# Sleepy Hollow Bulletin



#### **SHOW UP FOR SLEEPY HOLLOW**

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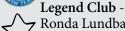
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#### SEPTEMBER PRESIDENT'S LETTER

# Time really flies when you are having fun!

Time really flies when you are having fun! In the midst of lining up the moving parts toward an announcement of a timetable to build the new community center, we also see things that need to happen during construction. We will need more people to step up and get involved with projects as wide ranging as storing (or not storing) furniture and other items from the old clubhouse during construction of the new (rummage sale, anyone?); planning for community get-togethers like July 4<sup>th</sup> while our familiar home is a hard hat zone; collecting ideas for activities you want to see at the community center when the doors open; how to be sure the pool is a great place to be next summer and beyond.

In addition to the special needs of a construction year, several important "regular" things need more attention and new ideas, including stewardship of the Sleepy Hollow Bulletin, ensuring that the SHHA is serving all populations and ages in Sleepy Hollow for the betterment of the community as a whole, and consistent oversight of our community pool and snack bar, to strengthen membership benefits and the pool experience. We have learned this year that even with all ten of us and other faithful volunteers working hard, even high priority ideas have been postponed. Therefore, we will ask the membership to approve at the next membership meeting a by-laws change allowing up to 12 directors, and increase from 10.

That's why we are forming now the nominating committee for directors to stand for election for the 2019 term. David Swaim and Scott Hintergardt have agreed to co-chair the committee, and will recruit others to broaden the effort to be a search committee, seeking board candidates and volunteers for other key roles. The committee will be active in October and November, and will enter a slate into nomination at the SHHA December board meeting. Nominees will be introduced in the November/ December Bulletin which will be mailed to all residents in Sleepy Hollow, and will stand for election at the Annual Membership Meeting the second Thursday of January, 2019 (location to

be determined). The committee will arrange for interested volunteers to meet with one or more committee members or other SHHA Board members to talk about the needs of the SHHA and the interests of the volunteer.

If you have some time and an interest in helping Sleepy Hollow, it is a pretty sure bet that you will find opportunities to work with friends and neighbors to make good things happen. Please think about this. Contact me or David or Scott to talk about your interest. Have an open mind when you are contacted about getting involved. Let's keep Sleepy hollow working, playing, and speaking for a better community.

Community Center: The Sleepy Hollow Charitable Foundation borrowed, with the guaranty of the SHHA and a first deed of trust to Bank of the West, \$975,000. For other aspects of the project please see the minutes of SHHA Board meetings September 6 and 11, on page 3. When we have news of a construction start date, the bells will ring all over Sleepy Hollow.

**Cell Service Potential:** With a sense of urgency for better reception in emergencies, we continue work with Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District, San Domenico School, Supervisor Rice, and Verizon toward improved service. We plan to distribute a survey for indication of residents' interest. Verizon's preliminary assessment is that 4g micro cells installed on 7 to 9 utility poles throughout Sleepy Hollow would improve reception significantly for the majority of homes, as well as schools, church, and community center. Verizon has said that 5g cells are not an option for Sleepy Hollow because our homes are relatively far apart, and 5g transmission is better suited to more densely built areas. Verizon has indicated it will not make a public application until the SHHA is ready to support the process. Community conversation and review, mapping optimal sites, and approvals, are estimated to take months or a year or more. Please let me know of your questions or suggestions.

Jan Blackford, SHHA President



## News & Notes from Supervisor Katie Rice

# Lessons Learned from the North Bay Fires

At a recent Board of Supervisor's meeting, the Marin County Fire Chief provided an overview of lessons learned from the North Bay fires, pointing to several areas that need improvement and offering key recommendations. The report was compiled/developed by the subcommittee that was appointed last November to study lessons learned from the fall 2017 North Bay fires. The subcommittee included Supervisors Arnold and Rodoni, leaders from fire, law enforcement and land management agencies, and representatives from Marin's cities and towns.

The subcommittee's task was to analyze three primary areas associated with wildland fire protection: 1) Wildland Fire Prevention and Protection 2) Vegetation Management, and 3) Emergency Notifications and Evacuations. The committee interviewed Sonoma officials, held a public forum to gather community input, and inventoried Marin's existing programs and identified gaps. The report is intended to guide improvements to Marin's ability to prevent and respond to natural disasters, many of which can only be accomplished with the help of our residents, community partners and various stakeholders. Examples include: increasing the capacity of fire crews, making fire codes consistent between jurisdictions, improving mapping and modeling, dedicating funding for vegetation management and enforcement programs, working with residents to harden homes, maintain defensible space, keep driveway/roads clear among others.

At this meeting, the Board also approved the subcommittee's recommendation to earmark \$122,500 for local fire prevention/planning (out of the previously approved \$500,000 set-aside for disaster preparedness in FY 2018-20 Budget): \$15,000 to support senior residents and those with functional needs to accomplish defensible space improvements, \$7,500 in matching funds for mapping the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for each fire agency in the county, \$100,000 over the next two years towards creating a Disaster Coordinator position.

To learn more, review the staff report and complete "Lessons Learned" report. More information about fire safety can be found at <a href="https://www.firesafemarin.org">https://www.firesafemarin.org</a> and residents can sign up for emergency alerts at <a href="https://www.alertmarin.org">https://www.alertmarin.org</a>.

#### San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project Update

Finally, after years of litigation delay, a plethora of studies and technical analysis, public comment, consternation and scrutiny, and lastly environmental review, the first of several Ross Valley/Zone 9 flood risk reduction projects will come before the Board of Supervisors (acting as Flood Control District) for final environmental and project approval. The San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project (SAFRR) is designed to reduce out-of-bank flooding during major storm events directly benefiting hundreds of residential and business properties in the upper Ross Valley as a stand-alone project, and enhancing the flood reduction benefit of projects in the pipeline. It represents a major step forward in long-

awaited progress towards addressing the Ross Valley's vulnerability to debilitating flooding.

The Project is comprised of two primary elements: a flood storage basin at the former Sunnyside Nursery Growing grounds upstream of downtown Fairfax; and removal of "Building Bridge 2", associated creek capacity and habitat improvements in downtown San Anselmo, including an expansion of Creekside Park. Sophisticated hydraulic modeling shows the "Project" will reduce flood levels on hundreds of parcels in Fairfax, San Anselmo, and Ross with the most benefit realized in 10-year flood events, but also with flood reduction benefit in 25 and 100-year events as well.

The budgeted cost estimate for this Project is \$17.4 million without contingency and comes from the locally generated Ross Valley storm water fee (to which we all contribute) matched by a State Department of Water Resources grant originally designated to the Memorial Park basin proposal.

While Sleepy Hollow residents may not flood during storm events that result in flooding along main stems of Corte Madera Creek, we are, as members of the broader Ross Valley community, impacted every time a flood occurs -- roadways we depend on, many public buildings, business districts and neighborhoods where friends and colleagues live are affected. Flooding is a public safety issue for everyone in the Ross Valley, not just for those in the flood plain. We also, like residents throughout the Ross Valley outside and above floodplain, are complicit to some degree in exacerbating flooding and flood risk, in that the roads, our driveways and rooftops — the impermeable surfaces that are our personal and public infrastructure- act to increase and accelerate storm water runoff during storms. Hence the "Ross Valley Storm Water" fee is assessed on all parcels in the Ross Valley, and in turn provides the local funding source necessary to leverage outside grant funding for projects such as the SAFRR. Should the project be approved, construction will occur in two phases beginning in summer 2019 with the basin in Fairfax, followed by San Anselmo elements in summer 2020. For more information go to: https://www.marinwatersheds.org/resources/projects/san-anselmoflood-risk-reduction-safrr-project.

# Preparedness Coordinators (Block Captains) Needed for Disaster Resilience

Your Sleepy Hollow Fire Board is currently setting up a neighborhood preparedness program. We are looking for volunteer Preparedness Coordinators ("block captains") who will help their neighbors build disaster resilience. We would be looking for someone to meet the neighbors, identify resources, share information on preparedness and last but not least, build a sense of community. Let me know if you are interested in volunteering for this very important job or if you would like more information.

Call Sharon Adams at 415-454-0420 or sadams131@comcast.net.

## SHHA Board Report Sept. 6, 11 Minutes

#### Report from the SHHA Board: Special Committee Meeting September 6, 6:00 p.m., 1317 Butterfield Road

SHHA Directors Spencer Adams, Jan Blackford, Scott Hintergardt, Pete Mayer, Cathy Sarkisian, David Swaim, and Shaun Westfall met with residents Luke Argilla, Dave Grubb, and John Grubb to review matters relating to the timing of construction of the new community center. Ryan Nail joined for a discussion of fundraising. Jan Blackford and John Grubb reported that the SHFPD has not yet announced its intent. It was the sense of all present that until there is a public announcement of intent to lease or not to lease, construction would not be scheduled.

Jan Blackford reported that the \$975,000 mortgage loan from Bank of the West is now scheduled to close in September. The rate is 15 basis points lower than it would have been if we had closed in June as originally documented. It was the sense of all present that the mortgage is important to have in place and that further delay in closing would risk higher rates, less favorable terms, or losing the commitment altogether.

Dave Grubb, who is leading the Construction Committee, reported on a review of costs with the general contractor, to include current costs from subcontractors, and a reconfirmation of their readiness to start later this fall. All present agreed that reliable confirmation of costs is necessary and impacts the fundraising required.

The group discussed fundraising strategies and timing and the leadership and resources needed to steer and execute the fundraising. The group recommended fundraising be completely ready to kick off as soon as a construction date is announced.

#### Minutes of SHHA Board Meeting September 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m., September 6, at 1317 Butterfield Road. Directors Spencer Adams, Jan Blackford, Scott Hintergardt, Cathy Sarkisian, David Swaim, Matt Testa, and Shaun Westfall attended. Others attending: Ryan Nail.

Community Center Authorizing Resolution. Following a review of the issues and recommendations from the discussion concluded earlier the same evening, the Board considered a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association, prepared with the advice of counsel, the purpose of which is to ensure that the legal structure for the construction and operation of the new community center protects and preserves the interests of the SHHA and also the tax status and interests of the SHCF. A legal framework that enables the construction of the new community center and the repayment of associated debt to be made in part from funds raised through tax deductible donations is the best way to assure that the SHCF is able to carry out its charitable purposes and the SHHA is able to continue its chartered responsibility to have a community center for the betterment of the neighborhood, including residents' property values and activities that enhance community wellbeing. The resolution authorizes the SHHA 1) to enter into a 30-year ground lease with the SHCF that allows and requires the SHCF to build the new community center on the land owned by the SHHA at 1317 Butterfield Road; 2) to guarantee loans of the SHCF specifically the \$975,000 mortgage and up to \$1,100,000 in private financing; and 3) to lease from the SHCF space in and use of all facilities at 1317 Butterfield Road in order to carry out the mission

of the SHHA. Spencer Adams moved to approve the resolution and Scott Hintergardt seconded the motion. The Resolution was approved unanimously, with David Swaim and Matt Testa, who are not directors of the SHCF, voting yes.

The discussion of fundraising plans and membership potential in connection with the new community center will continue Tuesday September 11 at 7:00PM.

Traffic and San Domenico Transportation Management Plan Review. Jan Blackford, Scott Hintergardt, and David Swaim, reported on the progress of a working committee of SHHA representatives, administrators at San Domenico administration, and other residents of Sleepy Hollow that is considering the interests of all parties and developing a draft proposal that could be presented to the Sleepy Hollow community for review later this year. The committee has so far focused on the reasons the school is asking for amendments, including the level of non-school community use and the need for more parental involvement and prospective student visits on campus during non-peak hours. The committee has also considered potential financial penalties for violation of an amended plan, and commitments the School might make to minimize traffic and improve safety for walkers and bikers on Butterfield Road.

Jan and Scott and Cathy commented that the upcoming information session September 22, 9:00 a.m. at the community center needs to be an opportunity for residents to hear from San Domenico and to ask questions and give feedback that can be input to the working committee. Shaun and Scott commented that community input needs to be broad enough to represent a good cross section of ideas, to improve the suitability of any amendments. Invitations will go out by email to over 600 homes in Sleepy Hollow, encouraging questions and comments by email if the resident will not be able to attend September 22. About 75 residents have already attended an informational session and provided input to the process, some at sessions held by San Domenico this past spring, some at the session hosted by the SHHA August 2, and some by email.

David Swaim pointed out that construction vehicles are not allowed to park on the shoulder of the road until after 8:30 a.m. Vehicles are asked not to park in the bike lanes, with special attention to mornings before 8:30 a.m. Vehicles that cannot park completely off the bike lane and shoulder should not arrive before 8:30 or should park in the residence driveway. He suggested that as we look at the traffic impact of San Domenico, we need to consider the things that residents can do to improve safety of our streets.

By-Laws and Nomination Process. Jan previewed the need to review the By-Laws to consider the most practical dates for nominations to allow a wide search and publication of the slate sufficiently in advance of the voting. Increasing the number of directors requires approval of members. We will publish the nominating process, nominating committee members, and the intent to ask members to approve an increase in the number of director, in the September Bulletin, which is mailed to the homes of all members.

Pete Mayer suggested we consider changing the fiscal year for the SHHA to calendar year. Such a change could better suit the year round pace of activities that will be possible after the new community center opens. Jan will raise the idea with Mitch Todd, the accountant and tax preparer for the SHHA. The discussion of By-Laws related matters will continue Tuesday September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Owing to the late hour, other items on the Agenda, including Cell Service Update, Vegetation Management Update, and Report on the Pool, are carried over to a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. to a special meeting of the SHHA Continued on page 4

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Board September 11, and then to the next regular meeting October 4. No votes will be taken at the September 11 special session.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Sarkisian for Jen Gauna.

#### Minutes of the Called Meeting of the SHHA Board, September 11, 2018

The SHHA Board met in special session at 7:00 p.m., 1317 Butterfield Road. Directors attending were Spencer Adams, Jan Blackford, Jen Gauna, Scott Hintergardt, Bradley Johnson, David Swaim, and Matt Testa. Also attending were Steve Knox and Luke Argilla.

**Construction Costs:** Jan Blackford reported no further information on costs, but Dave Grubb is expecting detail on the subcontractor costs in 2 or 3 weeks. This will enable a clear construction budget.

**Fundraising:** Scott Hintergardt and Shaun Westfall reconfirmed their commitment to the fundraising process, and Luke Argilla and Ryan Nail offered ideas for strategies and agreed to serve on the campaign. The four will convene to assess other needs for communication, materials, etc., and to recruit community members in the process. They will report to the Board October 4.

Cash budget for 30 months to 4/1/21. Bradley Johnson led a review of the projected operating performance of the SHHA during construction and in the first 18 months after construction, to ensure that cash from operations plus cash reserved for interest during construction are sufficient to meet debt service and potentially higher expenses before any potential lease goes into effect when the new facility can be occupied and used for new activities for the community. Projected stabilized operations provide excess cash accumulation to allow debt prepayment. However, the sooner we can reach stabilization the more cushion there is in the debt service and the greater the cash build up for debt prepayment and other capital or program spending.

Quick Starts on offerings at the community center after construction and in achieving membership goals are key to achieving stabilization early. Spencer Adams and Jen Gauna agreed to form a Membership Committee now, and to recruit others to build ideas for a strategy so that when the doors open, approximately 12 months after the start of construction, there is activity at the community center that is of value to residents and that inspires memberships in SHHA. The committee will report to the Board October 4.

**Pool Report Maintenance.** Steve Knox reported one unexpected and several expected expenses are hitting now or will be incurred before the start of swim team season in 2019: The main pump tripped its circuit breaker and although it was repaired at a reasonable cost with no pool closure required, thanks to the combined efforts of Steve and Mark Anderson, further diagnosis and repair could be needed. Two of the four salt cells will need to be replaced, and one of the three pool covers will have to be replaced. Steve prepares and regularly updates the maintenance cost schedule and capital replacement schedule and we reserve for those costs. The Board expressed strong appreciation for Steve's attention to pool equipment needs.

**Nominating Process and Committee.** David Swaim and Scott Hintergardt volunteered to co-chair the nominating committee and to recruit others to develop an outreach that can lead to more diversity on the board and to clear understanding of the skills and roles that will be needed. Each candidate or volunteer will have the opportunity to meet with one or more board members to understand the scope of responsibilities and consider which role or roles fit best for that person.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to October 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Jan Blackford for Jen Gauna.

### Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club



Welcome SHTC New Members:

Kevin & Beatrice Dufficy.

Annual Fall Mixed Doubles, Oct 20th: Don't wait to sign up! The Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club will

hold its popular Fall Mixed Doubles Tournament on Saturday, October 20th. Warmups will start at 8:30 am with match play beginning promptly at 9:00 am and ending early afternoon. The tournament cost is \$10 with food and beverages included.

All SH tennis club members are invited to the tournament dinner and awards ceremony at the home of Reinhard Ludke and Kay Anderson. Dinner cost is \$30 per person. To reserve your spot in the tournment and/or make your reservations for the dinner, contact Jeff Wells, 415 455-8897 or jeffwells@aol.com.

Weekend Tennis: Once again, all SHTC Members are invited to the drop-in men's and women's doubles play at the San Domenico tennis courts every Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. SHTC Club members and their families also have weekend and evening access to the six recently resurfaced tennis courts at San Domenico School located at the Butterfield Rd. Thinking about joining? Check out our website, sleepyhollowtennis.org for more information about club events, membership and lessons or contact Jeff Wells at jeffwells@aol.com.

**Fall Tennis Lessons:** September and October are arguably the best weather months in the Bay Area. What better way to enjoy the beautiful weather than to get out in the fresh air, take a few lessons and play some fun tennis with friends. You do not have to be a SHTC member to take lessons from San Domenico and SHTC tennis pro, Rob Jessen. So recruit a friend

or two to join you in taking a semi-private or group lesson and brush up on your strokes. Rob has been teaching in Marin for years and is highly skilled in teaching all levels of play from beginner to advanced.

You can reach Rob at rjessen@sandomenico. org.



Above right:
Saturday morning
tennis with Darlene
Hanley, Marea
Hargraeves, Alison
Smith Brennan and
Jamie Staskus.

Above left: Eli Adler, John Miller, Chris Staskus and Jay Trimble after a serious round of men's doubles.

# SLEEPY HOLLOW COMMUNITY CENTER Where Good Things Happen for Sleepy Hollow People



#### Picture yourself at the Center.

You are dropping in to enjoy time with friends.

You are going to an event, class, or meeting of interest to Sleepy Hollow.

You are exercising on your own or in a guided exercise class.

You are playing cards with friends and neighbors.

You are bringing a young child or teen to an event just for their set.

You are celebrating the holidays next year.

There is music, dancing, food, information, education, and fun.

You name it. What do you want to see at the Center?

(Your picture here!)

#### Help open the doors of the Center.

- Gather ideas for events and activities you would like to see at the Center.
- Give ideas for the kitchen, snack bar, library, flex/exercise space, coffee corner, more.
- Help organize storing (or clearing out) supplies and furnishings before construction.
- Donate time or materials to the building project
- Help with fundraising, co-host an event, talk to your neighbors and friends
- Pledge a gift in cash or stock.
- I would like more information about the new Community Center.

Sleepy Hollow Charitable Foundation is a 501c3 and your gift is eligible to be a tax deduction.

Mail to SHHA 1317 Butterfield Road, or email <a href="mailto:shhapresident@gmail.com">shhapresident@gmail.com</a> to tell us what you want, how you might be able to help, and to get more information about the Center. We'll meet you there.



# RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER – October 6 Creek Cleaning/Winter Storm Prep and Chipper Station

Now that we're approaching the rainy season, there's no time to waste. Get your garden gloves and yard waste cans ready for the FIFTH Annual Sleepy Hollow Creek Cleaning Day on Saturday, October 6. We're asking creek-side residents to clean their section of the creek AND we're asking ALL residents to clean out drainage areas on their property of anything that could cause localized flooding (e.g. yard waste, broken branches, leaves). We'll be at the clubhouse at 8:00 a.m. that morning to coordinate efforts if you need any help or guidance. Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District (www. shfpd. org) and FIRESafe MARIN (www.firesafemarin.org) will also have a chipper station located at the end of Butterfield (by the entrance to San Domenico) on the day of the creek cleaning. Bring your excess branches and we will chip it for you! If you need help hauling your debris please drop by the chipper station before 2:00 p.m. (earlier if possible) and we will do our best to help coordinate pick-up and transportation. For any questions about the chipping service, either on or before the 6th, please contact Todd Lando at toddlando@firesafemarin.org. Thank you Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District and FIRESafeMARIN!

Our Sleepy Hollow Creek Corps leader Eric Riemer has identified potential problem areas that need to be addressed. If you live on the creek and know of any issues, need help with your particular area, or don't want your property included on walk throughs or other, please contact Eric at 415-748-4231 or eric\_riemer@comcast.net. See you at the creek!

SHHA Creek Committee

# Jock Duggen



# Watch for opportunities to reclaim your child's BLUE HAND PRINT TILE.

The tiles, dating from 1995, when the children of Sleepy Hollow Nursery School began memorializing their experience, have been displayed at the Sleepy Hollow Pool.

In preparation for construction of the new community center, we have taken the tiles down and are beginning to separate them as carefully as possible. Pick-up opportunities will be scheduled soon.

Michael McKee has volunteered to lead an effort to reach families who would like to have their child's hand print tile. If you would like to help Michael, or express your interest in having your child's tile, please let us know, giving us your child's name and year(s) of attendance at the nursery school.

McKee@mckeeco.net

#### **NEWS FROM SAN DOMENICO**

ANNUAL GARDEN FAIR: Join us on October 13 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm for the 2018 Garden Fair

Safe Streets and Traffic Management: For information on San Domenico safe streets and traffic management planning, please visit

www.sandomenico.org/Community2018.

Questions? Contact David Wise at dwise@sandomenico.org





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# The Irving Fire & the SHFPD Good News

by the Sleepy Hollow Fire Prevention District

The Irving Fire As of this writing, 150 firefighters are working to contain the Irving Fire (152 acres, 45% containment) burning just over the ridge from us in Sleepy Hollow and the San Geronimo Community Center has been activated to house evacuees. In an eerie coincidence, on September 4, 2018, the *Marin Independent Journal* posted an article entitled "Sitting Ducks: Marin Among Riskiest Wildfire Zones in Region." This statement – if not the Irving Fire – surely comes as no surprise to Sleepy Hollow residents.

**Now for the Good News** In 2017, the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District (SHFPD) funded a detailed analysis of the risks and hazards unique to Sleepy Hollow. That analysis is available on our website at www.shfpd.org. To help reduce our risk, the SHFPD funds the following:

- 1. We provide community fire protection as a full member of the Ross Valley Fire Department (RVFD), whose Board of Directors includes two SHFPD representatives.
- 2. We provide state-of-the-art Advanced Life Support emergency medical and ambulance services as a member of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA), including licensed paramedics onboard each RVFD engine that responds into Sleepy Hollow. An SHFPD director represents the community on the RVPA Board.
- **3.** We maintain annual certification as a FireWise\* Community through strategic activities and projects.
- **4.** We have adopted the latest Fire Codes and will be holding meetings to discuss possible adoption of a Hazardous Vegetation ordinance.
- 5. We sponsor and/or spearhead with community partners simultaneous vegetation management projects, including:
  - $\cdot$  A contract with the Marin County Fire Department (MCFD) for intensive inspections of all 850 parcels within the SHFPD by MCFD personnel;
  - · Four annual Chipper Days, including onsite pickup, with record-setting volumes of vegetation cleared;
  - · Creation of shaded fuel breaks (goat grazing) in partnership with Marin County Open Space, San Domenico School, Triple C Ranch, Rocking H Ranch, and other public agencies.



- $\cdot$  Fire road maintenance within the SHFPD, including restoration of some previously abandoned roads that now permit better firefighter access; and
- · A first-of-its-kind fire-safe landscaping demonstration project located on Fox Lane (at the top of Fawn Drive).
- **6.** We conduct ongoing public education activities for SHFPD residents, including:
  - · Publication and distribution of the "Living With Fire in Sleepy Hollow" educational booklet:

- · Organization and hosting of our annual Fire Safety Fair in collaboration with partner agencies;
- · Offering "Living With Fire" classroom training to all SHFPD residents
- · Publishing regular helpful articles in Sleepy Hollow Homes Association Newsletter; and
- · Maintaining our up-to-date, informative website (<a href="www.shfpd.org">www.shfpd.org</a>) to facilitate public awareness and communications
- 7. We organize and conduct evacuation drills for residents and first-responders, including:
  - · Holding an annual evacuation drill, complete with RVFD, RVPA, MCFD, Marin County Sheriff, CHP, Red Cross, and PG&E participation;
  - $\cdot$  Providing updated evacuation information to all residents via our "Living With Fire" publication
  - · Supporting and promoting Alert Marin and improved wireless communications vital to community safety; and
  - · Exploring the installation of an outdoor public warning system (to be considered at future public meetings).
- **8.** We have initiated the block-by-block Neighborhood Preparedness Coordinator project
- **9.** We have successfully applied for and received multiple fire prevention grants from the State and other sources.
- **10.** We continue to explore establishing an SHFPD office and community emergency shelter to better serve all residents.

#### Yellow School Buses!

School is back in session and Yellow school buses are back in the Ross Valley and as you've probably noticed, on Butterfield specifically! Just a reminder to all drivers that we are required to stop for the stop sign when activated on a school bus. The fine for violation of California vehicle code section 22454 (a) CVC is \$680 for failure to stop for a school bus with flashing signals. The DMV point for this violation is 1 point.

Here's the section: 22454. (a) The driver of any vehicle, upon meeting or overtaking, from either direction, any school bus equipped with signs as required in this code, that is stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading any schoolchildren and displays a flashing red light signal and stop signal arm, as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section

25257, if equipped with a stop signal arm, visible from front or rear, shall bring the vehicle to a stop immediately before passing the school bus and shall not proceed past the school bus until the flashing red light signal and stop signal arm, if equipped with a stop signal arm, cease operation.

If you're getting caught in traffic going to and from work or errands, you may want to consider moving your commute time a bit forward or back if possible. Thank you for keeping our kids safe!

Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee

#### Correction to our new directory:

Marie Behr's cell phone is incorrect in the Directory. The correct number is 713-6424. We will publish corrections monthly as we learn of them, and will correct the electronic data base. In December, we will republish all corrections. So far there have been three reported. We hope there are no more, but if you spot something, please let us know. Please mark your Directories with the following correction at right:

Marie Behr cell 713-6424

# MMWD: Perpetual Wildfire Preparedness

By Jack Gibson, MMWD Board Member, September 9, 2018

As I pointed out in a couple of my previous newsletter items, MMWD is not new to reducing our community risks from wild-fires. With 25,000 homes and 45,000 people living within two miles of our watershed, the "Wildland Urban Interface," the goal becomes one of mitigation. What can we do to lower the risk, but the risk is always with us. Since William Kent helped MMWD create the Tamalpais Fire Association over 100 years ago, MMWD along with local firefighters have relentlessly worked on steps to manage the watershed fuel load with land management procedures, upgraded firefighting tools, and trained personnel.

Under the guidance of the Marin Fire Chief, since 1996 the voterapproved Fire Flow project has devoted over \$1M on fire flow capital improvements. Projects include 39 miles of fire flow deficient water main pipe, increased flow capacity to 400 fire hydrants and replacement of 31 redwood storage tanks with bolted steel tanks. The District actively manages 1000 acres of fuel breaks, focused primarily along the Wildland Urban Interface, and maintains 100 miles of fire roads for emergency access. MMWD is implementing new innovative approaches in forest management to reduce fuel load and protect water supply, removing invasive species, and conducting prescribed burns. The District provided key direction and support for development of Marin's Community Wildfire Protection Plan in collaboration with Marin County Fire and FIREsafe Marin.

Beyond routine maintenance of fire breaks and ongoing Fire Flow projects, MMWD is increasing its vegetation management budget by \$400,000 per year over the next 5 years—currently budgeted at \$3.5M for two years. In 2018 contract labor alone (the equivalent of 30 full-time positions), will require \$1M to perform field work in reducing dangerous vegetation. This will create defensible space around Bon Tempe water treatment plant, and Peters Dam / Kent Lake.

MMWD executed a new contract with Marin County Fire Department to utilize a second Tam Fire Crew for fuel reduction and prescribed burning projects within the watershed, and the District expanded its Resilient Forest Project for fuel reduction by adding 30 new acres of treatment plots along Bolinas/Fairfax Road. The Water District does not simply respond to the last fire, these are all ongoing efforts in a perpetual effort to mitigate fire risks for our community.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SHHA BOARD MEETING October 4

INTERNATIONAL BIKE AND WALK TO SCHOOL DAY, morning of October 10

#### TENNIS DOUBLES TOURNAMENTS

Men's Doubles: Fall Mixed Doubles: October 20 A Tiburon Challenger is coming to the TPC Sept 22nd - Sept 30th.

#### 2018 GARDEN FAIR BY SAN DOMENICO

October 13, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m

#### SAVE THE DATE:

CREEK CLEANING/WINTER STORM PREP & CHIPPER STATION – October 6

# International Bike and Walk to School Day – October 10!

Just a heads up that our Hidden Valley students and parents will be participating in and celebrating International Bike and Walk to School Day on the morning of October 10, so please take extra caution and perhaps adjust your schedule accordingly if needed. A Bike Train will be assembling at the Sleepy Hollow clubhouse at 7:30am then travelling south to Green Valley Court and the school. It will be a large group so bikers so may spill out to the street.

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Above: SHPC
Community art
night. Above right:
Youth artists build
mosaic at SHPC.
Bottom right:
Hollow residents
Jody Brockett and
Barbara Zilber. Far
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