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muir woods park community association

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PREVENT FIRES—FIRE SEASON IS HERE!

July/August 1994 Issue

MT. TAM CLOSURES

The Marin County Fire Dept., in conjunction with Marin's Dept. of Parks, Open Space & Cultural Services, has established a Public Information Line at 499-7191 to let people know when Mt. Tam is being closed. Closure is mandated on all Red Flag Alert days. Signs will be posted at Four Corners and on Hwy. One to advise of closure.

As is true of all things, not everyone is happy about these closures. Marge Priest made the observation that on one closure day "the fog on Mt. Tam was so thick that trees were dripping and car lights were required." Officials are trying to refine their decision-making process. They realize that weather forecasts aren't always reliable. When the fuel reaches a pre-determined dryiness index, then they close the mountain the next day. Part of the problem is that the index is lowest at mid-day, when people are already on the mountain and it's impossible to find them to get them to leave the area. So the closure signs go up at sunset.

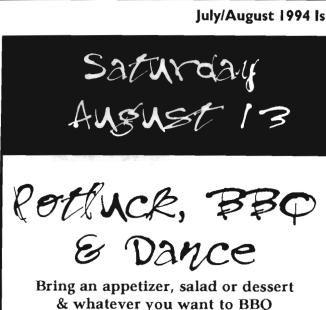
Because of our wonderful microclimate, the Muir Woods area gets whatever fog is around and our side of the mountain gets more moisture than the upper elevations and the slopes on the other side of the mountain. It can be dripping fog here and dry as a bone in Kentfield and San Anselmo. Unfortunately the Rangers haven't yet discovered a way to close only selective trails. The Red Flag goes up and public access to the mountain is shut down.

The Mt. Closure Information line is 499-7191.

BURGLARS HIT OUR HILL

Carlos and Anna Noguiero at 405 Panoramic returned home on Sunday, July 17, from a weekend away to discover that someone had pried open the back door and made off with camera, video and stereo equipment.

MWPCA is establishing "crime watch" networks. If you observe any suspicious behavior call the Sheriff at 479-2311 and notify Del Goetz at 388-8493 (res) or 388-8110 (store).



Bar opens at 6 p.m. Eats at 7 p.m. Dancing at 8 p.m.

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For more information call Stella Winn at 388-3394 or Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

MWPCA 1994 Clubhouse Calendar

July	6 16 17	Board Meeting 8 pm Ruth Bramell Tourist Club Fest
Aug.	3 13	Board Meeting 8 pm MWPCA BBQ/Potluck/
Dance		
	20	Kelly Lohman (wedding)
	21	Sally LaMont (wedding)
Sept.	7 18	Board Meeting 8 pm Tourist Club Fest



Looking for Children's Summer Activities?!

Sign up now for the Summer session of *Leaps & Bounds* Dance and Tumbling for Boys and Girls!!!

Dates: August 4 - August 25

Time: 3:00 - 3:30

(3 & 5-year olds) possible to have at a later time if

better for everyone Cost: \$30/session

We have a great time! Summer session will be doing dances/ tumbling tricks to the Beach Boys, M.C. Hammer and Gymboree.

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 kids as they learn about coordination, timing, and body parts.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or have any questions, please call Beth Popson at 388-1135 or Carey Da Rosa at 479-6108. Drop by and see the class in action. Thanks!

1994 DUES

Time to pay your 1994 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

\$35 / regular \$10 / senior citizens

Current Real Estate Listings

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty of Prudential California Realty for this update of listings on the mountain. For more details call Kathleen at 388-4516 or 383-6350, Ext. 26. For current interest rates, call Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

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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 Clif Davenport at 383-3892.

Lot

\$160,000

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

CLASSIFIED

10 Ridge Avenue

Metal Signs: 'Maintain 12 Foot Fire Lane Clearance'; 'Violators Will be Towed per MCC 15.33.010' \$20 (18"x24"); 'No Parking, Fire Lane' \$12 (12"x18"). Available from MWPCA. For information contact Del Goetz at 388-8493.

BABYSITTING

Exp. 14-yr-old seeking work as baby sitter/mother's helper, pet sitter, walker. Donyale Duncan, 239 Mt. View, 383-7559.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 1, 1994 Meeting

A Mediation Committee was established to resolve difficult situations between neighbors. Robert Rydjord, Peter Hindley and Jim Bramell will serve.

Ridge Ave. special garbage pickup site changed from Panoramic to MWPCA property alongside Muir Woods Trail.

The issue of vandalism to political signs was discussed. No resolution.

Steve Thompson and Erika Teahan volunteered to help with residents' questions about property mergers if parcel tax passes.

July 6, 1994

Resignation of Lila Daniels as Secretary accepted. Erika Teahan approved as Corporate Recording Secretary for balance of this fiscal year.

Discussion of need for Firebreaks. Concept will be presented to Fire Safe Marin on July 29.

Discussion of taking down eucalyptus trees on MWPCA property. Clif to check our liability coverage.

The issue of Mt. Tam Closures discussed. General concensus was that it was an inconvenience, but necessary given the fire danger in our area.

Randy Barrow presented Board Members with copies of Mill Valley's Emergency Preparedness Book. It's excellent. Board voted budget to acquire copies for area residents. Distribution by neighborhood liaison people on Mt. Emergency Team. He also reviewed neighborhood organizing efforts in the Washington Park/Muir/Redwood area.

Building an outdoor BBQ facility on MWPCA property was approved. Hopefully we can have it completed by the August 13th Community BBQ & Potluck Dinner/Dance.

Rentals of Community Bldg. (Clubhouse) discussed. Several individuals requesting reduced rental rates in exchange for work on property. Board declined. Policy of curtailing rentals in fire season cited.

Presentaion of MMWD Draft EIR Vegetation Management Study for Mt. Tam by Robt. Rydjord.

AM Radio Station should be operable by August 1, 1994; new frequency to be 1610

MMWD RELEASES MT. TAM VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Marin Municipal Water District retained the consulting firm of Leonard Charles and Associates in San Anselmo to prepare the Draft Environmental Impact Report of the Mt. Tamalpais Area Vegetation Management Plan. The 250 page report details various plans for controlling vegetation growth in the watershed area. It discusses geology of area, soils, hydrology, vegetation, wildlife, air quality, archeology and other factors affecting the area.

The most significant part of the Plan is called "Topical Issues and Impact Summaries", (pgs. 162-180) which outlines alternative programs for vegetation management and recommendations for enhanced fire suppression, increased surveillance and firefighting capabilities.

At a public hearing on the Draft EIR, we recommended that they restrict use of prescription burning to those areas to be restored to grasslands by removal of exotics and non-native plants such as broom, acacia, eucalyptus, pampas grass, thistle, etc. We also recommended that they establish "burn committees" with representatives from adjacent local communities familiar with local microclimates. We urged them to be *very careful* in using fire as a vegetation management tool because it's so easy to lose control of it.

Another recommendation was the establishment of an "oversight committee" to be cartain the final policies adopted by MMWD are carried out in a manner acceptable to the residents surrounding Mt. Tam as well as other concerned users of the area --including State and Federal Parklands administrators.

Copies of the report are available for review at the public library and MMWD offices. Copies may be purchased from MMWD for \$210. MWPCA has purchased a copy for our review. Contact Robert Rydjord at 388-3621 for more information.

RADIO STATION UPDATE

Finally, our AM Radio Station is on the fast track and getting priority attention. This means we should have a functioning station by July 30! Unbelievable after all the delays. It will be located in the new garage at the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station. The antenna goes up next week, then FCC gives approvals and then we're all set.

REMEMBER THIS STATION NUMBER: 1610

It's the new frequency being given to us because of all the problems with the old one. A special brochure will be mailed to residents in our neighborhood. Signs will also be posted along Panoramic reminding residents and alerting visitors.

WELCOME TO THE MOUNTAIN

P. & M. Saltonstall 61 Monte Cimas Ave.
M. Kravatz & D. Ragsdale 130 Sunnycrest Ave.
Christine Lindenberger & Donyale Duncan 239 Mt. View

Muir Woods Park Community Association Wish List

FOR THE KITCHEN: Side-by side refrigerator, exhaust fan, range hood 36" x 60", wooden kitchen cabinets, butcher block for center island top

FOR OUTSIDE BBQ PIT: Fire bricks, regular bricks, BBQ grills/expanded metal, Fieldstone

For outdoor use: Picnic tables & benches

FOR OFFICE: DOS computer (for disaster registry), Apple/Mac computer (for newsletter)

If you have SOMETHING TO DONATE, please call Barney Lenheim at 383-1447 or Del Goetz at 388-8493.

If you have any TIME TO DONATE: We need help with: Data input on our Disaster Registry (2 hour blocks of time), Mountain Emergency Team neighborhood liaisons (4-6 hours per year).

REMEMBER: volunteer time counts towards rental discounts on Community Bldg. (Clubhouse).

Volunteers this month:

DISASTER REGISTRY: Anne Matranga (2 hours.) and Robert Rovin (2 hours.)

CHIPPER DAY AND YARD AREAS: Robert Rydjord, Peter Cunningham, Peter Hindley, Bob & Bethli Scheibach.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: Beth Popson & Erika Teahan.

NEWSLETTER: Stella & Howard Winn, Virginia Soper, Ellen Olson, Ellie Dehl, Clif Davenport, Lila Daniels & Gari Thompson.

Please see the NEIGHBORHOOD DISASTER TEAM listing for other volunteers.



New Outdoor BBQ Pit Planned for Community Building (Clubhouse)

Later this summer we plan to begin work, and hopefully complete, a large outdoor fireplace type BBQ pit. Still in the planning stages, this wonderful new facility will be a welcome addition. Hopefully it will be made of fieldstone and will be large enough for a pig roast, yet will have a small grilling area for small cookouts.

So far, we've had a donation of fire brick from Del Goetz; Barney Lenheim will donate some red bricks, Keith will chip in on the fieldstone. Anybody else want to help???

Maybe we'll have it completed in time for our August 13 Potluck & BBO.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP:

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). Contact Lila Daniels at 383-8422.

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

Mountain Emergency Network Shirts are now available

Sweatshirts are \$20; T-shirts \$10; available at Dowd's Barn. Shirts are Kelly green with white lettering. Sizes: large & X-Large. T's: medium, large and X-Large.





Thank you!

Keith Papulias and Wendy Nelson wish to thank everybody for their good wishes and thoughtful gifts. They spent their honeymoon in Italy, France and England. They were married at Lake Arrowhead on May 14 and returned home June 6.



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1995 Parklands Burn Proposed for Ridge Avenue Area

Plans are underway for cleaning up the Broom south of the 1994 burn area — from Ridge Avenue down to the Sun Trail and up to Four Corners at Panoramic Highway. Tamalpais State Park, Tourist Club, MWPCA representatives, Ridge Avenue and Panoramic Highway property owners will meet in the Fall to discuss the proposed cleanup and burn, scheduled for 1995. Anyone wanting to work on the Grasslands Restoration Committee should contact Robert Rydjord at 388-3621.

1994 Burn Area Gets Green

Thanks to some rain and fog the burn area is rapidly greening. Our appreciation to the State Park for removing trash and debris from the area. They are continuing their stump and non-native species removal and are trimming back overgrown trees. Hopefully, the broom seeds will sprout now and then die off during the August/September dry season.

Park personnel plan to plant native grass when the wet season begins in the Fall.

Again, many thanks to Dave Boyd, Ron Angier and all the other Park personnel who are continuing to help with this project.

Firebreaks Proposed for Mountain

MWPCA is exploring the possibility of establishing firebreaks in our area to prevent the spread of fire and create a safe passage zone along Panoramic Highway if evacuation caused by fire is necessary.

The principal firebreak would be a 100 foot wide zone the length of Panoramic Hwy. Declaring a firebreak zone would mean vegetation controls on property within 50 feet of the centerline of the road. County Public Works, property owners and the State Park would have to meet and agree on what needs to be done to make it impossible for a fire to cross Panoramic.

An analysis of the Water District's "Burn Maps" showing known historical fires and their ignition points, makes it evident that most of the fires on this side of the mountain have started in Blithedale or Cascade Canyons or on Summit Ridge. Mountain dwellers would love to see some kind of firebreak that could prevent fires in those areas from spreading to the mountain. One resident suggested the widening of the old railroad grade.

These and other fire safety measures will be discussed with representatives of Fire Safe Marin, a coalition of public agencies devoting resources to making Marin fire safe.

Water Pipe Maps Available

If you're interested in getting information about the size of the water mains in your area contact Steve Thompson at 388-9630. He has copies of MMWD's pipe maps for our area.

Mountain Emergency Team Meeting for Washington Park Area a Hit

Sunday, June 26 drew 36 neighbors to Public Safety Chairman Randy Barrow's place for an organizing meeting and BBQ by the pool. He was assisted by committee members Jane Marshall, Lila Daniels, Dirk Van Waart, Kathleen Delehanty, and Barbara Hockman. They distributed the 50+-page Mill Valley Emergency Preparedness Booklet to all households attending and recruited volunteers for the eight sub-units along their streets. Randy deserves a special thanks for persisting to get copies of this valuable, new booklet.

Jane Marshall created a professional to-scale neighborhood map which was displayed on the wall with sub-units delineated in different colors. Her fine work made it easy for everyone else to organize themselves. (She's just started her own design firm here on the mountain: Marshall + Marshall). She can be reached at 388-2553.

Special Guest Darlene Jan of the Earthquake Outlet (981 San Pablo Avenue, Albany—510.526-3587) gave a short presentation on the basic survival necessities in case of major disaster like earthquake. Her organization provides basic kits for all needs at prices just above her cost, including kits for children and the car.

A 10% discount is available for Washington Park residents through their MET liaisons by placing orders through them or directly through Randy Barrow. Call Randy for details at 381-6634.

City of Mill Valley Publishes Terrific 'Disaster Preparedness' Booklet

MWPCA will arrange to get copies for each of our households. Copies will be available from your neighborhood disaster liaison. For more information contact Randy Barrow at 381-6634.

MOUNTAIN DWELLER NEWS

Chris and Bonnie Himberg Mumford have purchased the property at 10 Ridge Ave. from Helen Rutherford.

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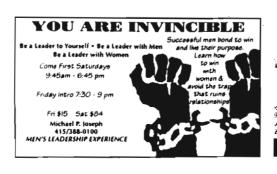


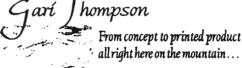
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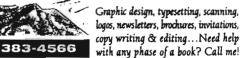
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Committees

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Parents Network I	Beth Popson /Erika Teahan
Cancer Cluster Study	
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Community Affairs	Bob Rydjord
MWPCA Clubhouse	Peter Cunningham

Clubhouse Rental Rates

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

All Others:	Week Days	Weekend Days
Group of 30 or less	10Ŏ	300
Group of more than 30	200	450

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

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



Measure R Passes: Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station to Remain Open Year-Round!

What a relief! For the majority of West Marin residents there will be four years of fire and paramedic services at least at the levels they have been. No more

immediate threat of the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station closing on us.

Measure R passed with 62% of the voters voting to put the Fire Tax in place for the next four years. 37% voted against it. Unlike all other assessment districts, which require a 67% majority, the Benefit Assessment District only requires a 51% majority. Funds can only be used for fire safety and Supervisors have promised that the money will be used to keep the Throckmorton Ridge and Hicks Valley fire stations operating at full fire and paramedic staffing year-round.

Now there will be four years work with Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein, and other political contacts in Washington to promote getting assistance for fire and paramedic services here year-round. With so many tourists visiting Muir Woods and Mt. Tamalpais it only makes sense that there be a larger tax base for emergency services.

Any ideas?

So, now it's time to get creative and see what we can do. Contact either Lila Daniels at 383-8422 or Del Goetz at 388-8493.

West Marin Citizens Group Proposes Sales Tax Measure

West Marin Citizens Group is recommending a one-quarter cent sales tax for Marin County. All of this money would go for emergency services.

According to this group, Measure R is inadequate, insufficient, short-term and puts the financial burden on the residential property owners who are paying to provide services for visitors and tourists as well as for Federal and State Parklands. West Marin Citizens Group says it is important to start now to prepare for the next round of budget and service cutbacks.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fire season is upon us. I am very impressed with everyone's efforts to clean up our hill. The June 4 Chipper Day was well attended and the Water District's chipper staffed by our local firemen was kept busy as well. It would be nice if we could have at least one chipper day per month.

The Water District has published its long-awaited environmental impact report for the Mt. Tam Vegetation Management Plan. One of their suggestions ties into those we're recommending for creating firebreaks. They suggest widening the fuel reduction zones along the old railroad grade to prevent fire moving into residential areas.

In addition to urging creation of a firebreak between us and lower Mill Valley, we'd like to see Panoramic declared a firebreak zone so that we can get the County, as well as residents, to cut trees that canopy across the road and trim vegetation to prevent fire from crossing the road and permitting safe evacuation if a fire should threaten us. Our Mountain Emergency Team is getting into action. Most of our area residences are now covered by a local emergency liason volunteer. People on Annie Lane and Mt. View got together on June 4 to clean up and the folks in the Washington Park area got together on June 26.

Getting to know your neighbors is important, perhaps even lifesaving. Please take the time this summer to call on those people whose land touches yours. Learn their names and get their phone numbers. Find out if they have elders or children at home. Learn where their emergency power, gas and water shutoffs are. Murphy's Law says: "If you're prepared for an emergency, it won't happen". It's the best insurance policy you can get.

--- Del Goetz



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.

If you weren't able to attend this year's training sessions, you can borrow a videotape of the sessions. For more information call Dirk Van Waart at 383-0843, Kathleen Delehanty at 388-4516, or Del Goetz at 388-8493.

Be prepared in an emergency. Sign up now!

Fill in this coupon and return it to the Association.

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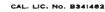
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