



Sleepy Hollow Bulletin



SHOW UP FOR SLEEPY HOLLOW

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Once-in-a-Generation Chance

Fifteen past presidents of SHHA, going back as far as 1967, shared memories of their years leading volunteer efforts for the good of Sleepy Hollow. Others who could not be at the Presidents' Party send messages of good cheer. Their stories were poignant, funny, and inspiring. Everyone in the room, no matter how long in the Hollow, felt the community spirit and appreciation for the significant accomplishments of these and others who have saved streams, ensured surrounding open space, prevented obliteration by super highway, invested in the community pool, and always encouraged the community to come together for work and play.

We now have a once-in-a-generation chance to give Sleepy Hollow the gift of a new Center for the safety, value, enjoyment, and spirit of all who have chosen and will choose a home in this Hollow. The hard work of Boards and many other volunteers since 2011 has brought us to this moment. We have permitted plans for the design and project envisioned, widely embraced, and generously supported by the community, a trusted contractor ready to start work, bank and private financing from community members arranged, and an operating plan to repay and refinance the debt. Teams are working on finish details, optimal and flexible space use within the permitted plans, and looking for cost savings, for an April 2019 start date and doors open by mid 2020. Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District has voted to lease space for long-term occupancy and use of the new Community Center for their year round work on our behalf when construction is completed. We can't lose that chance.

Be sure you are up to date on the current situation, the history, and next steps. The shha.org/CharitableFoundation/ page and the Community Center page are the go to sources. Visit now and check back: we are adding information as we receive questions and details are confirmed. You will see the history and process, plans and drawings, costs and funding source details, operating projections. You will also find the original charter of the SHHA highlighting a primary mission to have a place for coming together as a community, and a

Sunset Magazine feature on the earliest Sleepy Hollow embodiment of that mission. The Charitable Foundation page also includes options for pledging and paying. Send any questions or suggestions, and ideas for what you want to do in the new spaces, to shhapresident@gmail.com. Watch for invitations to get together to learn more.

Decide how you can help.

Our pledge drive is now underway to raise the money that will put us in our new Sleepy Hollow Community Center. We are fortunate to have \$2.345M on hand in cash and in available loans (both commercial and from community members). Total costs to complete, including contingencies, are estimated at \$3.7M, leaving \$1.35M to be raised now in pledges payable through early 2020. With strong pledges to meet our benchmarks each month, donors have flexibility in payment timing, and we can manage cash flows during construction. In the first 3 weeks of our fundraising initiative, neighbors have pledged more than \$300,000. We all need to engage now, making a pledge to the extent we are able, to make this vision a reality. Please consider how you can help us keep up the pace.

There are many ways to help. Gather a few neighbors to spread the word and encourage support. Tell us how you want to use the spaces in the new Center. Ask your questions. Consider donating materials, ask your employer to match your gift. Help with packing things for storage (or rummage



Progress toward grand total fundraising goal including prior donations and current pledges is over 50%. Help grow support for the Sleepy Hollow Community Center.

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News & Notes from Supervisor Katie Rice

Thankful for Clean Air/ Thinking about Climate Change

We have much to be thankful for here in Sleepy Hollow, not the least of which is easy access to public open space and all the pleasures it affords. And, in the past month, I have also experienced a renewed appreciation for the gift of fresh clean air that most days comes with it. Post the Butte County Camp Fire, ensuing smoke and extremely poor air quality that engulfed the entire Bay Area, I hope everyone is sharing a renewed appreciation for clean air, the importance of aggressive fire prevention efforts, and the urgency to curb greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) towards mitigating (versus exacerbating) climate change.

The 2018 Camp Fire is our most recent wake-up call that climate change is here, is a public safety issue, an environmental issue, an economic issue and (as proven by two weeks of dangerous air quality) most certainly a public health issue. Hence, why we need to care and why we all need to play a part in reversing climate change.

Marin County's public sector (the county, cities and towns) has been and continues to take action, adopt regulation, and promote policy aimed at reducing the municipal GHG footprint. Draw-down Marin was launched in 2018 to accelerate action across the county, at home and in the workplace, in both private and public sectors, to reduce GHG's while we prepare for its impacts. Go to www.drawdownmarin.org for more information and find ways you can be a part of this effort.

I refer you also to **Resilient Neighborhoods** at www.resilientneighborhoods.org, a Marin founded effort specifically working at the local neighborhood level. Resilient Neighborhoods is proving to be a popular and successful way for folks to take action with friends and neighbors to be part of the solution in their own community. Check it out, consider joining a team or starting one yourself here in the Hollow.

Thankful for Community/ Thinking about Its History

Which leads me to my next "thankful" -- Community. One of the things we like best about Sleepy Hollow is its sense of community. Some people move here for that very reason, and some move here and then discover (with welcome surprise) what a great place it is. One of the reasons Resilient Neighborhoods has been so successful is that it connects us to one another, reinforces the value and power of community like what we have here in Sleepy Hollow.

We are all fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful place. However, Sleepy Hollow shares an element of its history that's shared by many suburban communities – a side not so wonderful, and certainly not welcoming.

Historically, but within our lifetimes, many were locked out/prevented from owning, renting, or living in Sleepy Hollow by dint of racially discriminatory CC&R's (covenants, codes, restrictions) tied to property deeds and reinforced by private and public insti-

tutional practices that made it exceedingly difficult for anyone other than white/Caucasians to purchase or live in suburban neighborhoods such as ours.

These types of restrictions were common not only in Marin County, but across the nation during the post war suburban expansion of the 40's and 50's, until the mid 60's when the first Fair Housing laws were adopted. These forces were the primary variables at play for what amounted to residential segregation, and set the trajectory (vis a vis the benefits of home ownership) of wealth accumulation, economic success, and all that comes with it for generations to come. Please read my column "Community Character as Prescribed by Deed" in the [June 2017 SHHA newsletter](#) for more on this aspect of our community's history. And I also refer you to Richard Rothstein's, "The Color of Law" to learn more about how similar narratives played out across the Bay Area and nation and continue to effect our neighborhoods, communities, social fabric, politics and more.

"Yellow school buses – stop for red flashing lights, not just the stop sign!"

We've heard and observed that there's some confusion on Butterfield regarding when cars must stop for a yellow bus and when/how they are allowed to pass. See below for clarification and thank you for following the law and keeping our kids safe!



If the school bus is traveling on a two lane, undivided roadway (such as Butterfield), and the red lights are flashing **AND/OR** stop sign is activated, traffic on both sides of the roadway **MUST** stop to allow for the safe offloading of students. Traffic may not proceed until the bus has turned off the flashing red lights.

If the school bus is in the process of pulling to the right to pick up students and has activated yellow flashing warning lights, traffic may still pass. In this situation however, a legal violation occurs if the vehicle that is attempting to pass does so by crossing double-yellow lines in the middle of the roadway, or, if no double yellow lines are present, proceeds to pass by placing their vehicle into the path of travel of a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.

A simple way to think about this is to consider the bus to be a stop-light at an intersection. There will always be a yellow caution light to indicate that a green light is about to turn red. If a vehicle enters the intersection prior to the light turning red, no violation is committed (assuming they aren't violating the speed limit to do so). Once the light is red, all traffic stops until it's back to green (bus turns off lights and proceeds). Passing the bus might not be illegal, but how it's done (crossing double yellow lines, driving wrong way, speeding, etc...) may be what warrants an enforcement stop and citation. By law, all school busses approaching a roadside stop are required to activate their flashing yellow lights 200 feet prior to the stop, turn signal 100 feet prior to the stop, and red light immediately upon stopping.

Butterfield Safe Streets Committee

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sale). Even worrying can help: if you share your worries we may be able to resolve them and get better information to others who may have the same concern.

Here are some thoughtful concerns voiced by neighbors:

"Please be sure you are taking care of our community pool."

Yes, the pool is a treasure and we have a careful maintenance and replacement budget and reserves reviewed annually. The pool will be open with safe access throughout construction for family swim, swim team, lap swim, etc. There will be portable toilets and washing station and snack bar operation. We aim to work with pool members to be sure the pool is a great place to be next year and beyond.

"How will we pay the debt? Do residents have any liability? What is the outlook for SHHA dues?"

No resident or individual is liable for the debts of the SHHA or SHCF. We can pay the debts and refinance them in advance of maturities, by restoring membership levels of 500+ residents of just a few years ago (57% of about 840 residences), keeping dues low with modest increases, and continuing discounts for seniors 65+. Benefits of the new center, including support for home values and a platform for the SHFPD, and a broader range of activities available to all residents will inspire more memberships, and we will work for them. Cash flow to breakeven after debt service in 2021, about 18 months after the doors open, is achieved with 500 memberships and dues of \$325/\$275senior. 2022 generates excess cash flow for debt prepayment and other community needs with 550 members and dues of \$350/\$300senior. The more members, the lower the dues can remain.

At all times, the boards of the SHHA and the SHCF have determined that the best path forward to the best outcome for the community is a new community center with some dual use capability and the presence of the SHFPD, as originally envisioned and supported by the community. We are doing our best to seize this chance to create this new value for all of us now and families who next choose to make Sleepy Hollow Home. Now is the time we can join together to pledge and donate to complete what many have worked so hard to make possible. Be informed. Consider how you can help. All gifts are welcome and important.

In the intensity of this effort, we can't lose sight of the Joys of the Season, and we wish you all a Happy Holiday and laughter in the New Year. Treat yourself to a stocking stuffer from the take one/leave one book shelf on the clubhouse porch. Hang the mistletoe and holly. Be safe and warm in our Hollow and wherever you travel.

Jan Blackford, SHHA President

Give and Take

A useful idea in many situations. Especially good for sharing books in the "Book Shelf" on the porch at 1317 Butterfield. Take your read and loved books to share; find new treasures. Word has it that a popular Game of Thrones edition was recently found there, narrowly averting a purchase! Pass the words.

**SHHA Board Nominations and January 17 Annual Membership Meeting**

Standing for election as Directors of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association for a 2-year term will be Ashley Bock, Francois Hedouin, and Anne Wagner for a first term, Jan Blackford and Shaun Westfall, for a second term. They will join directors returning for the second year of their terms: Spencer Adams, Jen Gauna, Scott Hintergardt for President, Pete Mayer, Cathy Sarkisian, and Matt Testa. We are pleased to have the continuity important at this time and very capable new directors ready to join the board.

Meet the new director nominees:

Ashley Bock has a background in finance and real estate, good organizational skills and enthusiasm for getting involved in the community, most recently when she jumped in on short notice to help with the Halloween Party. She and husband Jason and their 2 children have lived in the Hollow for 3 years.

Francois Hedouin and wife Brigit joined the SHHA the day they moved into Sleepy Hollow in 2016. His experience as a director for non-profits, including finance, fundraising, by-laws, and contract negotiations will be valuable for the efforts in process and ahead.

Anne Wagner and husband George have deep Sleepy Hollow roots, living here 33 years, and supporting Sleepy Hollow faithfully always, including prior service on the SHHA board. Anne's experience on multiple boards, her insights and energy will help us effectively meet the needs of the widest possible range of residents.

We invite all current SHHA members, as well as new members paying annual dues before the January 17 annual meeting, to attend the Annual Membership Meeting and vote for this slate of neighbors so willing to work for the good of Sleepy Hollow. The meeting agenda will include consideration and vote on an amendment to the SHHA By-Laws allowing the number of directors to be up to 12, from the current 10. It will also include presentation of the of the assets and liabilities of the Association, and the budget for 2019, including membership goals.

In addition to the directors, we expect to rely on advisors and committees for important progress on initiatives as diverse as improved cell phone communications, new programming for the new community center to reach more residents. We must reach out to identify and serve the interests of all the community including seniors, teens, new families, empty nesters, and more. We need a panel to enhance the community pool experience, including expanding times of operation for lap swimmers and other groups, and managing on behalf of the SHHA Board the Pool Manager who in turn manages the life guards and snack bar. Please volunteer or be willing to help when asked.

We can also accept additional nominations by petition signed by 3% or more of the membership and submitted not later than December 21 to allow time for circulation of all nominees to the members prior to January 17. There can be only one membership for each address, so the number of signers, each representing a different membership, at this time is 12.

With suggestions or questions, contact shhamembers@gmail.com.

Thank you, San Domenico!



'Tis the season to give thanks, so the Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club would like to acknowledge and give our heartfelt thanks to San Domenico School! The residents of Sleepy Hollow are very fortunate to have such a great neighbor as San Domenico and members of our Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club are especially grateful.

Our partnership with San Domenico provides SHTC members access to SD's 6 beautiful tennis courts for both fun and competitive play as well as the option to take lessons from their excellent Pro, Rob Jessen. The \$350 SHTC annual fee is about the equivalent of monthly dues at many local tennis clubs and helps cover the cost to maintain these lovely courts which were newly resurfaced just a few months ago. Thank you, San Domenico School. We appreciate your longstanding partnership and generosity.

Thank you Pro, Rob Jessen!

Our SHTC is also very fortunate to have access to one of the best teaching tennis pros in Marin, Rob Jessen. Rob brings a wealth of knowledge to our club with more than 20 years experience of coaching and teaching tennis to all ages and all levels. Lessons are available to both members and non-members. To inquire about signing up for lessons, email Rob at rjessen@sandomenico.org.



Thank you to our SHTC members! The 50+ families who are members of the Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club are an integral part of the support and maintenance of the club. Special thanks to Jeff Wells, President and his board members who help set the standards, clarify rules and organize the tournaments and social events throughout the season. Our Club members are a great group of friendly people sharing a common purpose—to improve our game, to make new friends and to stay fit. **Fun for the whole family!** Being a SHTC member gives you access to the courts, access to our ball machine, access to professional instruction and most important, access to an all around fun, healthy great exercise. For membership information, please contact President, Jeff Wells at jefwells@aol.com or check out our website at sleepyhollowtennis.org.

San Domenico School Transportation Management Plan Review

An important item we had hoped to complete before this year ends will carry over to next year. The SHHA and San Domenico School are still working on a path to address school needs, including how to factor in non-school community use, and to respect Sleepy Hollow residents' concerns, including quiet evenings and weekends, safety, congestion, and more. We continue to hear from residents appreciation for San Domenico and concern about safety, congestion and noise.

At the November 30 meeting with the School, SHHA, and the County explored the possibility of a pilot or trial period. A trial period could allow testing assumptions before reaching a longer term agreement. We are now working on what that might look like and how we would measure success or failure, and do not expect any further draft plan or pilot details until after the holidays. As always, please send your questions and suggestions to shhapresident@gmail.com, subject Traffic.

Join SHHA for 2019

Just a friendly reminder that your SHHA and pool memberships can be renewed starting in January. Annual dues are \$270, discounted to \$235 for seniors 65+. You will also find a monthly option, available when you renew before April 1, for SHHA memberships, and auto-renewal options with annual opt out. Family pool membership for SHHA members is unchanged at \$250, discounted to \$210 for seniors.

We'll send all current members an email mid to late January with links and instructions for renewing online. Current members can always go to shha.org and click on your name in the top right hand corner of the screen. This will take you to your profile where you can click the renewal button and select the membership and payment option best for you. If you are joining for the first time or your membership has lapsed, please see the membership page on our website. You may pay annual dues by check anytime. However, we encourage you to try the online method and to keep your profile current.

If you are not receiving emails from the SHHA, please update your profile and double check that we have the right email on file. For any questions about online memberships, please email shhawebbsite@gmail.com. For questions about memberships in general, please email shhamembers@gmail.com. And watch for more news in January about your membership at work for the community throughout the year.

PRESIDENTS' PARTY DEC. 1

Seated: Frank Berto with Connie Ivagene Brauner for Herb. Standing: Bill Malet, Bill Hutchinson, Dave Grubb, Chuck Leone, Bob Glass, John Grubb, Adrienne Roth for Phil, Sean Solway, Dan Stein, Don Briggs, Jack Gibson, Richard Stess, and Seena Garavoy. These fifteen past presidents of the SHHA from 1967 to the present were on hand or represented by family and were honored at the Presidents' Party December 1. Each shared a memory of Sleepy Hollow. They were poignant, funny, and inspiring to a roomful of residents new and long-time.



SHHA Board Report Nov/Dec Minutes



7:17 p.m. Meeting commences

Present: Cathy Sarkisian, Bradley Johnson, Jen Gauna, Spencer Adams, Ryan Nail, Scott Hintergardt, Matt Testa, Pete Mayer.

Non-board members: Steve Knox

Spencer Adams presented a beautification plan for several medians in Sleepy Hollow beginning with Oak Knoll at Butterfield and followed by Irving at Butterfield. Spencer shared a review of costs, quantity and plant variety being considered. The work would be completed by the Marin Garden Club, an informal neighborhood group. Consensus of the Board was favorable that these medians needed attention and a reminder that SHHA's charter includes "beautification" of Sleepy Hollow entryway. It was also mentioned that the median improvements at Fawn and Butterfield, and Van Winkle and Tarry as great examples where neighbors took ownership for caring for a median. Spencer requested approval for a budget of up to \$500 per median.

Spencer made a motion to approve \$500 per median to beautify medians at Oak Knoll at Butterfield, Irving at Butterfield, and Deer Hollow at Butterfield to be addressed at a later date, plus signage at the SH gate entrance with a cap of \$2,000 in total. Motion seconded. All were in favor.

Membership, Ideas for 2019

Spencer led the membership discussion and working plan for the membership drive to commence in January and payment schedule for FY 2019. In 2019 SHHA will offer two payment options: 1) annual lump sum or 2) monthly payments (cost is slightly greater). The deadline for the monthly payment option is March 31st so residents are encouraged to register earlier. Currently, there are 552 members which includes non-residents, seniors, Homes Association only memberships, and Homes Association plus pool memberships.

Spencer underscored that 2017 saw a drop-off in overall memberships. Additionally, there is a large group of residents who have let their memberships lapse in the last year. Discussed what to do to encourage these residents to re-join and ways to encourage memberships during construction of the new center. A list of ideas for activities that would promote more participation and engagement to attract a wide range of interests was shared.

Further discussion happened over when and what of the transition of increasing dues. Further discussion with accountant is scheduled and follow-up conversation needed at the December meeting.

New membership registrations for 2019 will commence the second week in January. Automated messages will be sent at different intervals. SHHA will need to review language of automatic messages and edit as necessary.

There are currently five membership options: 1) SHHA membership only 2) SHHA & pool membership 3) Senior SHHA membership only 4) Senior SHHA & pool membership and 5) Non-resident pool membership. There is no plan to offer monthly payment options for non-residents. It was noted that converting residents to monthly will modestly increase total revenues. There was interest in exploring options in working more closely with Tennis Club to find synergies for members to cross-join. SHHA By-laws state that members of satellite organizations need a majority of members who are members of the Association; and All of whose members who are residents of Sleepy Hollow or eligible households of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District are members of the Association; and which assesses from members who are not residents of Sleepy Hollow or eligible households of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection a special non-Resident Membership Fee, payable to the Association, over and above the regular membership fee, in a sum to be determined from time to time by the Board after consultation with the Satellite Organization.

All agreed and confirmed that in January an email from SHHA president will go out outlining and sharing benefits of membership for all residents. Targeting February to do the big push for membership registration.

Ideas shared for what activities will happen during construction to keep momentum. Some ideas include food trucks, scavenger hunt for kids, rotating block socials, hard-hat tours of construction, traveling picnic for 4th of July. Discussed need to set a brainstorming session to continue gathering ideas for daily and long-term use of space. Consider charitable activities, activities serving kids, teens, adults and seniors, after-school programs, age-friendly activities.

It was mentioned, for future exploration, a real estate transfer tax as a possible source of funding for years ahead. Also, noted that in order to do a mandatory membership that some entity would need to be taxed and at present, that district/entity does not exist.

Emphasis on the idea that the community center space will be used in new and different ways that we may not even know yet. Give consideration to what and how this looks like. Ideas can and will inform fundraising.

Finance Bradley Johnson shared planning for the conversion to calendar year from fiscal year, and the division of accounts for SHHA and SHCF.

Nominating Committee

Scott Hintergardt announced that the nominating committee was working through a superb list of potential nominees to the board with plans to present the slate to the board at the December meeting and public announcement expected at Presidents party.

Buildings and Grounds Steve Knox reported it's "quiet time" on the property and provided the following updates: 1) the ceramic tile hands were removed from the outside wall and will be cut so it is possible to return them to the donating families 2) maintenance on the pool - wiring change to pool circulating pump motor. Delay due to staff - the last person who was supposed to do this quit. The work is not time sensitive. The tarp that was used last year will be put back on the roof to prevent leaking in the center of the main building. This ceiling area is rain damaged and expected to leak when it rains. 4) Typically, lawn furniture is housed in the locker room but this year due to construction Steve is building a covered structure to house this furniture. Mark Anderson is helping build the structure. The property gardener continues to visit every two weeks through winter 5) The last community center rental of the year is scheduled for December 14th for the annual Drake High School teachers and staff holiday party.

A reminder announced that voting on November 6th is not taking place in the community center as in years past but at Hidden Valley Elementary School. Steve will put signage outside the community center directing voters to the new location Hidden Valley

Vegetation Management

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residents have expressed concerns re overgrown vegetation. One being at Sleepy Hollow Drive and Butterfield, areas along Fawn Drive and intersection of Legend at Butterfield. A notice will go in the bulletin to remind residents it's their responsibility to trim back overgrown vegetation that obscures street signage or creates unsafe right of way conditions in front of their property. Letters are scheduled to be sent to individual homeowners where problem areas currently exist. Look for more notices in the spring.

San Domenico Transportation Management Plan

Review The written report from the SHHA working group is in process. More information to be provided at the Butterfield Streets meeting held on November 29th and at the next scheduled Board meeting on December 6th.

Vote: Buy-Laws Pete Mayer opened discussion and reviewed the desired amendments to SHHA By-laws: 1) modifying dates for Calendar Year as Fiscal Year (aligning Fiscal Year with Calendar Year) 2) increase board of directors to 12 from 10, and 3) change the nominating timeline & process to allow time for nominations process and January elections. Move to align nominations with the Presidents Party. It was general consensus there was a desire to take the nominating process more seriously. Aim to align nominations process with the community. Pete will circulate revised By-laws electronically for review when finalized. Impressed upon all that the changes are not to be taken lightly. The Board will vote on amendments at the December meeting. Nominations, at the latest, need to be in by end of December, so Board can vote in January and have nominees be able to start in January.

Planning for Presidents Party on Saturday December 1, 4pm until... Planning discussion over logistics and needs of party. Identified priorities 1) honor presidents who have already served 2) informational display materials of the new community center 2) determine what food can be donated, prepared ourselves and/or catered 3) set time and date for set-up and decorating 4) announcement of 2019 slate 5) fundraising display and targets and 6) consideration of rummage sale or packing party before construction begins.

Touched on transition of presidents from 2018 and 2019 as Jan Blackford steps down as president and Scott Hintergardt steps into the president role.

Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

MMWD: A New General Manager for the Water District

By Jack Gibson, MMWD Board Member, November 26, 2018

Over the last several months the Board of the Marin Municipal Water District has been searching for a new General Manager. Early in the year, our current GM, Krishna Kumar, announced that he would be retiring at the end of the year. Krishna, with his strong financial background, extensive water experience, and superior people skills, will be greatly missed. He has been widely acclaimed as a very successful leader with high kudos from the Board of Directors, the District Staff, and our public as well. He will be missed, but all things change and we move forward.

After a nationwide search the Board of Directors approved a new contract with Ben Horenstein. Ben starts his new position on December 3, 2018. He was selected after an extensive review process including an exhaustive series of interviews with the Water District Board of Directors and an advisory group of District employees.

As the person at the helm of the MMWD the General Manager needs a strong variety of skills. The GM must have significant and broad management experience, as well as experience in public finance, and a comprehensive range of water experience including water supply, waste water, and recycling.

Ben Horenstein will bring all of that to his new position. With over 30 years experience, Ben is a California registered Professional Engineer, and certified Grade VI Water and Grade V Wastewater Operator. He started his career working with the Bureau of Sanitation for the City of Los Angeles, and had many years experience at the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) as the Director of Waste Water and Recycling Department. Having managed through the aftermath of both the Oakland Hills fire in the early nineteen-nineties and last year with the Coffey Park Fire in Santa Rosa, Ben has significant invaluable experience working with wildfire prone environments. His history shows a strong history of community involvement. He is on the Advisory Board of the SF Baykeeper, the Sonoma County Water Supply Coordinating Council, and the Vice Chair for the Technical Advisory Committee for the Sonoma Water Advisory Committee—the group, including MMWD, consisting of all the Russian River contract water users. We at the Water District are very sad to see Krishna leaving, but very excited and optimistic that we have found the best possible replacement.

PRESIDENTS' PARTY — A TIME FOR CELEBRATION

Sleepy Hollow Swim Team



We are already busy preparing for another great swim season and wanted to give all of you a heads up on some exciting details...

Sleepy Hollow Swim Team Registration Opens Soon!

Swim team registration is just around the corner. Here are the important dates:

- **January 14-January 28:**
Registration is open for returning families and siblings
- **January 21-January 28:**
Registration is open for all new families

Space is limited and the team always fills up – register promptly to avoid being added to the waiting list! You can find additional information about the team and registration details on our website at www.sleepyhollowsealions.com.

Marin Swim League Championship Meet and SHST Champs Dinner For those of you who like to plan summer vacation ahead of time, please note that the **Championship Swim Meet will be Saturday, June 29** and our **Championship Dinner** will be the next day – June 30! Mark your calendars!

Clubhouse Construction We are working closely with SHHA to ensure that when construction on the Clubhouse begins, the Clubhouse Pool remains safe, accessible and useable for the duration of the rebuild. We are all very excited about this new facility and all that it will bring to our community. We are confident that the swim team will provide the same level of swim instruction, community and fun throughout the construction process.

Farm Burger Fundraising! Finally, we have partnered with Farm Burger to help fundraise for our team. Please mark your calendars and join your fellow teammates for a preseason reunion at Farm Burger in Red Hill on Thursday, December 6 and on Thursday, January 10, 2019! 10% of sales will be donated to support our team! See you there!



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Mid-Term Election in Sleepy Hollow

by Connie Berto

I've been working in Sleepy Hollow elections since the 1970s—first, at the SH Presbyterian Church, then at the Clubhouse, and this year at Hidden Valley School, with excellently trained crews. I really like seeing the residents who take the time to vote in person—it's a real community action.

We were graced with visits from two fifth grade classes in small groups of five-six students, who were carefully prepared by their teachers and

study of the U.S. Constitution. It was a pleasure to see the rapt expressions on the faces of the children and to be a part of continuing the importance of this great tradition, that of free voting by citizens.

Right: Long-time resident Connie Berto with Dave Bartruff delighting voters at Hidden Valley School with their patriotic spirit on Election Day.



YOUNG FAMILY OF 5 ARE SEARCHING

for a home in Sleepy Hollow (or nearby)
3+ bedrooms minimum. 3 active young boys
- some yard required!

1,400,000 - 1,750,000. We are motivated
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SHHA ANNUAL MEETING

January 17, 2019, Community Center

SHHA SWIM TEAM

• **January 14-January 28:**

Registration is open for returning families and siblings

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1/12/19 Kindergarten- Eighth Grade Open House 10:00 am

Safe Streets and Traffic Management

In our ongoing collaboration to support a safe and sustainable community, San Domenico is now holding our seven buses on campus in the mornings after they drop off SD students, until after local families have completed their morning drop offs. For information on San Domenico's safe streets and traffic management planning, please visit www.sandomenico.org/Community2018 or contact David Wise at dwise@sandomenico.org with any questions.



SHFPD Approves Lease Agreement with SHHA

by the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District

On Saturday November 17, the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the District to enter into a lease agreement with the Sleepy Hollow Charitable Foundation (SHCF) with the consent of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association (SHHA) for District public facilities at 1317 Butterfield Road. The new community center will serve dual use as a Preparedness Center, a facility that will be used to provide safety information to the public, hold meetings, conduct trainings, organize our Community Preparedness Coordinator Program, and provide an office for the District.

In addition the Center can be used as an all hazards emergency shelter containing emergency power, heat, medical and other emergency supplies such as flashlights, hand tools, portable generators, food/water, cots, etc. Hopefully we will never have to put it to this use. We recognize that in the event of a truly catastrophic wildfire like the North Bay fires or the Camp Fire, we may need to evacuate outside of Sleepy Hollow. But that is the rare event. It is more likely that we will experience a small to medium fire. Such a routine fire would likely be contained and controlled in less than 24 hours and residents would be able to return home or stay comfortably over night if necessary. Similarly in a weather related disaster we would have a site to get up to date information, recharge electronic devices, warm up, share a cup of coffee with or help neighbors.

The SHFPD Board appreciates the fact that so many community members have taken the time over the last five years to participate in the development of this project. The lease agreement has overwhelming support among Sleepy Hollow residents and we look forward to working with the Charitable Foundation and Homes Association to get this project completed.

On another note, we are all aware that there is poor cell phone coverage in Sleepy Hollow. Both the Homes Association and the District have met with cell phone providers to see if coverage can be improved, but the geography of Sleepy Hollow makes it difficult without adding more cell sites. The Marin Board of Supervisors, which is the authorizing agency, is studying expansion and deployment of cellular wireless service. Meanwhile our Fire Board is joining with other Marin public agencies to explore installation of an outdoor warning system. These modern systems can warn the public of both man-made and natural events such as wildfire, flood, or chemical release. The systems are capable of issuing a tone followed by audible voice instructions. On December 4, the LRAD corporation will be conducting an acoustic study in Sleepy Hollow which might include an audible test.

Preparedness Coordinators (Block Captains) Needed for Disaster Resilience

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

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All photos are from the Advent Art Night at Sleepy Hollow Presbyterian Church. Above: Hollow residents Warren Brouwer and grandmother Jeane Ford participate in making art. Right bottom: Hollow residents Jack and Koren Grubb. Right top: Juliet and Diane Latta.



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