



# The Lookout

Muir Woods Park Community Association

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## Newsletter Highlights

- **Our Community afternoon of “Jazz on the Mountain” is Saturday, September 9.** See page 2 for the details and call to reserve your space before it is too late.
- **Our voting place for government elections** is being moved from the Alpine Club to the MWPCA Community Center. (Page 2)
- **The West Marin Stage has a full summer schedule and now stops at the Mountain Home Inn!** (Page 5).
- **Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival is Sept. 16 & 17.** Volunteer for the MWPCA food booth, have a great time working with neighbors and get into the festival for FREE! (Page 5)
- **Neighbor helps out with Katrina dog rescue.** (Page 3)

### Big News on the Mountain!



**This is our First Annual “Jazz on Tam” event.  
Headlined by the Art Lewis Trio.**

**Saturday, September 9, from 2 pm - 6 pm**

**Great Music**

**A Little Wine**

**Cajun Food**

**Maybe Dance a Bit??**



We plan to be outside on our new clubhouse lawn and during our best weather. We will have delicious food and quality wine for sale. We will have chairs, but you can bring your own blanket if you'd like to make it a picnic. Read about Art Lewis and how to reserve your space on page 2.

**Reservations are a must.**

**Tickets are \$10.** Kids 12 and under are free.

**Invite your friends to visit you on the mountain!**

## Disaster Preparedness

**Which disaster to prepare for next?** Yes, we just got an earthquake jolt. But you are prepared for earthquakes as you read our Earthquake Preparedness Booklet and followed all the steps. So THAT disaster is handled. Right?

1. What next? You know the drill....**Now is THE time to prepare for fire season.**  
Eliminate fire ladders of fuel and clear combustible items for 30' from the property line.
2. Pack your evacuation kit for the family.
3. If a fire comes, **GET OUT IMMEDIATELY.** You CANNOT outrun fires at the last minute when winds become extreme and the streets clogged with cars and fire trucks.



**“Jazz on Tam”**  
**September 9**  
**Saturday afternoon**  
**from 2 pm till around 6 pm**

**We are going to “let loose” on this first Saturday after Labor Day!**

**Bring your friends.**

**Join your neighbors.**

Enjoy the great music of the Art Lewis Trio. They will play an array of music from Art’s long and great career that will please all.

Art Lewis was born in New Orleans and began his career in San Francisco under Philly Joe Jones and moved to New York in the late sixties. Art has seen and done it all, working and recording with many of the major players in the music world, including, Dexter Gordon, Jon Hendricks, Bobby Hutcherson, John Handy, Dewey Redman, Clifford Jordan, Sam Rivers, Andrew Hill and Hoe Lee Wilson.

Art toured extensively throughout Europe, the Middle East, and the U. S. He now lives in Marin and his daughter Winona lives right here on Ridge Lane. Winona asked her dad to play for us and he said, “Of course!”



***Space for this event is limited so make your reservation early.***

**Art Lewis**

Call Marie Annette Mc Cabe at 381-0980 or Winona Lewis at 383-4530  
 Reserve your seats now. **\$10 for adults.**  
 Children under 12 are free.

## **The Community Center Accepted as Our Local Polling Place!**

**Start date: November 7th !**

As we saw in the last government election, our polling place was moved out of the Alpine Club. This necessitated our drive to the “lowlands” to vote at the fire station off of Shoreline.

At the great suggestion of Karen Buckter, the MWPCA board decided to look into the matter in an attempt to keep our polling place in the neighborhood. Thanks to the investigative and persuasive efforts of Karen Buckter, our new and permanent polling place will be at the MWPCA clubhouse!

The reason that the Alpine Club can no longer be utilized as a polling site is that its facility do not comply with some of the requirements of the American Disabilities Act. The fact that it did not have a level access from the parking lot to the building was a major concern.

We look forward to having many of the residents of the neighborhood who are not familiar with the Community Center get a chance to see it and to meet each other.

Great going, Karen! Your foresight and ACTION saved all of us a great inconvenience - - - - as well as kept our enjoyment of voting close to home alive. Thanks!

## **Emergency Response Training 2006 Class Schedule**



Nov.: 4th and 11th

Marin County offers an excellent 10 hours training course that offers basic skills in:

- Earthquake Survival
- Fire Prevention & Suppression
- Search & Rescue
- Disaster First Aid
- Emergency Preparedness

Where else can you learn all this for a \$25 fee (\$35 for two family members)? Registration fee includes emergency vest and hard hat.  
**HURRY!** For registration, call: 389-4138

## Clubhouse News

Lighting along the steps and path is finished. Much of that project was paid for by a grant from the Marin Community Foundation. We now have a very sturdy and attractive railing that was master-minded by our president, Brad Silen.



Many MWPCA members have been working hard on the landscaping. There will be a flagstone patio off the east side of the building, flanked by a stone wall similar to the one on the edge of the upper parking area, and a small lawn in the rest of the level east side area. We expect to install the landscaping before the summer is over.

MWPCA member Roger Scharmer, who recently sold his home and moved back east, generously advised us about appropriate plants and trees before he left. A picture and description of the master landscape plan is in the hallway of the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse sits on a two acre parcel, so we are just beginning the process. We welcome input from our members.

The Clubhouse has really taken on a new charm and quality that we think our founders (1935) would endorse if they were here today. Having turned the kitchen into a first class and efficiently functioning space last year, this year the main room received new parking lighting and curtains (thanks to Karen Buckter).

The board has debated and searched for many, many months to find just a few pieces of furniture to create that inviting feeling needed to finish off our large, main room. Four chairs and a coffee table (made out of a special, highly durable resin) were selected for the room. They sit comfortably around the fireplace (see next column), yet are light-weight so they can be moved very easily for cleaning the floor, or for dancing on it!

2007 MWPCA Board Slate is presented at the September meeting. Anyone interested in running, write or email [president@mounttam.org](mailto:president@mounttam.org)

## Neighbor Helps Out Katrina Dog Adopt a puppy!

Our hats are off to Reed Trencher of Hamilton Lane who helped out a Katrina dog. Leica, a Katrina rescue dog, arrived in the neighborhood 3 weeks ago, courtesy of Continental Airlines. She arrived in "a family way". Seven puppies arrived a few days ago. Sometime after September 20th they will be available to adopt. Call Reed Trencher at 383-0823 for a viewing.

### Leica and her puppies



### Clubhouse with new furniture and curtains



## June Board Meeting Highlights

**Note: Complete MWPCA Board minutes are now posted on our website, [mounttam.org](http://mounttam.org).** There is a MINUTES box in the lower left hand corner. Insert the password MUSTY under MINUTES and click submit.

*(The board meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Community members are always welcome.)*

- Board members noted good community response to our recent MWPCA Earthquake Preparedness Booklet.
- Emergency Water Tank discussed. It was approved last year as part of the disaster shelter supplies and improvements requested by the disaster committee. Etta Deikman, newly appointed Chair of the Disaster Shelter, will proceed with the acquisition of a 350 gallon tank ASAP. Pat Teahan suggested an anti-siphon feature.
- Committee to review and update the MWPCA election policies was appointed. Marie Annette McCabe and Karen Buckter will form the committee. The slate of board candidates is still open to additions and will be finalized at the September board meeting.
- Dave Carr, Throckmorton Fire Captain, told President Brad Silen that the county has no current plans to resurrect the 1280 emergency/local information radio station at the fire station. Board suggested that Brad contact David Carr to discuss what could be developed.
- Rental agreement - Language has been changed and is on the website regarding discouraging our renters from parking in the Tourist Club parking lot. The process for acquiring a temporary liquor license (for our own events) has been documented.
- It was reported that at the Sewer Study Committee meeting in January it was decided to hire an engineer to determine clusters of parcels as they relate to available sewer lines from other agencies (for possible connections). There was no report on the progress of this decision. Board will follow-up with the committee.
- It was suggested and approved that the offices of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be combined as the Treasurer picks up the mail (since most mail is for the treasurer) and responds to most routine correspondence.
- The Marin County Registrar of Voters is considering a new site for our polling place as the Alpine Club has some ADA compliance issues. The board endorsed use of the Clubhouse facility as a polling place if the Registrar of Voters approves. Karen Buckter will contact the Marin County Registrar of Voters. Karen will also get in touch with the Alpine Club to be sure that they would not mind such a change. The MWPCA is committed to fostering good relations with all organizations in the community.



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for the latest community news.

The MWPCA website logs show an average 6,500 hits each month to all pages. The minutes, policies, and other board business are available to residents from the link on the home page.

The password is: **musty**, which was chosen to honor longtime Washington Park resident horse, **Musty Lenheim**, who retired to a lovely pasture in France two years ago.

The site has an events calendar, MWPCA history, Clubhouse rental information and downloadable rental forms. The Disaster/Emergency committee maintains a large informational section and a link to our recent Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness Booklet. Current additions of the LOOKOUT newsletter are posted. Recently uploaded are pictures of the new Clubhouse improvements. Once you see the pictures, you will want to stop by the Clubhouse to see the changes for yourself!

Between LOOKOUT additions, issues arise such as the recent concern over possible excessive chlorine in our water, information on the location of our temporary polling place, etc. Check the website for current information.

We also have our secure email list of neighbors and send periodic announcements about MWPCA events and issues concerning mountain residents. **If you are NOT receiving these emails, please send a request to: [webmaster@mounttam.org](mailto:webmaster@mounttam.org).** Be sure to set your Spam filter to accept email from anyone at [mounttam.org](http://mounttam.org). If you have ideas about the website, you are encouraged to get in touch with the webmaster or the MWPCA Board.

### **Tired of Telemarketer Calls?**

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# Fire News



## Prepare for a dangerous fire season.

The fire department sent out the defensible space check list to each household. Have you returned yours to the department?

The fire captain tells us that it is going to be another dangerous fire season here. The late rains contributed to an additional fuel load on the mountain. Also, **while the Chipper Program has been completed, there were fewer household sign ups than hoped for.** The cost of hiring the staff and running the chipper is substantial and when we miss this (inexpensive) opportunity to have brush cleared from our properties it is a loss to all.

## Station Building

Thanks to the start of dry weather and an efficient contractor, work on the fire station is moving along well. The department shared this picture of the progress since May.



## Volunteers!

### Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival

Saturday, September 16 & Sunday the 17th

It is that time again and the people who brought us all the money going into the landscaping of the clubhouse could use a few helping hands for 3 hrs. on Saturday and Sunday to help run our food booth.

The “chief cook and fundraiser” is Keith Papulias. Keith has dedicated 20+ hours every year for MANY years to make this event the best fundraiser that MWPCA has. He does all the hard part. All you volunteers need to do is to show up for 3 hrs., visit and work with great neighbors, eat great food and visit the festival for free.

### WHAT on earth is not to like?

Call Marie Annette to sign up now. (381-0980)

## Hitch a Ride to the Beach on the West Marin Stage from Mountain Home Inn!

Thanks to the efforts of many people, including MWPCA president, Brad Silen, Marin Transit has beefed up the weekend schedule and ADDED A STOP for us.

The stage will run Saturdays (year round) and Sundays (March 15—Nov. 15). Call 526-3239 or visit [westmarinstagecoach.org](http://westmarinstagecoach.org) or [info@marintransit.org](mailto:info@marintransit.org)\stage

### West from Mountain Home Inn

9:04 am      2:08 pm  
11:38 am    5:48 pm

### East from Mountain Home Inn

10:15 am    4:30 pm  
12:50 am    7:00 pm

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### Clean Fill Needed !

**We are looking for approximately  
30 yds. of clean fill for our area.**

**Please call Brian or Cindy @ 389-6272.**

### Book Club News

The book group meets at 7 pm on the first Thursday of the month. To join, call Etta Deikman at 383-2198.



The club members had a lively discussion over the selected book, *The World is Flat*, by Thomas Friedman. This book on the rapid globalization of business and workforces along with the vast array of advances in technology in recent years points to a world that neither we, nor our most recent ancestors could have envisioned. Are we as a nation and individuals adapting to it, taking control of it, or barely “treading water”? Friedman says, “Wake up! The world is flat!”

Next month’s selection is the very popular book, *Collapse*, by scientist Jarred Diamond. This book follows on from his last, *Guns, Germs and Steel*, and asks the question, “What caused some of the great civilizations of the past to collapse into ruin and what can we learn from their fates?” Timely reading given the state of the world today....



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4 Sunrise	2 bd/1 ba	799,000
354 Panoramic	3 bd/2 ba	1,999,000
4 St. Jude	3 bd/2 ba	1,250,000

### Sale Pending

20 Washington Park	3 bd/3.5 ba	\$1,495,000
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### Sold

15 St. Jude	2 bd/ 3 ba	895,000
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Social Committee	Lynn Hindley	388-7252
Webmaster	Karen Buckter	381-1801
Photographer	Lila Daniels	383-8422

## Community Calendar

### AUGUST

Thursday	August 3	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Monday	August 7	Siren test (3 min.)	12 noon
Weds.	August 9	Full Moon	

### SEPTEMBER

Monday	Sept. 4	<b>Labor Day</b> Siren Test (4 min.)	12 noon
Thursday	Sept. 7	Full Moon	
Saturday	Sept. 9	<b>MWPCA Jazz Fest!</b>	2 - 6 pm
Sat. & Sun	16 & 17	Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival	
Thursday	Sept. 14	Board Meeting	7:00 pm