

Mariner Cove Neighborhood News

President's Letter

Happy New Year from the Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association. We look forward to another outstanding year in our neighborhood. Whether you're a newcomer to Mariner Cove or a long-time resident, we hope that you'll support our neighborhood association through membership and, perhaps, even consider taking on an MCNA leadership role in the coming year. Board positions will be opening up in only few months when our new Board of Directors is installed this summer.

Please take a look at our new Facebook page, and let us know what you think. Greg Ulin did a great job putting our page together on short notice. Please see page 2 for details. We hope to add more content soon. We're also looking into the feasibility of maintaining our own website, but that project may be a bit longer term. We encourage you to use both Facebook and Nextdoor (mariner Cove.nextdoor.com) to stay up-to-date on MCNA news and information. We especially appreciate your suggestions on how to improve our neighborhood and the MCNA. As a reminder, postings are to be respectful, non-political and non-commercial in nature.

Please keep in mind that your membership dues support our highly regarded disaster response program for the benefit of all neighborhood



residents, allow us to provide social events for all neighborhood residents throughout the year, help us welcome new residents to the neighborhood and promote beautification projects within the neighborhood, permit us to maintain liaison positions with both the Cove School and Corte Madera's local government, and much more.

Our budget for the current fiscal year is approximately \$8,220. Annual membership dues are \$40 per household and \$20 for seniors. Our members typically represent less than half of 450 households in Mariner Cove. Please email Jason Gullion, our Membership Chair, at mcna.membership@gmail.com for additional membership and payment information. We are now using PayPal as a direct online payment method for memberships.

Finally, we'd like to thank Karen Ruppanner, our Mothers' Group Co-Chair, for agreeing to pull double duty this year and also serve as Social Chair for the remainder of our current term. You can thank her at the Egg Hunt this spring. We'll be looking for a new Social Chair this summer, as part of our new Board, so please let us know if you're interested in the role of Social Chair, or in any other Board position.

We hope you'll support the MCNA, as a member, and enjoy all your neighborhood association has to offer. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Bill Kimball
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Get your "OK" Signs ready!

NRG DRILL DAY
March 11, 10:00am

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ANNOUNCING: MCNA NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you heard the news?

Residents within the Mariner Cove Neighborhood now have our own Facebook Page! After searching to find a new way for MCNA to announce social events, current news and for neighbors to communicate with one another, the MCNA is testing a dedicated Facebook page that will keep residents up to date with upcoming events in the neighborhood that will also provide a message board for neighbors to share information and connect with one another.

Unlike Nextdoor, all of the information contained within the Mariner Cove Page will be information specific to events and activities happening in our area. Once you “LIKE” the page you will receive notifications any time new information has been added (which can be turned off if you prefer not to receive notifications). In order to access content posted on the page there will be a link present on the left side of your Facebook feed, in addition to the content sporadically showing up in your news stories feed when scrolling down the main page.

Some of the benefits of using Facebook to manage our communication platform:

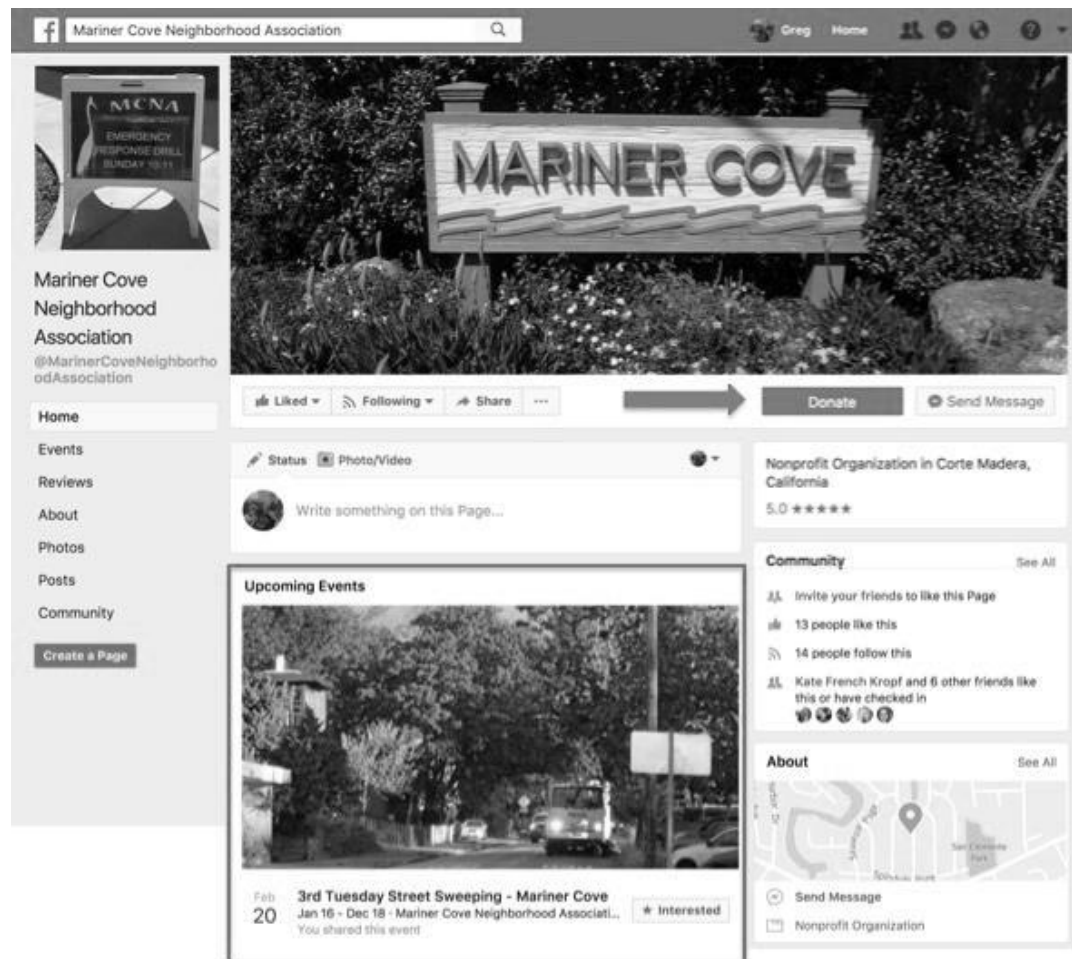
- 1) Payments link built into the page. Donate button leads to the MCNA PayPal page to allow for an easy way for residents to make their annual donation to the association.

- 2) Calendar items for neighborhood events can easily be added to your personal calendar so you don't forget the next Easter Egg Hunt, neighborhood BBQ, NRG disaster drill or mom's night out!
- 3) Easily sift through your friend and neighborhood feed in one location so it's one less social network to keep track of.
- 4) Encourages neighbors to connect in a friendly and open environment while also restricted to residents of Mariner Cove.

To find our Facebook page, go to the top search area on Facebook and find the search bar. Then type in the search bar:

“Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association”

Greg Ulin



Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association Committee Reports

Twin Cities NRG (Neighborhood Response Group)

The fires in Santa Rosa in October were a wake-up call for all of us. Your Mariner Cove Neighborhood Response Group (NRG) has concentrated mainly upon being prepared for and responding to earthquakes. When we witnessed the Tubbs Fire jumping 6 lanes of Highway 101 and burning Coffey Park to the ground, we realized that we are also at risk of such devastation. Like Coffey Park, we are not a heavily treed area but we learned that the fire and/or its flying embers make every neighborhood at risk for wildfires.

We - Lee and John Howard - work with NRGs in the Twin Cities. We would like to share some of the information we use to educate residents as to wildfire preparation.

BEFORE A WILDFIRE

- Make your "10 Minute List" of items to pack if you have 10 minutes warning
- Assemble your Grab and Go kit
- Register at the public alert system - AlertMarin.org so you receive warning calls
- Plan evacuation routes
- Pay attention to the weather service's RED FLAG alerts
- Using your phone, take videos of your possessions in case you need to work with the Insurance Company. Open closets and drawers and scan all rooms before storing the video.

If a wildfire is imminent and you have signed up, you will receive an alert from AlertMarin.org. It might be a warning TO BE

READY to evacuate. You will see to your Grab and Go bag and your 10 Minute List.

Your Block Captain will prepare his/her kits. IF THERE IS TIME, he/she will check on the neediest neighbors to be sure they received the alert and have a means to evacuate.

Once the order comes to evacuate, every Block Captain will do so. Immediately. You should do the same.

If possible, alert your neighbors on your way out by activating car alarms and car horns.

Questions? Lee and John Howard at:

Leejohn7@gmail.com



JOB OPPORTUNITY- NEIGHBORHOOD RESPONSE GROUP COORDINATOR FOR TWIN CITIES.

**Lee and John Howard are stepping down
from this position in June 2018. If interested,
please email the Howards
at Leejohn7@gmail.com for more
information.**

Committee Reports

Town Liaison

Thank You

A special thank you to all the residents of Mariner Cove who generously gave their unstoppable energy in collecting and distributing supplies to those affected by the horrendous fires this past year.

Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association Committee Reports

Restoration Hardware

The Corte Madera Town Council enthusiastically approved the building of the new flagship RH at the Village Shopping Center.

Montessori Project

Town Council approved applicant Montessori's request for renovating aging buildings and other necessary improvements. Traffic safety is a major concern; however Head of School, Sam Shapiro reports this issue is being resolved. The school is working with Marin Country Day School regarding speed signs and eliminating parking on Paradise Drive.

Proposed Sales Tax Renewal in Corte Madera

Council wants to renew a half-cent sales tax for flood control, road repair, and senior and youth programs. Town staff is planning a study session for the February 6th Council meeting. It is their hope to create an ordinance that would place the measure on the June 5th ballot.

A Possible Unification Project

This proposal would be designed to link East and West Corte Madera via a cantilevered pedestrian, slo-bike path bridge on the north side of the present 101 over crossing.

Hi-Speed bicyclists would continue in the traffic lanes. The bridge would separate traffic from pedestrians and slow bicyclists allowing a safe & attractive crossing between the two areas. Supporters have met with Cal Trans who have expressed interest but they have made no commitment as yet. They would need to see if the bridge itself would support this cantilevered section, look at funding and other factors before the project actually could be started. The year 2023 was mentioned. The city council would like the project to start if the criteria and funding becomes available.

Carol Berg

Infrastructure

The Corte Madera Engineering Department and Public Works are moving forward on completing the drainage and flood protection improvements along Seawolf Passage and Golden Hind Passage up to #10 GHP. This project includes slot drains to prevent ponding and inboard check valves (placed at the



beginning of the outfall drains where they start in the street) to prevent bay water from backing up into the street with high tides. The check valve has

worked at the west end of Spindrift and the new ones at Seawolf/Flying Cloud and Seawolf/Golden Hind Passage should prevent backup in those two watersheds.

The outfall at Ebbitide and Golden Hind Passage is a significant problem in that the catch basin has subsided and probably disrupted the outfall culvert. It not only floods at modest tides but does not drain quickly when the tide goes out. Kelly Crowe of our Engineering Department is working with ANWest on a solution to this problem but it will probably involve a new catch basin and a pump station similar to the system in place across from the Cove School on Golden Hind Passage. However to keep this neighborhood from flooding at high tides the adjoining neighbors will need to bring in some fill to their back yards to create a tidal barrier.

Bob Bundy

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Beautification (B.I.G.)

The slot drain project has been progressing on the north end of Seawolf Passage (See photos on page 4). As you may know, the Flood Control and Storm Sales Tax has funded this project. Hopefully the funding will continue so this important work can spread to more areas of the neighborhood.

**Save the Date:
Neighborhood Garage Sale
May 19th**

**Save Another Date:
Coyote Talk April 18th
Location TBD**

Mariner Cove Mothers' Group

The Mothers' Group had a fun summer and fall with several playdates and Moms' Night Outs. On July 26, we had our summer pizza party playdate at Skunk Hollow park.



Mark your calendars for our next pizza party playdate at Skunk Hollow park on March 29 from 3:30-5:30.

We are hoping the spring weather will cooperate so that moms and kids can socialize and play. New families are encouraged to come! Please keep your eye out for an invitation on Next Door (Mariner Cove Events) as the date approaches and RSVP to help with the planning of food.

On August 9, we had a Moms' Night Out (MNO) in Sausalito. MCNA ladies met for drinks and appetizers at Joinery, and later walked next door to Bar Bocce to enjoy their patio since it was a gorgeous night on the bay.



We also had a MNO movie night at Century Northgate on December 12. A Bad Moms Christmas kept us laughing out loud the entire movie!

Our next Moms' Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, March 29 at 7:30.

We will be meeting for drinks and appetizers at Playa in Mill Valley. Please be sure to check Next Door (Mariner Cove Events) as the date approaches and RSVP. Hope you can make it!



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On 12/14, Mariner Cove Mothers' Group joined the Corte Madera-Larkspur Mothers' Club at Aegis Living of Corte Madera for a holiday sing along for the seniors. Thank you to all the families who helped sing with me. It was our largest turnout in 5 years!



I'd also like to thank Kate Kropf for her help in organizing the Adopt-a-Grandparent program. After the holiday sing along, the children passed out gifts for the seniors and enjoyed visiting with them. This sweet event is always a favorite of ours.....hope to see you at the next one in December 2018!

*Karen Ruppanner
Christina Uriarte*

MCNA Ladies Book Club

Recently we read "Class Moms" by Laurie Gelman. This book is a comedy and pokes fun at all the hilarious situations class room mothers find themselves in. Guaranteed to make you laugh.



For our next book we are reading "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead. It is a Pulitzer Prize winning book, and promises to be a good read. "Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. When Caesar, a recent arrival from

Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape." Please email me if you are interested in joining our Book Club.

Dawn Smith

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Mariner Cove Social Committee

Announcing:

Karen Ruppanner volunteers for Social Chair

We are so lucky to have many, many amazing people who make our neighborhood great. One of those people is Karen. She has volunteered to be the Social Chair. The social chair runs the BBQ, Halloween Pizza & Parade, Santa and Easter Egg Hunt. She will need volunteers to make all this happen. Please contact her if you are interested in helping.



**SAVE THE DATE:
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 24th
9:00 to 10:30am**

Santa Arrives!!!



Santa Visits Mariner Cove

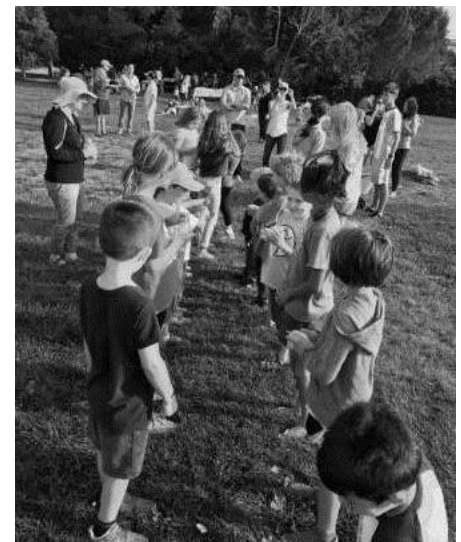


Halloween 2017





MCNA BBQ August 2017



Meet Your Neighbor

Special Local History:

Harry Schriebman & the origin of Mariner Cove Association~

Featuring our very own Harry Schriebman! If you don't know Harry you should! As I sat at the Schriebman breakfast table with Harry & his wife Annette recently here is what I learned:

Harry and his wife, Annette are not "original" homeowners here in Mariner Cove but they moved here back in 1977. They do have a long history here!

Harry & Annette were married after meeting at a dance while he was in military uniform; they were married 3 months later! They have two kids and 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. They are a close with their family.

Harry was born in Oakland and raised in Southern California. After high school he hitchhiked up to San Francisco with 35 bucks in his pocket. It was the depression and couldn't afford a bus ticket. He got a job and did OK until Pearl Harbor happened and life changed when he enlisted in the service as did so many. After serving in WW11, in 1946 he & Annette married & traveled in Europe. They had adventures and proudly say they have attended over 20 Elder Hostel trips around the world. He was working for PG&E until it became stressful so he quit and got into the boat business for both employment and fun. They lived in Fairfax for a while before moving here.

It didn't take long for Harry to get deeply involved in the Mariner Cove community. Along

with Rosa Thomas, who still lives here today, they identified the need for a new neighborhood association and started MCNA. There were three associations previously, but according to Harry they all failed due to lack of participation, this one lasted! Interest peaked because of a bad storm & severe flooding in 1980. Infrastructure problems were obvious and they figured it was time for the "the East Side" to have better representation with the town so forming a group seemed a good way to

create some "political clout". They called a meeting & 20 people showed up including Joan Isaksen & her baby Zane in a bassinette, (Zane is now in college).

Joan helped by handling minutes & organizing. Joan's mom, Marlene Feldman who passed away a few years back was heavily involved in Mariner Cove Association's

beginnings. Mary O'Malley was influential in the formation & very involved, as well as colorful Beth Benz who has passed away. There were others I'm sure. They established dues and by laws and became an official group. Harry attended all of the meetings in town, Flood Control, Planning & Town Council.

All this helped MCNA have a voice. Harry admits he was a "loose cannon" but his actions often got results. The town took notice and measures were taken for flood control and other infrastructure. Eventually there were 250 people in the group. He made an e-mail list of as many as he could and kept people informed with his "newsletter". Even others outside of Mariner Cove wanted to be on Harry's list



More Harry

because he knew everything that was going on! He kept the community informed for sure.

Harry's motto is that a "knowledgeable population is good for the town", There is no doubt that Harry & Company were the backbone of the formation of our association today.

The biggest change he sees in Mariner Cove is that now we have a "young crowd", he likes this and feels it is very good for the area.

We talked about aging and how we sometimes feel of less value but we concluded that wise younger people are generally interested in what has come before them. Many seniors have a huge wealth of knowledge & history; we are lucky to have their tremendous sage advice.

Harry was the first person in Corte Madera to receive The Corte Madera Lifetime Achievement Award. This is a great honor and it is reserved today for only the most special of recipients.

Harry is now 96 years young and still participating in the community. He recently was expected to participate with our Incident Command Team at our last disaster drill but about that time news came that both Harry & Annette had been hit by a pickup truck, backing up as they were walking in Goodman's parking lot. Harry required hip surgery and time in rehab, it was a difficult time, but his spunk is still there and they are doing pretty well now after this challenging time of recovery.

This good man has been an incredible mover and shaker-and yes, a self-proclaimed "loose cannon", but a true treasure in our community. Please say hello to Harry & Annette when you see them around the neighborhood.

I hope you enjoyed hearing a bit of history about your neighborhood!

Suzi Beatie
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Greg Corvi

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The Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association is a voluntary association available to 450 homes.

Our mission statement is:

- 1. To build collective strength so that Mariner Cove's interests will be represented to the Town of Corte Madera and its governing bodies.*
- 2. To promote organized social activities and recreational programs for its members and their families.*
- 3. To communicate to residents of Mariner Cove the issues which may affect their quality of life.*
- 4. To ensure the overall maintenance and appearance of our shared areas.*
- 5. To assist residents of Mariner Cove in disaster preparedness.*

We would cease to exist without VOLUNTEERS and MEMBERS.

Please contact Jason Gullion at mcna.membership@gmail.com to learn more about MCNA.

Upcoming Board Meeting:

March 7 at 7:30pm

Suzi Beatie's Home

MCNA 2018 Annual Membership

As 2018 gets underway, please join your neighbors in supporting the MCNA community.

We live in an amazing place and we all make a difference in the quality of life in Mariner Cove. The MCNA Board invites you to join the Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association and help support the all the volunteers and programs that add so much to the community.

Your contribution helps fund the events and activities:

- A dedicated disaster-preparedness team that is the standard for other neighborhood in the area, your Neighborhood Response Group (NRG) of volunteers train regularly to be ready to lend assistance within the community in the event of a disaster
- Popular social events such as the Halloween Parade & Pizza Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Summer BBQ, Ladies Book Club, Warm Coat Drive, and more...
- Representation at Corte Madera Town Council to advocate for our community and ensure our voice is heard in Town decisions in allocating resources
- Representation at School District Meetings
- Community Garage Sale Event
- A Welcoming Team to help new neighbors - both owners and renters - feel welcome
- Beautification (BIG) projects such as upkeep of street signs and maintenance of shared areas
- Online presence on Nextdoor and the new MCNA Facebook group

2018 MCNA Dues are:

Household Membership: \$40
Senior (62+) Membership: \$20

Membership dues run from January 1st through December 31st and are due March 31st. Dues can be paid by PayPal or by check.

PayPal:

Send payment to mcna.membership@gmail.com or use these shortcuts:

Household: paypal.me/MCNA/40

Senior Household: paypal.me/MCNA/20

Mail your check. Send to:

Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association

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We thank you for joining us. We are grateful for your ongoing support, so that we can continue the great work of enhancing our community. Please email me if you have any questions at mcna.membership@gmail.com.

Jason Gullion