

THE MARINVIEW

The Marinview Community Association Newsletter

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President's Message

I'm pleased to be writing my first President's Message since Bernard Calalintotto handed off the Board Presidency after his several years of great work for MVCA. Thank you Bernard for your leadership, humor and keeping our meetings punctual and on-point. On behalf of the Marinview Board, I also want to extend a special thanks to John Lynch, who until recently has supported MVCA for over 20 years and has worked tirelessly to tackle fire safety and open space management challenges for our community.

MVCA is continuing to make good progress on issues of common concern to our unique neighborhood, as covered in the following updates on fire safety progress, trails maintenance, and membership outreach. The MVCA remains heavily focused on fire hazard reduction. Our homes are in an area of high risk for catastrophic wildland-urban fire. Devastating wildland-urban fires in California are now too common; Santa Rosa, Napa, Clear Lake, Santa Barbara, and now Redding. In just the past year, urban-wildland fires have resulted in the loss of thousands of homes, the deaths of dozens

of people, and over \$3B (yes, Billion) in property losses. The Tam Valley area and Marinview have similar high fire risk. It's not a matter of if, but when, the late summer north-east winds and dry conditions return to Marin. Your actions matter, and there are simple steps you can take to help improve Marinview's fire safety. Here are a few.

Maintain your landscaping to create adequate defensible space. An unsafe property puts both itself and adjacent properties at risk during a fire.

Have a plan for rapid evacuation of your family in the event of a fire.

Register for emergency alerts through Alert Marin Emergency Notification on the Marin County Sheriff's website.

Contact Southern Marin Fire District at **SouthernMarinFire.org** to request an inspection and advice on reducing your property's fire hazard. Contact the SMFD Board and encourage prioritizing resources for property inspections, fire safety code enforcement and prevention efforts.

Contact your county supervisor, Kate Sears (415-473-7331), and urge action by Caltrans, PG&E, and Marin County Public Works to thin overgrown vegetation along major local roads such as Tennessee Valley and Highway 1.

MVCA represents 242 property owners. Our collective voice to local officials can make a difference. Your individual voice can make a difference. On behalf of the MVCA Board and your Marinview neighbors, thank you for your support in making Marinview a more fire-resilient community..

Treasurer's Report

As of July 25, 2018, Marinview had a balance of \$20,761 in our checking account and \$3,209 in our savings (emergency) account. The checking balance should soon decline by \$8,500 due to expenditures for heavy brush removal & maintenance of public land in and around Marinview as well as the installation of steps on the Carrera Connector Trail. Other YTD expenditures include \$1,114 (front entrance maintenance), \$550 (newsletter), and \$434 (water). Of the 242 homes in Marinview, so far only 121 (50%) have paid their homeowners dues.

Fire Mitigation / Landscaping Report

Marinview's May chipper days were extremely successful thanks to the broad participation of Marinview residents. A record amount of approximately 95 cubic yards of brush, limbs, etc. were chipped and

removed from our neighborhood. And even more good news: Southern Marin Fire Department (SMFD) paid for all 4 days of chipping! This allowed the Marinview board to redirect funds budgeted for chipper days to do even more heavy brush removal, principally below Deer Trail Road. Collectively, these efforts have made Marinview that much safer. So a profound THANK YOU to SMFD.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: We will have another Neighborhood Walk with Captain Jason Golden from the Southern Marin Fire Department. Jason will provide extremely useful informative on how to "harden" your home from wildfire, common sense defensible space steps one can take, what steps to take during fire "high alert" days and what one needs to consider if evacuation is required. Please join us at the end of **Vista de Valle at 1 pm on September 16th.** In addition, Jason will respond to any questions you might have and will point out good and not so good examples of defensible space.

Trails Committee Report

As noted in the Treasurer's Report, your Marinview board budgeted funds for the installation of steps on the steep part of the Carrera Connector Trail (connects lower Carrera Road to the Rhubarb Trail). Once installed, the steps will make it much easier to traverse that part of the trail. Unfortunately, this project has been delayed due to the busy schedule of the firm hired to

due the work. We're hoping the steps will be installed sometime in the fall.

Emergency Communications

As any resident in Marinview knows, we are in a high fire risk area. For many years the MVCA has been supporting mitigation of the fuel load in our community. This certainly will reduce risks but as we have seen with other communities such as Santa Rosa and currently Redding, this work isn't a silver bullet. In the event of a fire, earthquake, or other disaster, staying safe and being able to make an orderly exit out of the area would need to be supported by a coordinated effort.

The MVCA is looking into an two-way repeater system that will be located at the top of the canyon to be used by Marinview residents. MVCA has set aside some funds to support this. The system is based on commodity equipment so the radios that will be distributed will be in the \$35 to \$50 price range. If folks are interested in the system and want to learn how to participate and support the emergency efforts by the MVCA, please contact Tim Pozar at pozar@LNS.com.

Upcoming Events

The next MVCA board meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 7 PM at the TCSD

cabin. The next Fire Mitigation meeting is on September 9th at 7 PM also at the TCSD cabin. Please consider coming to these meetings to be informed and possibly help your community.

Membership Records

Your Marinview Community Association dues support many important efforts, such as fire safety and the front entrance. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize those individuals who, according to our records, have paid their dues and are members in good standing of our Association. Listed below are residents in good standing as of July 2018. To err is human, to forgive divine, so if you have paid your dues and your name is not on this list, please let us know and we will correct the list. However, If you have not yet paid for this year, please send your payment at your earliest convenience in the enclosed envelope to Jim Burns, 349 Carrera Drive. MVCA works hard to maximize the value of the funds, and leverages with our local government partners like TCSD to stretch every dollar. We guarantee that you will feel good that you are taking part in your community of neighbors and helping keep Marinview the unique and beautiful neighborhood we're all fortunate to call home.

301	Ashton Lane	308	Ashton Lane	311	Bristol Place
303	Ashton Lane	302	Bristol Place	303	Carrera Drive
304	Ashton Lane	301	Bristol Place	309	Carrera Drive
305	Ashton Lane	304	Bristol Place	312	Carrera Drive

317	Carrera Drive	400	Countyview Drive	416	Durant Way
323	Carrera Drive	406	Countyview Drive	419	Durant Way
324	Carrera Drive	410	Countyview Drive	423	Durant Way
325	Carrera Drive	411	Countyview Drive	430	Durant Way
333	Carrera Drive	302	Deertrail Lane	432	Durant Way
335	Carrera Drive	307	Deertrail Lane	303	Via Recodo
337	Carrera Drive	311	Deertrail Lane	307	Via Recodo
339	Carrera Drive	314	Deertrail Lane	309	Via Recodo
340	Carrera Drive	315	Deertrail Lane	311	Via Recodo
341	Carrera Drive	317	Deertrail Lane	315	Via Recodo
343	Carrera Drive	320	Deertrail Lane	316	Via Recodo
347	Carrera Drive	322	Deertrail Lane	318	Via Recodo
349	Carrera Drive	324	Deertrail Lane	320	Via Recodo
351	Carrera Drive	327	Deertrail Lane	313	Via Recodo
353	Carrera Drive	329	Deertrail Lane	408	Viewpark CT
362	Carrera Drive	302	Durant Way	412	Viewpark CT
365	Carrera Drive	304	Durant Way	414	Viewpark CT
367	Carrera Drive	306	Durant Way	415	Viewpark CT
370	Carrera Drive	314	Durant Way	416	Viewpark CT
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379	Carrera Drive	329	Durant Way	421	Viewpark CT
382	Carrera Drive	338	Durant Way	422	Viewpark CT
388	Carrera Drive	339	Durant Way	424	Viewpark ista de Valle
391	Carrera Drive	340	Durant Way	305	Vista de Valle
358	Carrera Drive	344	Durant Way	307	Vista de Valle
325	Countyview Drive	346	Durant Way	308	Vista de Valle
330	Countyview Drive	353	Durant Way	315	Vista de Valle
339	Countyview Drive	357	Durant Way	317	Vista de Valle
343	Countyview Drive	389	Durant Way	320	Vista de Valle
347	Countyview Drive	394	Durant Way		
351	Countyview Drive	398	Durant Way		
355	Countyview Drive	404	Durant Way		
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377	Countyview Drive	408	Durant Way		
383	Countyview Drive	410	Durant Way		
385	Countyview Drive	412	Durant Way		

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2018 Annual Membership Dues – Marinview Community Association
(\$125 per single-family residence)

Name: _____ Amt. enclosed: \$ _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Suggestions for the Marinview Board meetings/other comments:

Please send your payment in the enclosed envelope to: 349 Carrera Ave, Mill Valley 94941