

THE MARINVIEW

The Marinview Community Association Newsletter - Spring 2023

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President's Message

Greetings Marinview Community Association members and residents.

Weather is never far from my mind between these newsletters, and this winter is certainly no exception, with another round of atmospheric rivers aimed our way while I type this note. With this much winter rain, we have to be lined up for a spectacular spring bloom, and I cannot wait to wander our trails and appreciate the poppies, yarrow, lupines, and iris! Get out there and enjoy the association's recent trail improvements along with county improvements and upkeep efforts.

Speaking of upkeep, I'll take this opportunity to remind everyone that the association maintains several weed wrenches of varying sizes to remove Scotch/French Broom—you'll recognize them by their small, dense yellow flowers. While these plants are pretty in bloom, they are extremely invasive and push out native plants from the area. Ask a board member to borrow our wrenches while the soil is wet, and let's make room for more native species to return to our hills.

Wishing you all well and a temperate summer and fall ahead. – Fred

Treasurer's Report

Marinview Community Association (MCA) ended 2022 with a checking account balance of \$19,719. Expenses during the year equaled \$14,061, while dues received from residents totaled \$19,490. Last year, fire mitigation measures (mainly the goats) were the number one expense at \$5,508. Entrance maintenance (island) and trail improvements were expenses numbers two and three.

For 2023, your Marinview board intends to fund significant improvements to trails in and around our neighborhood. Please see the **Marinview Outdoor**

Trail Improvement Plan article (below) for more details. And please pay your \$125 annual community association dues—they support efforts to enhance Marinview aesthetics, safety, and quality of life. Uncertain if you've paid your dues? Go to www.Marinview.org and click on the "Dues Pymt Status" tab. You can scroll down to your address to see if there's a Y (yes) or a blank (no).

Thank you for your support!

Marinview Outdoor Trail Improvement Plan

As noted in the Fall newsletter, your Marinview board commissioned a small committee to draft a 10-year plan to improve the usage and enjoyment of our outdoor space and trails. The plan is completed and posted to our www.Marinview.org website.

Work has started or will start soon on three of the plan's projects: 1) *Reduce the steep slope of the last 20 feet of the Via Recodo Trail*; 2) *Re-establish the Lower Durant Meadow Trail (a short trail that leads to the stone bench)*; and 3) *Improve the Elam Trail (new trail built by TCSD that runs from the school to the Rhubarb Trail)*. We've hired the Conservation Corps of North Bay to do the work. While all three projects are on either County or TCSD land (requiring their approval to proceed), they are entirely funded by your annual MCA dues. Please also know that the trail names used here are for plan and newsletter purposes only—they are subject to change if someone comes up with better ones.

Lastly, the board intends this plan to be a starting point—we expect the plan will change as our understanding of community outdoor wants/needs expands. Community input is needed to ensure those high-impact, quality-of-life projects are identified. We strongly urge Marinview residents to join us at the next board meeting (4/11/23) to provide input and ideas.

Goat News

Yay! Our goat friends will return this spring for another 3-week engagement. Goat ETA is mid-May. The grazing route is expected to remain the same: starting above Countyview and ending just past the elementary school. And the goat herder's trailer will be parked where it's been in previous years, on the berm above the school. PLEASE NOTE: If you have plants/trees/landscaping that you wish to keep from the not-very-discerning goats, please call Jim Burns at (415) 272-8258. We'll request the goat herder fence off those areas.

As always, please be mindful of the (slightly) electrified fencing surrounding the herd—particularly concerning kids and pets. And also, please be aware of the herd's guardian dog; as Star Creek Land Stewards (goat owners) recently commented:

"..Our litters are raised with the sheep and goats from when they are puppies learn to be a part of the herd. They protect the livestock, and our sheep & goats trust them. Often appearing docile as they spend most of their days sleeping and nights awake, they are always "on duty" and will react defensively when they feel their herd is threatened. Regardless of signage, or prior knowledge of the presence of a Livestock Guardian Dog, it is crucial to respect livestock fencing wherever you see it, never to enter an enclosure, and notify the project manager if a problem does arise."

Additional signage will be added this year to remind residents not to bother the herd and to ensure awareness of the herd's guard dog.

Island Tree Replacement

Sadly, the four large(ish) Callery Pear trees located on our entrance island have either succumbed or are in the process of succumbing to the fireblight disease. The board is currently researching tree replacement candidates that are better suited to both the island and Marin. We hope a new tree installation will occur by the end of March.

Canine Matters

Let's all show courtesy and respect for one another by picking up your dog's poop and keeping him/her under proper control. It seems like Marinview is experiencing a bit of a dog population boom, making it increasingly important to keep your puppy on a leash (or under voice control). Doing so ensures safety and comfort for everybody, including your pet. Thanks for your consideration.

Upcoming Events

The next MVCA board meeting is scheduled for April 11th 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 2023 Marinview Community Association dues of \$125. You can 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, you must include your name and address to track members in good standing.**



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