



Sleepy Hollow Bulletin



SHOW UP FOR SLEEPY HOLLOW

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November/December

Given the recent electricity blackouts, we are devoting pages one and two to messages about emergency power and communications from the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District and Supervisor Katie Rice. A centerfold spotlights emergency and everyday benefits of the renovated Community Center. Marin Municipal Water District on page 10 connects emergency power and water access. The President's letter on page 3 reports on a proposed agreement with San Domenico and announces a community open house to review the plan December 17, progress toward the community center renovation, and nominations for the SHHA board.

A Message from Rich Shortall, President of the Fire Board

The recent power shutdown and the destructive Kincade Fire in neighboring Sonoma County once again remind us that we live in an area of high fire danger. The power shutdown affected almost 100% of Marin County – most of us in Sleepy Hollow were without power for four days or more. It is very likely that we will experience many more power shutoffs in the future due to more extreme weather conditions related to climate change plus the aging and poorly maintained PG&E power grid.

Emergency Communications

The power shutdown highlighted the fact that emergency communications are poor or non-existent for most of Sleepy Hollow. We have no cell coverage during normal conditions and those who are familiar with the technology can only access their cell phones through Wi-Fi calling. But there must be power in our homes for Wi-fi and for most landlines to function. We will address these and related communication issues more comprehensively in a future article.

NOAA Radios

Meanwhile, the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District (SHFPD) is working with the Marin County Office of Emergency Services to implement a pilot program utilizing National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios to receive the same emergency alerts during widespread public safety power shutoffs or other large scale disasters that are broadcast over the Alert Marin system. The SHFPD has purchased desktop NOAA weather radios with battery backup for our Block Captains. We will test the radios for approximately one month to ensure that we have good cover-

age and that the radios are properly programmed to receive alerts. If the program is successful, we will consider purchase of a NOAA weather radio for each residence in Sleepy Hollow and distribute them through our Block Captains. Unfortunately, the radios do not have the capability to call 911 for a medical or other emergency when our phones are down, but each residence should be able to receive emergency alerts during widespread power outages.

Community Center

The power shutdown once again showed the importance of having a Preparedness Center located in the middle of our community containing emergency power, enhanced communication capability, heat, basic medical supplies and other emergency supplies such as flashlights, batteries, portable generators, hand tools, food/water, cots, etc. How many of you would have utilized such a facility to get up-to-date information, charge your cell phones, or borrow a flashlight or battery? The Sleepy Hollow Homes Association and the Sleepy Hollow Charitable Foundation are moving forward with their plans for the Community Center Renovation project and hope to start construction in the spring. Additional funding is still needed, so please give generously to help make our community safer.

Portable Generators

The SHFPD has received many inquiries regarding use of portable generators. Backup electric generators can be a part

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News & Notes from Supervisor Katie Rice

Power Outages, Preparation, Next Steps

It was spring of this year when PG&E announced they would be using pre-emptive power shutdowns to reduce wildfire risk ignition caused by the electrical grid. They told us to “prepare” for extended periods without power. And that they would begin employing this fire prevention method this fire season.

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On October 26, much of the Bay Area and beyond experienced its first Public Safety Power Shut Off (PSPS) and it lasted till as late as Wednesday, Oct 30 for many in Marin including most of Sleepy Hollow. The PSPS was a glaring reminder of our risk for wildfire (exacerbated by climate change), and that much of the basic services and amenities that we rely on as residents and a community are dependent on PG&E’s centralized power grid. From internet service and nearly all telecommunication systems to traffic lights, gas stations, grocery stores. The PSPS also gave us insight as to how well prepared we are (or aren’t) as individuals and as a community for not only a power outage, but any potential widespread emergency or disaster.

Reflecting on Marin’s response to the PSPS and 2019 fire season to date, I am impressed with improvements in communication made by local government (cities, towns, the county, public safety and fire agencies) to the community in preparation for and during the outages. And our own local basic public utilities (water, sewer, flood control) were well prepared for an extended PSPS and provided service uninterrupted.

That said, I am incredibly frustrated that we found ourselves not only without power, but also nearly completely without telecommunication service.

During the PSPS, Marin County had more widespread failure (both power and cell service) than any other county impacted. 99% of Marin was without power. This a consequence of 1) the PG&E grid configuration serving our county is dependent on two primary transmission lines coming from north/east – both which were powered down during the shutoff; and, 2) cell service providers systems are comprised of combinations

of cell towers and smaller sites and repeaters (270 sites in all in Marin) all of which require power in order to function. Fully half of those 270 sites were down during the PSPS, crippling cell service for significant portions of Marin. While cell carriers had assured regulators that they were prepared for extended power shut-offs, as it turns out, they weren’t, and there isn’t any regulation that requires them to have back-up power. This must change.

Even our old reliable, no power needed “landlines” failed. Unbeknownst to many of us who have relied on our landlines in the past during power outages, providers have migrated landline service from the old copper lines in many areas of the county.

So, our situation is not good. Our wildfire risk has been amplified by climate change (human caused)—a reality that we must quickly adapt to and be ready for. And the essential services that we rely on (power and telecommunication critical among them) are currently extremely vulnerable to failure during wildfire or other disaster—or whenever the power goes down for an extended period, particularly here in Marin.

Once fire season is over (fingers crossed the rains come soon), the Board of Supervisors will be receiving a report prepared by County Office of Emergency Services, on Marin’s experience and response during the PSPS. This report will include a deeper dive into the telecommunications failure, and what we can do at the local level to strengthen emergency communications capacity when general telecommunications systems fail. In parallel, our legislators at the state and federal levels are pursuing legislation and regulation that requires telecommunication providers (cellular and cable) to provide extended back-up power capability in their systems.

In the meantime, and until both PG&E and the Telco’s have done what they need to do to make their infrastructure more reliable and resilient, it is critically important that we are all prepared for the next PSPS or other emergency—as individuals, as neighbors, as a community. Go to www.readymarin.org for information or call my office at 415-473-7351 for connection to county or other services.

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



We’ve heard and observed that some of us may need some reminding about 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 stoplight 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

A Message from Rich Shortall, President of the Fire Board *Continued from page 1*

of your preparedness plan during wildfires, Public Safety Power Shutdowns, and other power loss events. Backup electric generators operate as a stand-alone power source and are not connected to PG&E's power grid. Generators are typically powered by natural gas, propane, gasoline, or diesel fuel. Solar systems typically do not provide power during outages, unless equipped with a battery storage system and special equipment to create a home-grid. FIREsafe MARIN (<https://www.firesafemarin.org/power>) does not recommend the operation of stand-alone, gasoline-powered generators during fire weather events. *The San Francisco Chronicle* (Nov. 14) published an article on generators causing fires and carbon monoxide poisoning during the power outages. Propane or natural gas powered generators are safer and less likely to spark a fire or expose residents to dangerous combustion gasses. The best option is a permanent, (professionally) installed propane or natural gas generator.

Block Captains

The SHFPD recently held our Fall Block Captain meeting which was well attended. There was a spirited discussion about problems and potential solutions related to emergency communications, the power shutdown, and the need to move forward with the Community Center Renovation. If the NOAA weather radio pilot project is successful, you can expect a visit from your neighborhood Block Captain. Please support the program. We still need Block Captains for a few more areas in Sleepy Hollow. If you can help, please contact SHFPD Director Sharon Adams at (415) 454-0420.

President's Letter

The holidays are in full swing, and so is the work of building the best future for Sleepy Hollow. Please take time to be informed about important issues, and also to appreciate your neighbors and the joys of the season. We thank everyone, for quiet individual thoughtfulness and for group commitments that make us safer, healthier, and stronger every day.

San Domenico School Transportation Management. **“** Please come to a community open house December 17, 5:00 to 8:00pm to reviewing and comment on the negotiated agreement with San Domenico for amendments to the Transportation Management Plan. We believe this proposal is the best path forward, based on years of study, listening to concerns of all parties, and negotiations. The proposal is posted on shha.org, and on sandomenico.org. Please look it over, and comment by email to shhapresident@gmail.com or write on cards at the open house. For at least 30 days after the open house, we will consider input before final votes of the SHHA board, and the School, and then the proposal requires County review and approval.

Community Center Progress. In the past month we have 1) selected a general contractor, 2) developed first round of detail adjustments to ensure the project we submit for building permits is affordable within the \$500,000 additional fundraising goal we announced in June, 3) begun work on construction drawings to support a building permit submittal before year end, and 4) received word from the Planning Department that their review is

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We aim to sign a contract in January break ground in March...

complete and they are working now on the decision letter.

After interviews and in-depth assessment of two strong proposals, we selected Schalich Brothers Construction (SBC) by unanimous vote of both the SHHA board and the SHCF board. SBC is working now with our architect and construction team for cost reductions, and will agree to a cost plus with a guaranteed maximum contract. We expect to be ready to

sign a contract in January, with a start date in March if the building permit process moves normally. Hazard abatement and other preconstruction will begin earlier.

Cost reductions are being prioritized so that the result of the renovation within the \$2.8M project budget includes everything we need to operate and enjoy the benefits of our new community center: locker/bathroom remodel, outdoor showers and accessible family bathroom, lease and meeting/classroom/storage space for the SHFPD, secure entry and drive-through drop off and pick up, fully renovated Founders Hall, Legends Room, Library/Porch, entry and site office, and permanently installed emergency back-up power. Seismic, energy and operating efficiency, safety and security will not be compromised. Solar power is a priority, but must be funded separately from the project budget or financed on a cash flow positive basis. Other items may be deferred or reduced depending on special donations and volunteer support, such as a separate building for CERT storage, relocation and redesign of the play area, and some aspects of landscaping.

*Happy Holidays and a Grand New Year,
Scott Hintergardt*

Did you know?

Following is a snapshot of real estate activity for Sleepy Hollow:

Active Listings: Three: one new, one on 60+ days, & one on 160+ days.

Solds: Four: one sold in less than 30 days; two in 60+ days; one in 150+ days. Average sale price was \$1.9MM.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I reflect on all that I am thankful for and living in this wonderful community rises to the top. My daughters were born and raised in Sleepy Hollow and I remember passing my oldest around the LEGEND CLUB meetings so all the ladies could get their baby fix. Everyone was friendly, helpful and kind. Fast forward 19 years and this community continues to thrive!

I truly love where I live and am thankful to be part of this idyllic community.



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SHHA Minutes, November 7, 2019

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

November 7, 2019.

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Aya Andrews, Francois Hedouin, Spencer Adams, Pete Mayer, Jan Blackford, Scott Hintergardt, President, Anne Wagner, Cathy Sarkisian. Also attending Lorraine Ferrarese, SHCF Director.

Members and Guests: Katie Rice, Priscilla Pattiglio

Open Time for residents comment:

Priscilla Pattiglio spoke vividly about the fear and isolation she experienced during the electricity blackout: "4 days hoping you're not asleep when they tell you that there's a fire" and extreme anxiety over lack of communication ability with no cell service, no landline service, no wi-fi, etc. Willing to have a cell tower in her yard if that would be possible and solve some problems. Katie Rice responded and then spoke more about the experience during the recent PG&E blackout. Her remarks and further information will be in her letter to be published in the November/December Sleepy Hollow Bulletin, which is mailed to all homes.

Supervisor Rice explained that, yes, you may be able to get a cell tower, but it will not solve a blackout problem without battery back up at the site and electrical power at the sending stations, which was fully not in place for this emergency. County does not control telecommunications systems. Cell coverage suffered when back up power was inadequate at cell service providers, and in some areas, like Sleepy Hollow, cell coverage is not good any time.

County and towns focused on support for the most vulnerable and most critical, including medical needs, public works, sewer and water systems, fuel available for generators, and that all worked pretty well. The universal outage (99% of Marin) and length of time were unique. Sonoma was only 40% without power. Power distribution lines don't allow sharper targeting of outages in Marin County.

All this is raising the interest of citizens and service providers to revisit both the cell tower potential and the micro cell potential. Supervisor Rice recommended: 1) we should reach out to Verizon again, as they were the most interested some time ago

and may now be open to some combination of micro cells and cell tower (still requires a longer process than micro cells). 2) there would be potential and need here at the Sleepy Hollow Community for some part of this. Once Verizon submits an application for a small cell installation, action is within 60 days and cannot be denied for health concerns. The Sleepy Hollow system would be 4g, based on our low density. 3) Everybody should get a radio. Butterfield has two grids. Lines had to be repaired. Not a function of the power shut-off. Most land lines have been converted to VOIP, which requires power.

Pete Mayer has led the SHHA effort to coordinate with Verizon, San Domenico School, Triple C Ranch, and the SHFPD. He explained that a map of potential micro cells in Sleepy Hollow included one at the Community Center, and that San Domenico had been open to some sort of tower. Pete will reach out to San Domenico and Verizon. There will be a generator at the renovated Community Center, and a priority for cell service, and the SHFPD office at the Community Center will have emergency communications capability.

Lorraine: ATT landline and old princess phone worked. Aya: Has to have old copper wires. If they've been replaced, won't work. With Solar panels and Tesla battery 14K, never lost power. Priscilla: This is a perfect place to have a tower.

Creek bank stabilization: Pete reported contractor Mike Milsap coming out with an engineer. Katie had some other ideas about rocks and plants, per Eric Reimer.

San Domenico: Scott, Jan. A discussion of the remaining unresolved issues resulted in a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved to include in the agreement that the School and the SHHA may agree to up to ten additional one-time, one-day Event Exceptions to address needs that might arise for the SHHA such as during renovation or for the School from time to time. Each party could request up to 5 such exceptions during a rolling 12-months period. There is no assurance that any exception will be approved, only that it will be duly considered and may be approved. Next step now is to meet with the School in the belief will soon be able to present to the community a plan for moving forward after

these years of working to understand and resolve issues.

Membership planning for 2020 budget: Spencer. After discussion of the renovation timing and impact, motions were made and seconded to increase SHHA dues \$10, and to offer a discount of \$10 to those opting for automatic annual renewal of the membership. Pool membership dues are unchanged. Thus, SHHA annual dues before renewal discount \$280/\$245 Senior. With auto renewal discount \$270/\$235 senior. Pool memberships for residents \$250/\$200 Senior. No change in the membership year.

Nominating Committee progress status report: Scott, Matt, Francois, Anne. About a dozen residents are considering or being approached to consider serving on the Board, or in a project team next year. The committee will present the slate at the December Board meeting and may be able to announce it at the December 7 Presidents' Party. It will also be announced in the November/December Bulletin. We are looking for a diverse team that can work together on the many ongoing responsibilities of the SHHA and carry out the renovation.

Budget: Inputs are still needed. The 2020 budget will be previewed in December and presented for adoption at the January meeting.

Presidents' Party: Date set Saturday, December 7, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Planning committee Aya Andrews, Anne Wagner, Lorraine Ferrarese. Top priority is to get announcements out. The Community Center Renovation, especially the resiliency benefits, will be on display as neighbors come together for a pleasant holiday gathering.

Adjourn to December 5, 7:00 p.m.

Hidden Valley Info

Winter Break —December 23, 2019-January 3, 2020.

Will your child attend kindergarten in the Fall? Come join our Kinder Parent Orientation January 15th at 6:30! Meet Hidden Valley teachers, students, principal, and parents.

If interested in a school tour, call 415-454-7409.

Renovation Town Hall

We want to hold a Town Hall early in the new year to confirm that status of building permits and the scope of benefits to the community that we can accomplish in the affordable budget, announce a ground breaking, and renew the appeal for a final round of financial support. We are determined to deliver a full package of emergency and everyday benefits for residents of varied interests. Connect, relax, play, learn, and work at the Sleepy Hollow Community Center.

*Happy Holidays and a Grand New Year,
Scott Hintergardt*



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INFORMATION

Information Open House December 17 SHHA – San Domenico School Transportation Management Plan Amendments Proposed

Visit the Sleepy Hollow Community Center for an Information Open House Tuesday, December 17, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Learn about and comment on the proposed amendments to the San Domenico School Transportation Management Plan. Browse information about the details of the amendments, the studies of the needs and impacts, the process followed to get to this negotiated agreement, next steps for comments, votes of the Boards, and approval by the County. Make your comments on cards provided, or email your comments.

Both the SHHA Board and San Domenico School believe that this proposal is the best path forward, encouraging safe behavior on Butterfield while addressing some needs of the school. We hope it paves the way for a strong collaboration for safety on Butterfield

OPEN HOUSE

Road for all users and respects the concerns of residents. Review the amendments and related information now online at shha.org and sandomenico.org. Send emails to shhapresident@gmail.com. Come to the Open House to learn more and ask your questions. Comment then and through email for at least 30 days afterward, when both Boards will take final votes.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM SAN DOMENICO

This year's
Holiday Shows
will be December
6, 12, and 19.



For information on San Domenico facilities or safe streets, please contact CFO David Wise at dwise@sandomenico.org with any questions.

SAN DOMENICO SCHOOL

**Independent K-12,
Day and Boarding**



Join us for a
**Preview
Day**

December 8
High School

January 11
Kindergarten -
Grade 8

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*Sleepy Hollow Community Center during blackout: Charge phones
Put meds in the fridge • Run vital health appliances. Connect.*

Community Center – Renovation and Resilience

HELP FOR THE HOLLOW

Warmth and welcome every day.
Information, connection to neighbors.

- Links for telephones, Internet, Wi-Fi, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio, short-wave, Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) scanner.
- Back-up emergency power permanently installed to run essential services including charging stations, communication links including phone service and wi-fi, lighting, and refrigeration.

- Emergency and CERT supplies such as extra batteries, First Aid supplies, defibrillator, eyewash station, drinking water, nutrition, cots and bedding, hand tools, portable generators, helmets, gloves, etc.
- Accessible restrooms and reserve water supply to ensure restrooms and limited showering availability in event of a public safety emergency.
- Space for at least fifty people overnight in accordance with American Red Cross standards and Federal Emergency Management Agency publication “Shelter Field Guide FEMA P-785.”

COMMUNITY GOALS OF THE RENOVATION

- Flexible spaces for the community for a variety of uses and ages
- Lease space for the SHFPD and space for their meetings, training, and staging for drills and actual emergencies

- Accommodation for emergency back-up power and Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) storage and disaster recovery
- An asset to home values in Sleepy Hollow and benefit to residents now and in future.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT...

When we open the doors, the new Community Center fulfills all those goals and becomes the site of many new family and neighborhood traditions as well as preserving the cherished past.

Construction details and schedule will be coming in January, along with a full appeal for those who have not yet stepped up or could do more to “give where you live.” If you want to act before year end with a new gift or new pledge now, please contact shcfdonations@gmail.com. We also need fulfillment of current pledges, now before year end and as the renovation is underway. Big thanks go to the donors of past years, many of whom stepped up again in 2018 and 2019. All donors will be recognized permanently in the new community center. Every gift is important.



*Courtyard view of Community Center during
night time blackout.*

Connection and Resilience Are for Everyday

Recharge yourself, and your phone, anytime. Drop the kids off at school and stop into your Community Center. Plug in to work, study, connect. Catch up while your child

is at swim practice. Stay wired over coffee with friends. Meet a client, have a meeting. Come back to socialize and play. Cheer a favorite team in a big game.



Count on our Community Center for audio-visual resources, information, and welcome, along with charging stations and communication links. Emergency resources help us every day, more so when all-too-often the power grid fails us, anytime there is an emergency, and rarely when

we might need to shelter and nourish neighbors for a few days in a disaster. A schematic of the Community Center in Disaster Recovery is part of the shha.org website display of the renovation layout and features.

Resilience, Safety and Security Benefits

LOWER ENERGY USAGE

- New, additional insulation in ceilings and walls
- Windows and doors double paned, high E glazing
- Solar ready, priority to install solar panels

STRUCTURAL SAFETY

- Seismic upgrades, footings, tie downs, shear walls
- Firewise, waterwise landscaping
- Improved site drainage, gutters for longer building life
- Full commercial sprinkler system

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Drive through for drop off and pick up
- Separation of vehicle and pedestrians arriving and leaving
- Multiple emergency exits, emergency lighting

SECURITY

- Prioritized entry to site and main entry inside gate
- Small site office adjacent to entry can be control point
- SHFPD has direct entry from Butterfield Road and from Founders Hall
- Fire alarm and Security system

Play, relax, learn, work, celebrate at the Sleepy Hollow Community Center. Connect close to home any time.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2-YEAR TERM AS DIRECTOR OF THE SHHA

Nominees for a two-year term as Director of the SHHA are Aya Andrews, David Baker, Hayley Mullen, and Lauren Thornhill. They will stand for election at the Annual Meeting now scheduled for January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Thanks to the Nominating Committee of Francois Hedouin, Matt Testa, and Anne Wagner for leading the Board's effort to recruit and interview interested candidates.

• **Aya Andrews** was appointed to fill the seat vacant since Jen Gauna resigned, and has taken initiative to help lead a Halloween Party and the annual Presidents' Party as well as leadership in recycling and resiliency for the community center. She is the owner of MarinFit.com and lives on Estates with her husband, Matt, and children.

• **David Baker** has an engineering background, owns an artistic tile company, and is interested in helping the SHHA achieve optimal use of solar energy and helping with pool facilities management. He and his wife, Emily, and two boys have lived on Van Tassel Court for three years.

• **Hayley Mullen** and her husband Nicolas moved to Martling in 2019 and began looking for ways to get involved for the community. Hayley, a software specialist and is interested to work with our membership data base and coordinate the new resident welcome outreach.

• **Lauren Thornhill** is a biomedical engineer who sold cardiac care equipment, often working closely with hospital staff to ensure proper equipment function. She also has experience in fundraising and is an avid supporter of the community pool. Her family, husband Derek and children, live on Tarry Road.

Also on the ballot, Spencer Adams, Scott Hintergardt, Pete Mayer, and Matt Testa have agreed to serve an additional two-year term. If elected, they will join Jan Blackford, Francois Hedouin, and Anne

Wagner, who are returning to complete the second year of their current terms. Directors Cathy Sarkisian and Shaun Westfall are rotating off the Board.

Nominations are open to January 1, 15 days before the annual meeting. This allows us to publish additional nominees for consideration by members before the annual meeting. Nominations from the membership must be in writing, with signatures of at least 3% of memberships or 11 households. All nominees must be members of the SHHA at the time of their nomination, and all Board members must maintain membership in the SHHA during their terms. SHHA members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting and are eligible to vote for Directors and Officers at the annual meeting.

Your all-volunteer SHHA Board is very much a working Board. Every Director accepts responsibility for a significant area of operations on behalf of our community, including Pool staffing and management, membership communications including coordinating with the editor of the Sleepy Hollow Bulletin, budgeting and financial oversight, website and data base management, clubhouse management including rentals and calendar coordination, liaison with the County and other jurisdictions including the SHFPD, July 4th celebration, social opportunities for the residents to come together, with offerings for children and adults, participation in street safety initiatives and collaborations, and more. We also encourage residents to volunteer in any of those areas or special projects from time to time, even if they are not interested in being on the Board at this time. Please volunteer when you can.

Sleepy Hollow Swim Team Registration 2020 Season Opens Soon!



We are already busy preparing for another great swim season and wanted to give all of you a heads up on what is happening...Swim team registration is just around the corner. Here are important dates:

January 13-January 27: Registration open for returning swimmers and their siblings

January 20-January 27: Registration open for ALL NEW swimmers Space is limited and team always fills up – register promptly to avoid being added to the waiting list! For more information and to sign up for the Sea Lions, please go to www.SleepyHollowSealions.com.

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.

The Hub Fundraising! This year we are partners with The Hub San Anselmo to help fundraise for our team! Once a month on a Wednesday The Hub will host 'Dine and Donate' and 10% of sales will be donated to support our team! The first two Dine and Donate nights will be Wednesday 12/11 and 1/8. Big Thank You to The Hub and see you there!



PRESIDENTS' PARTY
Saturday, December 7,
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Thank You San Domenico School!



'Tis the Season to Give Thanks! The Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club would like to acknowledge and give our heartfelt thanks to San Domenico School! The Sleepy Hollow residents 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 and resurface these lovely courts when needed. Thank you, San Domenico School. We appreciate your long standing 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 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 Chris Staskus, 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, Chris Staskus, cmstaskus@gmail.com (650) 799-2006 or check out our website at sleepyhollowtennis.org.



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SHHA BOARD MEETING

Sleepy Hollow Community Center, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTS' PARTY

Saturday, December 7, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SAN DOMENICO

Holiday Show, December 6, 12, 19

SHHA & SAN DOMENICO SCHOOL INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Sleepy Hollow Community Center,
Tuesday, December 17, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

HIDDEN VALLEY

Winter Break —December 23, 2019–January 3, 2020

HIDDEN VALLEY KINDER PARENT ORIENTATION

January 15, 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL SHHA BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Community Center

SLEEPY HOLLOW SWIM TEAM

Registration for RETURNING SWIMMERS
and their siblings —January 13 – 27.

Registration for NEW SWIMMERS—January 20 – 27.

THE WATER KEPT FLOWING WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

By Jack Gibson, MMWD Board Member 11/29/19

With the recent PG&E power shutoffs and the inevitability of more to come, understanding the connection between water and power is important. Water providers, including the Marin Municipal Water District, rely on electricity to power treatment plants and pump stations that deliver water to customers' taps.

MMWD began its emergency preparation efforts early on, with lessons learned from our Sonoma County and Napa County neighbors during the 2017 wildfires. Earlier this year, with PG&E power shutoffs on the horizon, the water district was already gearing up for water delivery, without electricity.

In preparation for the shutoff, the water district had generators at its treatment plants, readied a fleet of an additional 24 portable generators for its pump stations, and developed a deployment plan that included visiting pump stations with limited space in advance to see how best to position these generators when needed.

The district knew that fuel supplies would be key to keeping generators working, and secured its fuel supplier early on. The staff developed backup plans, anticipating the high regional demand for fuel during the power shutoff. This included lining up secondary fuel supplies and using its own trucks to deliver fuel to generators in the field.

That planning paid off. During the most recent countywide shutoff, the district's team was ready with around-the-clock staffing to monitor generators, and track field conditions so that adjustments could

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be made as needed. Water tanks were topped off before the shutoff, and throughout the power outage. Field crews checked equipment several times a day to ensure things were functioning properly. The district stationed staff at Marin County's Emergency Operations Center, and convened its own emergency team meetings at least twice daily to review the latest information, and adjust strategies. Using a generator and lanterns, the district was able to keep its offices open to serve customers.

The level of coordination with other agencies was extensive: The district's staff participated in daily conference calls with other water suppliers and agencies in Sonoma and Marin counties; and the communications team kept the community informed through news releases, social media, and the website, and sharing messaging with more than 40 other public information staff throughout Marin County.

Customers also played a key role by conserving water—reducing water use is important in keeping water tanks full and easing the demand on backup generators. Conserving water during emergencies is particularly vital during high-risk, red flag fire conditions, when firefighters may need large volumes of water at a moment's notice. Thankfully, water use by our customers during this last PG&E power shutoff dropped to roughly half normal levels.

The water district continues to plan for the future—improving infrastructure, replacing aging pipelines, and refurbishing tanks and pump stations. Continuing to invest in our system ensures that our water will continue to flow, even in the most difficult circumstances.

Winter Storm Preparation

It's that time of year again – rain, storms and potential flooding. Please take the time to read below and learn what you can do to be prepared!

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts: Register to receive emergency alerts sent from the County of Marin by phone, text, email, or even an app on a smart phone. Emergency officials use the [Alert Marin System](#) to deliver incident-specific information or potentially life-saving instructions to the precise geographic area(s) affected. Register at www.AlertMarin.org and also sign up for Nixle texts at www.nixle.com.

Inspect/Clear all drainage areas: Inspect drainage areas

on your property (e.g. roof gutters, drain inlets, downspouts, pipes, drainage ditches) and clear your "watercourse." Yard waste, broken branches, overgrown foliage, even leaves in drainage ditches, gutters can block storm drains and can cause localized flooding, affecting a down-street or down-stream neighbor, even if it doesn't affect you.

Be Prepared for Flooding: Use sand bags in areas known for flooding on your property – ***Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District will have a sandbag station set up at the clubhouse during the rainy season for your use;*** Move vehicles to higher ground if in flood prone area; Move valuable possessions to the upper floors in your residence or business, if your property is subject to flooding; Secure outdoor furniture and other loose items to keep them from being blown away or carried by flood waters.

Additional Preparations: Make a family emergency plan, visit www.ready.gov/make-a-plan; Create a safety kit with drinking water, canned food, first aid supplies, blankets, radio flashlight and batteries; Check with elderly neighbors to see if they need any assistance with storm preparations.

During the Storm: Tune to local radio or television stations for emergency information and stay in place. If you must go out, avoid areas that are subject to flooding - do not drive through or walk through flooded areas — water as low as 6 inches deep can cause you to be swept away by strong currents.

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Left: Hollow resident Merle Ongaro in our renovated kitchen with Nate, Dave, Richard, and Dennis.



Michael is teaching Jordan to play violin at our successful Youth Trunk sale!



Below: Hollow residents Ava Podboy, Jordan and Jen Gauna at the farm stand.



Left: Youth Group at Bake Sale to raise money for homeless and environment.



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