

THE MARINVIEW

The Marinview Community Association Newsletter - Fall 2020

Your Home, Your Community | We Are Stronger Together

Activate Your Membership TODAY

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

Board Members: Greg Norby (President), Jim Burns (Treasurer), Fred Stemmler (Secretary), Bernard Catalinotto, Leonel Figueroa, Elias Olson, Tim Požar, & Beth Waldman Keenan

President's Message

We hope Marinview residents are healthy and at least coping in these troubled times. And let's all continue to keep an eye on neighbors who might need a helping hand now and then. Lastly, let's not forget (as if we could) that fire season is upon us. Please pay attention to pine needles in gutters, leaves/brush below decks, inappropriate plants (juniper) near one's home, etc. Stay safe!

Treasurer's Report

As of the Fall of 2020, Marinview remains in good financial standing. YTD expenses total \$18,159, with much of those funds spent on major fire mitigation and trails projects (see Fire Mitigation/Trails Report). Other expenses include landscaping, newsletter, etc. YTD, we have received \$15,963 in membership dues. This is a disappointment in that this reflects only half of Marinview households paying their dues. If more households paid, we would be able to dramatically expand our fire mitigation and emergency preparedness efforts. Please go to www.Marinview.org and select the "Dues Pymt Status" tab to see if you have paid your 2020 dues.

Air Quality

All of us in Marinview, and in Marin County in general, have been struck by the rapid increase in air pollution caused by smoke from the Northern California wildfires. For the many of us

who are retired or working from home because of COVID-19, a daily hike has been a lifesaver. But now that wildfires are raging, poor air has kept us caged indoors in our homes. What can we do?

One answer of course is to buy air purifiers, keep the windows closed, run your air conditioner if you have one, and hunker down. Another possibility, since air quality often varies from hour to hour, is to monitor the air quality like a hawk, and grab a hike at those times, often in the morning when the air quality is good.

A great way to monitor the air quality is to check out the incredible website purpleair.com. That site reports temperature and air quality readings from thousands of sensors across the country and around the world. Lucky for us, three of our neighbors have devices, on Recodo, Carrera, and Deertrail, which give us a solid picture of recent and current Marinview readings.

We also suggest you monitor US EPA PM2.5 AQI at the LRAPA level. If you see values above 150, you would want to stay indoors. If you have any questions about purpleair.com, feel free to contact us or your neighbors on Nextdoor.

If you are one of the residents who have a sensor, please let us know. We'd love to discuss it with you and--if you wish--introduce you to the board.

Getting Ready for Fire Season

First and foremost: SIGN UP! Alert Marin (www.alertmarin.org) provides alerts specific to an address, street, or neighborhood. This

includes information regarding wildfires and evacuations. You cannot evacuate if you don't know you need to! You should also sign up for Nixle (www.nixle.com)—those alerts target ZIP codes, so they tend to focus on issues affecting larger areas, such as power outages, road closures, police activity, etc.

Next: go to the FireSafe Marin website (www.firesafemarin.org) for excellent information on defensible space, “hardening” one’s home, evacuation information, and much more. In past years, defensible space seemed to be the mantra. While still important, fire professionals now recognize that hardening one’s home is equally important. A lesson learned from the recent mega-fires is that firestorm-driven winds can send embers miles away. Your home must be able to withstand a shower of these embers. One vulnerability of many Marinview homes that should be addressed is the presence of old crawl space vents. Code now requires vents to have a much tighter mesh to prevent embers from entering homes. New, code-compliant vents are cheap and easy to install—a great investment for your home and family!

Fire Mitigation / Trails Report

2020 has been a banner year for fire mitigation and trails projects. These projects should materially increase the safety and quality of life of Marinview residents. Funding came from various sources, including the county, SMFD, TCSD, FireSafe Marin, a grant, and Marinview membership dues. Projects have included:

- Marin County Tam Fire crews spent two days removing (burning) approximately 60 brush piles created in the course of last year’s brush clearing.
- SMFD, Marinview, and grant money paid for the reduction of a dense area of

brush, broom, cypress trees, etc. located at 532 Tennessee Valley Road. This property sits below Marinview, and its poorly maintained condition represented a serious threat to our neighborhood.

- A grant and FireSafe Marin funded a number of Marinview chipper days.
- Marinview cleared a large area of brush located below 368 Carrera.
- Marinview cleared a large area of brush located below Durant and Via Recodo.
- Marinview cleared a large area of brush located below Deertrail.
- Lastly, Marinview split goat costs with TCSD. Our share was \$4,000.

In November, the county should do additional brush clearing in the Countyview bowl.

Trails improvements include the Carrera connector stairs and repairing the goat-damaged trail that runs from the elementary school to the Rhubarb Trail. The county also improved the stairs on the Countyview bowl trail.

New Marinview Maps

We’d like to tell you about some new maps of Marin and of Tam Valley that are particularly detailed in our area and are great tools for local hiking and orientation.

Most of you know that detailed printed atlases of Tam Valley and Marin County were delivered free to Marinview residents a few years ago. Now you can carry these detailed maps of Marinview and Marin, and even mark them up and attach photos, all on your phone. It works wherever you hike, even out of cell phone range, because it’s local on your phone. And the price is right: the app and the maps are gratis!

To use the map: download the Avenza Maps app on your iPhone or Android and select and download the map atlases “Marin Community Map” Book Bundle and/or “Tamalpais Valley Community Map” Book Bundle; and then take a

hike. Track your route, place some points, take a photo. It's great fun. If you have any questions, feel free to send Bernard Catalinotto an email: bernardcatalinotto@gmail.com

Friendly Parking Reminder

Please keep in mind that ALL parking in Marinview (except, of course private driveways and garages) is subject to the 72-hour rule—cars parked on the street must be moved every 72 hours. Hopefully, we all agree that Marinview streets should not be used as a storage facility for **anything**, be it private cars, commercial vehicles, trailers, RVs, etc. Thanks for the consideration.

Enterprise Concourse Island Project

Over the last year and assisted by grants from PG&E and the county, the island's highly flammable juniper was removed and replaced with mulch. Unfortunately, the final phase of this project—landscaping the crosswalk end of the island and upgrading the bench—has been stalled due to the pandemic and a shortage of funds. Recently, however, Marinview has agreed to split the cost of this final phase with the Tam Elementary School PTA. Both will contribute \$800 and work should begin soon.

Welcome Committee

Your Marinview Board has formed a Welcome Committee to ensure that we all stay connected. While many residents here are original owners of the homes in this special neighborhood, some having raised their children here and sent them off to school, many new families including my own have moved in initially as renters and then become homeowners over the past decade. Marinview is a home to all of us. The more connected we all can be, the stronger we are

together, especially in times of need such as current times.

We encourage you to say hello to your new neighbors, get to know each other's names, and exchange contact information. As we have an influx of homeowners and renters in our community, you can help us by introducing yourselves and your neighbors, especially new renters to the Marinview Board. You can do this by emailing Beth at bdwaldman@gmail.com to ensure that we can reach out to you and your new neighbors. We will keep them up to date on fire prevention measures such as goats and chipper days, loop them into our social communications via the newsletter and Nextdoor group, and introduce them to our website. Our membership fees contribute to all our efforts. The more we can do to protect and connect our neighborhood, the safer and more resilient Marinview is as a community. We thank you for your efforts in doing your part!

Upcoming Events

The next Marinview Board meeting is November 10th, 2020 at 7 PM. The public is welcome. A Zoom link will be provided on the Marinview.org website.

Membership Dues

If you have not paid your 2020 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.** You can check for your status by visiting <https://marinview.org/wp/dues-status/>

We thank the members listed below who have paid their 2020 dues. We may have missed an address or two--if we missed yours, we apologize, and please let Treasurer Jim Burns know.

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301 Bristol Place
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303 Carrera Drive
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2020 Annual Membership Dues – Marinview Community Association
\$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