

THE MARINVIEW

The Marinview Community Association Newsletter - Fall 2022

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

Board Members: Fred Stemmler (President), Jim Burns (Treasurer), Beth Waldman Keenan (Secretary), Alicia Asensio, Bernard Catalinotto, Leonel Figuerdo, Elias Olson, Tim Požar, and Raymond Rosen

President's Message

Let me start by saying how appreciative I am for the temperate weather we have enjoyed this summer here in MVCA!

Watching heat waves and storms ravage a lot of the country/world makes me thankful for what we have here. Another La Niña winter looks likely to happen, so I hope you all are planning ahead for wet weather (fingers crossed) and the inevitable winds that come with the larger storm systems. Several trees came down last winter and many folks in the neighborhood have taken proactive measures to remove trees that shifted and leaned—THANK YOU! If you find yourself in a similar situation and are looking for references on tree services, please reach out to our board.

Enough on the weather for now... holiday fun is right around the corner. Please break out those home decorations and let's light up this neighborhood for the kids this October and December! I look forward to walking the neighborhood with our family and seeing the community celebrate another great year here in MVCA.

On behalf of the entire board, a very happy holidays to you all!

Treasurer's Report

Marinview's financial condition remains good. We have approximately \$17,000 in our Wells Fargo checking account. Recent expenditures include partnering with TCSD to install a French drain on the trail leading to Tam Elementary

School and repairing nearby stairs—both projects are intended to help kids and parents comfortably get to and from school. Another major expense was Marinview's contribution to TCSD for the goats. Interestingly, and for the first time in years, there's been no major expenditure on brush abatement projects. This reflects the fact that, after 15 or so years of hard work, there's less brush on public land in and around Marinview to clear.

About half of Marinview homes have paid their annual \$125 Community Association dues for 2022.

Proposed 10-year outdoor/trails improvement plan

As noted in the Treasurer's Report, we're anticipating declining expenditures on brush abatement projects in the years to come. Which means we'll be able to shift some funds to quality-of-life-type projects here in Marinview. This has led the Marinview board to form a small committee (Jim Burns, Bernard Catalinotto, and Beth Waldman-Keenan) to strategize a game plan. The group decided that the best way to improve our residents' quality of life was to improve our outdoor amenities. To that end, they have formulated a 10-year plan that focuses on such things as building new trails, improving existing trails, installing strategically placed benches, creating an outdoor gathering space, etc. This plan will be presented at the upcoming 10/11/22 board meeting. The plan will also be posted to the Marinview.org website. Resident comments are welcomed and desired.

Goat Report

Marinview had another successful goat visitation in 2022. Our hairy friends arrived mid-May and stayed for about three weeks. In the course of their visit, the happy herd materially reduced the dangerous collection of brush/broom and other vegetation in and around Marinview. That's not to say there were no lessons learned. For 2023, we hope to expand the existing grazing areas to address spots previously missed and to bring the goats closer to homes. In addition, the herder will ensure greater control of his two border collies both on and off duty. And signage will be expanded to remind the public of the presence of the goats' guard dog.

Another change in 2023 *may* be—for the first time—inclusion of certain GGNRA and TCSD parcels. Marinview representatives recently met with GGRNA Vegetation Ecologist Erik Grijalva and Star Creek Land Stewards (goats) owner Bianca Soares to discuss the possibility of expanding the goats' current grazing route to include GGRNA/TCSD land on Marinview's western and northern borders. The preliminary conclusion: Some GGNRA parcels might benefit from goat grazing but others may not due to their high tree canopy and low amounts of brush. And getting goats below View Park to the TCSD parcel appears challenging but possible. Stay tuned—we'll provide a final update in our Spring 2023 newsletter.

Got Bugs?

You very well may because they're all around us! Neighbors and businesses in our area reported huge swarms flying after the unexpected September rains. The kids down at Tam Valley Elementary School reported thousands of spent wings littered around the playground, and exterminators were working around the clock responding to panicked households up and down Marin and Sonoma.

Speaking to a specialist, we have since identified these swarms as Western subterranean termites (WST). These little guys hatch with rains following prolonged dry periods and take flight in search of new moist ground on which to build colonies. They'll resemble a dark ant and often travel in pairs after they drop their wings. If they move into dirt in your basement or around your exterior perimeter, get yourself ready for a battle with mother nature! Mud tunnels on your foundation are a clue they've moved in and are searching for food in your home (WOOD), so watch out for the signs. Thankfully the WST life span is short, and they won't do damage while searching for a new home. In my family's case, the bugs were attracted to the roof skylights, dropped their wings on our roof, crawled into the home through skylight wicking holes, and thankfully posed no threat aside from frazzled nerves and a fair bit of cleaning. There are certainly other termite and pesky bug species in our neighborhood, and this is the prime season for their growth and exploration. Keep a close eye out and check your crawl spaces for signs of critters like wood shavings, pin holes, and tunneling in framing, bug carcasses near vents or in spider webbing, to name a few.

CALLING ALL FUTURE NRG BLOCK CAPTAINS!

Would you like to make sure that you and your neighbors are prepared to respond to a major disaster such as a large-scale earthquake? Would you like to get to know your neighbors better? Do you have a couple of hours each year to help make our community even stronger?

Yes? Then join Bernard, Ronna, Janet, Cynthia, Hina, Tim, and Marla who are already making a difference for Marinview!

Block Captains are the heart of the Neighborhood Response Group program, bringing to life the Neighbor Helping Neighbor approach to disaster preparedness and response. Two Block Captains for every 10–20 homes work together to share safety information, participate in emergency drills, and ensure that the immediate neighborhood is aware of its particular strengths and special needs. During an emergency, they check on their neighbors, after ensuring the well-being of their own homes and families and help as needed. Most importantly, Block Captains facilitate opportunities to help neighbors get to know one another, strengthening social cohesion and improving outcomes in an emergency.

The Marinview NRG is currently looking for 23 new Block Captains. We encourage you to join this great volunteer team, meet others, and enjoy the satisfaction of helping our community.

Learn more at <https://nrgmillvalley.org/mv-nrgs/tam-valley-nrg-network/> and get answers to questions about training, support, and more.

Ready to sign up? Contact the Tamalpais Valley NRG Network Steering Committee at tamvalleynrg@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

The next Marinview Board meeting is October 11th, 2022 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 2022 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 2022 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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Name(s) _____ Amt. enclosed: \$ _____

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Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

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