

# Sleepy Hollow BULLETIN

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## SAVE THE DATE

End of Summer Social, Aug 26

Butterfield Safe Streets Zoom  
Meeting, Sept 13

Halloween Event, Oct 29

President's Party, Dec 9

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### Building Belonging TOGETHER!

We have celebrated many special events in 2023, and most importantly the remarkable spirit of Sleepy Hollow. On behalf of the board, I would like to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to those who signed up and showed up as volunteers for the gala, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, socials, and more. Whether it's organizing events, decorating, serving, cleaning up or just lending a hand, is a testament to the strength of our community. I remember showing up to events long before I joined the board and never did I wonder, who does all of this? I suppose I thought there was a magical fairy who waved a wand, and everyone just got to show up and have fun. In a sense it's true; we have magical fairies who graciously show up to help. It is our goal to grow our group of fairies so please join us when you can, we sure could use the help! We actually have a true example of a Good Fairy (neighbor Penny McPhail) in this Bulletin and she believes in the power of showing up and also sharing the stories of "good fairies" since acts of kindness are truly contagious.

Growing up on a small farm in rural Indiana, hard work and neighbors helping neighbors was our way of life. Although I no longer live on a farm, the same grassroots kindness and contribution holds true right here in the Hollow. I'm in absolute awe with how much neighbors help each other. Whether it's a fallen fence, a missing cat, or a cup of sugar, our families extend beyond our address. Matt and I are blessed with two incredible girls Zoe (11) and Reese (10) who we try to teach the same, moral mindset and to be a contributor to our family and our community. I see this same mindset throughout our sweet community. Kids helping each other with chores so they can play together sooner or joining forces to become entrepreneurs for the day and setting up a lemonade stand where neighbors and passersby will support them. We have a gate to our back neighbors house so the girls can join forces anytime they like with each other. Families joke about our carpool crew needing its own bus! The remarkable swim team is

a family in itself. Truly living the dream! Our community plays a significant role in shaping the development and well-being of children growing up and I'd like to think we do things a little differently here!

In the spirit of community, when there is a power outage the SHHA Community Center is open to all, not just to members. When it's blazing hot, we open the doors to everyone as a cooling shelter. You see, SHHA is committed to serving everyone. All this far exceeds a generic HOA that requires everyone to contribute monthly dues (typically 200-300 per month) and mandates what color your front door is. SHHA Membership is truly the best deal in town...JOIN NOW!

We are so much bigger than that, SHHA was founded as a true "volunteer experiment" in 1946 to see what happens when a group of neighbors comes together to benefit the greater good. Our Association is unique - the only non-mandatory Homes Association in the state of California (and perhaps the nation!). The SHHA was instrumental in preserving a freeway from being built out to Limantour (through our hills), creating the Sleepy Hollow Swim Team, creating a community cookbook and also the legendary Legends Club - women neighbors coming together as the social fabric of the community.

What will we do next together? Soon, we'll be opening a fitness room, because of the generosity of Andy Witkowski - huge thank you! We are a community that celebrates diversity, embraces inclusivity, and accomplishes great things when we come together. It is in these moments that we forge friendships, strengthen bonds, and create memories that will last a lifetime. I encourage all residents who have not yet joined to take the initiative and become a member of Sleepy Hollow Homes Association. Your commitment enhances the richness of our tapestry, and we eagerly anticipate the unique contributions you will bring so we can continue to build belonging TOGETHER!

Gina Singleton, SHHA President,  
SHCF Board Member



# News & Notes from Supervisor Katie Rice

SHHA July 2023

## HAPPY SUMMER!

The long warm days of summer are a perfect time to take advantage of Marin’s many county parks and preserves – including over 18,000 acres of open space preserves and five regional parks! Historically, access to open space preserves (like Sleepy Hollow/

Terra Linda Divide) has been free, while parking and entrance fees have been levied at the County’s regional parks. Not anymore! As of July 3, entrance fees to all Marin County Regional Parks have been eliminated. This action by the Board of Supervisors recognizes that users of Marin County Open Space District lands and preserves recreate on these public lands for free, while residents frequenting our regional parks (Paradise, McNears, Stafford Lake, Black Point and Miller Park boat launches) pay to park and/or enter. The elimination of entrance fees aligns with other actions taken by the board of supervisors to support equitable access to all Marin County Parks and Open Space. Read the press release ([tinyurl.com/4khveysz](https://www.tinyurl.com/4khveysz)) and visit [parks.marincounty.org/parkspreserves/location-list](https://www.parks.marincounty.org/parkspreserves/location-list) for information about all the locations. And then, get out and enjoy!

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

On June 22, the Board adopted its FY 2023-24 budget ([tinyurl.com/2s4ccfnd](https://www.tinyurl.com/2s4ccfnd)). The \$750 million budget is balanced, maintains core program service levels, expands capacity in several areas to address emerging needs, and makes significant investments in our top community priorities including: affordable and workforce housing, emergency preparedness, homelessness, mental health services, equity initiatives, sea level rise and climate mitigation, and employee recruitment/retention.

The FY 2023-24 budget includes funding to expand the mobile crisis program to 24/7 response capability by the end of 2023, the addition of an active transportation planner to the traffic division focusing on bike/ped improvements and two new positions within the planning department to expand capacity in plans review and support implementation of housing element programs. Also included in the budget is approximately \$50 million in one-time monies for one-time investments. Among them: \$30 million for



## Gas Leaf Blower Update

On January 2024, the State of California will ban the sale of all new gas-powered landscaping equipment under 25 horsepower, including gas leaf blowers (AB 1346 at [tinyurl.com/4jjeh6jx](https://www.tinyurl.com/4jjeh6jx)). The new law doesn’t prohibit the use of existing machinery or the sale of used equipment.

Towards preparing the community for this impending ban on sales, the County will be launching information and education

deferred maintenance and modernization of the Civic Center and Veteran’s Memorial auditorium, \$5 million as the first annual installment of a 5-year, \$25 million dollar general fund commitment to our Affordable Housing Trust, \$2.5 million to address homeless encampments, and an additional \$2 million in one-time funding, (on top of \$13 million annual program allocation) for roads maintenance in response to the pounding that the long, wet winter had on the pavement! These and other one-time allocations ([tinyurl.com/ytezsnm2](https://www.tinyurl.com/ytezsnm2)) are funded through year-end savings, previously established reserves, special revenue funds, and federal COVID-relief funding. Read the budget overview ([tinyurl.com/2s4ccfnd](https://www.tinyurl.com/2s4ccfnd)) and highlights of progress made in key areas.

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHT: WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Reducing wildfire risk and improving overall emergency preparedness and disaster response are top priorities for our board. This year’s budget reflects that focus and includes recently awarded Cal Fire funding for two additional hand crews (16 FTE), ongoing funding through the county general fund, Parks/Measure A, and the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority/Measure C for multiple seasonal crews for vegetation management work and deployment to wildfires as needed, funding to support the transition and expansion of the Office of Emergency Management ([emergency.marincounty.org/pages/oem](https://www.emergency.marincounty.org/pages/oem)), and the county’s share of cost for creation of a new dispatch center for all Marin fire and EMS agencies. This is a multi-jurisdictional undertaking led by Marin County Fire ([marincounty.org/depts/fr](https://www.marincounty.org/depts/fr)) in coordination with the Marin County Sheriff-Coroner’s Office ([marinsheriff.org/](https://www.marinsheriff.org/)) and partner municipal fire agencies and will include the development of a comprehensive plan for dispatch services, as well as a review of current policies, practices, and organizational needs related to communication and emergency response.

For more on county department work for wildfire prevention and preparedness, and for a look at the vegetation management work accomplished and underway in District 2, visit Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority ([marinwildfire.org](https://www.marinwildfire.org)).

campaigns tailored to commercial landscape professionals and home-owners designed to support and accelerate a transition to zero emission landscaping countywide.

The county has taken this approach being mindful that landscaping industry is heavily populated by lower income, Hispanic and immigrant workers and business owners with a low median income. Rather than add to the burden of these small, minority owned businesses, the county has elected to assist them in making a transition already in process. Additionally, given the average lifespan of a gas-powered leaf blower is around three years of commercial use and research indicates that any reductions in gas powered engine use due to a county ordinance would have a negligible effect on emissions.

If you’re currently having an issue with your neighbor’s use of noisy landscaping equipment, having a one-on-one conversation about your concern is a good first step. Also note that the County does have a noise ordinance 6.70.030/Enumerated Noises ([tinyurl.com/nhfa7tzb](https://www.tinyurl.com/nhfa7tzb)) that prohibits loud noises (like gas leaf blowers) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

# THE BUTTERFIELD SAFETY TEAM IS HARD AT WORK TO MAKE THE BUTTERFIELD CORRIDOR SAFER FOR ALL.

This working group meets twice a month and tackles top concerns and opportunities on or along Butterfield. It is a collaboration of Sleepy Hollow Homes Association, the Marin County Department of Public Works, San Anselmo Department of Public Works, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, Safe Routes, local schools and concerned residents. Working group members representing the County of Marin: John Neville, Engineer, and Nancy Vernon, Aide to Supervisor Katie Rice, have been diligent in moving things forward.

In the last year, a partial bike lane was implemented/striped and signs were installed. This change extended the bike lane from Butterfield Road, Town of San Anselmo, to Sleepy Hollow Drive. Travelers on Butterfield have noted what a difference this makes – the lack of parked cars in bike lanes is notable allowing safer passage in our corridor.

A survey is currently in progress to collect opinions on both Butterfield and Green Valley Court (GVC) (for those who select that they utilize GVC for school or personal). The survey results will provide information regarding how the current safety of Butterfield is perceived and if there is continued support to extend the bike lane to the north end of Butterfield. In addition, the survey addresses the congestion on Butterfield and Green

Valley Court, impact on residents and the safety of the students who utilize this route. These results will be published once compiled.

We are thrilled to announce that the county has plans to install a crosswalk from Irving to the community center. This huge win for our community is a result of consensus and public support. The crosswalk will be ADA compliant and will require a new curb on the southside of Irving and Butterfield. The design will allow for an island refuge and safer crossing in this high foot traffic and road traffic area. It will also have a rapid flashing beacon for additional safety. Estimated time for installation will be summer of 2024.

Additionally, the Safety team had extensive discussions around roundabouts and traffic slowing measures. In 2021, an 18 day study was conducted, calculating the average speed on Butterfield for 68% of vehicles was 27.9 MPH with nearly 65k cars captured in the data set. In addition, 0.5% of cars were recorded traveling >45 MPH. Due to the arterial status of Butterfield, this limits solutions but we continue to explore options for the safety of our community and those who utilize these routes. A great way to share your views is to complete the survey. You can find the link at [shha.org/Safe-Steets](https://www.shha.org/Safe-Steets) or at [surveymonkey.com/r/ButterfieldEvaluation](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ButterfieldEvaluation).

Road safety is a shared responsibility. Bikers, scooters, strollers, and drivers all play a vital role by being attentive, using designated crossings, and staying visible to ensure safe journeys for everyone.

Please exercise caution regarding vehicle speed, wear helmets, and follow the rules of the road for the safety of all.

We appreciate the input of our community and support for continuing to improve safety on our streets. Please make sure you complete the survey and look for updates on our website at: [shha.org/butterfield-safety](https://www.shha.org/butterfield-safety).

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:** Clear the Way for Safety: Trim Your Landscape for Visibility! Keeping bushes, hedges, and trees neatly pruned ensures better visibility, preventing accidents and promoting a safer environment for everyone. Improved visibility allows drivers to have a clearer line of sight, enabling them to anticipate potential hazards, such as oncoming vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, wildlife and react accordingly.

**FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD**

**Bike smart – be predictable.**

**Eyes Up, Marin**  
[www.streetSMARTsmarin.org](https://www.streetSMARTsmarin.org)

Street Smarts Marin is a program of TAM

**SIGA LAS REGLAS DE LA CARRETERA**

**Monte en bicicleta inteligentemente – se predecible.**

**Ojos Arriba, Marin**  
[www.streetSMARTsmarin.org](https://www.streetSMARTsmarin.org)

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## Penny McPhail Believes Every Neighbor Deserves Love



In March 2020, just as the pandemic was hitting our world, Sleepy Hollow resident Penny McPhail recognized the need for community-based support for our most vulnerable neighbors. Especially for elderly and immune-compromised people, the prospect of shopping or running daily errands literally became a matter of life and death overnight.

Many people reached out for help on NextDoor and while many volunteers offered their help, Penny realized that there wasn't an efficient, repeatable process to ensure that these neighbors could be served by community volunteers who were willing to run errands, do shopping, drive folks to appointments or help out around the house on an ongoing basis. Out of that need, Good Fairy Marin County was born and its "neighbors helping neighbors" approach was put into action.

Penny initially created a Nextdoor group to match neighbors and make personal connections; while that mechanism was successful at first, in order to scale these services she enlisted another Sleepy Hollow resident, Jeff Brzycki, to set up the technology infrastructure needed for Good Fairy to expand and succeed. Currently, Good Fairy has registered approximately 750 volunteers through their website and their NextDoor group has approximately 1,900 members. Good Fairy is completely volunteer driven and is always free of charge.

If anyone thinks that they are "do gooding" they have missed the point, according to Penny – the reward needs to be in the actual connection. Once people have made a Good Fairy connection, those connections are ongoing and the symbiotic relationship between the two people can be long-lasting. To see some of the wonderful things provided by Good Fairy, please read their "Fairy Tales" section on their website.

Through their continued partnership with NextDoor, Good Fairy was honored last year as one of the 'NextDoor 100' recipients as a recognition for their work in the community. Good Fairy works closely with many Marin-based non-profit organizations and governmental agencies to serve all members of the community.

"Marin is full of characters and stories. I love my neighborhood because every single person in my neighborhood and your neighborhood deserves to be loved," said Penny.

We could not agree more.

### WAYS TO CONNECT WITH GOOD FAIRY

Website: [goodfairy.org](http://goodfairy.org)

Phone/text: 415.488.6594

NextDoor Group: [nextdoor.com/g/6j96do4gf](https://www.nextdoor.com/g/6j96do4gf)

Email: [team@goodfairy.org](mailto:team@goodfairy.org)

Facebook Group: [facebook.com/groups/goodfairy.org](https://www.facebook.com/groups/goodfairy.org)

Donate: [gofundme.com/f/its-cold-out-there-2023](https://www.gofundme.com/f/its-cold-out-there-2023)



## Ukraine Foundation Supported by Sleepy Hollow

Arizae Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit, was urgently launched by Sleepy Hollow neighbors Sara and Andy Kurtzig in March 2022 to support the Ukrainian people, help them defend their democracy, support their communities, and keep their families safe. The Kurtzigs were honored this year in the Sleepy Hollow 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade as Grand Marshalls.

Arizae Foundation aims to be nimble and address the current needs which change over time, charging no fees and all donated funds are wired directly to Ukraine regularly to give as much support and help as possible to those within Ukraine.

### THROUGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF ARIZAE SINCE THE WAR BEGAN, THEY HAVE:

- Opened the Lviv Mental Health Center – Fall 2022
- Created 7 fully equipped shelters to serve and feed thousands of displaced Ukrainian people within the country.
- Delivered over 100 tons of medical supplies
- Transported necessary humanitarian aid to Ukrainian cities and towns
- Provided military supplies to defenders including bulletproof vests and helmets, night vision systems, thermal visors, patrol drones, tactical clothes, shoes, flashlights, sleeping bags, and more.
- Protected critically important IT infrastructure and partnered with SpaceX to set up and deploy thousands of Starlink devices.

And now, they are working to build a Pediatric Mental Health center to address the needs of the children of Ukraine. They are working hard now to raise funds for this important project to help children that have been affected by the trauma of war.

You can learn more including about the October 21 fundraising chef's dinner and other ways to support their work at: [arizae.org](http://arizae.org).



## Tennis Tournament Serves Up Fun

The Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club held its Summer mixed doubles tournament on Saturday, June 24. 12 men and 12 women played 5 sets of mixed doubles, mixing up each set with new partners and opponents. Not only did this keep the players on their toes, but it allowed for meeting & playing with new friends.

A hearty congratulations to the winning team of Brad Johnson and Trish Hulseley – and runners-up Sonia Hasenbeck and Elliot Morshead! They played an excellent final match that was very fun to watch – with more than a few gasp-worthy moments.

Thanks to co-Presidents Carolyn Goodman and Patty Kuehn for all of their efforts in organizing and recruiting players, and hosting a dinner at the Clubhouse following the tournament. The event was made possible with the help of many players and neighbors including:

- Mary Mahr, who did an amazing job buying/setting up a fabulous breakfast/snack spread of fruit, muffins and juice – with a beer chaser after the game
- Cleaning up the picnic tables & car loading: Kai Stoeckenius, Chris Staskus, Eli Adler and Jay Trimble
- Pre-dinner helpers for set up and meal prep included Monique Von Scheven, Teri Rushworth, Jamie Staskus, Sonia Hasenbeck and spouses Peter Goodman and Ron Kuehn
- Co-President Patty Kuehn organized the delicious meal from Insalata's and made the Costco run for beverages, napkins, ice, etc.
- A huge shout out to John Rushworth for his hilarious bag of booby prizes
- Everyone who pitched in to help clean up after dinner: Rory and Colleen Bertiglia, Laura Adler, Jamie Staskus, Sonia Hasenbeck, Susan Ferrington

The Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club is a great way to get out on the lovely courts at San Dominco and connect with your neighbors for a very reasonable fee. To learn more about SHTC email Carolyn Goodman ([carolyn@goodmanmarketing.com](mailto:carolyn@goodmanmarketing.com)), or visit [sleepyhollowtennis.org](http://sleepyhollowtennis.org).

## HOW SAFE IS BUTTERFIELD?

Take the Survey.

[shha.org/butterfield-safety](http://shha.org/butterfield-safety)

## Sleepy Hollow Presbyterian Church

Home of the Justice Garden and the Butterfield Farm Stand COMING SOON! We Grow Organic Veggies to Feed the Hungry.

All are welcome Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for music, inspiration, and friendship in our renovated indoor-outdoor sanctuary.

If you aren't able to make it in person, watch our live stream on zoom. Email Pastor Bev for a zoom invite: [beverlybrewster@comcast.net](mailto:beverlybrewster@comcast.net).

- **Join the Justice Garden and Farm Stand Team** to nurture your soul! Contact our Green Thumb Michael, c/o Pastor Bev, [beverlybrewster@comcast.net](mailto:beverlybrewster@comcast.net).
- **Sing with Alex and Pam:** Sundays before the service at 9 a.m. Teens welcome. No auditions!
- **Youth Band with Alex and Pam:** Sundays at 11 a.m. Teens, tweens, younger children, all welcome, with or without instruments.
- **Children's Program:** Stories, art, and games teaching Respect, Kindness, Sharing, and Planet Care.
- **Tween Time with Olivia:** Arts and crafts and Sunday morning chat twice monthly during the service.
- **Youth Group Conversations, service opportunities and Game Night:** Monthly with Youth Director Ryan, a thought partner for teens.
- **Music Lessons and Laughs with Director of Music Alex:** Guitar, piano, drums, saxophone, voice. Sunday afternoons at the church by appointment [alexwalker.walker@gmail.com](mailto:alexwalker.walker@gmail.com).
- **COMING SOON:** How Can Parents Help Kids Navigate Social Media for Wellbeing? Contact Pastor Bev.

Contact Pastor Bev if you would like to get to know more about the church, or for a zoom worship invite: [beverlybrewster@comcast.net](mailto:beverlybrewster@comcast.net).

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## COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & SUPPORT AT SPRING GALA

On May 13, 2023, the Sleepy Hollow Charitable Foundation (the Foundation) presented (and sold out) the first ever Sleepy Hollow Spring Gala and Auction at the Sleepy Hollow Community Center.

The Gala featured for 140 guests a hosted cocktail hour and silent auction followed by seated dinner catered in the courtyard with an amazing meal by local celebrity chef Ryan Scott. After dinner there was a live auction and fund the need donation paddle raise humorously emceed by bay area sports radio celebrity Damon Bruce. After the live auction the dance floor opened up for dancing to end the event on a festive note. The remodeled Community Center shined for the evening event, showing off the newly installed courtyard lighting.

Many thanks to all of our auction lot donors. Auction lots included Tahoe and Cape Cod vacation homes, hotel stay at Dillon Beach, multiple golf rounds at Meadow Club and Olympic, Marin and San Francisco restaurant gift certificates, fine wine donations from local residents and Wine Hooligans, ping pong lessons, bbqs and chili cookouts by neighborhood chefs, fitness and wellness experiences, and a local sports fishing boating trip on the Bass Tub, just to mention a few.

Thanks to volunteers, sponsors, donors of auction items, the 30 families who raised their paddles for the fund the need cash donations, and purchasers of our auction lots, the Gala netted approximately \$60,000. All net proceeds from the Gala are going to support the Community Center, including installing new play area elements for the kids. Please check out the sponsor logo banners below and support our sponsors!

The Sleepy Hollow Charitable Foundation is a 501c3 non profit that was formed to support the community center and our west Marin community. The Foundation started fundraising for the complete renovation of the community center and courtyard approximately 10 years ago. To date over \$1.5 million has been donated for this project. Over 366 families have donated to the cause and over 95 of those families have donated over our \$4,500 per resident goal we set a few years ago. We are truly at the finish line with an estimated \$120,000 left to raise to complete the project.

If you missed the Gala and would like to contribute to completing the project please visit [shha.org/donatenow](https://shha.org/donatenow) to donate. We would love to add more families to the \$4,500+ club! Remember your donations are most likely tax deductible and your employer may have policies that could match them, even after the fact.

We hope everyone had a great time at the Gala and look forward to the next opportunity to host a fun event that supports our community. Thanks for stepping up Sleepy Hollow!

### SHCF Spring Gala Committee

Spencer Adams, Aya Andrews, Luke Argilla, Jan Blackford, Kai Broms, Jessica Fairchild, Lorraine Ferrarese, Jeff and Erica Gates, Chris Higgins, Pete Mayer, Jeff McFarland, Ryan Nail, Douglas Roosevelt



**Above:** Christina, Holly, Aya, Adrienne, Alex, Meagan, Ashley & Gina

**Right:** Guests browse & bid at the silent auction



**Above Left:** The community center walkway was transformed for the evening



**Above Right:** Guests enjoy dinner and live auction under the lights & stars



**Left:** Sharon, Pete & Nance enjoy the reception



**Right:** Celebrity Chef Ryan Scott serving up a delicious dinner



**Above Left:** President Gina greeting the crowd!



**Above Right:** Volunteers Dawn & Jenn selling tickets

**Below Right:** Cars in the parade



**Above:** Big cheeses from 4 little ones at the selfie backdrop

**Right:** Triple C firetruck keeping us cool & safe



**Above:** Parade viewers cheering on participants on Butterfield



**Left:** Local band STONEFISH rolled down Butterfield in the parade for the first time, a historic event!



**Above:** Local youth band WOLF PACK & friends kick off music line up



**Above:** Grill volunteers served 500 burgers & hot dogs

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Run & Party

Truly the best day of the year for meeting, greeting and celebrating in our neighborhood is July 4<sup>th</sup>. This year marked a true post-pandemic resurgence. It is only possible because of the spirit of this community and each and every one who volunteered, attended and cheered on the festivities.

The morning started with a fun run at 9:00 a.m. down Butterfield. Kids, adults and cheerleaders were out in full force. A big thanks to John and Jen Richard for organizing this active start to the day. Next year plan on strolling, walking, jogging or sprinting with the group!

At 11:00 a.m. a true local parade began at Oak Springs Drive and ended at the Sleepy Hollow Community Center. Entrants included 4<sup>th</sup> of July headliners Stonefish (driven by the white-knuckled Doug Roosevelt), the Sleepy Hollow Fire Board vintage truck, Ross Valley Fire Department, the Sleepy Hollow Swim Team, Cub Scout Pack 50, the Ragtag Marching Band (they played up and down the street!), the Pool Pirates, and the Triple C Ranch. Meredith Arsenio drove Madame President Gina Singleton and first gentleman Matt Singleton in her red Audi and Brad Hubbell drove the Kurtzig family in a sweet Sunbeam Alpine. The oldest vehicle in the parade was Kent Matson's 1943 Army Jeep followed by Paul Ferrarese's 1954 MG and the newest was Justin Welch's Rivian (containing the formidable Wolfpack). As always, things ended a little wetter than they began – but we did keep the firetrucks dry. If you have a vehicle or group who would like to parade next year let us know at [shha4th@gmail.com](mailto:shha4th@gmail.com)!

The Marin County Sheriff deputies greeted parade attendees at the Community Center and gave stickers to kids. The festivities were kicked off with the Raising of the Flag by the Scouts followed by the National Anthem performed by Kelly Kurtzig.

BBQ burgers, hot dogs, chicken apple sausage and impossible burgers (big thanks to Kyle Gertridge on the SHHA Board as the food lead) were served to close to 500! The Sleepy Hollow Tennis Team volunteers kept the drinks flowing (big thanks to Doug Roosevelt our Beverage Specialist and Hen House Brewing for their donations) and the root beer floats were a perfect warm afternoon sweet treat.

Local youth band, The Wolfpack (Adeline Burkey Fong, Aubrey Andrews, Claire Welch, Julia Welch and Kaya Andrews) opened up the afternoon's live music line-up followed by local favorite, Stonefish (Brian London, Jeff McFarland, Matt Andrews and Teague Sterling) while fans and kids swayed and danced (with bubbles!) to hits by iconic American bands like Tom Petty, Aerosmith, The Cars and more.

In the later afternoon, neighbors enjoyed Hog Island Oyster Company's oyster bar and the massive charcuterie board (big thanks to Diane Fiddymont on the SHHA Board as the evening program lead) while Stonefish played on.

All in all it was a day for the community where volunteers created new connections and neighbors reconnected.

So save the date for next year, we will be partying again and hope you can help us make it all happen!

## Volunteer Board Welcomes Sam Jelley

Your SHHA volunteer board has been working harder than ever independently and collectively; coming together monthly for group consensus, forecasting, planning, and executing as we align strategically and execute independently. Here are a few top priorities we are focused on for the second half of the year.

- Driving voluntary membership
- Directing programming at the Community Center and pool operations
- Advocacy on the behalf of residents at appropriate levels of government including ongoing Butterfield Safe Streets, Fire Safe Marin and telecommunications (please see full article update for status of Verizon cell tower at San Domenico)
- Untapped growth of the community center and offerings with vision planning:



With all that amazing work in mind we are excited to introduce the newest member to the SHHA Board (full board list at [shha.org/The-Board](http://shha.org/The-Board)) - Samantha Jelley! She is British born, and moved to California 14 years ago with her husband, Gareth. She spent 8 years in San Francisco before moving to beautiful Sleepy Hollow after having a daughter, Sophie. As a lover of nature, waking up to deer outside her bedroom window is an absolute joy. Please join us in welcoming Sam to the board!

We always invite SHHA members to attend meetings and have invited our local representatives to share what they are working on and hear directly from you!

### Upcoming Meetings

Aug 3: SHHA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. SHFPD Rich Shortall (invited guest).

Sept 13: Butterfield Safe Streets Community Zoom Meeting. Reporting on the results of the survey 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Oct 5: SHHA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conversation with Supervisor Katie Rice including Restrictive Covenant work at the county level and opportunities for Sleepy Hollow residents to engage.

Open to SHHA members (first 15 minutes is open to the public). Email [shhapresident@gmail.com](mailto:shhapresident@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Please check the calendar of events to ensure dates/times have not changed.

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> EVENT POSSIBLE!

**Parade:** Rich Shortall, Matt Andrews, Brian Clune & Catherine Brown, Andy Witkowski, David Wise, Bruce Brodie, Carolyn Goodman, Thom Chiaramonte, Paul Ferrarese, Sophia Lindsay, Anne Wagner, Sally Fish, Nicole Holbrook, Kathryn Blystone, Edgar Welty, Nick Rothman, Virginia Foxtton, Justin Welch, Melissa Grimm, Meredith Arsenio, Bill Hutchinson, Brad Hubbell, Misty McCollum, Erin Badala, Eric Reimer, Mark Anderson & President of Sleepy Hollow Swim Team (SHST), Zamira Solari, Jodi Yandle, Justine Waldman, Jake Peterson, Alex Gauna, Kent Matson, Anne Gingrass, Phillip Nicol, Randi Rader, Hayes Handler, Jason & Annie Winship, Donny Sellenriek, Jason Lewicki, Pete Mayer

**Bartenders:** Carolyn Goodman, Peter Goodman, Patty Kuehn, Kevin Fox, Patty Kuehn, Peg McAllister, Colleen Bertiglia, Rory Bertiglia, Zeke Couch, Emma Couch, Chris Staskus, Eli Adler, Laura Adler, George Harris, Emily Baker

**Bakers, Set Up Crew, BBQ Grillers, Food Servers & Runners, Ticket Sellers, Kids Snacks & Activities, Clean Up Crew:** Valerie Wingfield, Kristin Ellis, Grace Carter, Sam Jelley, Sandra Murtagh, Kimberly Garrison, Emily Duffy, Kit Argilla, Dawn Mayer, Ashley Roosevelt, Nick Mullen, Hayley Mullen, Matthew Singleton, Anna Welch, Andrew Witkowski, Lorraine Ferrarese, Melissa Li, Andrew Mergenthaler, Jan Blackford, Franklin Blackford, Katie Rice, Jill Nail, Gina Singleton, Gail Hutchinson, Jenn Adams, John Grubb, Koren Grubb, David Grubb, Bryant Bedwell, Luke Argilla, Chris Hamerski, Spencer Adams, Jeff Gates, Mike Murtagh, Pat Wingfield, Brian Six, Monique von Scheven, Sydney Higgins, Jen/Nate Winslow, Lydia Duraisamy, Erik Christiansen, Chris Higgins, Ryan Nail, Jeff Lo, Leigh Burkey Fong, Cristie Lo, Nilli Hapuarachchi, Nadiia Kucherenko, Sloane Starzan, Kiyomi Hutchings, plus everyone else who helped out during the event!

## HUGE THANKS TO THE GALA SPONSORS – SUPPORT THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES!



## 2023 Wildfire Direct Assistance Program

The Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District (SHFPD) is committed to reducing the threat of wildfire in our community. In support of this effort, SHFPD has established the Direct Assistance Program. The program provides Sleepy Hollow residents with the opportunity to receive free hazardous vegetation removal and disposal services from a local, licensed contractor.

The Direct Assistance Program was launched in 2022 as a pilot program. SHFPD board members wanted to examine whether a full-service vegetation management solution for at-risk properties would resonate with residents and generate tangible results. Approximately 40 residents participated in the pilot program during the summer of 2022, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Most participants cited the program as the primary reason they were taking immediate action to remove hazardous vegetation from their property. The Small World Tree Company served as the primary contractor for the program and received high marks from residents. A survey of Sleepy Hollow residents who did not participate in the program was conducted last fall at the completion of the Direct Assistance Program. When asked “Would you be interested in participating next year if offered by SHFPD?” 79% of respondents said they would be “Very Interested.”

The costs associated with proper vegetation management often prevent homeowners from taking action in a timely

manner. The purpose of the program is to directly assist Sleepy Hollow residents with removing hazardous vegetation and creating/maintaining defensible space by eliminating the financial obstacle. The program provides for the free removal and disposal of hazardous vegetation from a local, licensed contractor. Hazardous vegetation includes, but is not limited to, Bamboo, Juniper, Italian Cypress, and dead trees. Additionally, to be eligible for this program, the hazardous vegetation must be identified on the homeowner’s Defensible Space Report. To participate in the Direct Assistance Program, Sleepy Hollow residents must complete an application, submit a copy of their Defensible Space Report (SHFPD can assist with report retrieval), and comply with all the rules and regulations of the program.

**Click on the link below to submit an application.** You will receive an email confirmation once you have submitted your application. If you do not see the email, please check your spam folder.

Once your application has been received it will be reviewed by the SHFPD. You should expect to hear back from someone within 2 weeks, if not sooner. Please do not contact us about your application before then.

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Still have a question? No problem! Please email [shfpd.grants@gmail.com](mailto:shfpd.grants@gmail.com) and we will reply as soon as we can.



generator and the reduced fire risk from enhanced communications. Verizon is now pushing to get final permits approved in hopes of a Q4 groundbreaking on the project.

A reminder and update for new residents that the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District has purchased 30 satellite phones to improve communications during power safety shutoffs. These phones are strategically placed throughout Sleepy Hollow in the care of block captains. If the power is out, residents experiencing a 911 emergency will be able to go to a residence that has a satellite phone and make a call to the 911 emergency operations center. Locations that have a satellite phone will place a sign at their entry during power shut offs alerting residents that a phone is available.

Please print out the printable version below or write down the address of the phones nearest you. Please do this prior to a power outage as you may not

## Cell Coverage & Satellite Phone Update

SHHA continues to track closely Verizon’s commitment to install a cell tower at San Domenico. We are in close communication with Marin County and our Supervisor Katie Rice regarding the permitting process.

The SHHA is pleased to announce that the final hurdle towards tower design approval has been cleared. The initial design, incorporating a diesel backup generator, was denied but eventually cleared for use following an exception request from Verizon and the SHHA Board citing the small size of the

generator and the reduced fire risk from enhanced communications. During extended power outages, the Community Center is also open with power and internet connectivity and the satellite phone map will be posted in front of the Community Center.

Here is an interactive map of the location of the satellite phones: [shha.org/resources/Documents/Sat%20Phone%20Aug%202021%20v2.pdf](http://shha.org/resources/Documents/Sat%20Phone%20Aug%202021%20v2.pdf)

Questions about the SHFPD program can be directed to Rich Shortall 415.747.9626.

## Activities & Events

Summer is hopping in the hollow! We hope you can attend our last summer social with dinner and live music from 4 Inch Studs on Aug 26. Mark your calendars for September 16 Cornhole Tournaments and Halloween Event on October 29. Email [shhaevents@gmail.com](mailto:shhaevents@gmail.com) with any questions and get involved with the Sleepy Hollow Social Club to bring more fun for all ages!

Register for upcoming events here: [shha.org/UpcomingEvents](https://shha.org/UpcomingEvents)

**The Sleepy Hollow Social Club is BACK!** The goal is to provide the best programming possible for the SHHA and Friends community. We are always looking for new faces to join and bring ideas for new programs and events that appeal to you and your community! Come to our next meeting, meet some new people and see what it's all about. All are welcome!

**Aug 10 & Oct 24: Mah Jong**  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Aug 26: End of Summer Social** with live music by 4 Inch Studs. 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Register at [shha.org/event-5357175](https://shha.org/event-5357175)

**Sept 7: Hip Hop Dance.** Thursdays 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. 8 Week Session. Register at [shha.org/event-5356729](https://shha.org/event-5356729).

**Sept 13: Butterfield Safe Streets Community Zoom Meeting.** Reporting on the results of the survey 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Sept 16: 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament!**

### FALL/HOLIDAY EVENTS

**Oct 5:** SHHA Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Katie Rice (invited guest). Open to SHHA members (first 15 minutes is open to the public). Email [shhapresident@gmail.com](mailto:shhapresident@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Oct 11: Bunco is Back!** Register at [shha.org/event-5015296](https://shha.org/event-5015296).

**Oct 29: Halloween Pumpkin Carving Event**

**Dec 9: President's Annual Holiday Party Holiday Gift Fair & Community Coat Drive.** Are you, or do you know, a local vendor who wants to participate in the holiday shopping event of the sleepy Hollow season? Email [shhaevents@gmail.com](mailto:shhaevents@gmail.com).

### GROUP FITNESS CLASSES\*

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

**Cardio & Strength – RIPPED with Aya:**  
Tuesdays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (8:35 starting 8/29).

**Gentle Yoga with Kari:**  
Tuesdays 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. 8/15 & 8/22. (10:00 a.m. starting 8/29)

**Cardio & Strength COMBO with Aya:**  
Wednesdays. Starts in September

**Evening Yoga w/Kari:** Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:40 p.m. Starts 8/16.

**Cardio & Strength BURN with Aya:**  
Thursdays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (8:35 a.m. starting 8/24)

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

**Aqua Fitness: STAY TUNED FOR SCHEDULE!**

Check the schedule on SignUpGenius (SUG). Sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a9ad2aabfc70-group#](https://signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a9ad2aabfc70-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)

**The Sleepy Hollow Community Center** is available for your family parties and events! Visit [shha.org/rental](https://shha.org/rental) for more information.

The Community Center building can hold up to 150 people. We have a catering kitchen with refrigeration. No stove or oven.

We have 15 folding tables that will seat 6 people per table. There are two large tables that seat 10 people. We have 140 chairs.

The rental agreement is for the Community Center building. The courtyard and lawn area can be accessed by guests if the pool is not in use or after the pool closes.

Please check our calendar for availability. If you are interested in renting the facility, or you have questions, please email us at [shharental@gmail.com](mailto:shharental@gmail.com).

Contact Aya at [shhaevents@gmail.com](mailto:shhaevents@gmail.com) with questions/comments!

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

## Kudos & More

Welcome to the neighborhood Heather and her boys! <3 – Caroline and her boys :)

Thank you Andy Witkowski for the upright bikes that will be available at the Fitness Center soon! – SHHA Board

Miriam & Dick – thank you for the awesome zucchinis that inspired a painting and were the first vegetable our 4 year old has eaten this summer – Ericson

Kudos to our neighbor Donna Yongue, who has lovingly looked after our cats and home during countless family trips over the years. In a community of terrific neighbors, Donna stands out as one of the kindest! – Baker Family

Computer tech available in the afternoons! Ruslan is staying with a family in Sleepy Hollow with his son and is able to identify, troubleshoot and resolve issues for computers, notebooks, iPhones/iPads & Android equipment and he is open to other work. His 15 year old son is also available for "summer jobs". Please contact Please contact Peg. [McAllister@comcast.net](mailto:McAllister@comcast.net) if you have an opportunity for them.

Call for local vendor recommendations. Do you have a favorite handy person, dog walker, computer guru, cleaner, gardener, etc? Email [carolinebruister@gmail.com](mailto:carolinebruister@gmail.com) their contact information and your recommendation. We want to compile a list for neighbors to have great local resources.

**SAVE THE PAWS! Walking Dogs on Hot Pavement: A Safety Reminder above 77°.** When the sun shines and the pavement sizzles, it's essential to be mindful of our furry friends' paws. Walking dogs on hot pavement can be dangerous and uncomfortable for them. Canine paw pads are sensitive and can easily burn on scorching surfaces. Before venturing out, test the pavement with your hand for 10 seconds—if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your dog. Opt for shaded routes or walk during cooler times of the day to ensure a safe and enjoyable stroll for your four-legged companion.

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



## The Pool Needs You!

Summer is in full swing at the Sleepy Hollow Pool.

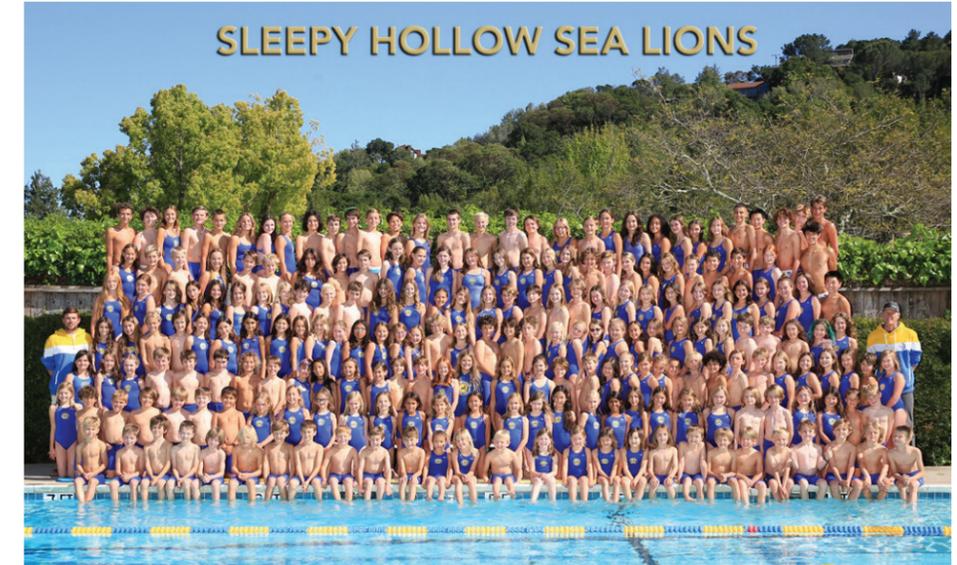
The official summer pool season began Memorial Day weekend. We got off to a good start at the Summer Kick-Off Social, held May 28th. The pool was filled with happy families as we celebrated the beginning of summer with music and barbecue. The pool officially closes on Labor Day.

Our pool is staffed by a great crew of mostly high school students who are Red Cross certified lifeguards. However, when our guards start back to school, we really scramble to keep the pool open during the week. Our goal is to keep the pool open during those "Dog Days" of summer as an oasis of coolness.

We have a real need for adult lifeguards who are able to guard the pool at times when none or not enough of our school aged guards are available. Our highest priority is the weekday afternoons in August after school starts, and weekend afternoons in September, including this year.

Are there any adult members of our community that are certified lifeguards? We could really use your skills to extend the pool season. Alternatively, have you always wanted to be trained as a lifeguard? The Sleepy Hollow Homes Association is willing to reimburse some or all of the cost of the Red Cross Lifeguarding Course in exchange for a commitment to guard an agreed upon number of hours during the times needed.

Contact the pool if you are interested: [sleepyhollowpool@gmail.com](mailto:sleepyhollowpool@gmail.com)



SHHA congratulates the Sleepy Hollow Swim Team on another amazing season.

## 2023 Swim Team Wrap Up

The Sea Lions had another excellent swim season! Practices commenced in late February and ended in late June, with many events in between. The swim team hosted three dual meets at home on Saturday mornings in April and May. The Sleepy Hollow Community Center was also the location for various team building activities for the team, such as Pizza Nights, Movie Nights, Casino Night, and the famous Amazing Race.

After eight total meets versus other swim teams in the Marin Swim League, the season culminated with the Championship Meet held at College of Marin's IVC campus in Novato. It was the culmination of our swimmers' hard work this season when the Sea Lions competed against each of the eight other teams in the MSL. The Sea Lions felt prepared as ever to take home a win, and they were victorious, making 2023 the 28th year in a row they have won Champs!

The very next evening, the entire team gathered one last time to celebrate each swimmer's individual progress, outstanding parents and their contributions to the team over the years, and the success of the Sea Lions' victorious 2023 season! The dinner and awards ceremony was held at the Community Center.

None of this would be possible without the leadership of Coach Mark Anderson. He is a cornerstone of Sleepy Hollow and not only has coached SHST to victory year after year, but most importantly teaches the youth of this community life lessons of respect, integrity, and the importance of hard work. This year, Paul Birch

returned to coach at Sleepy Hollow. A former Sea Lion himself, Assistant Coach Paul brought skilled instruction and enthusiasm to practices.

All in all, it was a fantastic season of fun, team bonding, lots and lots of laps, and exceptional coaching. Registration for the Sleepy Hollow Swim Team will open in mid-late January. Check the SHST website for information about the team, dates, family commitment, and much more.





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