

# THE MARINVIEW

*The Marinview Community Association Newsletter*



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**Your Membership Dues at Work**  
***Fire Mitigation, Heavy Brush Clearing, Fire  
Safety & Evacuation Planning & Social  
Outreach***

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### **President's Message**

Well, 2019 is here and it's a great time to be involved with your local Marinview Community Association (MVCA). We have challenges ahead such as increasing wildland fire danger, worsening dry weather, flooding of key roads during king tides, and the always popular traffic congestion of Tam Junction. For each of these challenges, there are opportunities for us to take local actions that make a real difference. Your MVCA Board is doing just that, as you will see in reading the articles that follow. With three new members, Fred Stemmler and Beth Waldman Keenan (board) and Rebecca Seligman (Fire Mitigation Cmte), we are working to reduce fire hazards, repair neighborhood trails, engage with elected local government leaders, and secure grant funds to help pay for important community needs. Marinview is engaged with TCSD, Southern Marin Fire District (SMFD), Marin County Open Space, Marin County Fire, GGNRA, and CalTrans to help fund and coordinate critical fire safety work. Other activity includes updating our communications (NextDoor) and maintaining the MVCA entry landscaping. We can always use an extra hand, whether it's local government advocacy, canvassing homeowners for Chipper Day participation or evacuation drill planning, or joining a work crew on the local trails. So read on, stay tuned, and chip in if you have the time (or money!) and inclination to do so. It's going to be a busy 2019 in MVCA.

## **Upcoming Events**

The next MVCA board meeting is scheduled for March 12th at 7 PM at the TCSD cabin. All MVCA residents are encouraged to attend.

## **Treasurer's Report**

MVCA remains in good financial condition with dues collected last year of \$18,200, exceeding our 2018 expenses of \$12,486. Our current checking account balance is \$17,148. Fire mitigation efforts such as brush clearing and maintenance represented almost 65% of 2018 expenditures. Twenty-eight percent of the expenditures were related to the front entrance. The 2019 budget includes an even greater amount for fire mitigation efforts in and around Marinview.

## **Fire Mitigation News**

For 2019, your Board approved spending \$13,000 on heavy brush clearing, removal of dead/dying trees, etc. We will work with SMFD to identify the highest risk areas in and around Marinview that require such attention. In addition, Firewise Tam Valley (FWTV) assisted TCSD in obtaining a \$150,000 grant for brush clearing throughout Tam Valley, with some work likely to occur adjacent to Marinview. On top of that, FWTV has assisted both TCSD and SMFD in applying for an additional \$750,000 in grants for similar fire mitigation efforts – stay tuned! Speaking of FWTV, the group will hold a community meeting on March 20, 7 pm at the TCSD Community Center. In addition to providing useful information about defensible space, etc. we hope

to have local public and SMFD officials speak to their efforts to make Tam Valley safer.

**Chipper Days – TBA!** TCSD will provide notice on the date of the upcoming Marinview Chipper Days. The event will likely occur sometime in April/May.

### **Communications/Outreach Committee**

In January of 2019, we launched MVCA's newest committee in order to increase communication and connection for our growing neighborhood. Our team is working hard to digitize the newsletter, increase membership and involvement through quarterly social events, and establish a more complete roster of residents for fire safety. If you have not yet found the NextDoor MVCA Group, please do so and join for news, upcoming social and fire safety events as well as for emergency outreach. Please also help us by spreading the word. If you are interested in hosting a Marinview Social in 2019, please contact us at [Newsletter@marinview94941.com](mailto:Newsletter@marinview94941.com).

### **For Your Consideration**

Several residents have communicated concerns regarding parking and dog waste. Relative to other areas of Tam Valley, we're blessed in having normal-sized streets. However, when cars are parked across from one another, that not only impedes traffic but may also prevent emergency vehicles from getting through. With respect to pooches, anecdotally it seems our canine population has increased in recent years. Which is great, except for the increased amount of dog poop in the neighborhood. Please be kind

and pick up your pooch's poop. And by the way, we're working with TCSD to try to install poop bags & cans throughout Marinview.

## **Membership Dues**

We are working hard to activate MarinView as a community to improve our daily quality of life as well as in cases of emergencies. The fires that we are all still prone to have made us keen to do our best to know how to reach out to all residents and be as preventive as possible for the future. Your membership helps by informing us on how to contact you and how to communicate with you. We are working to make it easy with a new payment option with PayPal in addition to being able to mail in checks for \$125 each single family residence. Please send your payment at your earliest convenience using the enclosed envelope mailed to you OR via [PayPal](#) at [Marinview94941@gmail.com](mailto:Marinview94941@gmail.com). Checks should be made to Marinview Community Association. If you use [PayPal](#), it's VERY important to include name & address information to track members in good standing. We also are asking for additional information this year in light of fire safety such as cell phones, emergency contacts and preferred methods of communication for emergencies (Text/ Email/ Phone/ NextDoor). Please include that in your notes for PayPal or in the form with the mailed newsletter. We now have a NextDoor MarinView Group that would be wonderful for all to join especially in light of any emergencies. To create an account go [HERE](#) and if you are already a member, do join the MarinView Community Association Group [HERE](#).

