

# Sleepy Hollow BULLETIN

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### SAVE THE DATE

Summer Social Kick Off:  
BBQ & Music, Sunday May 26  
Spring Gala, Saturday June 1  
Parade, BBQ & Live Music,  
Thursday July 4

### TIME TO CELEBRATE!

After one cold and stormy Saturday in May, the warm weather is here! Your SHHA volunteer board has been hard at work planning events that mark the start of summer in our community. For many, these gatherings are one of the best parts of living in Sleepy Hollow.

Family swim season opens on May 25 and we'll host a **Summer kickoff party, Sunday, May 26 starting at 4 p.m.** Expect live music, food & drink, and fun for all ages!

Our summer celebrations present a sweet opportunity to connect with neighbors and friends, old and new, and **it is all enhanced when you spend a little time helping out.** We have spots for setup, grilling, selling merch, serving drinks and more. Check your email for the party invite to RSVP and sign up to volunteer (or visit [shha.org/kickoff](https://shha.org/kickoff)).

Next up will be our second annual **Charitable Foundation Gala, Saturday, June 1!** Last year's sold-out event was a terrific success between the fabulous food, the funds raised, and a chance to raise a glass with friends and neighbors dressed in their finest. We expect this year to be even better. Check your mail for the invite and see page 4 for more details.

On an entirely different topic, addressing a question that comes up now and then: "Is SHHA a Homeowners Association (HOA)?"

The Sleepy Hollow Homes Association **is not** an HOA by typical definitions:

- Beyond the community center property, we don't make or enforce local rules & regulations. We can't tell you what your landscaping should look like, or what your fence height must be.
- We can't order your neighbor to stop running their chainsaw (I've been asked) and we can't fix PG&E's West Marin issues (though we do push our local legislators for engagement on this).
- And, uniquely, we don't collect mandatory dues. This is why **your voluntary membership dollars** are the backbone of the far-reaching benefits SHHA brings to your community!

Per our charter, we're here to promote the well being of Sleepy Hollow neighbors through advocacy, emergency preparedness, and community building. The primary channel for this outreach is of course the community center, with its pool & extensive facilities, SHHA-hosted social gatherings and classes, and emergency preparedness facilities. The community center is also home of our Fire Protection District offices, the Sea Lions, and the San Anselmo Boy Scout Troop & Cub Scout Pack.

SHHA has for years led initiatives including our work with the Fire Protection District, creek cleanup days, improving bike safety for all ages, the crosswalk at Green Valley Court, the forthcoming crosswalk at the community center and perhaps most famously, preventing a freeway from running through our beloved valley.

Lastly, **cellular service:** without our efforts to attract a vendor, gather hard copy resident signatures, push for County approval, and speak at numerous town halls and Board of Supervisors meetings, the new tower would simply not happen. For decades, providers have done little new work locally in part due to anticipated resistance, but with our demonstrating a 98% in-favor turnout among Hollow residents, Verizon was willing to step in and the project has been permitted. At present they expect construction to begin within 60 days.

Your board makes these things happen, and while we work for free, our facility carries significant operating costs, and we can't do it without your member dues, which remain a bargain by today's standards.

There was a time in years past when it was a forgone conclusion that a resident was also a member of the Homes Association –when one considers the value our association adds to the community, we hope the benefit is clear.

### PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

Dave Baker, President, Sleepy Hollow Homes Association





# News & Notes from Supervisor Katie Rice

SHHA May 2024

## LANDLINES, CELL TOWERS, CALL TO ACTION

Thirty years ago we moved from sleepy West Marin to Sleepy Hollow. West Marin hasn't changed that much in the decades since, and neither has The Hollow. Back then, as now, the school year brought traffic, spring launched Sea Lion season, summer heat hailed blackberry time, and winter storms invariably meant power-outages. But what was clearly different during power-outages of the past, was that when the lights went out, our phones stayed on.

That is no longer the case. Over the last decade-plus, telecom providers have slowly but steadily migrated landline telephone service from copper lines which did not require electricity, to technology that does. That fact became abundantly clear here in Sleepy Hollow in fall of 2020 when a house fire broke out at the end of Dutch Valley Lane during a PG&E public safety power shut-off. Without cell service or functioning landlines, Dutch Valley neighbors were unable to make a timely 911 call. A life was lost.

This tragedy accelerated the community effort to bring improved cell service to Sleepy Hollow via a proposed Verizon cell tower at San Domenico. The Board of Supervisors approved the project in Fall of 2022, and Verizon targeted year-end 2023 to have service up and running.

Well, 2023 has come and gone and folks are wondering and getting worried: fire season is just around the corner, and with it the prospect of power shut-offs and loss of communications. The latest update from Verizon is that their internal process is complete, county permit in hand, and all that remains is review and sign-off by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which is expected by end of May. Verizon's representatives tell us that construction will commence soon after it receives FCC clearance, presumably, this summer.

My office (and your diligent SHHA board) continues to regularly check in on (and pester) our Verizon contacts and will continue to do so till the tower is up and service is being delivered. In the interim, I encourage you to check the status of your landline. Does it work during a power outage? In addition, familiarize yourself with the emergency communications systems Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District has created to address telecom blackouts. Satellite phones for emergency call use have been placed in block captain residences throughout Sleepy Hollow.

## MORE ON LANDLINES: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

As discussed above, telecommunication reliability has been an issue of concern across Marin in the wake of widespread power outages associated with 2017 North Bay fires when cellular and landline service went down throughout much of the County.

In the years since, working with our representatives in Sacramento, our Board has added its voice to calls to the CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission) for regulation requiring service reliability when utility power is down. In response, the CPUC adopted regulation requiring cellular carriers to have back up power to ensure at least 72 hours of service during power outages.

However, earlier this year, a new challenge to basic telecommunications service emerged. In February AT&T requested the CPUC release it from its legal obligation to provide landline service as "Carrier of Last Resort" (COLR). As COLR, AT&T is required to offer basic landline telephone services to all customers within its service area. Sleepy Hollow, all of Marin County, and a vast portion of California, are within AT&T's service area. Though most Marin County residents use Wi-Fi, broadband, and/or cellular services for their telecom needs, there are over 28,000 Marin households which depend on landlines for phone service. Many of these residents are older adults, and/or low income, or live in rural or other areas of the county that do not have other service options. Approval of AT&T's application would directly disadvantage these vulnerable residents and likely mean increased cost and decreased service quality for many more.

The County has sent formal letters objecting to the proposal and joined a larger coalition of counties to lobby the CPUC, stressing the importance of maintenance landline service as both an equity and an emergency services issue. But right now, the most powerful voice the CPUC can hear are those of residents. Click here to learn more about AT&T's request, and here to add your comment to the CPUC record.

**Addendum:** We greatly appreciate Supervisor Rice addressing this important topic. An increasing number of our neighbors believe that they "luckily still have a landline", only to find out that the service goes down immediately during power outages: their service is not a landline and the misunderstanding is due to sometimes confusing marketing efforts on the part of the phone companies. SHHA President David Baker has created a special webpage ([shha.org/landline](https://shha.org/landline)) that covers this topic in more detail and is a must-read for anyone concerned about their landlines and communications during an emergency.



## Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District Update

### 2024 Vegetation Removal Program

The Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District (SHFPD) is dedicated to enhancing community wildfire safety. In line with this commitment, SHFPD is providing Sleepy Hollow residents free hazardous vegetation removal and disposal services through Small World Tree Company, a local, licensed arborist and contractor. Examples of hazardous vegetation include Bamboo, Juniper, Italian Cypress, and dead trees. To qualify for this program, hazardous vegetation must be identified in the homeowner's Defensible Space Report.

### Program Rules & Guidelines

Open your online wildfire risk report (all Sleepy Hollow homes recently received an evaluation and comprehensive report.) Hazardous vegetation must be identified in the Defensible Space Report.

## FireSmart Garden Planted

The FireSmart Demonstration Garden funded and created by the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District (SHFPD) on the grounds of the Community Center is now nearly complete. Among the remaining finishing touches will be the installation of custom-made interpretive signage that will identify plants and features that residents can include in their own FireSmart landscaping projects.

The Garden is primarily intended to serve as a living resource for residents who wish to create and maintain appropriate defensible space around their homes, but also to demonstrate the adaptability and attractiveness of earth-friendly FireSmart landscaping. The Garden is one of four FireSmart demonstration sites in Marin and, over time, hopefully the most successful and appealing. The other FireSmart garden sites are Novato Fire District Station 63, the San Rafael Community Center, and the Fairfax Library.

The SHFPD thanks all who have contributed their time and effort to make the Garden a reality, in particular, Ann Baker Landscape Architecture, Johnson's Tree and Garden Service LLC, the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association, and the Sleepy Hollow Charitable Foundation.



Homeowners must authorize the complete removal of all hazardous vegetation listed in the DS Report. Any additional hazardous vegetation discovered by the Contractor will also be subject to removal. Homeowners must sign a Release and Waiver of Liability.

Priority is given to removing hazardous vegetation located in Zone Zero (first 5ft) or Zone One (5 – 30ft from home). Stumps and/or roots will not be removed by the contractor.

SHFPD reserves the right to adjust rules and guidelines at any time. Applications are available here: [2zielat6lfy.typeform.com/shfpd](https://2zielat6lfy.typeform.com/shfpd).

Upon submission of your application, expect an email confirmation. The SHFPD will review your application within two weeks, if not sooner. For inquiries, contact us at [shfpd.grants@gmail.com](mailto:shfpd.grants@gmail.com).

### Chipper Day

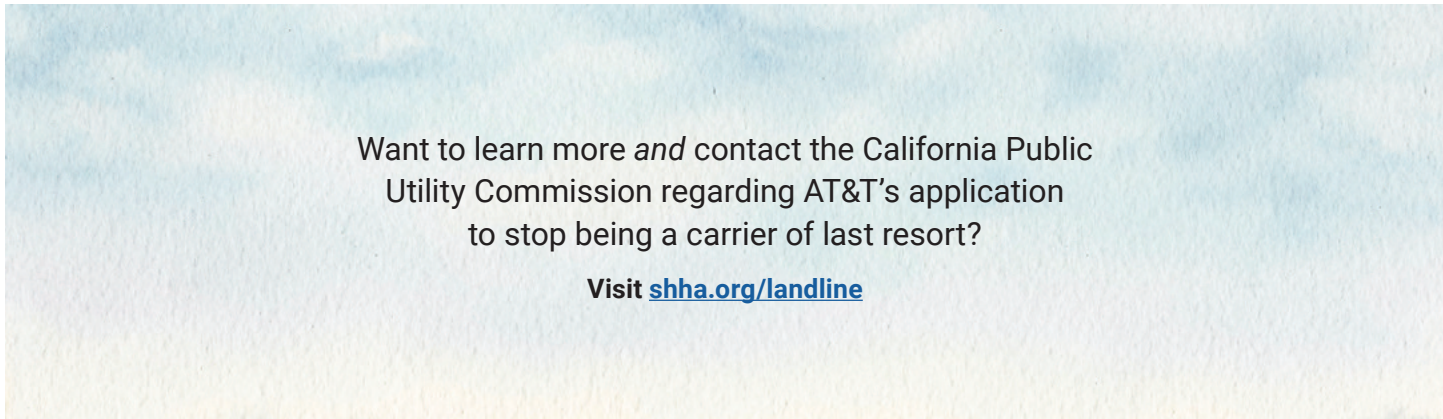
The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority is again sponsoring the Chipping Program. The program will provide 6 opportunities for the curbside pickup, chipping, and disposal of vegetation material from residential properties. Make a reservation to secure your pickup. It is encouraged that you secure your reservation PRIOR TO constructing your pile. Signups must be made NO LATER THAN the Friday before an upcoming event to guarantee a spot on the pickup list. Sign up at [chipperday.com/marin](https://chipperday.com/marin).

### Grazing Program

SHFPD is again supporting the goat (and some sheep) grazing program. Later this summer, you can expect to see two herds of 400 animals each that will be removing flammable fuels from targeted hillside areas.

### Evacuation Drill

SHFPD will conduct a simple evacuation exercise in the early fall. Date and specific details will be announced later this summer.



Want to learn more *and* contact the California Public Utility Commission regarding AT&T's application to stop being a carrier of last resort?

Visit [shha.org/landline](https://shha.org/landline)





SLEEPY HOLLOW  
SPRING GALA & AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE  
Saturday, June 1, 2024



Scan the QR code to  
order your Gala tickets  
or see links below for  
more information.

Gala! Gala! Gala!

Enjoy the best party of the year in the beauty of our newly landscaped Sleepy Hollow Community Center. Chef Ryan Scott and the hosted bar are back to ensure a memorable evening.

Early bird tickets are going quickly. Tickets available on the [SHHA.org](https://shha.org) home page and at [shhacharitablefoundation.ejoinme.org/tickets](https://shhacharitablefoundation.ejoinme.org/tickets).

The new playground areas were made possible by last year’s auction success. This year’s proceeds will provide the community with a long awaited outdoor fireplace and comfy furniture to enjoy on summer evenings, as well completion of other Master Plan benefits including entry and site signage, and movable space dividers for more flexible use of the Community Center space.

**Special thanks to Gala sponsor Zamira Solari, our neighbor and Marin County Luxury Realtor.**

**NEW AUCTION SPECIALS INCLUDE:**

- Fire House Tour and Ice Cream for your child’s birthday party. Thank you, Ross Valley Fire Department!
- Umbrian castle stay near Orvieto, thanks to Sylvia Gardin, luxury travel consultant.
- Dinner Party for 8 by legendary Sleepy Hollow hostesses.
- Stonefish Concert for you and your friends.
- Original art by well known Sleepy Hollow artists.

**PLUS:** Favorite vacation homes, wine and dining packages, golf, fishing, and, yes, Chili Kai is back!



Here are some images from last year’s festivities. It was a wonderful event and the 2024 edition promises to be even bigger and better. Sign up now to enjoy the fun and we’ll see you at the Gala!



Meet Our New Events Manager

Kelley Podboy is a Marin native who has lived in Sleepy Hollow since 2009 with her husband, Matt, and their three children. She has a background in corporate communications, event planning, and real estate, and has been a volunteer within the community for many years. Kelley served on the SHHA board from 2013 – 2015, spent more than a decade as an SHST parent, and has volunteered regularly at the various schools her children have attended throughout San Anselmo from preschool through high school. In her role as Manager of the Sleepy Hollow Community Center, Kelley hopes to contribute to the spirit of this special community as she helps manage the many events that take place here throughout the year, including neighborhood socials, holiday celebrations, private events, group fitness classes, and more!

Too Many Emails?

Do you feel like you get tons of emails and announcements from us?

We actually put a great deal of care into consolidating our messaging and keeping things brief and useful, so we were surprised to hear from a neighbor that they were overwhelmed with all the “Your Sleepy Hollow Neighbors” emails we send.

Please know, those are not from us! They are from Nextdoor, a for-profit nationwide entity we have no affiliation with. If you’ve ever logged in and created a profile on that service, you might have inadvertently opened the floodgates of notifications and emails from them, but those emails don’t originate with your actual Sleepy Hollow Neighbors!

Fortunately, Nextdoor includes an unsubscribe link in all of their emails, and though you may have to unsubscribe from a few consecutive emails, you can be free of them if desired.

Donate Your Outstanding Skills

**Website Help:** SHHA is seeking help tidying up our website. If you have some web admin/design skills and would like to contribute to your community, please contact [shhapresident@gmail.com](mailto:shhapresident@gmail.com).

**“Acoustics” Help:** We’d like to add some acoustic management materials to our community center interior (as is done in restaurants, etc.). If you or anyone you know has skills in planning/ designing solutions, please contact [shhaevents@gmail.com](mailto:shhaevents@gmail.com).



Sleepy Hollow Tomato Sale Sets Record!

Even April rain showers couldn’t dampen the enthusiasm for the annual tomato sale at the Sleepy Hollow Presbyterian Church as local tomato lovers scooped up the plants in record numbers. Over \$5,200 was raised this year from nearly 900 plants and the proceeds are already being whisked off to charitable programs like the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank and the World Central Kitchen. As always, the sale featured a wide assortment of unique varieties, from crowd favorites like Sungolds and heirloom Berkeley Tie Dies to more exotic species such as Cherokee Purples and Green Zebras. All the plants are grown from seed by community volunteers. Master gardener Michael Durphy curates and distributes the seeds in February and oversees the sale, which took place April 12 and 13. “Everyone who raised the plants did such a successful job. The plants were healthier than ever,” Michael commented. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this year’s event such a rousing success. We hope you all enjoy those succulent homegrown tomatoes in sauces, salads, and fresh off the vine!







Left to right: Bob Nelder, Brad DaSilva (batboy), Tom Finn, Alan Marshall, Mike Birks, Dave Brauner, Martin Ferrua, Mike Goldstein, Brent DaSilva, Mark Ahlgrim, Al Casalnuovo, Rob Hoge, Tony Gambardella, Coach: Al DaSilva (back row)

## Historian's Corner: Baseball in the Hollow

Thanks to Sleepy Hollow historian Tom Finn for this wonderful blast from the past. The Sleepy Hollow Homes Association annually sponsored a Majors Division team in the old Fairfax-Sleepy Hollow Little League in the 1960s – 1970s.

The Fairfax-Sleepy Hollow Little League was later absorbed into today's West

Marin Little League. And how about the uniforms on those sluggers!

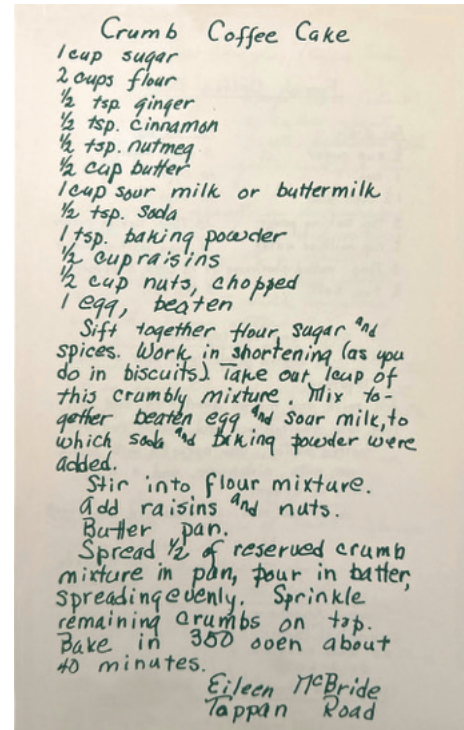
If you have any old Sleepy Hollow photos or historical items you'd like to share, we'd love for you to reach out to [shhapresident@gmail.com](mailto:shhapresident@gmail.com).

## Butterfield Road Welcomes New Bike Lanes: A Safer Route for All

The streets of Butterfield Road have just become safer and more cyclist-friendly with the introduction of dedicated bike lanes on both the East and West sides of the street. To ensure the effectiveness of these new lanes, it's crucial for everyone to be mindful of their presence. Motorists, please refrain from parking vehicles in the bike lanes, and homeowners, kindly pull your trash cans out of these areas.

By keeping the lanes clear, we can promote safer travel for cyclists and enhance the overall flow of traffic.

A big thank you is owed to the members of the Butterfield Safe Streets Corridor. Their tireless efforts and dedication have made this project possible. We encourage you to continue supporting initiatives that make Butterfield Road a safer and more enjoyable thoroughfare for everyone.



## A Taste of Sleepy Hollow History

We're proud to showcase recipes from **The Skillet Legends of Sleepy Hollow**, the original neighborhood cookbook, compiled by Elinor Holmes and Chloe Jones back in 1952. This wonderfully illustrated, handwritten collection featured the favorite recipes from home chefs throughout The Hollow. For our Spring Bulletin, try Eileen McBride's Crumb Coffee Cake, which she made in her kitchen on Tappan Road. Yum!



Lace up your running shoes! The inaugural MARIN MILE race is coming up on Saturday, June 1, from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Archie Williams High School.

The event takes place on the historic Archie Williams Track, which is sheltered from the wind and built for fast times. There are races for all running levels, along with events for children (ages 3 – 10).

The event is the brainchild of race director Brody Barkan who grew up in Sleepy Hollow and ran competitively for Archie Williams and later at Occidental College. He's created a great, fun event for the whole community. And whether you're running or spectating, be sure to stick around until the end as the elite runners take the track to compete in the finals. "We're hoping for the fastest miles ever run on Marin County soil," Brody explains. There's more information and sign-up at [themarinemile.com](http://themarinemile.com).

## Join the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association: Building Community Together

This has been a time of exciting growth for the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association. Now that the stunning renovation of the community clubhouse is complete, we can reap the rewards of all that hard work and really start to put this incredible facility to good use.

The center will be home to many of our signature events such as the lively 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and the always popular pumpkin carving festivities.

Did you know that you can rent out the space for private special occasions (with a discount for SHHA members)? And if you haven't seen the new landscaping or communal areas, come on down to 1317 Butterfield to see what all the buzz is about.

The ever-expanding list of services includes fitness classes, lap swimming, social clubs, a small private gym, and so much more. And the clubhouse proved to be a vital resource for community members during the winter storms when power was out. Many neighbors took advantage of the space for WiFi and power while their homes were dark.

If you haven't done so already, the way to tap into all of these great opportunities is by joining The Sleepy Hollow Homes Association. You can join through the [shha.org](http://shha.org) website. Feel free to direct any questions you have about membership to [shhamembership@gmail.com](mailto:shhamembership@gmail.com).



## Call for Volunteers

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

The Memorial Day party on May 26 and the big July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and BBQ are two of the signature events that make life in Sleepy Hollow so special.

But they can't happen without the generous work of community volunteers. Take the plunge and sign up to help in any way you can, big or small. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and help us pull off these big celebrations. And if the parties aren't your speed, there are lots of other ways to help out and get involved. Shoot us an email at [shhaevents@gmail.com](mailto:shhaevents@gmail.com) to find the job that's right for you.



## Heat Alert for Furry Friends

Did you know that at just 77 degrees outside, the pavement temperature can reach a blistering 125 degrees? Or that even with cracked windows, the temperature inside a car can escalate rapidly, as much as 40 degrees above the outside temperature? As the summer temperatures soar, it's crucial to keep our furry friends safe from the scorching heat. Be aware of their delicate paws on hot pavement and don't leave your doggie behind in a hot car. Probably the best way to keep our furry companions safe this summer is to leave them home during hot weather outings. Let's ensure our dogs stay cool, safe, and happy this summer.



## Playground in Full Swing

We are beyond excited to announce that the Sleepy Hollow Community Center play areas are now open! This project was made possible by community donations to the Sleepy Hollow Charitable Foundation. We thank each and every neighbor who donated time, money and volunteer hours to make this dream become a reality. Watch for a special opening ceremony coming soon.

The play areas have rules posted for safe play, and all play structures either require or recommend adult supervision. Convenient seating for parents is in the works and we ask that you be respectful of swimming activity and keep the kiddos away from the pool deck. Have fun and enjoy!



Activities & Events

Events and activities are well under way in Sleepy Hollow this year and we have several upcoming community events to look forward to, including our Summer Kick-off BBQ, Spring Gala, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration!

You can always find upcoming events at: [shha.org/UpcomingEvents](https://shha.org/UpcomingEvents) for the latest info and to register.

**May 9:** SHHA Wellness Sound Bath  
Sponsored by Zamira Solari, Realtor

**May 26:** Summer Social Kick Off: BBQ & Music!

**June 1:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Gala & Auction

**July 4:** Parade, BBQ & Live Music!

**American Style Mah Jong:** Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Have an event idea? Put it on for your community at the Community Center. Email [shhaevents@gmail.com](mailto:shhaevents@gmail.com) to make it happen.

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES\*

**Body Sculpting with Catherine:**  
Mondays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Cardio & Strength RIPPED with Aya:**  
Tuesdays 8:35 – 9:35 a.m.

**Aqua Fitness with Brigitte:**  
Tuesdays 1:00-2:00pm



**Body Sculpting with Catherine:**  
Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Evening Yoga with Kari:**  
Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:40 p.m.

**Cardio & Strength BURN with Aya:**  
Thursdays 8:35 – 9:35 a.m.

**Gentle Yoga with Kari:**  
Thursdays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**Body Sculpting with Catherine:**  
Fridays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Aqua Fitness with Brigitte:**  
Fridays 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Please contact Kelley Podboy at [shhaevents@gmail.com](mailto:shhaevents@gmail.com) with questions/comments!

Check the schedule on SignUpGenius (SUG). Sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a9ad2aabfbc70-group#](https://signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a9ad2aabfbc70-group#)

Visit [shha.org/fitness](https://shha.org/fitness) for registration information.

Purchase your 10 Class Pass here! [shha.org/Sys/Store/Products/249547](https://shha.org/Sys/Store/Products/249547)

**\*Classes subject to change.** Please refer to the SUG for the most up to date schedule.



SLEEPY HOLLOW SITTERS IS READY TO RELAUNCH AND WE NEED YOU!

We’ve been working on streamlining the Sleepy Hollow Sitters and are ready to relaunch out to our community. For any interested sitters, mother’s helpers, pet walkers, or community center helpers, after you get your parent’s permission, email Sandra Murtagh ([sandrasmurtagh@gmail.com](mailto:sandrasmurtagh@gmail.com)) to request to be added to the secure Sleepy Hollow Sitter Contact List. All Sleepy Hollow Homes Association members will have access to your contact information.

For families and parents looking for sitters, please scan the QR Code below, or go to the SHHA Website ([shha.org/SleepyHollowSitters](https://shha.org/SleepyHollowSitters)) to request access to the Sitter Contact list.

Thank you!  
Sandra, Sleepy Hollow Sitter Advisor



Kudos & More

Like many of us in Sleepy Hollow, Patty Kuehn loves dogs. She and her husband Ron have spent the last 30 years fostering, training and puppy raising service dogs for people with disabilities through organizations such as Guide Dogs for the Blind, Dogs for Diabetes, and Canine Companions.

Currently Patty is involved with a puppy raising program at San Quentin Rehabilitation Center, co-raising Labrador Retriever Wendell with two inmates. Also at home are Canine Companion puppy Yauzer and the Kuehn’s own family dog, Fiske. Great work, Patty! You can find out more about Canine Companions at [canine.org](https://canine.org)!



Patty Kuehn and Wendell at a children’s bereavement camp

Congrats to the three Sleepy Hollow artists: Debra Nelson, Sioban Scalon and Martine Callebaut for showcasing their art in Marin Open Studios in May. Check out their masterpieces at: [marinopenstudios.org/](https://marinopenstudios.org/).

Devin Smith and her daughter Julia kindly donated their Sleepy Hollow Swim Team parka and swimsuit to Gina Singleton’s daughter Reese who had outgrown hers. You made Reese’s day with your generous act. Way to go Devin and Julia!

Sam and Gareth Jelley would like to thank their next-door neighbor, Garrett Plante, for helping move a heavy dresser out of their house at the last minute. Thanks for lending a hand and being such a great neighbor, Garrett!

Want to thank YOUR neighbor? Email [carolinebruister@gmail.com](mailto:carolinebruister@gmail.com) your kudos for our next Bulletin. She thanks you in advance <3



Tennis News from the Hard Courts.

The Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club is pleased to announce its new President, Kai Stockenhaus. Kai takes over the reins from Patty Kuehn and Carolyn Goodman who served as Co-Presidents for the past few years. The club features six recently resurfaced courts and lessons that are available from pro Rob Jessen. It’s a great way to enjoy some court time right in our own backyard.

The club’s big **Summer Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament** is being planned for Saturday, June 15th. This popular event brings together long-time members and new members for a full and exciting day of tennis, with participants often playing upwards of seven sets. The format allows you to match up against new folks each round so you can meet and connect with fellow tennis lovers. The tournament is typically followed with an evening dinner where trophies are awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams.

Join the SHTC ([sleepyhollowtennis.org/](https://sleepyhollowtennis.org/)) today to hit the courts with your neighbors. Sign up link for the tournament is emailed to members. The tournament can only host twelve men and twelve women, so mark your calendars and get ready to register as it’s first come, first served (no pun intended!).



New Bins at the Pool

The pool and community center have brand new bins for recycling, compost and landfill. We know figuring out which bin to put your waste in can be one of life’s great challenges, so here are some quick and easy guidelines to help:

Plastic bottles and cans only in the recycling bin. Plastic cups and silverware are generally NOT recyclable even when they say they are.

Food scraps, pizza boxes, paper plates and napkins go in the compost bin. Marin creates compost that is organic, so no biodegradable or compostable plastic containers or utensils.

Everything else goes in the landfill bin!

Sleepy Hollow Homes Association



Pool News

Memorial Day weekend marks the official opening of the summer swim season at the Sleepy Hollow Pool. Join your friends and neighbors at the kickoff barbecue on Sunday, May 26 and be sure to bring your swimsuit for a refreshing dip in the pool.

While Memorial weekend is the beginning of Family Swim, the pool has been seeing lots of activity throughout the Spring months. As always, our Sea Lions Swim Team has been hard at work practicing since late February. Their competitive season began with their first home meet on May 4. Additional home meets will occur on May 18 and June 22. The kids in our community benefit so much from the swim team by challenging themselves in new ways, making lifelong friendships, and working together toward a common goal. Go Lions!

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*Local lap swimmer Kevin O’Neill*

It’s not just the kiddos who have been busy in the pool. Adult lap swim has moved from pilot status to a dedicated offering available with your SHHA membership. You can swim during the shoulder seasons without purchasing a regular pool membership (March, April, May, September & October). And two lap lanes will continue to be available throughout the summer with your pool membership.

Here’s what local lap swimmer Kevin O’Neill had to say, “The lap swim program has been terrific on so many levels. My partner Claudia I have been enjoying it since we moved here two and a half years ago. On the one hand, it is a wonderful and accessible fitness option; on the other, it proves to be a welcome boost to my midday routine. Who needs lunchtime coffee when there’s a beautiful lap swimming pool just down the road!”

If you’re looking for a different kind of pool workout, you can dive into the world of aquatic fitness with our twice weekly aqua aerobics classes. The sessions feature a brand-new set of aqua aerobics gear designed for both deep and shallow water classes. There are versatile noodles to improve balance along with foam dumbbells that offer resistance training for both strength and cardio. Buoy belts help you stay comfortable and buoyant in deep and shallow water. Go to [shha.org](https://shha.org) to sign up for this low impact and energizing workout.

Finally, you’ll be seeing some physical improvements around the pool coming up soon. Last winter’s storms were hard on the pergola that provides shade by the poolside. We’ve got shade sails in place for now with a lovely full replacement pergola on the way in the near future. And new chairs will be arriving soon for plenty of poolside lounging options.





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MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE POPPING UP ALL  
OVER THE SLEEPY HOLLOW COMMUNITY CENTER.

In addition to lovely, newly planted FireSafe  
landscaping, the new playground is now open  
and ready for action! Read all about it and more  
in this edition of the SHHA Spring Bulletin.

