Spring Festival
I constantly felt (as I suppose many an ambitious girl has felt) a thumping from within unanswerd by any beckoning from without.

-Anna J. Cooper

**Womanism** (noun) a form of feminism emphasizing women's natural contribution to society (used by some in distinction to the term feminism & its association with white women).

**Womanism** is a social theory based on the history and everyday experiences of women of color, especially black women. It seeks, according to womanist scholar Layli Maparyan, to "restore the balance between people and the environment/nature and reconcile human life with the spiritual dimension." In 1979, American novelist, short story writer, poet, & social activist Alice Walker coined the term "Womanist" in her short story, "Coming Apart," & her book In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens is also based on her theory of Womanist.

Madam C.J. Walker was an American entrepreneur, philanthropist, both political and social activist. She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America in the Guinness Book of World Records. Walker made her fortune by developing & marketing a line of cosmetics and hair care products for black women through the business she founded, Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company. Known for her philanthropy and activism, she made financial donations to numerous organizations and became a patron of the arts. Walker's lavish estate in Irvington, New York, Villa Lewaro, served as a social gathering place for the African-American community. At the time of her death, she was considered the wealthiest African-American businesswoman & wealthiest self-made black woman in America.

Sadie T.M. Alexander, was the first African-American to receive a Ph.D. in Economics in the United States, the first woman to receive a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the first African-American woman to practice law in Pennsylvania (following her father's footsteps). Read Knocking down doors: The trailblazing life of Sadie Tunner Mossell Alexander, Pennsylvania's First Black Woman Lawyer by Lia Epperson

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper was an American author, educator, sociologist, speaker, Black liberation activist, and one of the most prominent African-American scholars in United States history. She helped found the Colored Women's League in 1892 and joined the executive committee of the first Pan-African Conference in 1900. Born in 1858, her books include, Voice from the South, The voice of Anna Julia Cooper and Slavery and the French and Haitian Revolutionists. She lived until 1914.

Florynce Rae Kennedy was an American lawyer, feminist, civil rights advocate, lecturer and activist. Kennedy broadened her scope to include political involvement and battling oppression in a variety of arenas—racism, sexism, and homosexuality. Another of her causes was women's liberation, for all women, not just African-American women. She urged the two races to work together.

Color Me Flo: My Hard Life and Good Times & Notable Black American Women

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. is a non-profit volunteer organization for African American women. Its members address common issues in their communities, families & personal lives, promoting gender & racial equity.

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As a veggie gardener for as long as I can remember, it is sad for me to think about not having a garden this year! I won’t have a garden this year due to Bo’s water rationing beginning March 1. There just isn’t enough water unless you have collected-rain water. Any “extra” water should go to those households who have many family members on one meter. I am thrilled that we have so much access to local produce with Mickey’s Farmstand, Bo Coop and USF’s Friday afternoon veggie stand. Hopefully, next year we will all have bountiful gardens!

Be safe, be healthy and conserve water!
Pat Dickens

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BCPUD Board of Directors’ February Meeting
to be held on February 24, 2021

Mandatory Water Rationing on the Agenda

The BCPUD Board of Directors will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (The meeting will be held telephonically due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic; call-in information will be included on the meeting agenda). Among other things, the BCPUD Board is expected to enact a resolution to implement the mandatory rationing of water effective March 1, 2021. As was discussed extensively during a special meeting of the BCPUD Board on February 8, 2021, the recommended ration amount is anticipated to be 725 gallons per day per connection, with specific limited exceptions for businesses, public-serving and multi-use entities.

More information about the anticipated mandatory rationing resolution and background about the BCPUD’s limited water supply (and current specific constraints on that supply due to lack of rainfall) is available on our website (www.bcpud.org) or by calling the office. In addition, we have posted a “water audit” checklist, conservation tips and instructions about how to read your water meter on our website to assist customers with tracking water use. Thanks to all of our customers for your conservation efforts—we know that many of you have made considerable lifestyle adjustments to reduce your water use and we appreciate it very much.

Jennifer Blackman
General Manager
February 12, 2021

E-Waste Pickup

The Conservation Corp of the North Bay is now offering free e-waste pickup. They are a non-profit that provides job training and education to underserved youth. Call: 415.454-4554.

Be safe, be healthy.
Pat Dickens
The BCLT is excited to announce that our proposed pilot septic system upgrade program has been approved both by the Environmental Health Department and the Board of Supervisors at Marin County.

It has been a long process, and the BCLT wishes to thank everyone involved in making this happen, from our engineers, to EHS staff, to the Planning Department, to the staff at the SWQCB (State Water Quality Control Board) to Dennis Rodoni and his staff, and to Sean Kennings, our planning consultant.

While we have approval now to move forward, we now need to find funding and draw up legal documents. This is going to take a bit of time, but we are hopeful that we can get things started while these details are put into place. What we know so far is that:

- The program will be for only 22 properties at this time.
- The systems used will be classified as Tier 2 and will be using a peat moss filtration system on raised gravel with a pre-treatment tank.
- The system allows people to add an ADU of up to 800sq ft provided there is space on the lot.
- One must be willing to accept a limited water use permit to join the program. The limited use water permits caps your water use at 225 gallons a day, which should be enough for nine people if people are careful and thoughtful with their water use.
- Membership in the program will include annual monitoring and free repairs although there will be an annual fee to be part of the program.
- The program will last for 20 years

What we have not yet determined is:

- Exactly how much each system will cost (we are hoping $45,000).
- What loans will be available
- What the annual fee will be to be in the program (hoping around $500 which will include repairs).
- The timeline to installation - possibly as soon as this coming summer

In order to try to be able to install these new septic systems this coming spring or summer, the BCLT would like to gather the names of interested property owners and begin preliminary site visits right away. These first site visits will NOT include the engineer nor anyone from the County, but are only to look at whether the site can accommodate the new system and whether it is advisable for the owner to join the program. There may be properties we cannot help. The BCLT and the County want to make sure that no one will be red tagged by entering the program and this initial site visit will help to make sure that won’t happen. This visit will also be a time when participants can ask some of their questions. Once funding is in place and the program is fully ready to launch, there will be a second site visit with an engineer, again, no county staff involved.

At this time, we are asking that everyone who would like to consider joining the program contact the BCLT by calling 415-868-9468 and leaving name and number and expressing interest. Admission will be on a first come, first served basis. If you think you may be interested, please get on this initial list, we cannot take more than 22 participants. We will update the public here in the Hearsay as we have more solid information and are happy to answer questions as best we can in the meantime.

Thank you,
Annette Dar
Executive Director
BCLT

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February 11, 2021

Please note: we will continue to keep you updated through email, community media sources, and on our website throughout this period. Please do not call us directly regarding COVID-19 vaccines so that we can keep our phone lines open for immediate patient medical needs.

Vaccination by Marin County
Marin County continues to vaccinate Phase 1A and Phase 1B for those 75 years or older. Please check online for appointment availability at: https://coronavirus.marinhealth.org/vaccine/P1Bsignup

The county is still working to create call centers to support people without internet access. You can see a breakdown of each Phase/Tier at: https://coronavirus.marinhealth.org/vaccine/distribution

Starting next Monday February 15th, people 65 and older will qualify for COVID-19 vaccines through Marin County. If you qualify for the Marin County vaccine, please sign up here: https://coronavirus.marinhealth.org/vaccine/P1Bsignup

Vaccinations by Coastal Health Alliance
CHA will conduct the first small vaccination clinic on Friday, February 12th for patients 75 years and older. We are only able to provide 50 vaccinations this week. We have reached out directly to patients who are eligible to sign up for this clinic. We plan to continue weekly vaccination clinics for our patients 75 and older.

We will open up vaccines to those 65 and older once we have vaccinated our 75 and older patients. This decision is based on very limited vaccine supply and staffing. Any changes will continue to be communicated weekly.

We continue to work with Marin Public Health on setting up a larger vaccination POD (point of dispensing vaccine) in West Marin for the entire community, as well as increasing our capacity for vaccinating at our clinic. We recognize some people may have transportation difficulties and are working on ways to address this.

Check here for info on vaccinations sites through Marin County: https://coronavirus.marinhealth.org/vaccine/status.

Kaiser patients can check your vaccine status online by logging into the portal: https://mydoctor.kaiserpermanente.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine

If you have not already, we encourage you to fill out the interest form created by Marin County to be notified when you are eligible to be vaccinated: https://marincountyhc.jotform.com/210187732830049
Noticias y avisos en español

Información Acerca de La Vacuna Contra COVID-19
11 de febrero de 2021

Continuaremos informándolos a través de correo electrónico, publicando información por varios medios de comunicación comunitarios y a través de nuestra página web. Por favor tengan paciencia y no llamen a CHA acerca de la vacuna contra COVID-19 para así mantener las líneas de teléfono disponibles para las necesidades médicas urgentes de nuestros pacientes.

Vacunación por el Condado de Marin

El Condado de Marin continua a vacunar La Fase 1A y Fase 1B incluyendo residentes de 75 años o más.

Les recomendamos revisar la página web del Condado de Marin para saber cuándo hay citas disponibles: https://coronavirus marinhs.org/vaccine/P1Bsignup

El condado está trabajando arduamente para crear centros de llamadas para apoyar a las personas que no tienen acceso al internet para que puedan hacer citas a través del teléfono. Puedes ver más información de cada Fase/Tier aquí: https://coronavirus marinhs.org/vaccine/distribution

Según el Condado de Marin, el próximo lunes 15 de febrero, las personas de 65 años o más serán elegibles para recibir la vacuna. Puede dirigirse a esta página web para inscribirse: https://coronavirus marinhs.org/vaccine/P1Bsignup

Le recomendamos completar esta Forma de Interés en la Vacuna Contra COVID-19 del condado para ser notificado cuando serás elegible para recibir la vacuna: https://marincountyhc jotform.com/210187732830049

Coastal Health Alliance

Vacunación por el CHA

Coastal Health Alliance (CHA) tendrá la primera clínica para vacunas contra COVID-19 este viernes, el 12 de febrero para nuestros pacientes de 75 años o más. Para esta semana el condado nos asignó solo 50 vacunas. Hemos contactado directamente a los pacientes que califican para esta clínica y las citas están llenas. No hay necesidad de llamarnos.

Planeamos continuar clínicas semanales para la vacuna contra COVID-19. Abriremos la clínica a personas de 65 años o más cuando terminemos de vacunar a los pacientes mayores de 75 años. Esta decisión está basada en la cantidad limitada de vacunas y de empleados. Cualquier cambio será comunicado semanalmente.

Aquí hay información sobre donde están dando vacunas por el condado: https://coronavirus marinhs.org/vaccine/status.
Firehouse Community Park Agency
(a.k.a. Mesa Park Board)
Regular meeting agenda
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:00 pm

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Call to Order:

Board Members Present:

Others Present:

Community Expression:

Downtown Park:
1. Hillside trees (Jill Moore)
2. Cob oven (Melinda Stone)
3. Condition of Downtown Park
4. Bathrooms
5. Enhance areas that are under-utilized + addition of park benches

Mesa Park:
1. Bazaar (Melinda Stone)
2. Condition of Mesa Park
3. Bathrooms
4. Sewer cannon / septic system
5. Maintenance / clean up of playground & update on playground from Children’s Center.

Manager’s Report:
1. Report
2. Website updates
3. Covid restrictions update for the parks.

Old News:
1. Discuss ideas for CA State Parks grant.

Other Business:
1. Bolinas Association Board (Drew Sabec
2. Update on BCPUD water restrictions
3. New board member

Treasurer’s Report:
Warrants- current: $ 1706.24
Warrants- held over: $ 0
Payroll- 21-Jan $ 3,492.53
Total: $ 5,198.77

Approve Warrants:

Approve special meeting minutes from January 5, 2021, regular meeting minutes from January 12, 2021, and special meeting minutes from January 26, 2021.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned:

Submitted by Oliver Whitcroft

A NOAA Weather Radio can be an excellent source of information during emergencies, and prices start at just $20.

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Local emergency officials like Bolinas Fire can also send an evacuation alert through the NOAA Weather Radio system, as was successfully done in Sonoma County during the 2019 Kincade Fire.

There is a link at the top of the Bolinas Fire Department website (www.bolinashfire.org) to a short video tutorial, which helps explain how to use these radios for weather and wildfire emergency alerts.

Follow programming instructions in the user guide provided, and make sure you program your radio to the correct channel for Bolinas: 162.400.

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