



THE OVERLOOK

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THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

... Or at least in West Marin.

It was a banner year for the 41st annual Muir Beach Volunteer Fire Association BBQ.

The weather was perfect, the food delicious and the music rockin'. A happy crowd filled the dance floor and all around I saw a sea of smiles.

We cooked every chicken, poured all 22 kegs of refreshing Lagunitas beer, served every glass of wine and sold every last raffle ticket . In fact, Deb Allen had to make more tickets on the spot out of cut up pieces of paper due to high demand. We also had a great run on MBVFD merchandise.



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The results were impressive. To give you a perspective on the tremendous success of this year's BBQ, take a look at the comparison chart below:

BBQ Proceeds	2010	2011	2012	2013
Gross Sales	53,764	43,017	47,108	61,000+
Net Profit	30,637	16,574	22,920	40,000+(estimated)

That's right, our gross sales climbed to over 61K, with expenses lower and money still coming in. It may take a while to tally our final net, but all signs indicate that this was the most successful BBQ in its 41 year history, \$10K better than our best year!

As usual Michael Kaufman and the entire VFA did an outstanding job of organizing and running the show. And, in typical Muir Beach fashion, everyone stepped up and did their part preparing the grounds and working the event. Even our youngest residents got in on the action; weed whacking, manning the condiments table and helping to make engine 676 shine and look its best.



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I'd like to give an extra special thanks to Lagunitas Brewing for their continued support throughout the years. This year, they generously donated all 22 kegs of beer for us to sell which definitely enhance our bottom line.

In addition, we had wine donations from several Muir Beach residents including Mark and Laura Pandapas, Erica Sward, Ricardo Lopez and Sarah Nesbitt.



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The community's support and fundraising success translates into tangible results for our fire department. We will put the funds to good use, upgrading equipment and medical supplies. On my shopping list are items such as new structural hose nozzles, structural hose bundles, a Siamese Y valve, new wildland hoses and a variety of medical expendables.

Each year I am impressed and touched with the outpouring of support we receive from Muir Beach residents and the surrounding communities. My sincere gratitude to all of you for making this year's event the best ever.



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A Great Way to Honor Dad

Have you always wanted to donate blood but didn't know where to go or how to do it? Did you know that just 45 minutes of your time can save 3 peoples lives?

This Father's Day, Muir Beach Fire is bringing this life-saving opportunity right to our doorstep for our 1st annual blood drive. We are partnering with Blood Centers of the Pacific, a non-profit organization that provides blood to hospitals, physicians and patients throughout Northern California.

The actual blood donation usually takes less than 10 minutes and the entire process, from when you sign in to the time you leave, takes about 45 minutes. Some things to consider:

4.5 million Americans would die each year without life saving blood transfusions.

60% of the US population is eligible to donate – yet only 5% do so on a yearly basis.

Approximately 32,000 pints of blood are used each day in the United States.

Just one pint of donated blood can help save as many as three people's lives.

Details:

Sunday, June 16th at the community center, 12 – 4pm

Every donor will receive a free SF Giants t-shirt and be entered into a raffle to receive a \$50 gift certificate to the Buckeye Roadhouse.

The easiest way to sign up is to contact me at steve@muirbeachfire.com or call 388-8900.

Otherwise, you can log onto www.bloodheroes.com then click "donate blood" (on the right side of the page) and enter sponsor code: Muir

Please bring your ID and a list of countries you have visited in the past 12 months, plus a list of all European countries you've visited since 1980. You must be at least 110 lbs. to donate.





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Defensible Space Inspections

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Marin County Fire will soon be conducting defensible space inspections throughout the community of Muir Beach. This is a good time to weed whack, trim overhanging branches and clear all unnecessary fuels from around your property. For more information on this, visit muirbeachfire.com and look for the April issue of The Overlook.

New Community Emergency Preparedness Officer

It is my sincere pleasure to announce the new Head of the Muir Beach Community Emergency Preparedness Committee, Barbara Piotter.

Barbara has worked as an RN most of her professional career in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Burn Trauma ICU. In 2008, she moved to San Francisco and started working in the pediatric emergency room at CPMC.

Barbara has always had a keen interest in emergency preparedness and took the lead in her own emergency room at CPMC, working to make it more disaster ready for the pediatric population.

The Piotter family (Barbara, Don, Elana, age 18 and Hans, age 16) reside at 64 Seacape. Barbara is an active member of the community and a new board member of the VFA. Most likely, you saw her during the BBQ, helping out in the kitchen as she does each year.

We are so fortunate to have someone as skilled and experienced as Barbara to step into this critical position. Barbara will be reaching out in the coming months as she starts to move forward with emergency preparedness planning for Muir Beach. If you see her around the community, please give her a special thanks for taking on this important role.



Water Safety Training for Kids

Thank you to Sophie and Maurice Conti for spearheading our second annual MBVFD Water Safety Training on Sunday, June 23rd from 10:30am to 2:00pm. The course will cover basic safety rules for kids playing in or near the water. This fun and informative event will be followed by a hot dog roast on the beach.

Details: We'll meet at Big Beach at 10:30. Kids should be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a wetsuit if you have one, a towel and plenty of sunscreen. Boogie boards are welcome.

Please RSVP sophieny@yahoo.com or call 510-334-5429 for more information.



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MBVFD 2013 Calls

Jan/2013 to June/10/2013

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| 1-04-13 Chimney fire, Muir Beach community. | 4-17-13 Car over the edge, Hwy 1 |
| 1-05-13 Locked out of vehicle, Muir Beach parking lot. | 4-20-13 Report of vegetation fire, Hwy 1. Unable to locate. |
| 1-18-13 Vehicle accident. Call canceled while in route. | 5-03-13 Rolled ankle, Muir Woods. Carried out of canyon. |
| 1-30-13 Report of unconscious person, Muir Beach community. | 5-03-13 Smoke alarm, Muir Woods Ranger Station. |
| 2-14-13 Report of unconscious person, Pelican Inn. | 5-09-13 Sick person, Muir Beach community. |
| 2-17-13 Allergic reaction, Muir Woods | 5-11-13 Report of unconscious person, Pelican Inn. |
| 2-21-13 Report of car over the edge, Hwy 1. Mistaken identity of trash pile for a car. | 5-12-13 Bicycle down, Hwy 1. |
| 3-02-13 Twisted ankle, Coastal Trail | 5-18-13 Bicycle down, Muir Woods parking lot. |
| 3-10-13 Cyclist down, Hwy 1 | 5-18-13 Locked out of vehicle in the Muir Beach parking lot. |
| 3-10-13 Car over the edge, Hwy 1. | 5-18-13 Allergic reaction, Muir Woods. |
| 3-16-13 Seizure, Muir Woods | 5-18-13 Vehicle accident, Muir Woods Rd. |
| 3-24-13 Broken ankle, Steep Ravine. Transported by helicopter. | 5-25-13 Vehicle accident, Hwy 1. |
| 3-31-13 Sick person, Hwy 1 | 5-26-13 Report of unconscious person, Muir Beach community. |
| 4-15-13 Hypothermic pedestrian. Complaint of chest pain, Hwy 1. | 5-27-13 Vehicle accident, Hwy 1. Head on collision. Hit and run. |
| | 6-01-13 Vehicle over edge, Muir Woods Rd. |
| | 6-02-13 Motorcycle down, Hwy 1. |
| | 6-02-13 Working fire, overlook |

As you can see from these reports, we respond to many, many vehicle accidents. We anticipate a record influx of tourists during the upcoming summer months, most unfamiliar with our roads. Please take it easy as you drive and leave extra time to get where you're going.



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Calendar of Events

Muir Beach Fire Department Community Blood Drive

Date: June 16th

Time: 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Location: Muir Beach Community Center

Water Safety Day

Date: Sunday, June 23rd

Time: 10:30am to 2:00pm

Location: Big Beach

For more information on the MBVFD, safety tips, MBVFD merchandise, how to make a donation, or to read these stories on line visit:

muirbeachfire.com

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