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EMERGENCY DISASTER TRAINING June 11 — Sign Up Now!

May 1994 issue

Turnaround Dinner is Saturday, May 7

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!!!

April Lookout gave the date of the Turnaround dinner as the 8th. The correct date is May 7, Saturday evening before Mother's Day.

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



Panoramic to Be Closed to through Traffic on May 4

Marin County Fire Marshal, Jack Rosevear, announced that The Marin Conservation Corps, in cooperation with Fire Safe Marin, Marin County Fire Dept., California Conservation Corps, California Dept. of Forestry, California Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the Muir Woods Park Community Assn. are sponsoring a brush reduction project on Panoramic Hwy. near the Mt. Home Inn.

Panoramic Hwy. will be closed to through traffic on Weds., May 4th from 9 AM to 3 PM between Pan Toll and Sequoia Valley Road. Road closure information is available from Jack Rosevear at 499-6566. Project information is available from the Marin Cons. Corps at 454-4554.

Broom To Be Burned Sometime Between May 10 and May 30

The 20+ acres of broom cut by the State Park will be burned on the most propitious burning day between May 10 and May 30. Approvals for the burn must come from a number of agencies -- Bay Area Air Quality Control Board, Marin Fire Dept., State Park personnel, etc. Once those agency approvals are in place, the final decision will be made by a local "burn committee" made up of 3 residents and an alternate (Robert Rydjord, Lila Daniels, Peter Hindley and Erika Teahan) whose homes border on the burn area, the fire captain for the day and David Boyd of the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

The burn committee will meet to determine if conditions are right for a safe burn. The decision must be unanimous for a burn to proceed. Residents whose homes are at stake will have a say in this critical decision. Those of us who live here know the lie of the land and the course of the winds better than anyone else. We have developed an intuitive sense about our area that will contribute to making a sound decision about when conditions are right for a safe burn. (Cont'd on Page 2.)

General Meeting Potluck Dinner Fri., May 20

MWPCA Community Bldg. 40 Ridge Ave.

BAR OPENS: 6 PM POTLUCK: 7 PM PROGRAM: 8 PM

A-O, DESSERTS; E-L, SALAOS; M-S ENTREES, T-Z, APPETIZERS

Speakers: Dave Boyd, Resource Mgr, Calif. Dept. of Parks & Recreation Frank Neer, Capt. Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station, Marin County Fire Dept.

Broom To Be Burned Sometime Between May 10 and May 30 (Continued from Page 1.)

We urge everyone to close all windows and doors during the "burn window" of May 10 - 30. Every attempt will be made to complete the burn in one day, but it may not be possible. So we must be prepared for every smoky eventuality.

Marin County Fire Dept. as well as many other local agencies will have equipment ready for the burn. A regular fire drill is planned with all the latest foam equipment, long hoses, etc. It should be a great show. Foam will be laid down all around those properties on the West side of Panoramic and Ridge.

Because we don't know the exact day of the burn, we cannot advise everyone of a specific date. In fact, the decision to burn on a given day may be made after people have left home for work. Consequently, we are asking that anyone who needs to be notified of the burn (Asthma sufferers or others with respiratory diseases, etc.) call Del Goetz at 388-8493. We will establish a phone tree to notify all who request a call immediately after a burn decision is made.

Parcel Tax Update

Apparently the Board of Supervisors has taken some of our advice. We urged them to look closely at their operations and reorganize their priorities. No word yet on getting their priorities straight, but they have voted to hire a consultant to study new revenue sources.

They have put Measure W on the June Ballot as a Fire Suppression Benefit District Tax. Each individual residential parcel will be taxed \$74, unimproved parcels will be taxed \$35 each and commercial parcels will pay \$114 each. If you have 5 or 6 parcels that haven't been legally joined, you could be paying a considerable amount of money. One resident calculated the tax increase to be \$700 a year for him.

The MWPCA Board of Directors has not voted to endorse this parcel tax, as it might seem in the ballot information stating arguments for the measure. Jim Campbell personally endorses the measure but other Board Members are opposed to it. Some Board members support it and others who supported it earlier are re-evaluating their thinking because they found out how much the tax will cost them. It is not an equitable tax: a 2 acre lot and house on one parcel will pay \$74 per year, but the same two acres with one house that's divided into 10 parcels will pay \$389 more per year.

Disaster Preparedness Meeting Attended by 40 Residents

The following residents have volunteered to help with neighborhood disaster preparedness:

<u>Ridge Ave. & Ridge Lane:</u> Robert Rydjord, Bob & Bethli Scheibach, Foo Kennedy

<u>1-95 Marin View:</u> Roy & Evanne Diner, Erika Teahan <u>110 - 140 Marin View & 680 & 696 Panoramic Hwy:</u> Constance Richardson

Upper Edgewood Ave: Barney Lenheim

<u>Lower Edgewood Ave:</u> Paul Fitzgerald and Judith Newton

222-239 Annie Lane & Mt. View: Jack Helsper and Diane Yates

240-251 Mt. View & Hamilton Lane: Eric DeJong Lower Washington Park/Muir/Redwood/Adams(part): Randy Barrow, Dirk Van Waart, Kathleen Delehanty, Jane Marshall, Barbara Hochman, Les Draper Upper Washington Park: Lila Daniels

Monte Cimas: Bernie Moss, Martha Metzger, Robert Rovin

<u>St. Jude & 90 Adams:</u> Marge Priest and Steve Thompson

395-415 Panoramic: Stella & Howard Winn, Jackie Cursi

<u>Sunrise & Chanticleer:</u> Bob & Alison Shapiro <u>Madera Way:</u> Faybeth Diamond and Ellen Hammer <u>Kings Way:</u> Keith Papulias

We still need volunteers for the following areas: Sequoia Valley Road, Walsh Drive, 214 - 300 Panoramic, 300 - 400 Panoramic, 400 - 500 Panoramic, 700 - 800 Panoramic and Bay View Drive.

For more information contact: Dirk Van Waart at 383-0843, Kathleen Delehanty at 388-4516 or Randy Barrow at 381-6634.

Next Disaster Training Program is Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m. to Noon

Fire Chief Frank Neer will conduct a disaster preparedness seminar for those who weren't able to make the April 16 & 17 meetings. To enroll, contact Dirk, Kathleen or Randy at the numbers above.

Mountain Emergency Network Shirts Now Available:

Sweatshirts are \$20; Tee-shirts \$10; they are available at Dowd's Barn. Shirts are Kelly green with white lettering. Sizes: Sweats: large and extra large. Tees: medium, large and extra large.

Welcome New Members

Charles Salazar Birgitta "Bibi" Small Laura Sheehan, R.N. 475 Edgewood Ave. 50 Marin View Ave. 3 Annie Lane

Welcome to the Mountain

Kathleen & Stuart Walton 4 Muir Woods Trail

Our Deepest Sympathy to Ruth Olson and Family

Ruth's husband, Harry, passed away on April 15. He was 81. He and Ruth have been married for 56 years. During that time Harry owned and operated his Custom Cabinet Shop. He was one of the best cabinet makers in Marin, according to Howard and Stella Winn. Both Ruth and Harry were very active in community affairs and were active in our Association for years.

Board Meeting Highlights, Wednesday, April 7, 1994

Much of the meeting dealt with organizing our community for disaster, especially the Panoramic Hwy. restoration with upcoming controlled burn days and the Mountain Emergency Team Training (April 16-17) with the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station and the Red Cross.

Financial Report: most operating expenses come out of dues. This year any extra funds will be allocated toward deferred maintenance of the clubhouse property/building.

Keith Papulias was unanimously approved for the open position of Vice President of the Board.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, May 4th, at 8:00 PM.

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. \$1050/month for single; \$1150 for a couple. Includes utilities. Call Del Goetz at 388-8493.

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



TCC Board of Directors adopt a "Bicycle Policy"

A. No bicycles of any type should be allowed on the footpaths of Mount Tamalpais, its slopes and spurs.

B. Bicycle riding on unpaved service roads should be allowed only where safe to all users, harmless to natural features, and specifically posted as authorized. Regulations should be appropriate and enforced.

For more information about the Tamalpais Conservation Club contact them at Rm. 562, Flood Bldg., 870 Market ST., San Francisco, CA 94102 or call them at (415) 391-8021.

TCC Pushes to Get Buildings Removed from Mt. Tam

The Tamalpais Conservation Club reports in their April, 1994 newsletter, California Out Of Doors: "...we finally may have some progress soon on removing the derelict buildings of the Mill Valley Air Force station from the ridge of the West Peak of Mt. Tamalpais.

The offices of Senator Barbara Boxer, working with Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, held and "unprecedented" meeting on the issue bringing together the various Federal and local agencies involved. Hopefully, their efforts will result in a commitment of funds for asbestos removal as a first step, with complete restoration of the site to follow."

Fire Safety MWPCA General Meeting

Friday, May 20, 1994

"Fuel Management Plan & Use of Prescriptive Burning"

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.

The Piano's Legacy

More thanks go to Frances Scott. Not only did she make a generous donation of her lovely Finney and Davis square grand piano, but she also donated \$400 to cover the cost of our expenses of moving, tuning, repairing and advertising the auction sale.

The piano was sold on March 17 amidst a flurry of long-distance and local bidding. It sold for \$1800 and now lives in a recently restored Victorian home in Larkspur. The funds raised by the sale of the piano have been earmarked for Clubhouse kitchen improvements.

Enter the Wolf Range

Another gracious donation of a Commercial Wolf Range was made by Tiffany Clark of 218 Center St. in San Rafael. This 8-burner, large oven range will make kitchen duty at the Clubhouse much easier. The electric stove and ovens will be removed, kitchen counters will be replaced, new sinks will be installed and the serving counter/bar area will be expanded.

MWPCA WISH LIST — Your Donation Would be Appreciated

For the kitchen: Stainless steel double bowl sink, Side-by-side refrigerator

For building maintenance: Hardwood and tile or linoleum floor covering for bathrooms, kitchen and meeting room

For the building: Outdoor picnic tables and benches For the office: Apple/Mac computer with laser printer that can handle Lookout layout & graphics.

It's never too late! May is a still a great time to pay your 1993 MWPCA dues. Just complete the enclosed form and send a check to MWPCA.

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Local Artists to Participate in the Marin Annual Open Studios on May 21 & 22

Fran Thompson and Etta Deikman will be participating in the Annual Open Studios on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We especially invite our neighbors on the Hill to visit with us those two days," say Fran and Etta.

Fran Thompson works with Chinese ink and color on paper. Her interests are landscape, animals and flowers. She will give a demonstration with the Chinese brush at 2 PM on Saturday and Sunday for those who are interested in the technique. Fran's studio is at 22 Ridge Ave next to the Tourist Club parking lot. You can call her at 383-2198 for more information.

Etta Deikman is an abstract painter working on both paper and canvas. Her studio is at 15 Muir Ave., off Washington Park. Call her at 389-6335 for more information.



ARTIST ALERT!

Because we have so much artistic talent in our community, perhaps we could arrange to have our local artists get together and evaluate the possibility of working with our children at our Community Center (MWPCA Clubhouse). A partial list of artists on our Hill:

Fran Thompson
Etta Deikman
Elizabeth Graham
Alison Shapiro
Gari Thompson
Claire Cooley
Ann Nisson-Hokanson
Emily Clemons

If you have art training or skills or know of others on the Hill with artistic skills they might want to share, please call Alison Shapiro at 383-5282 or 389-6831. She will be traveling May 16 - June 20 (she's going to Japan and China) so if you can't reach her, leave a message with Del at 388-8493.

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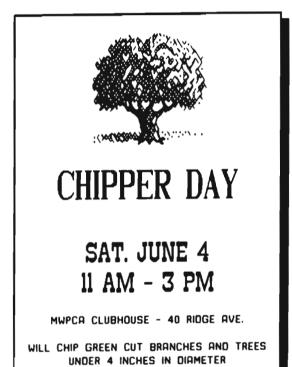
Easter Picnic Report

Twelve old stalwarts: the Winns, Julie Ley, the Williams, Rydjords, Roger Olsen (Winns' son-in-law) and four Hindleys had a great hike and picnic on Easter. Everything was in bloom and the weather was superb. They had a great time.

MWPCA BROOM PULL PARTY

Begins on Sunday, May 1 Continues Through June 4, Chipper Day

Peter Hindley and his helpers need help with broom pulling on the MWPCA property below the parking areas. If you would like to help, you can do so most any time. Check with Peter on the what and wherefore -- call Peter at 388-7252.



Mt. View Ave. Residents Plan Cleanup Day on June 4

Residents on Annie Lane and Mt. View Ave. will hold their annual "Moveable Feast and Cleanup Day" on June 4. Plans are for 9 AM to Noon road crew to trim branches, take down small trees and clean up accumulated debris. A neighborhood potluck will be held at 1 PM.

Ridge Avenue Broom Cleanup

On Friday, April 22, Board members Robert Rydjord, Barney Lenheim and Del Goetz met with Dave Boyd, Resource Manager for the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Peter Cunningham (Tourist Club) and Foo Kennedy who owns property on Ridge. They walked the area below the MWPCA Community Building to discuss the possibility of working with the State Park to clear all the broom from the trail up to Ridge Ave. over to the Tourist Club property.

Dave Boyd indicated that it may be possible to get some kind of a grant next year to clear the Parklands, much as has been done between Mt. View and Ridge. Then it could be burned on a regular basis to restore it to grasslands again. The Tourist Club and MWPCA would have to clear their respective properties, but the State Park would supervise the burn.

Sign Up Now for the Summer Session of Leaps & Bounds!

Dates: May 19 - June 23

Time: 3:00 - 3:30 (4&5 year olds)

3:30 - 4:00 (2&3 year olds)

Cost: \$40/session

The Leaps & Bounds class is off to such a wonderful beginning. I'm so pleased with the enthusiasm of the 10 boys and girls now enrolled in the program. We've been having so much fun. It's a special treat for me to come to such a picturesque setting and be so heartily welcomed into your community! After dance class, we've been enjoying the sunshine with a barbecue potluck.

Leaps & Bounds is a creative movement class designed to increase your child's self-confidence and body awareness. Curriculum includes dance warm-ups/stretches, steps set to music and imaginative movement games. Rhythm instruments and lively props facilitate full involvement from the kids as we learn about coordination, timing and body parts. If there is sufficient enrollment this session, I would like to have 2 class divisions as described above: one for 4&5 year olds and another for 2&3 year olds.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or have any questions, please call Beth Popson at 388-1135 or instructor Carey Da Roza at 469-6108. Many thanks to Beth for all her work getting the program started and for organizing the potlucks. Yum! Yum!



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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:	Week Days	Weekend Days
Group of 30 or less	75	175
Group of more than 30	150	250
Commercial Rate	750 -	1,000
All Others:	Week Days	Weekend Days
Group of 30 or less	100	300
Group of more than 30	200	450

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

Changes in the Lookout Requirements

Deadline for next Lookout: March 30. (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.)

MWPCA 1994 Calendar

<u>May</u>	1 4 5 7 10-30 12 15 19 16-20 20 21 30	Children's Dance Group — 3 p.m Tourist Club Spring Fest Children's Dance Group — 3 p.m
<u>June</u>	1 4 11	Board Meeting — 8 p.m. Chipper Day Emergency Training (repeat) — 9 a.m noon
<u>July</u>	6 16 17	Board Meeting — 8 p.m. Ruth Bramell Fest at Tourist Club

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.

May 4 Road Closed

Panoramic closed to thru traffic 9AM-3PM

Burn Days May 10 - May 30

Panoramic may be closed to thru traffic

BURN DAYS DEPEND ON WEATHER SIGNS WILL BE POSTED ON PANORAMIC

For more information: Dave Boyd -- 456-1286 Del Goetz -- 388-8493/8110

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Congratulations to all who participated in our Disaster Preparedness Program. I'm proud to be a part of such a terrific group of capable people. If we're ever hit by a disaster, I'm convinced that we'll have it under control in nothing flat. 40 people came out and all offered to help. 30 more said they wanted to help too, but couldn't make it that weekend. Plan for Sat., June 11th. If you can't make that, call me, I'll send you the video tape of the session and you can take it from there.

Our efforts to prevent a fire disaster are getting lots of recognition and may help us in future years to get the kind of money necessary to manage vegetation growth in our surrounding areas. Channels 4 and 31 both gave us TV time on the project, and the printed media have given us attention as well.

Get ready for the smoke. Where there's fire, there's smoke! I know it's supposed to be the other way around, but the point is that there will be smoke, lots of it. We had a few complaints when we burned the tree branches last month. We've tried hard to get the word out, but not everyone reads the Lookout when it arrives, even though we mail it to everyone on the hill.

The hillside between Mt. View and Ridge is beautiful in its restored state. It won't be as pretty when it's black, but the fog will come in and green things will pop up quickly. Bear with us when the smoke gets in your eyes and on your clothes. Better we endure the smoke now than risk having it appear during fire season. We're all holding good thoughts for a successful burn day.

-- 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 and one three-hour refresher meeting each year. The time spent counts for community involvement discounts for clubhouse rentals.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call Dirk Van Waart at 383-8-0843 or Kathleen Delehanty at 388-4516.

Be prepared in an emergency. Sign up now!

Sign up now! Fill in the coupon below and return it to the association. Also, please fill out a return the disaster registry form now.



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