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THE OVERLOOK

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MBVFD and Marin County FD Working Closer Together

By Steve Wynn



Photo By: Steve Wynn

Faced with a lengthy repair for Muir Beach fire department's engine 676, Marin County Fire Department stepped up and offered one of their engines for us to use until our 676 gets back from the shop.

This is a first between MBVFD and MCFD and demonstrates the close relationship forged between the two departments.

"It's a big step and shows the trust and confidence Marin County Fire has with us" says Muir Beach Firefighter Dr. David Taylor.

Engine 676 went in for repairs for a flapper valve that rusted out and got sucked through the main pump. The damage done to the pump was so extensive that it was deemed not cost effective to fix it. Replacing it with a refurbished pump appeared to be the best course of action.

Mark Silva, at Opperman and Son Truck Repair and Service, said that there may be a 6 week wait due to high demands for pumps across the country from fire departments preparing for what could be a bad fire season.



Photo By: Steve Wynn

43RD MBVFD BBQ Results

By Lynda Grose

The 43rd Muir beach Volunteer Firefighters BBQ fundraiser (affectionately known as 'The Q') was a roaring success as usual. This annual event provides almost fifty percent of the fire department's income, supporting operations, gear, equipment and the occasional after-drill pint at the Pelican Inn!

Revenue this year was gratifyingly robust. Despite an estimated 13% lower attendance (based on parking proceeds), we took in over \$1000 more gross income as last year.

Credit card sales showed a marked increase, with 66% of merchandise sales conducted via credit card vs. 40% last year, and 31% Food/Drink/Jubilee Jumps received via credit card vs. 21% last year.

AREA	2014	2015
Merchandise	\$10.5K	\$10.7K
Food & Drink Tickets	\$24.2K	\$26.5K
Jubilee Jumps	\$2.7K	\$2.7K
Desserts	\$2.0K	\$2.4K
Parking	\$11.0K	\$9.8K
Raffle	\$6.9K	\$6.8K
Donations (Boots)	\$0.7K	\$0.2K
TOTAL	\$58.0K	\$59.1K



Photo By: Denise Moore

The BBQ isn't just a fundraiser, it also brings our community together in a positive and productive activity, to have fun and DANCE together! We feel a collective sense of accomplishment every year on a job well done! Who else do we know who could throw a party such as this for an estimated 1,500 people?

There are many BBQ highlights, but perhaps the two most notable changes this year were:

-A new Band, the Soul Jah Family Band, featuring Monroe Grissmann, son of well-known blue grass musician, David Grissman. Special thanks to Laura Pandapas for making the connection and evolving the BBQ music whilst maintaining its caliber and links to local music legends. Activities on the dance floor spoke for themselves!

-A payment system which resulted in much faster credit card processing, and NO LINES (yes NO LINES!) for merchandise and Toon Town ticket sales! Thanks to Suzanne Bender for inputting all the items and prices ahead of time, so they could be easily identified at point of sale, and for running pre BBQ training sessions!



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The BBQ wouldn't be possible without the immense mobilization of people and resources weeks before, during and after the event itself. Our gratitude goes out to the head coordinators (who we list below to give the whole community a sense of what is involved), and to the scores of volunteers (too numerous to mention in these pages) who enable the coordinators to deliver on their responsibilities. Anyone wishing to sign up to volunteer for next year's Q please contact Debbie Hurt at debbiehurt@icloud.com.

We will be reporting in shortly on the net takings once we crunch the numbers. In the meantime, a collective pat on the back to all Muir Beachers for maintaining our reputation as a resourceful and fun loving community and for being able to throw a damn good party!

Mike Moore	BBQ Sauce, Beer, charcoal order, field work, permits and security with NPS, printed materi-
als,	work party coordination
Aran Collier	Baked Beans
Janet Tumpich	Wine
Joanie Wynn	Cashier/Mobile, Payments
Steve Shaffer	Chicken Order & Pickup
All	Clean-up (including Monday)
Joey Groneman	Decorations
Tayeko Kaufman	Desserts
Chaz Kingsbury	Dumpsters, trash and recycling
Suzanne Bender	Expense/Donations, Jubilee Jumps
Rob Allen	First Aid, lost and found
Laura Van Amburgh	Food Prep/Servers
Debra Hendsch	Ice
Laura Pandapas	Music
Shirley Nygren	Nachos
Arlene Robertson	Non-alcoholic beverages
Julie Smith	Paparazzi
David Piel	Parking, general supplies
Denise Moore	Publicity
Deb Allen	Raffle Tickets & Prizes
Harvey Pearlman	Road Sign Placement
Cuco Alcala	Saturday Night Dinner
Brenda Kohn	Security Gate
Kathy Sward	Shirts
Brad Eigsti	Sign Production and placement
Beth Begault	Sunday AM Breakfast
Greg Ketchum	Ticket Sales
Debbie Hurt	Ticket Sales and Volunteer Coordination
Jon Rauh	Toilets
Maury Ostroff	Veggie Meals
David Schwartz	Work Party Food



Photo By: Denise Moore

Beer:



wine donors:

Thierry Lovato
Michael Mamone
John Rauck
Nikola Tede
Sarah Nesbitt
Janet Tumpich

Muir Beach Disaster Council Report

By Barbara Piotter

Tsunami Siren

Muir Beach is at risk of being hit by a large Tsunami. Because tsunamis are silent, and move very quickly, unsuspecting victims can be caught in tidal surges and killed. Adequate notification of people in low lying areas is critical to saving lives. In April, 2014, Muir Beach Fire and the Disaster Council, with the support of Marin County Office of Emergency Services, conducted a Tsunami Drill. During the drill, there were numerous communications difficulties including coverage blackouts for some of the two-way radios and mobile phones - causing long time lags in communication. Other communities on the Bay Area coast, including Ocean Beach and Stinson Beach have tsunami warning sirens to provide clear and instant communication in the event of a tsunami. Several other communities, including Cronkite Beach are in the process of installing sirens. In other parts of the world, sirens are part of Tsunami early warning systems.

The Muir Beach Disaster Council has the secured funding for a siren, including installation, from outside disaster preparedness partners. Thus, we have the opportunity to make our community safer, at no cost to Muir Beach residents. At the last Muir Beach Community Services District (CSD) meeting, the siren was briefly discussed, and some concerns have been raised, including concerns about the noise generated by siren tests. The current plan for the siren testing is for one test each month, for five seconds, at midday. Muir Beach is known for its tranquility, and the siren would disrupt that peace very briefly each month – but the community should consider the value of a very minor and occasional disruption. The value is the ability of sirens to warn unsuspecting beach goers, including Muir beach residents that are often at the beach or other low lying areas.

We would appreciate your input when the siren is considered in an upcoming survey.

Muir Beach Disaster Council

The Muir Beach Disaster Council is a member of the West Marin Disaster Council – whose purpose is to share disaster preparedness best practices and other resources. The council meets quarterly in Point Reyes Station and discusses the disaster preparedness plans and ongoing activities of West Marin communities. Communities represented include Stinson Beach, Bolinas, Inverness, Point Reyes Station, Dillon Beach, and San Geronimo Valley. The Marin County Office of Emergency Services, and Marin Red Cross also attend. Muir Beach has benefited greatly through participation, by applying ideas from the council to make Muir Beach disaster activities more effective and efficient. We will provide updates on the council's activities in future editions of the Beachcomber and the Overlook.

Disaster Preparedness Liaison Website

We have fifteen Disaster preparedness liaisons covering assigned groups of houses in Muir Beach. The role of the liaisons is to lead disaster preparation and response activities for their respective group. Many of you have attended annual awareness meetings or pot luck dinners arranged by your liaison. If you don't know who your liaison is, you can soon find them using the index at this link www.muirbeachfire.co/emergency-preparedness. We encourage you to get connected with your liaison and learn more about what you can do to prepare for disaster, and what you should do if disaster strikes.

I also would like to personnel thank all of our committed neighborhood liaisons:

Denise Lamott, susy Stewart, Anne Jeschke, Brenda Kohn, Sarah Nesbitt, Elizabeth Benedict, Gail Falls, Joelle Brown, Robin Terra, Joey Groneman, Tayeko Kaufman, Misti Norton, Kathy Sward and Danny Hobosn.



CLASSICAL MEDICAL PROBLEM DESCRIPTION DISCOVERED IN MUIR BEACH

By Dr. David Taylor

Your volunteer firefighters recently helped out with a case of what turned out to be appendicitis. So it seemed like a good time to remind people that very bad abdominal pain can in fact be very bad for you. If you're in so much pain that you can't move and nothing makes you feel better and you're sore to the touch that's a medical emergency. In fact the spring-time even seems to be appendicitis season as post flu people can have a swollen appendix (its mostly lymphatic tissue like your tonsils) and it can twist. Since I'm no expert on abdominal surgery I found on the shelf a book of my father's (a retired ophthalmologist) from 1955 that is a true classic: *The Diagnosis of the Acute Abdomen in Rhyme* by Zeta.

The description of appendicitis is really unparalleled 60 years later. Here is an excerpt:

APPENDICITIS

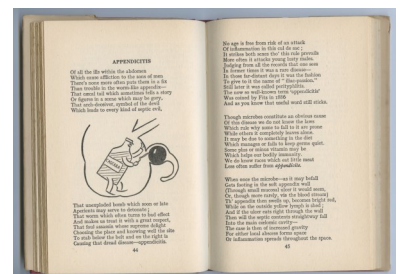
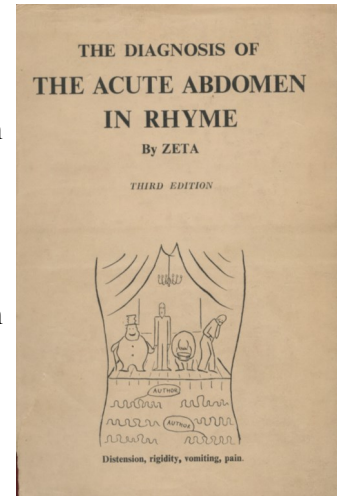
Of all the ills within the abdomen
Which cause affliction to the sons of men
There's none more often puts them in a fix
Than trouble in the worm-like appendix –
That caecal tale which sometimes tells a story
Or figures in a scene which may be gory,
That arch-deceiver, symbol of the devil
Which leads to every kind of septic evil,
That unexploded bomb which soon or late
Aperients may serve to detonate;
That worm which often turns to bad effect
And makes us treat it with a great respect,
That foul assassin whose supreme delight
Choosing the place and knowing well the site
To stab below the belt and on the right is
Causing that dread disease – appendicitis.

No age is free from risk of an attack
Of inflammation in this cul de sac;
It strikes both sexes tho' this rule prevails
More often it attacks young lusty males.
Judging from all the records that one sees

In former times it was a rare disease –
In those far-distant days it was the fashion
To give it the name of "iliac-passion."
Still later it was called perityphlitis.
The now so well-known term 'appendicitis'
Was coined by Fitz in 1886
And as you know that useful word still sticks.

Though microbes constitute an obvious cause
Of this disease we do not know the laws
Which rule why some to fall to it are prone
While others it completely leaves alone.
It may be due to something in the diet
Which manages or fails to keep germs quiet.
Some plus or minus vitamin may be
Which helps our bodily immunity.
We do know races which eat little meat
Less often suffer from *appendicite*.

... (goes on for another
few pages)





MBVFD Jr Firefighter Program

Muir Beach Volunteer Fire Department has started an official Jr firefighter program to introduce Muir Beach's youth into the world of volunteer firefighting. Our Jr firefighter will participate in our drills and will learn the basic skills of a firefighter.

The original Jr firefighters were Gram Groneman and Jesse Rudnick who have now become highly valued firefighters in the Marin County Fire Department.

This year's Jr firefighter is Cosmo Taylor, son of MBVFD firefighter David Taylor.

Cosmo is a 16 year old rising junior at Redwood HS. He is a goalie on the Redwood varsity lacrosse team and is on the school newspaper the Redwood Bark. In the off season he plays for 3D lacrosse and last year his team was the U-15 national champions. He towers over his little old father at 6'3". He's excited to learn about firefighting and to get more involved in his community.

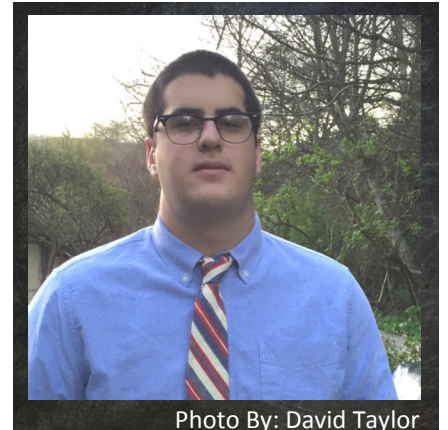


Photo By: David Taylor

Look Out For that Bus!

Summer is here and bus traffic has increased. To stay on top of the situation I would like to keep a record of all unsafe bus activity that you witness along Hwy 1 or Franks Valley Rd.

Please send your report to me at: steve@muirbeachfire.com

Try to include which bus company, bus number if any, time of day, direction bus is going and of course the details of the incident.

STAY ALERT AND BE SAFE OUT THERE!

Honoring CERT and NERT Volunteers

On August 2nd, the Golden Gate Park Band will be honoring the volunteer efforts of NERT and CERT volunteers throughout the Bay Area through music and a short presentation by the group.

You are encouraged to come to the park and bring a picnic lunch. Gather at noon. Concert at 1pm. Wear your gear to represent your program. We will need a few people to help pass out information

All are welcome. Bring friends and family.

Please use the Eventbrite registration link: <http://bit.ly/1QJZsWx> A map to the Band shell in GG Park is in the Eventbrite info.

Lt. Erica Arteseros, NERT Program Coordinator

San Francisco Fire Department

[415-970-2022](tel:415-970-2022)

www.sfgov.org/sfnert



Tree Down Morning of BBQ

First thing Sunday morning a large tree fell cutting off Pacific way creating some BBQ drama.

The tree fell west of the Pelican Inn and right before the bridge.



Photo By: Steve Wynn

Steve Shafer, on his way to pick up the chicken for the BBQ, was caught behind the tree.

Thanks to the help from Marin County Firefighters and two NPS employees, we cleared the tree just in time for Shafer to speed off and get the chicken to the grill.



Photo By: Steve Wynn

Shot of the Month



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Jon Rauh and Maurice Conti at a non-injury roll over, Hwy 1. Also on scene was David Taylor and Robert Allen



MBVFD Welcomes Joseph Ferraro

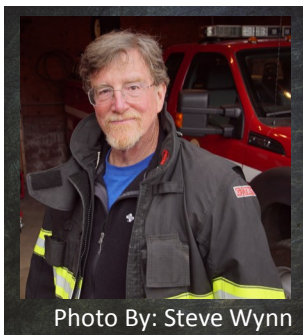


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Born 11/1/ 50, in the town of Stamford Ct. 20 min outside NYC. Attended Colorado University for 1 year then became part of the hippy migration to California, complete with VW bus and shoulder length red hair. lived in Berkeley Ca. in 1969/70 and then moved to Yosemite Valley where I worked as the manager of the Ahwanee Hotel dining room for 1 1/2 years. Moved to Bolinas Ca in 1974 where I raised my son Brian and worked in the Fishing and Aqua culture Industry and did construction to pay the bills while coaching youth Basketball at Bolinas School and Tam high.

Moved to Muir Beach in 2005 when we bought our house on Starbuck and married my lovely wife Nikola in 2006. Spent the last 7 years in the wine industry as Cellar Master and assistant Wine Maker for a Napa Valley Winery.

MBVFD Incident Report

March 15 to June 13, 2015

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| 3-15 Motorcycle down, Hwy 1 | 5-24 Tree down, Muir Beach |
| 3-29 Vehicle accident, Muir woods Rd. | 5-24 Post partum hemorrhaging, Muir Beach |
| 4-8 Motorcycle down, Hwy 1 | 5-24 Allergic response to bee sting, Muir Woods |
| 4-17 Fall, Main trail | 5-24 Public assist |
| 4-22 Vehicle roll over, Hwy 1 | 5-25 Fall. Neck injury, Muir Woods |
| 5-16 Fall, Miwok trail | 6-6 Illegal fire reported, Big Beach |
| 5-20 Broken ankle, Ocean View Trail | |
| 5-22 Appendicitis, Muir Beach | |
| 5-23 Broken ankle, Slide Ranch | |

Reminders

Amazon Smile will make a donation to an organization of your choice. To have the MBVFD be your selected charity, simply type <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0330764> into your browser and shop as you usually do or you can go to our site www.muirbeachfire.com and click on the Amazon Smile link on our home page. Then, every time you make a purchase on Amazon, Amazon Smile will give 0.5% of your purchase to MBVFD!!

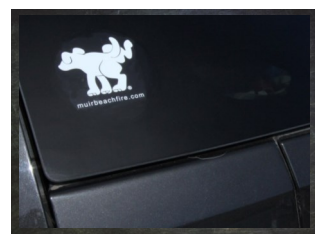


SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

PLACE A MBVFD

STICKER ON YOUR CAR WINDOW

To get your free MBVFD sticker contact
Steve Wynn at : steve@muirbeachfire.com



STICKER GOES ON THE OUTSIDE OF WINDOW