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Contact Lynn Hindley for more information at 388-7252

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY ON MARCH 18

MWPCA's annual wearing of the green will take place on Saturday evening March 18 at the Community Bldg. (Clubhouse) 40 Ridge Ave. The Bar will open at 6 PM; dinner will be served at 7 PM. According to Social Chairman and V. P., Keith Papulias, this year's event will not only provide the usual menu of corned beef and cabbage, but he plans to add Irish Stew to the menu. We did that several years ago and everyone loved it. Reservations are required. Please call Lynn Hindley at 388-7252 or Stella Winn at 388-3394.

MARCH 15 MEETING TO DISCUSS PARK SERVICE CONTROLLED BURN AND MT. EMERGENCY TEAM DISASTER SKILLS UPDATE

MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY TEAM TO MEET ON MARCH 15

MET members mark your calendars! There will be a skills update meeting on Wednesday evening, March 15th at the Community Bldg, 40 Ridge Ave, 8:30 PM. Capt. Frank Neer, our local Disaster Council coordinator, will pass out and go over the checklist for neighborhood liaison volunteers to use after a disaster has occurred. He will also cover post disaster procedures and communications. For more information contact Del Goetz at 388-8493

Mountain Emergency Team MEETING

8:30-9:30 PM, Weds., March 15 MWPCA Bldg., 40 Ridge Ave.

MET SKILLS UPDATE

Speaker: Capt. Frank Neer Area Disaster Coordinator Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station

Frank will go over what to do
if a disaster strikes and will supply us
with disaster site checklists

Meeting time counts for working member Community Center rental discount

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CPR CLASS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1

We welcome getting the defibrillator, but we know that the only thing that can help until the defibrillator arrives is someone present who knows how to administer CPR.

Class begins at 10 AM with a brief introduction, then a video presentation to brief everyone on basics. Then the class divided into groups for "dummy" training. Each group has use of an adult, child and infant dummy on which to practice. There is also training on how to administer the Heimlich Maneuver in case someone is choking.

There's a lunch break, so bring your own lunch. Class is over between 2 and 3 PM.

We had to turn people away who wanted to enroll in the January 21 class because 37 people wanted the training but we could not handle that many. So if you want to attend, please make your reservations soon.

If you want to enroll in the April 1 CPR training session please do so before March 15th. Call Del Goetz at 388-8493 for reservations.

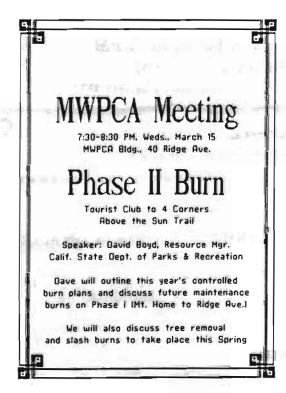
CPR NEWS!

Bethli Scheibach reports that she has located a source for inexpensive CPR masks. The masks are used to protect the person administering CPR from body fluid contamination. The masks are reusable and cost under \$9. For more information contact Bethli Scheibach at 388-6349.

HOME INSURANCE CANCELLATIONS ON THE RISE

Several homeowners have received been notified that their homeowners insurance policies will not be renewed. Reasons cited range from wood shake roofs to too much brush on the property to distance from a fire station. So far we have been able to prevent these cancellations. Companies canceling policies include Fireman's Fund and Farmers. If you have this problem contact Lila Daniels at 383-8422.





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SPRING CLEANUP DAYS VERY PRODUCTIVE

Another chipper day is scheduled for Sat. June 10. A third day will be planned for Sat. August 12. M. V. Refuse will supply debris boxes for unchipable branches/brush for the June and August cleanup days. A \$5 donation will help offset the cost of debris boxes and chipper use.

Labor contributions count for working membership discounts on Clubhouse rentals (12 hours per year). Helpers who cleaned out cupboards and closets and cabinets, cleaned windows, stacked wood and brush, trimmed trees, helped organize kitchen utensils, straightened up stuff in the storage shed, made minor repairs on outdoor tables and benches, repaired plumbing and installed the new Wolfe Range hood:

Barney & Sue Lenheim Howard & Stella Winn Bob & Bethli Scheibach Del Goetz Robert Rydjord Jack Helsper John Hokanson Jane Miller Blake Richardson Peter & Lynn Hindley Liz Grace
Bob & Ellen Olson
Marge Priest
Peter Cunningham
Jean Sublett
Dick Popson
Jim Bramell
Gari Thompson
Pilar Montaine

If your name doesn't appear above and you did some work, please contact Del Goetz at 388-8493 to be sure you receive your work credits.

SIREN SONG

Investigation into siren availability is ongoing. We have looked over the brand new "screamers" and discovered that we can't really afford one. So we are investigating the availability of used sirens --perhaps we can get several if we get a good enough deal. The GGNRA folks were very helpful in getting us in touch with the people in Sacramento who are in charge of disposing of Federal surplus property. They sent us a 12 page application to fill out to determine if we are qualified. Before we go to all that trouble, we want to find out if they even have any sirens. Representative Woolsey's staff aide is helping us with cutting through the bureaucratic red tape.

FOR SALE FROM MWPCA

Metal Road Signs "Maintain 12 Foot Fire Lane Clearance; Violators Will Be Towed per MCC 15.33.010" (18"x 24") \$20. "No Parking - Fire Lane" (12"x18") \$12. Contact Del Goetz at 388-8493.

Mountain Emergency Team Shirts \$10 for tee shirts; \$20 for sweatshirts. Kelly green with white lettering. Your tax deductible purchase helps offset the cost of community organizing for public safety. Available from Del Goetz at 388-8493 or at Dowd's Barn, 157 Throckmorton, M.V.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

BARNEY LENHEIM

Barney is currently Chairman of the Community Center Building Committee; he's served a total of 7 years on the Board over the 27 years he's lived on the Mountain -- 1994 & 95 and some years back he served as Vice President.

Barney is married to Sue Brunskill Lenheim. They have two sons: Sterling 26 is a USC grad and works for DHL; Timmy is 21 and currently is in the U.S. Navy Signal Corps. They live on Edgewood Ave. just below the Mt. Home Inn. Other family members include a very large cat and Moe their Retriever and Musty, their once-wild Mustang rescued from the slaughter. Musty is notable for her Palomino appearance and her residence at the foot of Washington Park just above its intersection with Edgewood.

Barney was born in Alameda, graduated from Encinal High School in Alameda, then went on to earn a BA from SF State. He did some graduate work in Oceanography and Marine Science and went to work for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service specializing in Marine Mammals. Somewhere along the way he evolved into a General Contractor specializing in home construction and remodeling.

Barney has always had a variety of interests and activities. Deep in the inner recesses of his garage is his favorite car, a 1962 Lotus. Barney raced an Elva Mark IV in Sports Car Club of America Competition in the 60's. He's owned Jaguars and Ferraris as well.

Barney says the reason he moved here was because he fell in love with the area on a college field trip in the early 60's and decided this was where he wanted to live. During his years on the Mountain he served on the Mountain Fire Brigade, our volunteer fire department. He and Howard Winn have some tales to tell about fires in our area.

Besides being a skillful racing driver and horseman, Barney is also a SCUBA diver. One of his wildest moments was diving the bottom of the Carquinez Straits on the second day of January.

We are very fortunate to have Barney and Sue on our Mountain. They have always been willing helpers and participants in MWPCA activities. Barney built the sign at 4 Corners and Sue helped paint it; the Clubhouse sink and heater works because Barney was willing and able to fix them. Thanks for your care and commitment.

FOR RENT FROM MWPCA

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.

Field Meter to measure EMF's. \$10/day. Contact Jim Bramell at 388-6176.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, February 1, 1995

MWPCA's insurance does not cover the damage our downed tree did to Bonnie Mumford's house at 41 Ridge Ave., so the Assn. voted to cover Bonnie's insurance deductible. Bonnie will submit an itemized bill and a copy of her insurance submission to Clif prior to payment.

Corresponding Secretary, Marge Priest, went over a letter to be directed to the PUC and PG&E re: restoring levels of line maintenance personnel to that which existed prior to the 1994 layoffs and urging them to improve their response times as well as telephone availability.

The Board voted to establish an ad. hoc. Vegetation Management Committee charged with creating a Vegetation Policy for our area. Committee members: Marilyn Baar, Jim Bramell, Peter Cunningham, Robert Rydjord and Jean Sublett. They will report back to the next Board Meeting.

Chipper Day and Cleanup Days discussed. Feb. 11/12 Cleanup. County Public Works will supply chipper on Sat. from 10 AM to 2 PM at 40 Ridge Ave. Will do annual property and building cleanup which counts for working member rental reduction for Community Bldg. rentals.

Clubhouse rental cleanup problems were discussed. Members seem to leave the Clubhouse dirtier than non-members -- not cleaning up after use, not removing trash. The Board decided to experiment with a \$35 cleaning deposit in addition to posting house rules prominently in Clubhouse.

Dick Popson resigned from the Board citing his Grand Jury work as taking virtually all of his spare time. Board Members will report back at the next meeting with possible Board Candidates.

Board meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 8 PM at 40 Ridge Ave.
-- Erika Teahan, Recording Secretary

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Local Disaster Council members met in February to discuss disaster planning and coordination in our area. Captain Frank Neer of the Marin County Fire Dept. is the Council Coordinator. MWPCA Safety Committee Chairman, Randy Barrow, and Safety Committee members Lila Daniels, Jane Marshall and Dick Popson attended along with MWPCA President, Del Goetz. Discussion centered around what to do immediately after a disaster.

Frank Neer is preparing a disaster checklist to be used by Mt. Emergency Team Neighborhood Liaisons to evaluate damage at each residence immediately after a disaster has occurred. This checklist will be given to MET members at the March 15th Skills Update Meeting. Anyone interested in participating should contact Randy Barrow at 381-6634

The May 19th General Meeting will focus on Disaster Preparedness, especially Earthquake preparedness.

AM RADIO STATION -- 1280 AM

a management

The County has submitted an application to the Federal Communications Commissions for permission to increase the broadcast wattage from 10 to 100 watts. Hopefully, this will improve the signal, which is weak in many areas.

In the mean time, set your automatic car radio buttons to 1280 AM for local information about hazards, red flag fire days and other traffic advisory information which we hope will become part of the local taped broadcasts emanating from the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station.

-- Randy Barrow, Safety Committee

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PANORAMIC HIGHWAY SAFETY

The terrible accident that took the lives of brothers Ian and Jim Duncan, Matthew Perry and Eli Kempf on Saturday morning, February 11 is not to be forgotten. Our road is beautiful but dangerous -- and very unforgiving. Our sympathy goes out the the families and friends of these young men. Ian and Jim were schoolmates to many young people on our hill -- they used to live at 736 Panoramic, less than a quarter mile from where they died.

Examination of the accident site leads us to believe that a guardrail might have prevented them from going over the edge and falling hundreds of feet to their death. Certainly we cannot build guardrails the whole length of Panoramic, but we must examine the roadway to make sure that the most dangerous places will have some protection to prevent vehicles from going over. We also need to check the berm to be sure that: 1. there is some; 2. it's level with the road surface and not rutted. We need to use better signing to indicate the dangerous places (white crosses are very effective).

We plan to meet with the Stinson Beach Village Association to discuss road safety and to see if jointly our organizations can cause steps to be taken that will prevent accidents like the one on Feb. 11. We are fortunate to have a number of former racing drivers in our area. Jim Lowe, Barney Lenheim and Del Goetz have volunteered to examine the road from a race driver's viewpoint to determine where parriers could prevent injuries. They will make recommendations to MWPCA and SBVA, which will then be submitted to the County and the State Park.

Anyone who would like to participate in the ad. noc. Road Safety Committee should call Del Goetz at 388-8493 or Barney Lenheim at 383-1447.

WELCOME TO THE MOUNTAIN

Meredith Fondahl, 680 Panoramic Hwy Rachel Tucker & Bob Tesch, 233 Mt. View Ave. Ion Dann, 469 Panoramic Hwy

VEW MEMBERS

luzanne Mellen & James Brown, 760 Panoramic Hwy landra & Eric DeJong, 240 Mt. View Ave.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FORMED

The January storms made it apparent that we must take steps to reduce the hazards that result from overgrown vegetation. Trees and limbs fell on homes, power lines and roadways causing major damage and inconvenience. Robert Rydjord, Jim Bramell, Marlene Baar, Jean Sublett and Peter Cunningham volunteered to help forge a Vegetation Management Policy Statement. A draft of that policy statement will be presented to the Board of Directors at their next Board Meeting.

Recommendations include establishing "corridors" along streets by removing hazardous vegetation that might impair access; identifying inappropriate vegetation such as exotics and other non-native growth; remove trees along utility easements; limit tree height to 75 feet by topping or removal (Redwoods exempted); make recommendations to property owners for replanting vegetation appropriate to this region.

CURRENT REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty of Pacific Union of Marin for this update of listings on the Mountain. For more details call Kathleen at 388-4516 or 383-1900 ext. 107. For current interest rates call Keith Papulias at 388-9219.

New Listings 602 Panoramic	3br/2ba	\$535,000
Active 73 Ridge Ave. 25 St. Jude 6 Walsh Dr.	3br/2ba 2br/2ba 5br/4.5ba	1,395,000. 349,000. 1,380,000.
Lots Lot 1 Edgewood Lot 2 Edgewood 720 Edgewood 000 Panoramic 11 Walsh Dr.		369,000. 379,000. 400,000. 450,000. 399,000.
Pending 693 Edgewood 484 Panoramic	2br/2ba Lot	499,000. 109,950.

Kathleen says: "Now's the time to list and sell property - inventory is low and demand is high."



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MWPCA 1995 CLUBHOUSE SCHEDULE

March		
1 8 PM	Board Meeting	M
11	Mt. Tam Interp. Assn. N	1
15 7:30	Phase II Burn Program/Boyd	M
8:30	Mt. Emergency Team/Neer	M
18 7 PM	St. Patrick's Day Party	P
24 9 AM	Gari Thompson	Wk
April		
1 10 AM		Wk
1 10 AM 5 8 PM 7 15	Board Meeting	M
1.5	Betsey Bechert	W
	Anne White/Michael Reiss	W
16	Divide Meadows Picnic/Wini	
22	Stephanie Goering	W
23 29 6 PM	Ruth Bramell	Б
29 0 PWI	Save Mt. Tam Dinner Dance	D
May	and Local Artists Show	
May 3 8 PM 5 9 AM 13 6 PM	Board Meetinag	М
5 9 AM	Gari Thompson	M Wk
13 6 PM	Turn Around Dinner	D
19 8 PM	MWPCA General Meeting	M
	Disaster Preparedness	141
20	Adam Winstral	W
$\overline{21}$	Tourist Club Fest	• •

(Wk = Workshop; M = Meeting; P = Party; D = Dinner; W = Wedding)

1995 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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388-9600 March 23

DEFIBRILLATOR TO BE IN PLACE SOMETIME IN MARCH

The County has ordered the necessary equipment to get the defibrillator in action. Brian Muesy has been busy training local firefighters in defibrillator use. The necessary support system to connect EMTD (Emergency Medical Technician trained in Defibrillator use) is expected to be functional in early March, which is when County Fire expects to take delivery on the defibrillator unit that will go on the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Truck.

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DONATIONS

Lucille Withington	\$ 5
Roger Scharmer	10
Phyllis Harris	10
Louise Shadduck	10
Luciclaire Ansel	15
Julie Ley	15
Rima, Jack & Ben Vogensen	20
Julia & Robert Rydjord	20
Anna & Carlos Noguiero	25
Denize Springer & Jack Helsper	25

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Sue & Barney Lenheim: Storage Cabinets

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL RATES

Working member rate*:	Weekdays	
Weekends Group of 30 or less Group of more than 30	\$50 \$75	\$85 125
Member & Non-Profit Rate:	Ψ/3	123
Group of 30 or less Group of more than 30	\$75 150	175 250
Commercial Rate:	\$750 - \$1000	
All Others: Group of 30 or less Group of more than 30	100 200	300 450

*To qualify for working member rates requires 24 hours of work over the last two years. If any questions about work time, call Del Goetz a 388-8493.

Damage/cleaning deposits are required on al

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

GREY PARROT ESCAPES PANORAMIC HOM

Cindy Taylor Rizzo at 542 Panoramic asks all the keep eyes skyward. If you spot an African Gre Parrot named *Alex* please call her at 383-8250 of 388-8674.

Alex "flew the coop" on Saturday, Feb. 17. H was last seen heading towards Muir Woods. Cind says he will respond to his name. If he's spotted i an accessible area, hose him to the ground and cove him with a towel for the capture. Alex likes peanut and has a vast vocabulary.





SAVE MT. TAM SPRING BENEFIT DINNER DANCE & ART SHOW

Keith Papulias and our Social Committee is planning another special event on Saturday, April 29 at the Community Center (Clubhouse). Entertainment will be provided by Alto Records recording artist, Jazz Musician Steven Wynn. There will be three sets of music: one for the cocktail hour, another for dinner and a final one for dancing. Keith will be master chef for the evening. Local artists will display their works.

Dinner and dancing will be \$20 per person and includes choice of entree (vegetarian and meat), salad, bread, wine with dinner, dessert and coffee or tea. There will also be a no-host bar. Reservations are necessary. Call Keith Papulias at 388-9219 or Stella Winn at 388-3394.

MWPCA WISH LIST

Side-by-side refrigerator Wood kitchen cabinets Linoleum for bathroom floors Bricks for outdoor BBQ Pad Outdoor Gas BBQ

Contact Barney Lenheim at 383-1447

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many us us were stunned by news of the death of four popular young men from Stinson Beach. I'd heard sirens and saw an ambulance on Panoramic on my way to our cleanup day activities on Sat. Feb. 11. Later in the morning Beth Popson brought the news that 4 men had died in a crash just past the Mt. Home Inn. It wasn't until the next day that we learned that they were children of our Mountain.

Many of us visited the site of the accident to try to determine if it was preventable. It was. Even given all the other causes -- alcolhol, speed, fog and too many people in the vehicle -- it might not have resulted in death if there had been a deflecting guard rail.

When you see a guard rail on Panoramic, count it as a white cross. Someone died there, or was seriously injured. We'd like to make certain that these tragedies don't happen. With more hikers and bikers on the road, it's only a matter of time. There are a couple of things that need to be done: 1. We need to build a trail for bikers to use and restrict bike traffic on Panoramic. 2. We need to widen the road's shoulders at critical places to eliminate the need for people to walk on the roadway. 3. We need to put guard rails where they're needed.

All this requires money. Three years ago we proposed a bicycle tax to the County with funds earmarked for this purpose and secured cooperation from the State Park to put a bike trail along the right-of-way. Nothing has happened.

I propose that we turn Panoramic back into a toll road like the 49 Mile Drive in Monterey. We set up a joint toll road district managed by the Park Service and the County. We put a little booth up at 4 Corners and at the Stinson beach end and collect tolls. These funds will go towards road maintenance and safety.

What do you think? Call me and let me know -- 388-8493.

-- Del Goetz, President

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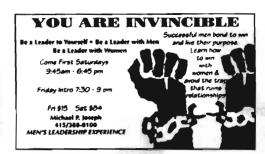


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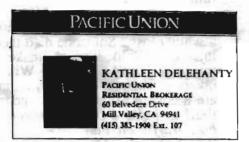
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