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Muir Woods Park Residents To Receive Significant Fire Prevention Support

Interview With Sr Captain Jarvis I Eclipse Viewing Marin County Emergency Portal



It's safe to say that MWPCA members and neighbors consider ourselves lucky to have the Throckmorton Fire Station perched above our ridge, with an amazing crew of professionals looking out for our safety. Leading the team is Senior Captain Aaron Jarvis, a 25-year veteran of the Marin County Fire Department. In an interview with Captain Jarvis, we learned about some exciting new initiatives he and others have advocated for our area. "The Muir Woods Park community is part of the Southern Marin Zone that includes Mill Valley and Sausalito. I've presented a plan to the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority that carves out a budget for

preventative measures specific to our area and needs". Captain Jarvis knows our area extremely well. Not only did he grow up in Stinson Beach, but he's an avid Triathlete who can be seen most mornings running the trails of Mt Tam. The following is a list of action items expected to take place once the budget is approved in the next month or so:

- Vegetation management along Edgewood, Washington Park, Madera and other feeder streets
- Tree work to improve sightlines and remove vegetation along roads
- Partner with State Parks for controlled burns of vegetation
- Clean up the Zig Zag Trail for better access
- Install a siren or alert system at the Throckmorton Station
- Three sets of Chipper Days for Muir Woods Park neighbors
- No HazMat collection free drop off at the San Rafael Dump

Other exciting plans include working with the CHP to temporarily stage a 500 gallon emergency gas fuel trailer so that firefighting and rescue helicopters can refuel at the Station pad without going to Napa. This will allow us to assist agencies who support our region during the fire season. In addition, Throckmorton is expecting two new engines to replace 1565 and 1585, funded by the County and CalFire.

Challenges particular to this Station include a large number of rescues, often in terrain difficult to reach. If you happen by the Station on any given day, you can see the crew training for a myriad of scenarios.

The MWPCA will help to publicize the future Chipper Days and Controlled Burn dates.

These projects show how engaged the Station is with the community, while

working to keep both residents and visitors safe.

Marin County Emergency Portal

The <u>Marin County Emergency Portal</u> is a trusted source of information during an emergency and for emergency preparedness. Take a tour of the site, and save it as a bookmark on your computer.

Catch the Total Lunar Eclipse on May 15th

A special astronomical treat is in store on Sunday May 15 as the Moon will rise at sunset in total eclipse! As dusk falls, the reddish "Blood Moon" will climb in the southeast as Earth's shadow blocks the light of the Sun. We will have a



Avenue at 1000' elevation overlooking the bay, headlands and ocean. It's a beautiful location for the longest "primetime" eclipse in the West this century. Marin Stargazers will have volunteers with telescopes set up to enhance your view of the celestial clockwork. Come join your neighbors on Sunday May 15, feel free to come for the sunset at 8:13 pm, or else plan to arrive and park in the lower lot no later than 8:45 pm and carpool if possible. Totality will last until just before 10 pm and the event will end at 10:15 pm.

Attendance is limited for this event. Please rsvp to host Dan Smiley dnsmiley@comcast.net

Attend the MWPCA Board Meetings

All members are welcome to attend our Board Meetings, held on the second Thursday of the Month at 7 pm. Send a note for the Zoom Link to

mwpca@mounttam.org

The Montessori School at MWPCA Here are some snapshots of the students and staff from the Guidepost Montessori School who have been renting the clubhouse while the school is being repaired.







A big thank you to the volunteers!

If you've noticed remarkable improvements to the Canopy and Panoramic trails lately, give a shout of thanks to the volunteers working with the California State Parks on regrading trails and replacing the broken wood railing among other projects they take on.

Caught in the act...





Get Involved! Summer Events Being Planned! It's so nice to get to know your neighbors and help out in our gorgeous community.

We are planning on some lovely events for the Summer - we can always use fresh ideas and volunteers planning the events.

Contact us at mwpca@mttam.org if you'd like to join the fun.

Emergency Contacts

While not complete, below please find a list of emergency services. Also listed are our local health agencies. Remember, 911 is always the best number to dial in an emergency.

Emergency & County Services

- 911
- Marin County Sheriff
- Nixle Alerts

- Mental Health Services
- Aging & Adult Assistance
- Food Resources

