



# The Lookout

Muir Woods Park Community Association

[www.mounttam.org](http://www.mounttam.org)

December 2007-February 2008

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## Annual International Buffet Sunday, December 9th



The Muir Woods Park Community Association will hold its annual International Buffet to celebrate the holidays on Sunday evening, December 9. No host bar will open at 6.p.m. Please bring finger food delights to share with your friends and neighbors, as this is a cocktail party. This is a very popular event and we encourage you to bring your friends and neighbors who may be new to the club and/or new to the area. It is a good time to get to know each other.



## Children's Santa Christmas Party Sunday, December 23rd

Santa Claus will visit the MWPCA Clubhouse between 5:00—7:00 PM via a fire truck courtesy of our trusty Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station....unless there's an emergency, of course! Kids will have a chance to make a wish with Santa and get their photos taken with him on the fire truck. What fun!

Parents, please bring a finger food snack to share and also "sneak" a gift for your child or children to open during festivities. Call KIT HARRIS for details at 388- 0829.

## Special thanks

During this holiday season we acknowledge three members who make this association thrive, year after year. We all benefit from your contribution to the neighborhood, year after year. Thank you:

**Lynn Hindley** for her dedication to renting our clubhouse, to filling it with delicious meals she masterminds, for her leadership in the Sewer Committee, and all the time she dedicates to overseeing the whole operation. Especially wonderful this year was the Mediterranean Night feast! Over 90 people attended (standing room only!)

**Karen Buckter** for her competent attention to our financial records, to upkeep on the property, and for providing all those delicious chicken dishes.

**Keith Papulias** for his ongoing fund raising support. We benefit greatly from his yearly contributions through the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival booth income and much more. And, now, we're delighted that Keith will rejoin the MWPCA Board for another round of service. (He served on the board years ago.....so long it's too challenging to remember.

## Sewer Project Update

The sewer project flows on. 2007 began with the completion of the "Feasibility Study" by the Engineering firm CSW/ Stuber – Stroeh Inc. The study was delivered to us in April. Karen Buckter created a sewer page on our website, [www.mounttam.org](http://www.mounttam.org) and the feasibility study was uploaded. This was followed by an informational meeting held at the club house in May. Over 130 members of the community attended. Dietrich Stroeh was on hand to present an overall concept on how sewer lines could be extended into our community. He was also available for answering questions and to shed light on the pros and cons of sewer versus septic.

Following the meeting the Independent Journal called me for an interview. I reluctantly agreed and the results were that our issue made the front page.

Over the summer months, Karen Buckter, Dietrich Stroeh and I met with both Mill Valley Public Works and the Homestead Sewer District.

The Homestead Sewer District has been most responsive to our needs and seems generally interested in helping us achieve our goals. One possibility is to annex our area into their Sewer District, eliminating the need for us to form a separate entity. They would

then possibly buy extra capacity from Mill Valley and possibly contract with Mill Valley to accept some effluent from the Upper Edgewood and Washington Park area.

Currently Dietrich is working with Homestead to determine the conditions of their "upper pipes" closest to our neighborhood, and to cost out what new work would have to be done to ensure that those pipes are capable of increasing their capacity. We should be getting follow-up results from these studies soon.

Financially we are in good shape, although that can change quickly. We paid about \$5000 for the feasibility study, and we have signed with Dietrich for additional services of up to \$5000. This money has come from existing dedicated funds at the MWPCA.

Keith Papulias and his faithful band of BBQ Beauties raised over \$5000 at the Fall Arts Festival Booth, this money has been dedicated to the sewer project. Thank you, Keith!

We are always in need of more monies, so please donate what you can; it will be gratefully accepted. Make your checks payable to MWPCA Sewer Fund.

I have enjoyed Chairing this committee this year and look forward to doing so in 2008, and I hope that progress will be as positive as in 2007.

Lynn Hindley, Chair of the Sewer Committee

## Personals

**Rental Available:** Small studio apartment available immediately. \$950/month, including utilities. Private entry. Off-street parking. Garden and view. For more information please call 383-8119.

### 2008 MWPCA dues are due

Just complete the enclosed form and return it at your earliest convenience.

## Rental Wanted



I've been happily living at 21 Ridge for the past three years, but it got sold. I will move around March of '08. I'm mature and have a thriving landscape company. I'm open to various rental situations on the Mountain. Please call: 318-0740.

## VIDEO NIGHT RETURNS!

Call Cindy Norman and ask her 389-6847

December: **RATATOUILLE**  
 Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at **6PM!**  
 (not the usual 7:00 PM)

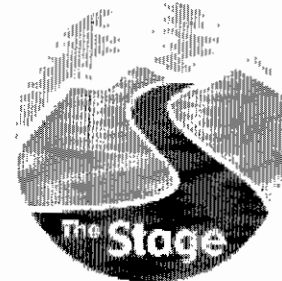
Pixar's best animation to date!  
Brad Bird (from The Incredibles) so-directs this story following the antics of a passionate rat named Ratatouille who yearns for a sip of the good life. Growing up beneath a five-star Parisian restaurant owned by a famous chef, Ratatouille inherits a taste for fine food. But his culinary ambitions only anger his practical father, who wishes his son could just eat garbage like everyone else.

January: **BANDITS**  
 Filmed around Marin!  
 Bank robbers Bruce Willis and Billy Bob Thornton battle over the affections of a woman (Cate Blanchett) they kidnap before one of their big heists. Adding insult to injury, they then force a TV show host to cover their 15 minutes of fame while they go on a bank-robbing spree -- Blanchett in tow -- and gain notoriety as "The Sleepover Bandits."

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February: **LOVE ACTUALLY**  
 Love on movie night! An ensemble comedy that tells 10 separate (but intertwining) London love stories, leading to a big climax on Christmas Eve. One of the threads follows the brand-new, unmarried Prime Minister (Hugh Grant) of the United Kingdom, who, on his first day in 10 Downing Street, falls in love with the girl (Martine McCutcheon) who brings



Marin Transit would like to remind riders of the holiday schedules for each of the Marin Transit services. Please review the chart below (If chart is not visible, you can view the information at: <http://www.marintransit.org/pdf/holidayschedules07.pdf>).

Holiday Schedule for Marin Transit Services			
Winter 07/08			
	Local Marin County Buses (operated by Golden Gate Transit)	Community Shuttle Routes (Route 221 Twin Cities, Route 233 Santa Venetia, Route 259 Marinwood/Terra Linda)	West Marin Stagecoach
<b>Thursday, November 22</b> (Thanksgiving Day)	Holiday Schedules	No Service	No Service
<b>Friday, November 23</b> (Friday after Thanksgiving)	Regular Schedules	Regular Schedule	Saturday Schedules
<b>Monday, December 24</b> (Christmas Eve)	Regular Schedules	Regular Schedules	Saturday Schedules
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b> (Christmas Day)	Holiday Schedules	No Service	No Service
<b>Monday, December 31</b> (New Years Eve)	Regular Schedules	Regular Service	Saturday Schedules
<b>Tuesday, January 1</b> (New Years Day)	Holiday Schedules	No Service	No Service
<b>Monday, January 21</b> (Martin Luther King)	Regular Schedules	Regular Schedules	Saturday Schedules

## **Safety Committee Recap**

Here is a recap of the status of the safety program for our Association.

### The Siren

We will soon own the siren and prior to our ownership the County will repair the unit. After its repair, we will be liable for future repairs – the County will instruct us of proper maintenance and timing. Dave Escobar will advise us of a timetable.

### The AM Radio

OES will repair our AM system and have it operational by the end of the month. New elements will be replaced in our system and the system will be located at our fire station, activated there or through the County.

### Phone system test

OES plans to test the TENS phone system as soon as we give them a specific date (activity). The phone system is activated by county fire / sheriff offices and will give us a strong communications network and inter-working with AM radio.

### Get Ready Marin

Rubin of Throckmorton Ridge Fire and John Lovell are working together to feature the "Get Ready" web materials into our web-site. I've asked Mr. Godley if he would check into the mailing of the new booklet to our member base. He's to let me know soon, if possible.

### Container

Now it appears that we have a safety container on our property, courtesy of the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station. We are working to finalize the following:

1. Working with the Disaster Council to meld it into the MWPCA
2. Finalize the location and structure of the unit.
3. Develop a team to regulate and maintain the unit.
4. Specify contents / sizes etc. of items stored, i.e., first aid / tools / foods / equipment / household materials etc.
5. Examine methods for monetary support, i.e., contributions, foundations etc. to properly develop the unit.

## **Best Jazz on Tam Fest yet!**

Over 130 neighbors and friends spent the afternoon of September 23rd enjoying jazz provided by two sets of musicians: Art Lewis' Sound Explosion with Russ Alberts Trio and the Josh Jones Latin Ensemble. The weather even cooperated.

John Lovell managed the grill where he and friends grilled delicious sausages and fresh oysters from the Drake's Bay Family Farms. In fact, if your holiday plans call for oysters, they can be reached at: 415/669-1149. They've been such good neighbors.



Rumor has it there will definitely be a 3rd annual event next year! Thank you, John and others for another a successful event.

So there it is to date... Thanks go to all involved with putting together a sensible and needed program for our Mountain. Special thanks go to Chris Godley with OES and David Eskobar with Steve Kinsey's office.

Call if you have thoughts, or whatever.

R. Popson (Dick)  
Cell-608-1172

**Muir Woods Update: Inspired by past to look ahead...**...as the days get shorter and darker we think back to the threat "Redwood Canyon" faced 100 years ago. This last remnant of redwood forest in Marin was faced with condemnation proceedings, its trees to be logged and a dam proposed for the confluence of Redwood Creek at Fern Canyon. William Kent was advised that protection might be possible through the Antiquities Act, making the case that these 1,000 year old trees were our nation's true links to the past. He and wife Elizabeth feverishly worked against the legal clock and offered to donate the land, being the first private individuals as well as making their gift the first urban national park.

On January 9, 1908 President Roosevelt proclaimed the gift a national monument and finally accepted Kents' insistence that it be named after conservationist John Muir. Today threats and opportunities are different. What is the future of the understory with SOD at epidemic levels and a cleansing fire over 150 years in the past? Will recent efforts be enough to bring salmon and trout back from the threat of extinction? Will global climate change tip the fog patterns so that even the thin coastal strip can no longer support redwoods? Is there a chance for condor to fly overhead and bear to wander since once again the area supports coyote, bobcat and otter? Can nearly 1 million visitors a year quietly walk the paths, use the shuttle and experience this old-growth forest?

The National Park Service hopes to use the site's Centennial year to welcome visitors and provoke discussion, undertake bigger projects with lasting impact, reach out to locals, students and the international community. Much is being planned...stay in touch by checking our website regularly ([www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo)). And, please join us for the following (volunteers needed, too!):

**December 21 Winter Solstice**...celebrate the shortest day among the tallest trees by coming in the afternoon to make solstice crowns, view spawning salmon and join friends around the warming bonfires in Nature's Amphitheatre (the upper parking lot). As the sun sets, action focuses on the stage as we all lift our voices in seasonal song, enjoy Ane Carla

Rovetta's magical stories and then wander in the luminaria-lit woods. Fee-free day.

**January 8 QUIET DAY**...enjoy the woods as they once were: hushed with just the sounds of rushing water, wind in the trees and bird song. Walk in, breathe deep. Fee-free day.

**January 9 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**...walk down and join us at 10 AM for celebrations that will include cake for all, walks to view salmon and redwoods, a chance to help re-introduce rhododendrons to the forest floor and other service work (dress for winter weather AND to pitch in!), re-connect with rangers from the past. Get your Centennial mug or t-shirt. Fee-free day.

**February 2 EARTH DAY**...help restore the forest to health. Plant, weed, trail work, beach clean-up and much more. Registration at 8:30 (call 388-2596 to let us know if you can help!). Concession offers complementary "thank you" lunch.

We also hope to see you on the trails welcoming the salmon back to spawn (viewing tip: wait a day or two AFTER a big rain storm), checking out the seasonal mushroom display, enjoying the crowd-free trails!

Mia Monroe  
Site Supervisor  
Muir Woods National Monument

## Magnificent Mediterranean Night

Surprise standing room only October 13th  
.....but, Lynn Hindley and her kitchen crew somehow just kept serving up sumptuous food. The spanakopeta has never been better! Karen Buckter augmented the menu with a Moroccan chicken dish. Yum!

Then the audience of over 90 people enjoyed belly dancing provided by friends of Sandy Neville.

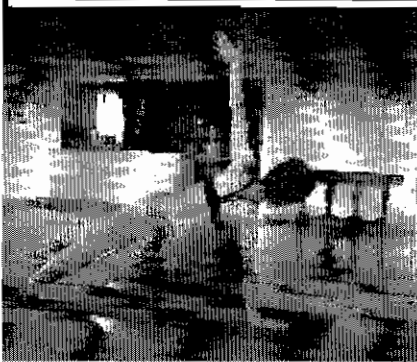




## Come Join Us!

Breakfast Saturday and Sunday 8 am – 11 am  
 Lunch Wednesday – Sunday 11:30 am – 3 pm  
 Dinner Wednesday – Sunday 5:30 pm– 9/9:30 pm  
 Small Plates served Saturday and Sunday after lunch

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### Yoga continues on the Mountain \$12 per person

Every Tuesday and  
Thursday evening at  
6:30 Meighan  
Leibert instructs a  
yoga class at the

Clubhouse. **Mats and equipment are provided.** If  
it is raining or cold, we have a fire, come and join the  
wonderful neighborhood feeling. Many of you could  
walk to the class. Beginners or experienced,  
everyone is welcome, bring friends!

### Board Meeting Highlights

928SF; 1.98 acres;  
1.2m; sold 9.5.07

Note: Complete MWPCA Board minutes are now  
posted online at <http://www.mounttam.org>- pass-  
word is: musty.

This month at the Annual Potluck and Election of  
Officers for 2008, Lynn Hindley, Vice President, an-  
nounced the results of the balloting to an audience  
of about 45 people. (See the outside cover of the  
Lookout for details.) Karen Buckter followed with an  
update on association finances. Basically, all is well.  
Rentals have increased based on all the clubhouse  
improvements over the last couple of  
years.....and, of course, the dedication of Lynn  
to keep rentals moving along.

Special thanks go to outgoing board members: Carol  
Stern, Jon Rutchik, and Jennifer Sheetz.



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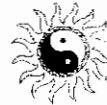
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### MWPCA MEMBERSHIP & DONATIONS Due for 2008!!

\$45 Household \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Senior \_\_\_\_\_ (both include newsletter)

General Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Lookout subscription for non-residents \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Facility Sewer Disaster Children's (circle)

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## 2007 MWPCA Board Officers

President	Barry Joseph	383-2624
Vice President	Lynn Hindley	388-7252
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Director	Lila Daniels	383-8422
Director	Pat Teahan	388-1122
Director	Dick Popson	388-1135
Director	John Lovell	383-4530
Director	Brad Silen	383-3612
Director	Bob Clemons	388-3641
Director	Keith Papulias	388-9219
Director	Kit Harris	388-0829

## Committees

Clubhouse Rentals	Lynn Hindley	388-7252
Membership	vacant	
Safety/Emergency	Dick Popson	388-1135
Newsletter	Lila Daniels	383-8422
Parenting	vacant	
Webmaster	Karen Buckter	381-1801
Tech Consultant	Peter Spear	383-1842
Sewer Committee	Lynn Hindley	388-7252

## Community Calendar - see online for updates

ONGOING			
Tuesdays		Yoga Class	6:30 PM
Thursdays		Yoga Class	6:30 PM
DECEMBER			
Sunday	9	International Buffet	6:00 PM
Sunday	23	Children's Santa Party	5:00 PM
Thursday	18	Last 2007 Yoga Class	6:30 PM
JANUARY			
Tuesday	3	First 2008 Yoga Class	6:30 PM
Thursday	10	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
FEBRUARY			
Thursday	14	Board Meeting	7:00 PM

## Clubhouse Available for Rent

Rates, rules, forms, calendar and all information about what is included are on the website: <http://www.mounttam.org>.