

THE MARINVIEW

The Marinview Community Association Newsletter - Spring 2022

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

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President's Message

Greetings to all and a special welcome to the newest members joining our great community. For those unfamiliar with this publication, The Marinview Community Association Board Members publish a bi-annual newsletter highlighting the news and happenings in our neighborhood and the surrounding area. This newsletter highlights a deeper look into recent community sewer infrastructure projects, updates members on recent trail improvements and the status of our little free libraries as well as looks ahead to the fall events. We hope you enjoy the content and welcome your feedback, suggestions, or content requests for later editions. Be well, be safe and continue to be good neighbors to one and all!

Fred Stemmier - MVCA President

Treasurer's Report

The Marinview Community Association starts 2022 with a healthy carryover of a little more than \$14,000. As of year-end 2021, 146 of 230 homes (63%) paid their \$125 annual association dues. Last year's major expenses – totaling a bit more than \$14,000 – were for such things as heavy brush clearing, goats, maintenance of the Countyview Island, etc. Another \$1,500 was spent on clearing brush and juniper along Countyview to improve the traffic line of sight. For 2022, more of the same is expected, plus the possibility of a major neighborhood social event, COVID permitting. Remember, you can always go to Marinview's website www.marinview.org and click on "Dues Pymt Status" to check whether you've paid your dues.

Fire Mitigation News

Over the last 15 years or so, Marinview, with help from neighbors, various public agencies, grants, etc.

has removed great quantities of fire dangerous brush/bramble/dead, dying trees, etc. that previously surrounded our neighborhood. One of the few remaining areas targeted for brush removal is below lower Carrera and just west of the Rhubarb Meadow. Work here would likely necessitate the creation of a number of burn piles in the Rhubarb Meadow. These piles would have to cure for at least a year before burning by the fire department.

Speaking of burn piles: Marinview may see burn pile activity this spring. There are about 20 piles in the meadow below Carrera and adjacent to the school. These piles are sufficiently cured and are targeted for disposal by the county Tam Fire Crew this spring. As always, burn pile activity is subject to strict weather conditions and other parameters prevailing at the time.

Walk the 'Hood Fire Safety Event

Last year's July event, held on View Park Court, was very well received. It entailed a good discussion of steps one can take to improve the fire resiliency of your home, actually viewing some of these steps taken on nearby homes, and a general Q&A with Southern Marin Fire District (SMFD) Vegetation Officer Jesse Figone. Special thanks to Janet Crawford for sharing her in-depth knowledge of home hardening strategies. Needless to say, we'll schedule another event this summer – just in time for fire season! Stay tuned.

Little Free Libraries in Marinview

Little Free Libraries (LFLs) are small, book-sharing boxes that are accessible to everyone. You can take a book or leave a book, or both, at any time. The idea was started by Little Free Libraries, a nonprofit organization based in Wisconsin. Their mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a

global network of volunteer-led LFLs. There are more than 125,000 LFLs in the United States.

Here in Marinview, we have two of these LFLs. One is at 423 Durant Way, and one at 390 Carrera Drive. There are also many LFLs in Tam Valley and Mill Valley. To find LFLs in any area, go to <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap>; however, there are also sometimes boxes that aren't in the LFL network.

Please come and check out the LFLs in Marinview. If you're interested in becoming an LFL steward yourself, all you need is at the Little Free Library website listed above. We can be part of their mission, with an LFL in every community and a book for every reader!

Goats 2022!

Star Creek Land Stewards' happy herd of 400 goats will return to Marinview around mid-May 2022. In previous years, their tour started on a TCSD parcel above Countyview and ended at the school – a journey of about 21 days. As always: do NOT touch the slightly electrified, portable fencing and do NOT engage our goat friends or their canine partners. And remember the herd has a guard dog, usually a Great Pyrenees, who often barks at night due to predators on the prowl. Please know this won't last more than

a night or so, as the herd is continuously on the move. Lastly, if you have sensitive plants, trees, or other areas you don't wish the goats to nibble on, please call Jim Burns, Senior Goat Coordinator, at (415) 272-8258. For more information about Star Creek Land Stewards and their goats, please visit their website: www.starcreeklandstewards.com

TCSD Sewer Pipe Replacement

In February, you may have noticed lots of trucks, equipment, no parking signs, etc. in Marinview. Much of this was related to a TCSD capital improvement plan to replace aging sewer pipes. While absolutely necessary, some of this work resulted in a few negative impacts to the neighborhood, particularly to the trail on the sewer berm that traverses between the concrete stairs above the school to the Rhubarb Trail. TCSD was alerted to this damage, and, within days, their contractor brought in a truck load of gravel and repaired the trail.

Upcoming Events

The next MVCA board meeting is scheduled for April 12th at 7 PM. All MVCA residents are encouraged to attend. Please email bdwaldman@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Membership Dues

If you can, please pay your 2022 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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