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Putting It in Perspective

This morning I asked my 10-year-old daughter, Mina, what I should write about in the upcoming newsletter. She hesitated for a moment and then said, "The Manchester bombing." I wasn't expecting that response. I was thinking more along the lines of "summer is here, enjoy the pool" or something like that.

But wow, there it was, right in my face, my 10-year-old talking about a terrorist bombing. I was so saddened that she was carrying this around with her. When I was ten all I could think about was my next Little League game. But as I sat and thought about it, I understood that this particular horrific, cowardly act targeted girls and boys her age. Victims were as young as eight years old and I could see how it became a topic of conversation at school.

I am the father of two young girls Coda, nine, and Mina ten. We are blessed to live in perhaps one of the safest communities in the world. So before I go on with the big problems we face out here in the Hollow with leaf blower's and barking dogs, I just thought I would say that today there are fathers in England who are devastated after losing their beautiful young children while they innocently attended a concert. Even though we live thousands of miles away, we feel the pain no father or mother should ever have to endure.

Sorry to be so heavy in our little newsletter, but I personally think it's important to take a step back and put life in perspective once in a while.

Ok, now on to the leaf blowers and the not-so-fun part of being president.

Emails and phone calls from unhappy Sleepy Hollow residents are the least joyful part of being president of the Homes Association. Just in the past month alone I've received multiple noise complaints of early morning leaf blowers, Sunday morning construction work, noisy dirtbike riders, loud evening party music and barking dogs.

This on top of the numerous complaints I hear from patient homeowners on Butterfield Road who live near the clubhouse whose driveways are sometimes blocked by swim team parents, especially on swim meet mornings. I also hear of continuous crime concerns, erratic reckless driving, speeding and numerous other concerns.

Not that I mind hearing from you folks, I just wish there was more I could do to help alleviate the problems. But the best I can do is remind **everyone** that being a good neighbor is not that difficult. It really does come down to common courtesy. If you are an early riser and feel the need to blow leaves, perhaps have another cuppa coffee and read the paper first before firing up the blower at 7:00 a.m. More importantly, if you hire a lawn maintenance company make it clear you don't want your leaves blown before 9:00 a.m., especially on weekends. A lot of communities in Marin have leaf-blower noise ordinances. I assume if enough people started complaining to the county, they too would look into restricting days and times as well.

If you like to party like a rockstar, great, go at it, just try and remember your neighbor may not be as big of an Iron Maiden fan as you are. So keep an eye on the clock and turn the music down or take the party inside at a decent hour.

If you own a dirtbike, then go find some dirt and stay off of Butterfield Road! (Yes, I live on Butterfield Road, and yes, I'm very annoyed by this dirtbiker!)

My point is, we live in a wonderful community. Let's try to remember to be courteous to our neighbors and make it even better out here in the Hollow.

A few notes of business—The board and I have talked about creating a historical society. If anyone is interested in keeping the history of Sleepy Hollow alive and well, please reach out to me as we are trying to organize a group for an initial afternoon tea gathering at San Domenico. I think it would be wonderful for folks to pass along their insights to us newbies.

Keep an eye out for the SHFPD evacuation drill. I believe a fire evacuation drill is being planned for early August. More to come on that event soon.

Also as summer nears, so do our Socials and 4th of July parade. We are in desperate need of additional volunteers, so please, if you have time on your hands and would like to get more involved in the community let us know. The more the merrier!

Thank you,

David Swaim



News & Notes from Supervisor Katie Rice

Here in Sleepy Hollow, like elsewhere throughout Marin, lots of home improvement activity is happening.

From small additions, to major remodels, even a few “tear downs” and new construction—newcomers and long-time residents are making changes to their homes. While simpler projects, such as interior remodels, small accessory structures, fences, etc. can be approved on a ministerial basis, more extensive projects go through a more intensive review and vetting process in which planners seek to ensure a project not only complies with building code, planning and policy issues, but also fits with the character of the neighborhood and addresses neighbor/public concerns. Given all the major remodel and development activity in the Hollow, I thought it was a good time for me to provide some basic information on the permit process, how neighbors can find out more about project proposals, and when the permit process provides opportunities for public review and comment.

There are two fundamental types of development permits: ministerial projects and discretionary projects. Ministerial projects, such as Building Permit applications, are evaluated for compliance with technical criteria that are objective and require little or no subjective judgment. No public input is relevant in County decisions on ministerial projects and the decisions are generally not appealable.

Discretionary projects, such as Design Review applications, are evaluated for consistency with various policies, regulations, and guidelines published by the County as well as specific “findings” that apply to each different type of planning permit. Findings rely on subjective judgments based on evidence. Public input is relevant to County decisions on discretionary projects and the decisions are appealable to the Planning Commission and subsequently to the Board of Supervisors. In some cases, a public hearing may be necessary before a planning per-

mit for a discretionary project is issued.

Projects requiring discretionary review (such as Design Review) should be recognizable in the community because you will see a notice posted on the site (well in advance of decision date to alert neighbors) and the installation of “story” poles with bright orange tape for those projects involving additions, expanded footprint, new construction. For larger projects, the planning department also provides mailed written notification to neighbors within 300/600 ft. of site, alerting them to a pending decision and time frame and process for submittal of comment and opportunity for appeal.

Information about all projects going through the discretionary review process are posted on the County’s planning website at www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/projects. Interested parties can “subscribe” for electronic updates on individual projects or more generally for planning/permitting activity in a specified geographic region such as Sleepy Hollow. You can also contact the planner assigned to a project and/or just reach out to my office.

Barbed Goatgrass Project on Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Divide

For those who have been out and about, hiking and/or biking the hills around Sleepy Hollow, you have likely seen the “Barbed Goatgrass Control” signs at the trailheads to Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Divide Open Space. Given community concern around herbicide use, and specifically, use of glyphosate, I thought it would be helpful to provide a bit more information and context for this project.

Barbed Goatgrass is an invasive annual grass threatening Marin’s native grasslands and agricultural lands where it poses a threat to grazing livestock. The population in TL/SH divide is one of few known locations in Marin County and the open space district has worked for years to control its spread through the use of an intensive integrated pest management (IPM) approach that includes: spot burns, mowing, hand pulling, and limited use of chemical herbicides. This year, the Coun-

Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets meeting on June 8th!

Please join us for the Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets spring meeting on June 8, 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow clubhouse. We will be talking about traffic and safety issues on Butterfield and surrounding roads as well as having an initial conversation about pros and cons of having a dedicated bike lane on Butterfield Road. Come join community members, law enforcement, public works, Safe Routes and others for some good discussion.

Also, a huge thanks to our Butterfield Corridor Safe Routes captains - Laura French, Karen Zamorano and Karen Baigrie (Brookside, Hidden Valley, San Domenico) - for all they’ve done this year and in the past to promote kids walking and biking to school. Their hard work has played a large role in the improvement of the health and safety of students and our community. Hats off!

Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee

ty is also testing, as a part of this project, a new organic product called Suppress as an alternative to glyphosate.

The County’s overall goal for maintenance of its parks, playgrounds, buildings and open space, is to get to zero herbicide use. Recently adopted policy requires that herbicides can only be applied under “critical” circumstances, where no other less toxic methods have been successful in addressing a health, public safety, or endangered species concern.

If you are up on the divide, take a moment to read about the barbed goat grass project at trail head entrances where notices including information and clear maps indicating where IPM work is occurring are posted.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have at krice@marincounty.org or 415-473-7825.

Mark Your Calendars

SHHA Board Meeting

June 1

Swim Team Home Meet Schedule

June 3rd vs Scott Valley

The Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee

June 8, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Clubhouse

Legend Club June Tea & Garden Party

June 8, 11:00 a.m. Peggy's Garden, 24 Greensburgh Lane

Summer Social at the Pool

June 16, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

HIDDEN VALLEY 5TH GRADE PROMOTION

June 14, 4:00 p.m.

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*Top left: Kelly Kurtzig sings the National Anthem at our practice meet.
Top Right: Jack Podboy and Nash Winslow enjoy burritos at the 9/10
Movie Night. Bottom: Olivia Flake breaststrokes to the finish!*

**Sportsmanship and Team Spirit Are
Alive in Sleepy Hollow!**



We have had an exciting start to our season, losing a close one in Terra Linda (4 points!) and coming back strong vs. the Riptide at home. There was a lot of great sportsmanship and team spirit displayed at the Orcas' pool...our swimmers made

parents and coaches very proud.

The season is flying by and the Sea Lions are having a lot of fun! Bark Buddies, pizza nights, a parent social, and of course hard work at practices are keeping our team busy.

Up next: Poker Night, SLIC stores, and... WATERWORLD IN JUNE!! Thanks for your support, Sleepy Hollow!

you're invited



☆
*Legend Club
June Tea
& Garden Party*

*Thursday, June 8, 2017 • 11:00 a.m.
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To love summer in Sleepy Hollow, mark your calendars for:

- June 16 Social
- July 4 Festivities
- August 4 Social

Tie-dyes will be welcome but not required.

Summer Social celebration kicks off Friday, June 16, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., just as school is out.

The pool opens for family swim at 1:00 p.m. that day, then for the party at 6:00 p.m. We will have non-stop burgers and dogs, favorite beverages, and ice cream for the kid in everybody, all at the family friendly prices you know and love. Dance music from the '60s (and some not).

Each family membership in SHHA will receive two complimentary beverage tickets at the June 16 Social. JOIN NOW at shha.org, Membership Page, through EventBrite. No fee, no paperwork.

The beat goes on for the July 4th festivities, on Tuesday this year.

Get ready for the Fun Run, the parade, the flag raising, all-American hot dog lunch served by the Sea Lions Swim Team champs. Rock the day at the pool with music and kids' activities, spread out a blanket and soak in the love, then cap off the celebration with more food, fun, and music in the evening.

What can you do now?

- Enter a float in the parade, then come float in the pool.
- Send us your ideas for entertainment and the parade.
- Recall where you were in the



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summer of 1967. Or, ask your parents what they remember about the Summer of Love.

- Watch the shha.com website and emails for announcements and details, including how volunteers can have more fun.

We need volunteers!

SHHA Board members will be crew leaders for each activity. Let us know what you can do to help. Contact the special hotline, shhajuly4th@gmail.com, and be ready to say yes when a crew leader calls. Even an hour or two helps. Here's where we know we will need help:

For June 16:

- Help set up at the community center that day
- Take a 1-hour shift to greet party goers, handout the free beverage tickets, and sell food and beverage tickets
- Stay after to help clean up

For July 4:

- Help July 3 to decorate the club house and pool area for the red, white, and blue celebration
- Take a shift July 3 or during the day July 4 with food prep and service
- Help with the Fun Run in the morning
- Help with the parade. Enter a car or float or march in the parade
- Take a shift at the community center, greeting and selling tickets

For July 5:

- Come back to help clean up
- [Editor's Note: See 4th of July Hotline: shhajuly4th@gmail.com on page 5!]



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*Above: Pastor Bev welcomes Rev. Alonzo Johnson, leader of PC(USA) anti-poverty program - **We Are All in This Together***

Ladies' Tea at the home of Sleepy Hollow resident Merle Ongaro.

Top right: Patti Vance, Frankie Eakes, and Rev. Bev Brewster. Middle: Jeri Rayford, Diane Latta, and Carolyn Goodman. Bottom Right: Gabriella Ongaro, Sharon Adams, Marie Ongaro, Janel Leatherman Stewart and hostess Merle Ongaro.

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MMWD: Water Rate Increase: Pro or Con?

By Jack Gibson, MMWD Board Member, May 12, 2017

As I write this item I am grappling with the upcoming water-rate hearing set for Tuesday evening (5/16/17). My tenure on the Water Board was launched in opposition to raising water-rates. At my first meeting as a Board Member I made a motion, which passed unanimously, to repeal a rate increase which had taken place only months before. Since then I have been a key voice in keeping water-rates under control, sometimes with years passing without a rate increase. I have cast a negative vote more often than a positive vote on increasing rates. I try to justify each rate proposal in the context of a vigorous budget review, and as I look at the current proposal I will follow that process. If I can not justify the proposal against District needs I will have no trouble voting “no.”

I have received more than ninety calls or emails regarding the current rate proposal. Most, of course, were against any rate increase, but about 30% were supportive. Many of those advocating the rate increase did so in recognition of the increase costs of maintaining our 22,000-acre watershed, and in light of the expensive Board decision to ban the use of pesticides on our watershed. That decision increased the costs of wild-fire management.

In this new age of social media it is especially difficult to evaluate information. The current proposal is not based bloated salaries or pension plans. Pension costs at the District are under 6% of the budget — well within an accepted range. The District performs a complex job, and the required personal (reduced from about 265 a few years ago to 241 today) is made up of professionals, many with advanced degrees, engineers, and others with specialized training and professional licences requiring government certifications. Even with those staffing requirements, the MMWD salaries, undergo constant review, and fall within the carefully charted median range for similarly trained professionals. The proposal is intended to maintain the consistent and aggressive level of maintenance and infrastructure upgrades. Over the years the District has carefully kept this program going with a balance of “pay-as-you-go” and bonding. The current effort will shift more of the burden away from bonding, and more to “pay-as-you-go.” This approach has served the District well, and has aided the financial health of the District, keeping the bonding rates low, and allowing a AA++ credit rating.

I will attend the rate hearing, listen to our staff proposal, and comments from our public. I will evaluate it with a tough eye. If I am not able to agree I will attempt to reshape the proposal to a more acceptable plan, and failing that I will oppose it.

4th of July Hotline:

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- When parking, please be careful not to block the driveways of homes near the Community Center Clubhouse on Butterfield Road and any street where you might need to park. Allow plenty of clearance for the drive itself and for visibility, so residents can exit the driveway safely. Visibility is important around all intersections; please park far enough from an intersection to allow good visibility for turning drivers. Larger vehicles are larger obstacles to visibility.
- When driving, slow down and watch for children trying to cross, and for cars trying to see into the road way to turn or exit a driveway safely.
- When crossing, or exiting a parked car, look to be sure that no vehicle is coming in either direction before you fully open your car door or step into the roadway. Be aware that parked cars can make it difficult for drivers to see you.

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Kids Movie Night Wins Oscar



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A big, big thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this premiere Movie Night happen. Special thanks to Pete Mayer, who faithfully assured that the popcorn

Over 40 kids were enthralled by the movie "Moana" as they ate popcorn, pizza and treats during the Kids Movie Night.

The award for Best Dressed went to Blair Hill.

was always fresh, and to Jen Gauna and daughter Jordan who were always there to do whatever needed to be done. Several of our pool lifeguards for this summer were there to help, and some parents even stayed to see the kids' experience. Thank you for joining us. Sleepy Hollow is one lucky community!



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SHHA Board Report: May Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance: David Swaim, Bradley Johnson, Scott Hintergardt, Jan Blackford, and Jennifer Gauna
 Non-board members in attendance: Steve Knox

Movie Night Recap

Jan Blackford gave highlights of the kids' movie night held on April 22nd at the commu-

nity center. The event was well attended and considered a great success. We thanked the Westfalls for initiating and organizing a wonderful event. The board considered doing another movie night in the fall.

Final Budget

Treasurer Bradley Johnson
 Fourth of July & Dates of Summer Socials

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The board discussed July 4th planning and identified two summer socials dates now scheduled for June 16th and August 4th

Creation of Historical Society

President David Swaim floated the idea of creating a Sleepy Hollow Historical Society to help preserve our history and share across generations.

New Resident Welcome Gifts

David showed off the new Game Boards that will be

given out to new residents as a welcome gift.

Marin County Pesticide Campaign

Jennifer Gauna brought attention to the new Pesticide Reduction Campaign in the County "Think Before You Spray," a grassroots effort to bring awareness of the use and misuse of toxins on residential properties.

Pampas Grass Removal

Grounds manager Steve Knox provided an update on the removal of the Pampas

grass at Katrina and Butterfield Road. The grass will be removed as soon as a contractor is available.

Membership Update

Jan Blackford reported SHHA and pool memberships continue to grow this season.

Grounds Update

Steve Knox underscored the increasing need to address repairs at the clubhouse.

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.



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