hits, will you know what to do?

If you're not sure, then sign up for the Mountain Emergency Team and find out. Each street should have at least 2 or 3 people who can direct neighborhood efforts in an emergency.

All that's required are attendance at two three-hour training meetings in the beginning and one three-hour refresher meeting each year. The time spent counts for community involvement discounts for clubhouse rentals.

The meetings will be held on Sat. and Sun. April 16 & 17, 9 am to noon. If you can't attend those dates, but want to be included, we will be scheduling additional meetings. For more information call Dirk Van Waart at 383-0843 or Kathleen Delehanty at 388-4516.

Be prepared in an emergency. Sign up now!

Fill in the coupon on the back page of this newsletter and return it to the Association along with the Disaster Registry Form included in this issue.

FILL OUT & RETURN THE DISASTER REGISTRY FORM NOW (enclosed in this issue)

SIGN UP FOR THE MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY TEAM on the form below:

MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY TEAM SIGN-UP FORM

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