



The Lookout

Muir Woods Park Community Association

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February-April 2008

415/381-3119

St. Patrick's Dinner

MWPCA Community Center 40 Ridge Ave.

Saturday, March 15th at 6:00 PM

Adults \$20 / Children under 14 \$10

Calling all Irish and Irish wannabes.....come join us for one fun evening!

Cocktail hour starting at 6 PM with no-host beer and wine. Followed by the traditional corn beef and cabbage at 7 PM, dessert will follow, along with Irish coffee for adults and bearded children. Dancing into the evening. So don your finest green, polish those Irish eyes, and come to enjoy the evening. Please get your reservation in early; as the celebration falls on a Saturday night, we expect a lot of revelers.

Recipes are courtesy of Executive Chef Lynn Hindley. Yes! Some of us are understudying her this year to make sure the tradition is carried on. Give us a call if you'd like to help with the event: before, during, or after! Lynn will supervise.

Kids (and other small well-behaved household friends wearing green bows) welcome - we will have a movie in the back room for kids.

We're accepting reservations for 80 people this year, so don't delay! Please RSVP to Lila Daniels at 415/383-8422.



Easter Egg Hunt

MWPCA Community Center

Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00 AM

Sat. March 22, 2008 10:00 am, Drizzle or shine we will have the annual Egg hunt on the clubhouse lawn. Please bring your colored eggs to be hidden by 9:15 to the clubhouse then meet back with your hunters at 10:00 for the festivities. There will be coffee and tea for the adults and light breakfast snacks.

Get Ready! A disaster survival program for Marin

"Get Ready! Is a disaster preparedness program specifically designed for residents of Marin County. With simple, two hour classes tailored to the individual communities in Marin, your local fire agency will help you and your family prepare for the inevitable disasters that will strike in and around Marin." You have probably noticed the yellow signs posted by the roadsides throughout the county. Hopefully you have already taken the class at our local fire station and are on your way to implementing a disaster plan for your household.

If you have not had the chance, consider signing up for one of the last courses to be offered at the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station---TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26th at 7pm and SATURDAY MARCH 29th at 1 pm. The presentation is a concise primer on the basic things one can do to be prepared for the variety of problems that arise during a disaster. After the recent power outage due to high winds and bad weather, we are reminded of how important it is to be ready for the loss of power, water, gas and transportation that will accompany a major disaster.

The course helps you to develop a household plan that covers all situations---being at home, at work or in the car on the highway. It encourages you to be able to take care of yourself and your family at a time when emergency services will be under severe strain. The manual and course is also available online along with a home supply checklist and a car supply checklist. Please visit the site at Getreadymarin.org and sign up for one of the courses if you can. - John Lovell

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: 381-0740.



Bus Service in the Neighborhood

Marin Transit would like to remind riders of the availability of The Stage coming through our neighborhood. Call them at 415/526-3239 or go to the following website for schedule updates: <http://www.marintransit.org/stage.html>



VIDEO NIGHT RETURNS!

7:00 PM on a Sunday

Call Cindy Norman and ask her 389-6847

February 24: 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 him his tea.

March 30: 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."

April 20: DIAL M FOR MURDER— (potluck)

Its time for a good, suspenseful Hitchcock movie! Dial M for Murder is a masterpiece of double-cross and intrigue stars Ray Milland as former tennis champ Tony Wendice, who concocts a plan to kill his rich and philandering wife, Margot Mary (Grace Kelly), who's embroiled in a heated affair with a writer, Mark Halliday (Robert Cummings). When Tony's plans go awry, he

Safety Committee Recap

Here's a summary of items we have in the works for Clubhouse / Community safety.

The Alert Siren is in the county's hands and will soon be up and operating. Costs of the siren repairs are the county's. They will also educate us for proper maintenance. Further service costs will be ours.

The AM radio package is being installed at the Fire Station. Cost is the county's and is being handled by OES.

We've tested the "TENS" phone system, and while there will be more tests needed, I feel the system will work. We'll test it again when the siren is operating. One new communication item the county is installing is a new email / computer system giving us another alerting device. The county will advise us as they proceed, and you will be updated.

The county "Get Ready" classes and educational program announcements will be passed on to you as received. See the article in the left-hand column for details.

Finally, our committee will meet soon and discuss the Safety Container subject. Location, budget, appearance, contents, funding sources, etc., will be reviewed and recommendations will be made to the board.

If you have comments or suggestions call me at 608-1172 or email me at popsonsr@aol.com.

Sewer Committee Update

No news to report. We're awaiting an update from Dietrich Stroeh whose firm has been consulting with MWPCA. Meanwhile, members of the board and the Sewer Committee are checking in with the City of Mill Valley and the Homestead Sewer District to explore possibilities.

Lynn Hindley will keep us informed as new information emerges.

Our Best Wishes to Ruben Martin for a Speedy Recovery



Captain Ruben Martin is a personal friend and a valued member of our Muir Woods Community. He was seriously injured a week ago while working at the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station.

Unfortunately, it appears Ruben will have a long recovery period, and our hearts go out to him, his wife Kelli and their 5-year-old son Cody during this challenging time. Ruben remains in serious condition at the John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek.

There are several ways you can become involved.

- I'll forward any notes, cards etc to either Ruben or his family.
- A trust fund for his family has been established at Redwood Credit Union.
- Blood donations are also needed.

If you want to get more information on the above, let me know or contact the Fire Department.

Thanks and keep thinking good thoughts for Ruben.

Richard Popson
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MWPCA President's Message

January was a rough month for those up here on the Mountain. Virtually all of us were out of power for multiple days. Although, as I write this, the sun is shining, and it's real warm. However, we could have more rain and wind ahead of us.

Don't forget to notify PG&E if there are trees on your property that have the potential to fall and take the power lines with them. Also, check your property for other things that have the potential to cause problems during a storm.

—Barry Joseph

Board Meeting Highlights

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

Barry Joseph, 2008 President of MWPCA is managing a very efficient board. At the first meeting, everything moved along smoothly. Time was spent orienting new board members to procedures. Karen Buckter presented the draft of the 2008 budget. We're in a healthy financial position as we start the year.

Safety Committee lead by Dick Popson is in full swing. Roof repairs were authorized to cover damage caused by our huge storm. Lynn Hindley is ready to relinquish her leadership of social events so others are stepping up, we hope! (See below.)

Request for Volunteers

It's such a pleasure to be involved in the community. I hope you'll consider joining the fun. Here are a few ways to be involved:

- Write feature articles about members of the community for the Lookout
- Get Lookouts labeled and mailed once they are printed
- Understudy our Master Chef Lynn Hindley to prepare our feasts
- Kitchen team for prep/clean-up

Just let me know what you'd like to do.....either from the list above or something else. Thank you!

- Lila Daniels, Lookout Editor

Clubhouse News

The storm of the January 4th weekend blew off a large section of roofing at the Clubhouse. Fortunately we found a roofing company, Rain Dance, of Bolinas, who could come in right away and fix it. While we were at it, we finally installed gutters and downspouts along the lawn side of the building.

Our push-button lock on the front door broke and has been replaced with one where the battery power only sets the lock to open or close after the code is entered, your fingers turn the bolt, which should solve the problems of the old lock. If you need to get in to the Clubhouse, you will need to call Lynn Hindley to get the new code, the old ones are obsolete.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party was a fun time for all. We had a good turnout of about 20 mountain kids and a couple drop ins. The kids busied themselves decorating gingerbread men and eating sprinkles and icing until the arrival of the Man in Red.

No one noticed (right away) that he didn't come on the fire truck. They were awed by his presence and thrilled with his presents. Delicious food and treats were enjoyed by every-

one. Many thanks to Santa, aka Jack Vogensen, for a convincing visit, to Jennifer Sheetz for the plentiful cookies and to all who shared food, goodies and time to make

the party so much fun. See you next year, Santa!



Spring Days in Muir Woods

Abundant rain is just what makes a redwood forest happy! Early January windstorms did their natural pruning, the creeks are full of water and the delicate color of early wildflowers dot the forest floor. A perfect backdrop for the park's Centennial activities. They have ranged from celebrations full of walks, birthday cake, poetry and restoration work plus the serious business of being declared a Historic Place on the National Register for its role in the history of American Conservation AND many proclamations in Congress, the state Assembly and by the Marin County Board of Supervisors. Much more ahead! Books will be published later this spring, a "natural quiet zone" declared in Cathedral Grove on UN Day, May 19 and finally the trees will be measured!

But there is distressing news, too. For the first time, salmon did not return to spawn. This endangered species was just a step from disaster already but scientists think the New Year's Eve '05 floods washed out precious eggs and later young fish could not find food in the ocean. Keep your fingers crossed that maybe a few slipped up to continue this year's class.

We'll soon be watching and listening for another endangered species: the northern spotted owl. For many years two pairs have nested here and hopefully will be seen this year. Life is challenging for them, too, since the much more aggressive barred owl has now moved into their territory! Look for an update in the next issue.

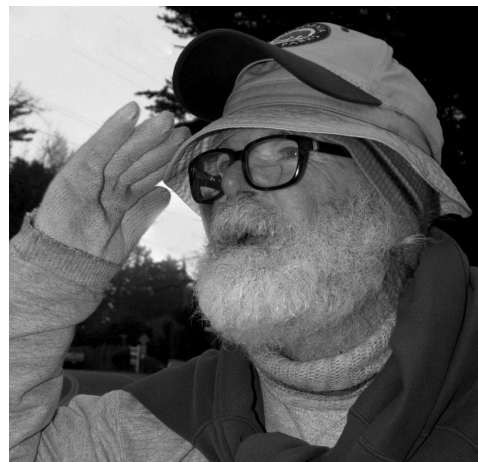
This is a great time to walk in Muir Woods. Soon park hours will be extended to 8 pm: perfect for an after work twilight walk! Enjoy the freshness of spring without the crowds!

Mia Monroe
Site Supervisor
Muir Woods National Monument
stay in touch by checking our website regularly (www.nps.gov/muwo).

His name is John

His parents were originally from Ireland. They were a part of a group that decided to give up their homes in Donegal, in search of a better life. Forty of them sailed together across the Atlantic, arrived in New York harbor, passed by the Statue of Liberty, and were processed through Ellis Island.

John spent his early youth in the Bronx, part of a larger immigrant community that bonded together in this new, and strange land.



Later, as a teen, he was raised in upstate New York. The wanderlust spirit of his family came alive in him though, and as soon as he could, he joined the Marines, hoping to see the world. He got more than he bargained for. Ending up a combat soldier in the Korean War, he swore that when he returned home, he would see the whole country, and always be in search of a good time.

Eventually he married, "sort of" settled down, and later in life landed right here up on The Mountain.

Why does he do what he does? "It's the kids," he replies. His favorite thing is to see their faces light up when they see him out there, standing alone in his hat, with his fluffy white beard, greeting everyone that passes by. He imagines the children laughing and saying "mommy he waived to me!"

"A lot of people have been good to me," he explains, "This is my way of giving back."

That guy who stands out on Panoramic, near Monte Cimas saluting us as we come and go? He's our neighbor, and his name is John—John Faraher.

-Scott McBurnie



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

Drop-ins are welcome!

Tuesday: 6:00 PM
 Thursday 6:30PM

Exceptions: (2nd Thursday of the month when MWPCA Board meets.....and occasional 1st Tuesdays when elections are held since the Clubhouse is our local polling place)

Meighan Leibert instructs a yoga class at the Clubhouse. Mats and equipment are provided.

If 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!

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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

FEBRUARY

Thursday	14	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Sunday	24	Video Night	7:00 PM
Tuesday	26	Get Ready!	7:00 PM

MARCH

Thursday	13	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Saturday	29	Get Ready!	1:00 PM
Sunday	30	Video Night	7:00 PM

APRIL

Thursday	14	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Sunday	20	Video Night	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>.