Annual Chipper Day is Saturday, June 4

Bring your fresh cut brush and limbs to the Community Bldg. (Clubhouse) parking lot from 11 AM to 3 PM. to be chipped. If you can't make it that day or have older brush, you can call the Throckmorton Ridge Firehouse (388-5414) and arrange to have them chip it using the Water District's chipper. They will not accept any exotics (acacia, etc.) because they spread the chips on Water District lands and don't want to spread the seed of the exotics.

CHIPPED DAY

SAT. JUNE 4
11 AM - 3 PM

MWPCA CLUBHOUSE - 40 RIDGE AVE.

WILL CHIP GREEN CUT BRANCHES AND TREES UNDER 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER

June 7th is Election Day!
Don't forget to vote.

Where There's Smoke, There Are Ashes

Friday, May 13th was our Big Burn day. The prescription burn along Panoramic Hwy was a model of effective cooperation between Federal, State and local agencies. It was a perfect day for the burn, just dry enough to get a clean burn and almost no wind. The burn was accomplished with such precision that it removed all the exotic brush overrunning the grasslands and none of the native trees and chaparral bordering it.

Special recognition goes to David Boyd, District Resource Ecologist for the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation. He planned, advocated and coordinated the project, as well as acted as the chief burn boss. He brought in crews form the California Park Service Burn Team, National Park Service, Marin County Fire Dept. and the Marin Municipal Water District. He divided the area into three zones -- each with its own fire trucks, crew and burn boss. Each team carefully executed its burn without ever losing control of the fire. Hans & Gisella Heling's house and fences were protected using foam fire retardant.

Mother nature was very good to us by giving us a near perfect day for a safe burn, and then sending us over a half inch of rain to settle the ash so the wind wouldn't blow it into our yards everyday for several weeks. Hopefully, the fog will give us enough moisture so that the black will soon turn green. Thanks, too, to the State Park people for getting a crew out to pick up all the trash no longer hidden from view.

We all look forward to seeing deer grazing on the newly restored grasslands (instead of in our yards) with red tail hawks hovering over the area.

Many thanks to all in our organization who helped with the project: Robert Rydjord, Peter Hindley, Lila Daniels, Erika Teahan, Barney Lenheim, Del Goetz, Peter Cunningham, Stella & Howard Winn and all the people who helped with the telephone tree.

Next year the State Park is hoping to do the area from 4 Corners to Ridge Ave. They plan to keep plugging away at the heavy tree growth between Mt. View and the Mt. Home Inn to reduce the fire hazard there and restore native plants.
Washington Park Residents to Meet

Washington Park area residents Lila Daniels, Jane Marshall, Barbara Hochman, Kathleen Delehanty, Dirk Van Waart and Randy Barrow are planning a neighborhood potluck barbecue on Sunday, June 26th at noon at 20 Washington Park — the home of Randy Barrow and Ron James.

A map of the neighborhood will be on display with requests for volunteers to help organize small groups of neighbors in the event of an emergency like an earthquake. A short presentation will be made at 12:30 and disaster information packets will be distributed.

Then the fun stuff begins! Bring something to throw on the grill and a side dish or dessert and meet your neighbors. If you like to swim, bring your swim suit (changing rooms will be provided.) Residents of Washington Park, Adams, Muir, Mountain Lane, Redwood and 574-604 Panoramic are invited. For more information call Lila Daniels at 383-8422 or Randy Barrow at 381-6634.

Mountain Emergency Network Shirts are 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. 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.

Almost Free Firewood

Dick Popson (35 Ridge Lane) will part company with firewood (cut last November) in exchange for a donation to MWPCA (get your tax-deductible wood now!). For more information call Dick or Beth at 388-1135.

Open Studios Report May 21 & 22

Fran Thompson's demonstration of the use of the Chinese brush was not only interesting and educational, but it showed how talented an artist she is. Her work can be seen by appointment. Call her at 383-2198. She has a wonderful painting of Mt. Tam for sale.

Etta Deikman's work is bright and bold abstract paintings in both oil and acrylic. She has a number of canvases for sale. Her studio is the envy of every artist. To make an appointment to see her work, call her at 389-6335.

Hopefully next year will see more of our local artists joining in the Open Studios program. We have a lot of artistic talent on our hill.

Turnaround Dinner Huge Success

Congratulations to Howard Winn and his able crew — Barney Lenheim, John Graham, Bob Olson, Keith Papulia, John Hokanson, Clif Davenport and Bob Scheibach. They did an outstanding job of preparing and serving one of the tastiest meals in mountain history. The menu was: Chicken a la Barney with asparagus and Caesar a la John Graham with strawberry angel cake for dessert. About 40 people attended and a good time was had by all. Barney had a great time using the new stove. He says it makes cooking a whole lot easier.

Kitchen Remodel Update

Many thanks go to Barney Lenheim and Howard Winn for their work put into installing and cleaning the new Wolf Range in the Community Building (Clubhouse) Kitchen. Thanks, too, to Peter Hindley and Keith Papulia for helping to get the stove to its new home.

In Memoriam: Frances Scott

Frances Scott, 297 Panoramic Hwy, died of emphysema on April 27. As her friend, Jean Marcoux said: "Fran was a work of art. And, she taught people how to die." Fran donated her square grand piano and $400 to the MWPCA. Her memory will continue with us in our remodeled kitchen, financed by her donation. She was a generous and gracious person. We will miss her.

For Rent from the Association:

Weed wrenches: Rates: $5 first day; $2.50 each additional day; $15/week; maximum rental period: 2 weeks. Call Clif Davenport at 383-3892.

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.
Welcome to the Mountain
Sara Burke, 2 Sunrise Lane

Welcome New Members
Kathleen & Stuart Walton, 4 Muir Woods Trail
Lonnie Barbach & David Geisinger, 60 Palm Way
Charles Penman, 647 Edgewood Ave., (Senior)
Mary DeMay, M.D. & Thoman Neylan, M.D.,
159 Bayview Dr.
Elaine & Larry Kay, 8 Walsh Dr.
Dale & Walter Hansen, 689 Edgewood Ave.
Kelly Rood & Thomas Williams, 130 Marin View
Margie & Gus Arnold, 1 Brighton Blvd.
Jon D. Lam, 766 Panoramic Hwy
Sara Burke, 2 Sunrise Lane
Sam Harper, 469 Panoramic Hwy
Clare Cooley & Jan O. Werner, 820 Edgewood Ave.
Diane Krantz & Will Carroll, 330 Panoramic Hwy

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
680 Panoramic Hwy 2br/1ba 295,000
442 Panoramic Hwy 4br/2ba 315,000
120 Marin View Ave. 1br/1ba 379,000
655 Edgewood Ave. 2br/1.5ba 549,000

Pending
10 Ridge Ave. Lot 160,000
328 Panoramic Hwy Lot 259,500
24 Brighton Blvd. 2br/2ba 325,000

Active Listings
150 Edgewood Ave. 3br/2ba 319,000
190 Edgewood Ave. 3br/2.5ba 509,000
475 Edgewood Ave. 3br/3.5ba 629,000
20 Sunnycrest 4br/3ba 834,000
6 Walsh Dr. 5br/4.5ba 1,395,000
1040 Edgewood Ave. 3br/2.5ba 495,000

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Edgewood Lots 1,2,4,5,6 495,000-
695,000
760 Edgewood Ave., #1 369,000
760 Edgewood Ave. #2 379,000
1 Walsh Dr. 374,000

Sold
130 Sunnycrest 3br/2ba 495,000
4 Muir Woods Trail 3br/2ba 692,000

May 20th General Meeting Report
About 30 members contributed to a delicious potluck dinner prior to the general meeting. Frank Neer, Throckmorton Ridge Firehouse Captain, discussed the upcoming fire safety inspections and went over the new methods of evaluating specific sites, taking into consideration the factors of wind exposure, slope and vegetation.

As an outcome of this meeting it was decided that we should form a Mediation Committee to deal with the problematic issues of people who don't make their property safe and how their neighbors can deal with it. Robert Rydjord, Peter Hindley and Jim Bramell volunteered to work on that committee. Bob will come up with some suggestions on techniques.

Jim Bramell brought up the issue of easements being blocked by debris and/or closed by fences. He is going to mark all the public easements on the area map at the Community Bldg. (Clubhouse) so everyone can see what's public. The Mediation Committee will work with residents to get the easements opened.

Robert Rydjord brought slides of the recent Grasslands Restoration Burn. His photography was excellent — some prize-winning photos in the lineup.

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.

House Wanted: Prospective buyer wants to live on the Mountain now! Must be light and open feeling with high ceilings, gourmet kitchen -- quality important. Will pay up to $600,000 for the right home. Please call Kathleen Delehanty at 383-6350 x 26 or 388-4516.

Congratulations
Our best wishes go to Wendy Nelson and Board Member Keith Papulias, who were married May 14. Barney and Sue Lenheim attended the wedding and said it was a lovely event. The newlyweds are honeymooning in Europe.
At two a.m. on a cold December morning, I was awakened to my horror to the sight of flames shooting from my garage. I called 911 and then ran for fire extinguishers and the garden hose. I thought the firemen from Throckmorton Ridge would never arrive. Didn't they realize my house was on fire? In reality it only took them about five minutes — an eternity in an emergency. I was so scared I couldn't stop shaking. They quickly took over and in minutes the fire was out. My cars were safe, my garage had only minor damage, and my house was safe. Thank you Throckmorton Ridge firefighters!

Without Measure R passage, next winter will be very different. There won't be any firefighters at Throckmorton Ridge. My garage, my cars, and probably my house would have burned waiting 15-20 minutes or longer for a crew from Marin City, yes Marin City to try and find me in the dark on unfamiliar roads.

The story only gets worse. Do you know who will be first at your house right now if you have a medical emergency? That's right, the Throckmorton Ridge firefighters.

It's the middle of the night in February. Someone in your household has had a heart attack or a stroke. He isn't breathing. The Throckmorton Ridge firefighters know your street and house. They are there in minutes with CPR, oxygen, and other aid. They revive him and quietly wait another 15 minutes for the ambulance. Things work out OK thanks to your first line responders.

Some will argue, "Oh, the county is just bluffing; they won't close our fire station?" Well, for me the stakes are too high. I'm not willing to risk the safety of family, property, my way of life on that kind of gamble, are you? $74 to me is a bargain for that kind of safety. Vote Yes on Measure R. — Randy Barrow, 20 Washington Park.

(Please read next column for more information.)

Your Yes Vote for Measure R will ensure continuing high-level fire protection and rescue service

We ask your support of Measure R for the following reasons:

CLOSES THE FUNDING GAP
Fire protection is funded by a combination of sales and property taxes, local, state and federal funds. Over the past two years, the State has permanently taken more than 25% ($18.7 million) of local property tax revenues away from Marin County. In the face of this emergency, the Board of Supervisors has transferred over $1 million of West Marin hotel taxes and Proposition 172 sales taxes to the fire department, eliminated all clerical positions in the department, and delayed purchase of badly needed emergency rescue equipment. Despite these actions, the fire budget is still short over $500,000.

PREVENTS SERVICE REDUCTIONS
Measure R was proposed to balance the budget and maintain existing fire staffing levels. If Measure R fails, a 235% reduction in Fire Fighter and Battalion Chief positions will have to be made. Results would include partial station closures, increased response times to emergencies, loss of mutual aid agreements with surrounding fire districts, and a downgrading of the fire insurance rating which could increase our fire insurance premiums.

RESTRICTS USE OF FUNDS
This assessment may only be used for fire suppression and protection in our area.

KEEPS ASSESSMENTS LOW
The assessment for a single-family home under Measure R is only $76, compared with an average of $119 in the ten other assessed fire jurisdictions in Marin. This assessment may not increase.

PROVIDES DEFERRALS TO THOSE IN NEED
Deferrals are available to Seniors and disabled individuals who meet state low-income guidelines.

s/ Charles T. Edwards, President Business Association (Pt. Reyes)
s/ Pat Behr, Retired State Senator
s/ William W. Diekmann, Business Owner
s/ William Barrett, Graphic Designer

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Vote No on Measure R

I may be naive, but I truly believe that thinking people who study the issues and are concerned about good government will think through scare tactics and vote intelligently. Measure R is a "fear tax".

Instead of dealing fairly and squarely with the real issue of priorities, County Supervisors have resorted to a subtle form of terrorism to raise funds to support their bureaucracy. They've threatened to close Throckmorton Ridge and Hicks Valley Stations in the winter and cut staffing during the summer. They've used photos of the Oakland Firestorm in their campaign literature.

We need to ask why only a limited number of West Marin property owners are expected to pay for the provision of basic priority services. The cost of services used by everyone should be fairly funded by all who use them. In West Marin, that includes visitors and State and Federal Parklands as well as Water District lands. That is why a sales tax is a more equitable form of taxation than property taxes.

We have been paying for basic services for years. Last year the State gave the County less money on which to operate. We were told that if we voted to pass the half-cent sales tax extension, that money (which is earmarked for public safety) would support continuation of fire and paramedic service as it was in previous years. We voted for the tax.

So now we've paid for our fire and paramedic service twice! Yet, for fiscal year 94-95, the County has allocated all $12,000,000 of the half-cent sales tax revenues for this fiscal year to the Sheriff and Justice Depts. (in spite of the Jefferson Report's analysis of gross fiscal waste in the Justice Dept.) To give them some credit, they did put $645,000 into the Fire Dept. budget last year to keep things the same until next month.

And, if Measure R passes, we'll pay for these basic services a third time!

Rumor has it that there is some financial hanky-panky going on with sales tax money being used for things that traditionally came out of the County General Fund, thus freeing up funds for political perks. And, no one has yet come up with the logic behind the Supervisors' proposal to give $50,000 of Fire Dept. funds to the Pt. Reyes Chamber of Commerce to use for improving tourist facilities in Federal Parklands.

But, the fact of the matter is that the County cannot legally close Throckmorton Ridge and Hicks Valley Stations. They know they are required by law and contractual agreements with the State and local communities with whom they have Mutual Aid Agreements to provide current levels of service.

The Supervisors should also know that if they attempt to cut services as threatened, that West Marin Citizens would obtain a restraining order and commence litigation. They know that, but are relying on residents' fear rather than intellect to extract additional funds from property owners.

Sure, most of us won't go bankrupt if we pay another $74 to $200. And, those who use money to avoid having to deal with principles will surely opt out. If you can afford it, it's a whole lot easier to pay the $$$ to make the issue go away. But, the issue will not go away.

If you vote NO on Measure R, you'll be making it clear that you don't want to pay more property taxes for services that you've already paid for—once in property taxes and more recently in the half-cent sales tax.

Don't cast your vote out of fear. Vote with intelligence. Vote NO on Measure R.

--Del Goetz, 388-8493
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Committees

Clubhouse Maintenance    Barney Lenheim
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Elders Network           Stella & Howard Winn
                          Les Draper
Environmental Health     Del Goetz
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Social                    Keith Papulias/Stella Winn/Lynn Hindley
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Cancer Cluster Study     Jim Bramell
Membership               Kathleen Delehanty
Community Affairs         Bob Rydjord
MWPCA Clubhouse          Peter Cunningham

Clubhouse Rental Rates

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| 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.

The Summer Session of Leaps & Bounds is Underway!

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

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.

MWPCA 1994 Calendar

June 1   Board Meeting — 8 p.m.
        4   Chipper Day
        11  Emergency Training (repeat) — 9 a.m. - noon
        18  Vera Odehmal (wedding)
        26  Will Paradise (party)
July 6   Board Meeting — 8 p.m.
        16  Ruth Bramell
        17  Fest at Tourist Club
Aug. 3   Board Meeting — 8 p.m.

New Neighborhood Disaster Team Members Added since the Last Lookout

Bay View Dr.: Anne Spillane. 214-284 Panoramic: Jim Fisher. 295-301 Panoramic: John Thomas.

We still need people to cover 306-390 Panoramic. 400-572 Panoramic. 696-814 Panoramic (or parts thereof). Sequoia Valley Rd. and Walsh Dr. also need people. For more information please contact Del Goetz at 388-8493.

Emergency Radio System

The results of the recent test of the emergency radio system were generally unsatisfactory. Reception was spotty and there were reports of continued interference from the Oakland Colseum system. Additionally, the system was supposed to have been tested from several locations. However, it was tested only once from the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station.

The representative from the vendor, Procom, claimed their failure to test from the other two locations was due to complaints from homeowners and environmentalists. Capt. McMains of the Marin County Fire Department said no one has complained and, in fact, he has received several offers to install the system on private property. Capt. McMains has promised to investigate this situation and advise me as soon as possible.

Additional tests will be performed soon. All those involved in the project are acutely aware of the necessity to install the equipment and make the system operational within the next 30 days. Expect to receive another flyer from the Sheriff's Department requesting your assistance in monitoring the test signal. It's important for as many residents as possible to listen for the signal and return their survey to our association.

Changes in the Lookout Requirements

Deadline for next Lookout: June 22. (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.)
President's Letter

The Burn was an incredible experience for those of us who got to see it. If you didn't, get in touch with Bob Rydjord and ask to see his photos of it. Fire is very intimidating. Having a patch of ground that we know isn't going to burn, is very comforting. But we must not become complacent. We must continue to cut and trim and work to improve fire safety.

Our biggest fire threat is not from the Parklands; rather, it's from Cascade and Blithedale Canyons and Summit Ridge in Mill Valley. If a fire starts there with Northeasterly winds driving it, all we can do is run. Let's hope Mill Valley's fire inspections will be enforced with the vigor we expect from our own Fire Dept.

Remember that fire inspections start soon. Get that brush out to the chippers. Join with your neighbors and have a cleanup party like they do on Mt. View, St. Jude and Ridge.

Get to know your neighbors. If a disaster hits, your life may well be in the hands of the neighbor you dislike so much. Put that behind you and find a way to communicate. If that doesn't work, and you want help, contact Bob Rydjord, Peter Hindley or Jim Bramell -- our new Mediation Committee.

June 7th is election day. In another part of this issue are arguments pro and con. Study the issues, take time to become informed and please do vote. It may seem trite, but not only do we have the privilege, we have the obligation to vote. Don't take voting lightly. Too much blood has been shed in the process of earning our right to determine the shape of our government. Vote!

Don't forget that on Saturday, June 11th, we'll have the second disaster training session from 9 AM to noon. Fire Capt. Frank Neer will go over the disaster routine of who does what for whom in case of an emergency on our hill. Hope to 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 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.

MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY TEAM SIGN-UP FORM

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
Mail to: __________________________
Day phone: ___________ evening phone ___________

Return to: MWPCA, 40 Ridge Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941