



Sleepy Hollow Bulletin

MAY 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Summer Excitement!



SHOW UP FOR SLEEPY HOLLOW

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Things are slowly but surely getting back to normal. Kids are back in school five days a week, we don't have to wear a mask at the kids' baseball games and getting a reservation at a nice restaurant requires two weeks of advanced planning.

On that note, I wanted to update you about some exciting things that are happening in Sleepy Hollow.

The Pool Is Opening on Memorial Day! The pool was a wonderful escape during the lock down of last summer. While we still have the reservation system in place, we'll be able to welcome more members at the pool at one time. Make sure to join now as we may have to cap our pool membership based on Marin County guidelines. Sign up @ www.shha.org

Our Community Center will be open! While the closing was because of construction and not COVID, having our community centerpiece back open will be amazing. Our plan is to welcome all residents into the rebuilt Community Center on July 4th. Stay tuned for information on early tours for our donors and new residents.

Welcome to our new residents! Put June 19th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on your calendar. Take a self-guided tour of the new Community Center and meet other new residents.

4th of July Celebration in on! Even

though last year's "progressive" celebration, where many residents took to biking and walking around the Hollow, was fun; it just wasn't the same as being at the Community Center. I'm pleased to announce that plans are underway for the parade down Butterfield and an afternoon of fun at the Community Center! It will be slightly scaled back from pre-COVID times, but will be a great time for families. More details to follow.

And don't forget, **parents are encouraged to get their kids involved with**



Spencer Adams, our president, was the kid on the left, followed by brothers Travis and Justin on the right—all dressed up like firecrackers.

the parade. Feel free to dress them up as firecrackers like my Mom did. This picture, of my brothers and me getting ready for the big event, was taken on Dutch Valley. Guessing circa 1982.



New Residents Coffee

The Johnny Doughnut Truck will help welcome new residents on June 19, 9-11 a.m.

SHHA is excited to welcome new residents of the Hollow for a self-guided tour of the new Community Center to see our progress and meet other new residents of the Hollow! What better way to connect with your community than with a Johnny Doughnut truck! Mark your calendar for June 19th 9-11 a.m. to indulge in doughnuts and coffee while learning about the many offerings in store!

You Can Be Part of Sleepy Hollow's History and Future

A neighbor is donating a time capsule to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association. "Time Capsule" sounds rather grand, but it is a rather simple thing, 6 inches by 24 inches, to be closed up inside a wall of our newly-renovated community center. We had hoped to find one from the original construction in 1955 to add to its contents, but if it is around it remains well hidden!

You can be part of history and the future by suggesting or contributing things to put into the time capsule. Artifacts from the past, and symbols of life today in Sleepy Hollow. Old and current maps, photos, documents, materials, video/sound of events, music, something that will be better 25 years from now when we gather again to celebrate 100 years of Sleepy Hollow community spirit?

So if you have ideas for small items we should include from 1955, 2021 and years in between, contact Kai Broms at kbroms@comcast.net. He will start a list along with volunteer donors, and will continue it over the next few weeks via the SHHA website. Then we will gather the items from the donors, seal them up in our time capsule and then close it up in a wall on a date to be determined this summer.

Right: Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company Time Capsule II contents, New York World's Fair, 1964



NEWS FROM SAN DOMENICO



Thank you for your collaboration in best protecting our communal health during this historic pandemic. With the latest COVID numbers in the County of Marin and current and expected Public Health directives, we are very grateful to share that beginning June 1, the perimeter trails around campus and the walking path and grassy areas near the main campus entrance, off of Butterfield Road, will once again be open for community use. When school and summer camps are in session, we ask that you kindly refrain from entering other areas of campus.

Questions? Send a note to us at contactus@sandomenico.org. Stay healthy and well!




Sleepy Hollow Is Truly The Most Amazing Community!

I feel incredibly grateful to be part of our community on a personal and professional level. It is with sincere gratitude that I make a \$5,000 donation to the Community Clubhouse Rebuild.


Thank you Sleepy Hollow! May we continue to grow and support our community together!

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SHHA Board Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2021

Attendees: Spencer Adams, Jan Blackford, Gina Singleton, Aya Andrews, Erik Ruud, Lauren Thornhill, David Baker, Hayley Mullen, Pete Mayer, Reinhard Ludke, Stephen McGee, and Richard Stess.

Emergency Communications: SHFPD has distributed the 30 satellite phones to the block captains. The Block Captains were also given signs they can hang in their yard, during a PSPS or other emergency, to let people know they have a phone and if they are home. A map of the phones will be provided to all residents.

Cell Tower: San Domenico and Verizon are still in contract negotiations. Pete Mayer is still in discussions with AT&T as a back up. Pete has asked AT&T to create a coverage map for Sleepy Hollow and to look at multiple sites, not just the San Domenico site.

Butterfield Safety: Gina updated us on their Safe Streets meeting. Nancy Vernon is creating a subcommittee to look at what other calming related measures we can take to improve safety on Butterfield. The Board discussed the increase in vegetation at certain intersections that limit line of sight for vehicles. We will reach out to previous Board members for the letter they used to alert specific residents if the vegetation on their property needs to be trimmed back.

Membership: Hayley update the Board that 313 families have joined the SHHA so far. We are about 75% of our goal of 420 homes out of a total of 833 homes. We had 100 new families move in over the last two years. We are mailing all families a reminder to join a sticker with our new logo.

Operations and Activities: Aya updated us on the new logo merchandise for Sleepy Hollow. Working with a resident who runs a merchandise company. Offering T-Shirts, hats, hoodies, glasses and more. Goal is to have this ready by the 4th of July. Will be sold online through preorders and some stock would be kept on hand to be sold at events.

Construction: Courtyard paving was planned for Phase 2. Now it needs to be brought into Phase one. Additional Phase 1 budget will be needed to cover the costs. SHHA Board approved a bridge loan for the SHCF of up to \$60,000 to be used for the courtyard. It will be paid back by the SHCF through fundraising this summer.

4th of July: The Board is working on permits for the parade and working on a plan for a scaled down 4th of July party at the Community Center.

Pool: Lauren will organize a meeting with Hayley, Jan and Spencer to decide on our plan for the pool reopening. Marin County has not provided guidance for outdoor pools so Lauren will be reaching out to other pools in Marin to understand their plan. A reservation system, like last year, will probably be needed but we hope to be able to allow more families at one time when we open, and still more as covid limitations ease.

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SHHA BOARD MEETING

June 3, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconference

NEW RESIDENTS' COFFEE AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Coffee and Doughnuts, June 19, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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PLAN FOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE AND PARTY!

Patricia Ehrhart 1925-2021

Patricia "Patty" Ehrhart was born September 29, 1925 in Aberdeen, Washington and went to the University of Washington where she met her future husband Dick. They married and continued schooling at Stanford and started their family. They eventually moved to Sleepy Hollow where they lived for 66 years. Their four children all grew up in Sleepy Hollow. Patty lost her husband much too early but continued on with her many activities. Patty was a big sports fan and played tennis herself until she was 88. She loved the Sleepy Hollow community where she was an active member of the Legend Club. She was affectionally known as "the vampire lady" for running our SHHA blood drive for an amazing 44 years. Patty lived a long and energetic life and was loved by her family and friends. For those of us who were fortunate enough to know Patty during her years here, we will miss her and look back upon her contributions to our community with gratitude.



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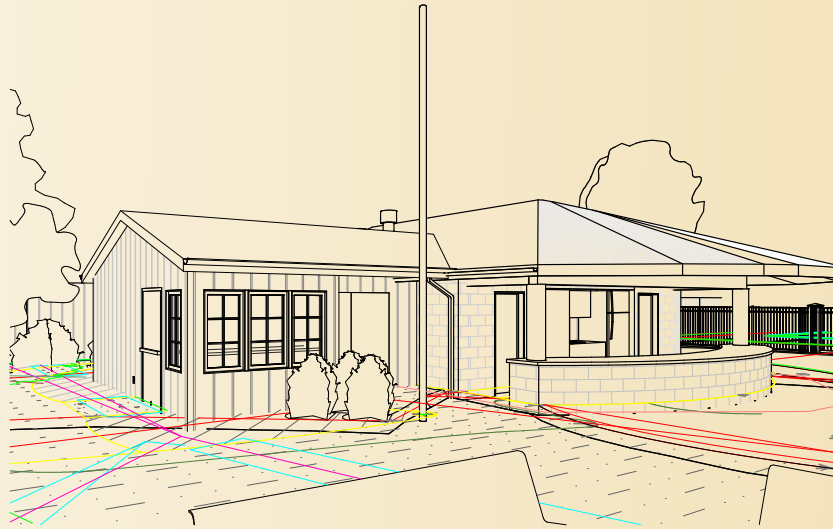
Doors are opening soon!

Watch for announcements of small group tours, ribbon cutting, time capsule sealing, and July 4th activities at your new Sleepy Hollow Community Center. You will also see what is coming next in Phase 2, through finished renderings of the sketches here. We will have those renderings and more outside for visitors to the pool, and inside as soon as we can reliably be in the courtyard and building.

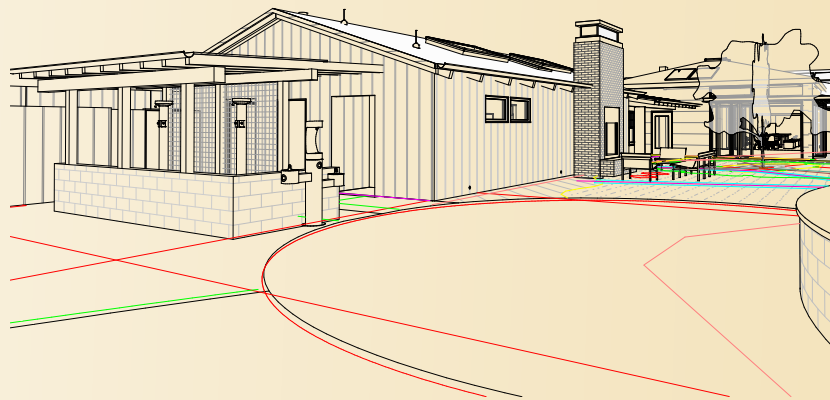
Summer will be a celebration of being in the new Community Center for the 75th anniversary of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association and previewing the enhancements to come in Phase 2, as well as a look at the funding that will pay for the new features. Priorities are renovating the locker rooms, installing outdoor showers, and building the emergency supplies building and attached site office. Meanwhile, let's enjoy our new spaces: watch for announcements of activities and events.

Major Phase 2 elements are the renovation of locker/bathrooms, new outdoor showers, new emergency supplies building and site office, as well as amenities like the outdoor fireplace, outdoor furniture, additional indoor furniture, and more. All Phase 2 elements are engineered and permitted, able to start at the end of this swim season if we raise the money. We will be reaching out for your help in the next several weeks.

The photographs on the next page show inside progress since our last post on the nearly complete, current renovation. Lights, cabinets, counter tops, kitchen, and powder room tile are all in. Redwood paneling is going up in the Legends room, and soon we will take up the covering on the concrete floors. We have arranged the site resurfacing to be completed as part of this current Phase 1. You might already be hearing the demolition of the old pavements, and work on new surfaces including the accessible parking, safe and convenient drive through, fire lane, and interior courtyard. The pool will be accessible during all pool use hours.



Shown above is the view from the Flex Use room across the courtyard to the future site office and emergency supplies storage building. The final rendering will represent the actual courtyard and building finishes.



Shown above is the view from the snack bar to the future outdoor showers, showing also the generator fence, trellis connecting the showers to the locker rooms, water fountain and water bottle filling station, and beyond to the future outdoor fireplace

Panelling made from the clear redwood salvaged from the old panelling in the building will cover the Legends room walls.



Founders room lighting shows off the old trusses and beams from the original 1950s. Concrete finish floors are covered for protection.

This view through the Legends room is to the courtyard through tall glass folding doors for indoor and outdoor enjoyment.



Firestorm: The Dragon from Hell

The Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District

“The firestorm descended like a dragon from hell on the foothill neighborhoods and laid them to waste.” “The wildfire swept through the community with a tsunami of flame.” “The wildfire literally exploded houses in flames leaving destruction in its path.” These three quotes represent common misconceptions about the behavior of wildfire. In fact, the typical pattern of destruction from wildfire is total home destruction with surrounding vegetation unconsumed. Jack Cohen, PhD research physical scientist retired from the National Forest Service and considered by many to be the godfather of wildfire science, believes research shows that our homes are actually being destroyed during wildfires due to a home ignition problem.

You can hear Jack and others discuss this issue by watching the FIRE-Safe MARIN youtube video titled “Zone Zero: Ground Zero When Protecting Your Home.”

Embers are the most common cause of home ignition.

They are light enough to be blown through the air and can result in the rapid spread of wildfire by spotting (in which embers are blown ahead of the main fire, starting other fires). Should these embers land on or near your house, they could just as easily ignite nearby vegetation, accumulated debris, or enter the home (through openings or vents). Recent research indicates that two out of every three homes destroyed during wildfires were ignited either directly or indirectly by wind-dispersed, wildfire-generated, burning, or glowing embers and not from the actual flames of the fire.

Defensible space is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. Defensible space will help slow or stop the spread of wildfire and protect your home from catching fire – either from direct flame contact or radiant heat. Defensible space is also important to help protect firefighters when they are defending your home. Creating defensible space does not mean you need a ring of bare dirt around your home. Through proper planning, you can have both a beautiful landscape and a fire safe home. For detailed information about what actions need to be taken in each of the four zones, please go to the firesafemarin.org website and select “Create a Fire-Smart Yard.” There is also an excellent Fire Smart Landscaping video from UC Marin Master Gardeners available on the FIRE-Safe MARIN youtube channel.

The Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District helps our homeowners to create defensible space through the defensible space inspection program, curbside chipper service, hazardous plant removal grants, goat grazing, and fuel reduction projects. Please sign up for chipper service at chipperday.com/marin. New guidelines to apply for this year's hazardous plant removal grants will be coming out soon. You have all probably seen the goats at work. Large fuel reduction projects are either in process or completed at San Domenico and Triple C Ranch.

A coupled approach, using good defensible space and a fire hardened home is necessary to provide the greatest level of protection. Prepar-

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ing and maintaining adequate defensible space will guard against flame contact and radiant exposures from nearby vegetation. When it comes to protecting your home against embers, fire-resistant building material and design considerations cannot be ignored. Similarly, if you don't have defensible space – or don't maintain it – the wildfire will produce maximum ember, flame, and radiant exposures to your home. It is very unlikely that even hardened buildings can survive such exposure, as a weak link will likely exist somewhere in the building enclosure.

The FIRE-Safe MARIN website has a detailed guide prepared by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety that describes how to harden your home called “Protect Your Property From Wildfire.” Here are some of the most important actions you can take to harden your home. Make sure that your roof is rated Class A and is kept free of leaves and other flammable debris. Keep your gutters clean and screened. Regularly inspect for debris accumulation on and around skylights. If you have vented openings to your attic or crawl space, make sure these vents are covered with 1/8-inch corrosion resistant metal mesh. Windows and glass doors should be constructed of dual-pane tempered glass. Remove all combustible materials under decks and consider use of fine mesh screening to keep out embers. If you have combustible siding, make sure that you maintain ground-to-siding clearance of six inches and create a non-combustible zone around the first five feet of the home. New fences should be constructed of ignition resistant materials and attachments to homes (usually gates) should be non combustible.

The Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District (SHFPD) recently purchased 30 satellite telephones that can be used during power outages to contact 911. A list of addresses where the phones can be accessed will be posted on the the SHFPD website and the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association website. Your local block captains will be reaching out to you with more information about the program. The infrastructure for additional emergency communications systems has been installed at the new community center and should be fully operational by July. Later this summer we will be conducting a simple evacuation drill designed to remind each family to be prepared by signing up for alerts and warnings, preparing a Go Bag, making an evacuation plan and going over your evacuation checklist. Post covid, your local block captains will also be reaching out to engage residents with wildfire safety preparation information.

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Above: The Church youngsters plant this year's pumpkin patch.

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THANK YOU Erin Hill!

Safe Routes to Schools, Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets and the County of Marin (specifically Supervisor Rice’s office!) wishes to acknowledge Sleepy Hollow resident Erin Hill for her years of dedicated leadership, providing encouragement events and increased safety awareness to the families and community of Hidden Valley School. Over the years, Erin inspired children to walk and roll to school, cheerfully greeting children at morning welcome tables for events as International Walk to School Day, the Green Sneaker Challenge, and Walk and Roll Wednesdays.

Going “above and beyond,” Erin’s community leadership included

collaborating with her school and neighbors to focus on increased safety along routes to Hidden Valley. Working with teachers and children, Erin helped put on an all-school assembly, having student performers “teach” peers about safely and respectfully arriving to campus by foot, bike or car. Additionally, Erin has been a key member of the Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets committee and helped launch a safety campaign called Eyes Up. The campaign focused on driver safety, including signage and messaging to keep “Eyes Up” and “Slow Down.”

During COVID, Erin spent many hours meeting with a special safety subcommittee to brainstorm and execute ways for kids to walk and bike to school while staying socially

distanced. She was instrumental in creating the plan that is in place today for dropping off and pick up at HV.

Thank you, Erin, on behalf of our entire community for

all your inspirational support of children over the years by encouraging healthy and safe travel to and from school. You have made a difference!

Butterfield Corridor Safe Streets Committee

