

THE MARINVIEW

The Marinview Community Association Newsletter - Spring 2021

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President's State of the 'Hood

With a degree of sadness, I must report that this will be my last "State of the 'Hood" message to the residents of Marinview. In March, the current Marinview board secretary, Fred Stemmler, will replace me as board president. I'm not going away, however, as I will remain on the Marinview board as a member at large. The last three years serving as your president have been very satisfying: interacting with Marinview residents, solving problems, and trying to improve both the safety and quality of life for everyone in our community. I look forward to helping Fred continue to make progress in these areas. My last message: Continued progress is dependent on residents paying their community association dues. So please make your contribution to the community—it's very important and much appreciated. Thanks.

Mel the Mailman Retires

After 20 years of outstanding service, Marinview said thank you and goodbye to our longtime friend and mail carrier Mel in December. One of our residents marked the occasion with a personalized thank you at the entrance of our community coupled with an outpouring gratitude on Nextdoor and on the streets. Mel's service was lauded for always bringing a smile and a warm greeting through steadfast and consistent essential work. Mel shared that he has loved watching the community grow up over the years, but it was time for him to take a route in Fairfield closer to his home and family. We all wish Mel the best in his next route and look forward to meeting our new postal carrier!

Treasurer's Report

2020 was a productive year for Marinview. We spent a little over \$25,000 on such things as heavy brush clearing, brush-eating goats, maintenance of the Countyview Island, etc. And 62% of the homes in Marinview paid their annual dues. For more detail, please go to Marinview's website (www.marinview.org) to view the 1/12/21 Treasurer's Report. And click on the "Dues Pymt Status" to see if you've paid your 2021 dues.

Taking Care of Our Neighborhood

If 2020 taught us anything, it is that our behavior has immediate effects on our local community. Heart-driven volunteer actions, like signing up for the Help Map on NextDoor or saying hello when passing a neighbor, are significant touchpoints, especially during this time of isolation and challenges. We applaud everyone for reaching out and caring for those in need. For neighborhood safety, we have encouraged each of you to be proactive by activating new residential projects and keeping a log of all contractors and workers who come to Marinview to ensure that all behavior that could affect our community can be accounted for easily and directly. With school back in session since late November, we have noticed an increase in trash surrounding the paths. We encourage all families to share the importance of taking care of our neighborhood with their kids, encouraging them to pack their snack trash back home with them with the phrase "Pack It Back!" As we are all in this together, we can all do our part by picking up trash that we see on our hikes. We all want to encourage a litter-free experience on our treasured trails and hope all new non-local

visitors will feel compelled to keep Marinview as clean as they find it. Thank you for all doing your part!

Tam Elementary and Traffic

Tam Valley Elementary (TVE) School students are back at school in a brand new way thanks to COVID-19. Motorists showed some regrettable behaviors early on with the returned traffic patterns, but tempers have thankfully leveled out. TVE School now has two groups studying apart in AM and PM cohorts so that means more traffic Monday through Friday, with Cohort A drop-off at 8:15 AM and pick up at 10:45 AM and Cohort B drop-off 12:10 PM and pick up at 2:40 PM. Please plan accordingly, be patient, and be kind as we welcome the kids and their families back to the classrooms.

Tam Fire Break

You may have noticed the clearing that has occurred on Fernwood Cemetery property along Tennessee Valley Road. This represents the start of a long fuel break that will extend from Fernwood to near Eastwood Park—essentially the SW boundary of Tam Valley. Much of the 100-foot-wide break—really a “shaded canopy” (trees are limbed up and flammable underbrush removed)—will be on GGNRA land. GGNRA has approved this project and performed all necessary environmental assessments. Due to birding and other considerations, work will be performed during the winter months as much as possible. As originally planned, this project will take over 3 years to complete. Also, know the break will not be a contiguous line from one end to the other—work will only occur in areas deemed to be fire

threats. The good news for Marinview is that some of the sections in our neighborhood are next on the list—work adjacent to our community should start very soon. The Southern Marin Fire District is managing the project, which is funded by a \$720,000 CAL FIRE grant.

NOAA Radios

Want a backup warning system to alert you and your family to dangerous weather conditions, evacuation notices, etc.? Midland USA makes special radios that only broadcast National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) information. These radios also make a loud warning tone in the event that local authorities deem there’s a major emergency that requires alerting the public. By design, the tone is loud enough to wake a person up in the middle of the night. If you’re interested in purchasing this radio, Midland is currently providing Marin residents with a 30% discount off the \$39.99 retail price AND free shipping. Use the discount code “Marin” when checking out at <https://midlandusa.com/product/wr-120-weather-radio/>

Membership Dues

If you can, please pay your 2021 Marinview Community Association dues of \$125. You can either send a check using the enclosed envelope OR pay via **PayPal** at **Marinview94941@gmail.com**. Checks should be made to Marinview Community Association. **If you use PayPal, it’s VERY important to include your name and address to track members in good standing.**

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