

THE MARINVIEW

The Marinview Community Association Newsletter - Fall 2019

Your Membership Dues at Work: Activate Your Membership TODAY!

Fire Mitigation, Heavy Brush Clearing, Fire Safety & Evacuation Planning, & Social Outreach

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President's Message

Hello Marinview Residents. In writing the introduction to your Marinview Community Association's Fall 2019 biannual newsletter, I was reminded by recent national and state news of the importance of community resilience in the face of natural disasters or similar impactful events. In a matter of hours or minutes, our homes, public infrastructure, and basic services such as drinking water, transportation, shelter, and food that we assume are always there can be damaged or disrupted for days or weeks. Community resiliency begins at the household and neighborhood level, and there are many basic and reasonably affordable actions you can take to prepare your family and property for events we know Marin is at high risk for such as wildfire, earthquakes, and severe storms and shoreline area flooding. Below are two links with useful information for how Marinview residents can make their families and homes more resilient in the face of emergency events. Please take a look when you have a few minutes....

www.marincounty.org/residents/your-home/emergency-preparedness

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The Marinview Board takes its fiduciary responsibility seriously and works to leverage every dollar of your modest \$125 annual dues.

We do this through grants and local government agency partnerships such as Southern Marin Fire District (SMFD), TCSD, and Marin County. Please consider making your annual payment; it's even easier now with a PayPal option for electronic payment. I hope that the following brief articles give you a good picture of the value your community association is providing to Marinview, as well as ideas on where you could help out through participation in community events or outreach to local governments to support our local governmental service needs such as road repairs, fire-safe conditions on public agency land, and action to improve the primary transit routes for Tam Valley residents. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report

Marinview continues to be in good financial shape. For 2019, we intended to significantly increase spending on both fire safety and improving trails in and around the neighborhood. As of November, our total expenses were a little over \$19,000, with approximately 72% of that spent on fire safety (brush removal, goats, broom whacking, and the Enterprise Concourse Island project). Twelve percent was spent on installing stairs on the Carrera Connector Trail, ten percent on maintaining the front entrance, and the remainder on various other matters. Sadly, so far only 51% of Marinview homes paid their annual \$125 homeowner dues. Given that we believe we deploy these funds in a very prudent

and worthwhile fashion, we urge all Marinview residents to pay their dues.

Fire Mitigation News

Goat Report

On September 18, we held a “goat summit” with representatives from the County, TCSO, Marinview, GGNRA, and Homestead Valley. We concluded that usage of goats in and around Marinview was a great success this year and we all agreed to deploy our furry friends again in 2020. Next year’s program will include more acreage and will start earlier (mid-May) to negate any issue of the invasive plant spreading. Stay tuned!

County Fire Crew Brush Clearing

Marinview recently had the pleasure of having two of the County’s Fire crews in the hood doing some serious brush clearing. They focused on the hillside below Marinview and above the school and Tennessee Valley Road. The crews did a great job and Marinview’s fire safety has significantly improved. Please know, however, the crew’s ability to get into previously inaccessible areas was only made possible by our goat friends eating their way through dense stands of bramble, poison oak, etc.. Thus, one might say it was a team effort. Also, given the steep terrain that the County crews were operating in, it was not possible to haul and chip the brush. Instead, burn piles were created and these will be disposed of next spring.

Enterprise Concourse Island Project

Firewise Tam Valley and Marinview are providing project management oversight and some funding for an effort to remove the dangerous juniper on the island and replacing them with fire- and water-wise California

natives. Juniper removal has happened thanks to a PG&E grant. We’re also seeking a grant from the County for the purchase and planting of the natives, an irrigation system, etc. If our grant application is approved, planting will occur at the start of the rainy season. If you have any expertise with California natives, irrigation systems, etc. and would like to help, please give Jim Burns a call: (415) 272-8258.

Free Fire Safety Property Inspections

Passage of Measure U last fall allowed SMFD to hire an additional defensible space/vegetation officer. If requested, this individual can inspect your home and property and provide expert advice on what steps, if any, you can take to improve your home’s fire safety. If interested, please call Jim Burns at (415) 282-9305. Jim will collect names/addresses and will schedule a day of inspections sometime in January.

Trash Talk

When is the last time you looked closely at your trash bill? Since our service is invoiced on our property taxes, “Not often” is a common response. TCSO has four potential billing options for our MVCA disposal (recycle, trash, and compost) needs:

- B1 - hill one 35 gallon
- B2 - hill one 65 gallon
- D1 - hill & private one 35 Gallon
- D2 - hill & private one 65 Gallon

So what does that mean? We all live in a hill zone and some homes are on roads that are considered private. The gallon reference on the rate codes is describing the size of your garbage can, so if your trash can is the same size as your recycle and compost cans, you have a 65-gallon service. Now to the rates: B2 costs \$1,133.44 a year vs B1 at \$760.94 per year. D2 is \$1,204.22

vs D1 \$831.72. Either way, there is a \$373 price difference, and rates are set to increase by 26% over the next three years. Most retirees and small/modest households can easily make the smaller size container work with the large recycle and compost containers available as part of the services, so check out how much air is in your containers each week and downsize if you can. Call TCSD to learn more or schedule a swap of your containers.

One more cautionary note--do your homework and learn what materials are compostable and recyclable. Recycle and compost carts are NOT trash overflow containers!!

Upcoming Events

The next Fire Mitigation/Trail committee meeting is Jan 14th, 2020 at 7 PM at the TCSD

cabin. The next Marinview Board meeting is March 10th, 2020 at 7 PM at the TCSD Cabin. The public is welcome.

Membership Dues

If you have not paid your 2019 Marinview Community Association dues, please send your \$125 payment at your earliest convenience using the enclosed envelope OR via **PayPal at Marinview94941@gmail.com**. Checks should be made to Marinview Community Association. **If you use PayPal, it's VERY important to include name and address information to track members in good standing.** We are asking for additional information this year in light of fire safety.

We thank the members listed below who have paid their 2019 dues. We may have missed an address or two--if we missed yours, we apologize, and please let Treasurer Jim Burns know.

301 Ashton Lane	341 Carrera Drive	347 County View Drive
303 Ashton Lane	343 Carrera Drive	351 County View Drive
305 Ashton Lane	345 Carrera Drive	355 County View Drive
301 Bristol Place	347 Carrera Drive	367 County View Drive
302 Bristol Place	349 Carrera Drive	373 County View Drive
311 Bristol Place	351 Carrera Drive	375 County View Drive
303 Carrera Drive	353 Carrera Drive	377 County View Drive
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311 Carrera Drive	358 Carrera Drive	387 County View Drive
317 Carrera Drive	362 Carrera Drive	389 County View Drive
324 Carrera Drive	365 Carrera Drive	400 County View Drive
325 Carrera Drive	366 Carrera Drive	404 County View Drive
327 Carrera Drive	367 Carrera Drive	410 County View Drive
333 Carrera Drive	370 Carrera Drive	411 County View Drive
337 Carrera Drive	371 Carrera Drive	427 County View Drive
338 Carrera Drive	372 Carrera Drive	431 County View Drive
339 Carrera Drive	373 Carrera Drive	307 Deertrail Lane
	378 Carrera Drive	314 Deertrail Lane
	379 Carrera Drive	315 Deertrail Lane
	382 Carrera Drive	320 Deertrail Lane
	391 Carrera Drive	322 Deertrail Lane
	326 County View Drive	329 Deertrail Lane
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\$125 per Single-Family Residence; PayPal: Marinview94941@gmail.com

Name(s) _____ Amt. enclosed: \$ _____

Address _____

Email 1 _____ Email 2 _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

Preferred Method of Contact in Emergency (circle all that apply): Text/Email/Phone/NextDoor
Suggestions for the Marinview Board meetings/comments email: marinview94941@gmail.com