



# Gerstle Park

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Summer 2017

# 2017 GPNA Garage Sale!

## Saturday, June 17th from 9AM - 2PM

### Option #1: GARAGE SALE AT YOUR HOME (\$20)

Registration includes: Use of (1) yard sign, inclusion of your sale on the official GPNA Garage Sale Map w/highlights of a few of your major sale items, advertisements on Craigslist & the Marin IJ classifieds, and on posters throughout the neighborhood. NOTE: Yard signs will be available for pick up at Kearsley Higgin's house - 333 Bayview Street - Thurs. 6/15 and Fri. 6/16 from 10AM to 8PM. After the sale (no later than Sunday) please return the signs back to the same address for reuse next year. Question? Call Gina (415)716-0130.

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### Option #2: GARAGE SALE AT GERSTLE PARK (\$30)

For just \$10 more, you can be guaranteed sales! You will be assigned a minimum 10' x 10' area in Gerstle Park. Buyers will be able to shop multiple sales in one stop. Ideal for Gerstle Park neighbors who don't get a lot of foot traffic on Garage Sale Day. Large signage will be posted outside Gerstle Park (no need to pick up a yard sign), in addition to mention of your items on Map & advertising on Craigslist + Marin IJ. Apply early—first come first served, space is limited. Tables not provided.

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Name:  Phone:

Address:

Email Address:

Please list Items for Sale or Description of Sale for map (15 words max):

#### GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION:

At your home \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
In Gerstle Park \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

#### RENEW YOUR ANNUAL GPNA MEMBERSHIP: :

2017 Regular Membership \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
2017 Membership - SENIOR \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return form and check to: GPNA, Attn: Garage Sale, PO Box 150644, San Rafael, CA 94915

**Registration also available online: [www.gerstlepark.com](http://www.gerstlepark.com)**

#### IMPORTANT:

For guaranteed inclusion in Garage Sale MAP registration must be received by Tuesday, June 13th

# President's Column

Gina Silvestri



“Forza!” is an Italian word that means “Be Strong!” or “Have Courage!” That is what I said to GPNA Founder and current Vice President, HUGO LANDECKER this afternoon. Tomorrow 5/31, Hugo begins a very courageous battle against stage 4 lung cancer. I

know I speak for many when I say to Hugo (& Cynthia) - we love you, we are praying for you, and we are here for you whenever you need us.

Our sincere thanks to the 114 people who responded to our online survey in March on how they would like to see us spend the \$5,000 donation GPNA accepted on behalf of the neighborhood from the producers of the Netflix series “13 Reasons Why”. Ideas submitted were fun and varied. The top specific ideas were Movie Nights in the Park, a Community Garden, refurbishing the old Tennis Court in Gerstle Park, Playground Repairs, Basketball Court Repairs and New Picnic Tables/Benches. The loud and clear “theme” was SAFETY – both in the Park and around the neighborhood (including traffic).

Our next step will be to meet with the City and discuss the feasibility of each of the ideas. It is our hope that the City will also be able to assist in implementing several of the great ideas brought forward by our community members. In the meantime, an interesting development has just occurred. We have learned that Paramount Television will be filming in the neighborhood again this year. Assuming that happens, we are counting on seeing another donation to the neighborhood....and hopefully another fun event in the Park on National Night Out this summer (Tues, Aug 1st). Stay tuned!

## Treasurer's Corner

Ross Parmenter

Balance (as of 02/11/2017): \$6,827.17

Expenses: \$1,116.29

Income: \$187.62

Balance (as of 05/23/2017): \$5,898.70

Marinlink Account balance \$5,270.00

*Donation to neighborhood for filming*



## READYgerstlepark Drill

Amy Likover

On Saturday May 20th in Gerstle Park, we held our seasonal emergency preparedness drill. At 8:45 AM Dave Mariottini initiated a radio check with local volunteers (including the General Manager of the Panama Hotel.) Fifteen minutes later, we gathered at the Gerstle Park playground for an informative hour demonstration of “hands-only CPR” with Sandy Augustus, RN in the Marin General Cardiac Cath Lab. Sandy answered questions about the signs and symptoms of a heart attack, and the care of the patient. We were joined by three of SRFD finest, all EMT trained. [Fire Chief Chris Gray adds, “By the way, the Crew from Engine 51 are all Paramedics, as is 90% of our staff at San Rafael Fire.”] Our next event will be a summer tour of Marin County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services where Sandy's husband Dave is the Field Services Commander. Stay tuned for the date of this tour!





# Neighborhood Interview

## Meet Our New GPNA Board Members Denise Van Horn and Tom Heinz

By Amy Likover

I first met Denise and Tom at our READYgerstlepark emergency preparedness drill. Two interesting retired pathologists, new to the neighborhood, I thought – what a find! Recently, their dedication to the community has increased by joining the Board. “It gives us an



opportunity to contribute,” they both said. Tom and Denise bought their Gerstle Park house on Clorinda about two years ago, moving from Irvine. But because the house needed so much renovation, they only moved in this year. Tom really likes the neighborhood and loves the size of San Rafael. One of the great things about Gerstle Park for them is that it’s so close to downtown. The other day, the couple walked to Jared Huffman’s office on 5th St.. and talked with our congressional representative’s staffers who mentioned that if you want to get a point across to Jared, it’s most efficient to connect locally with him. Tom adds, “It’s so great moving to San Rafael and feeling like we’re part of things here.” The Gerstle Park events the Heinz/VanHorns have participated in include the June Garage Sale (where they picked up a sand and water table for their grandchild at a fantastic bargain), the Annual September Picnic, the Annual meeting in January, READYgerstlepark drills, and of course, they decorated their house for Halloween. They comment that ours is a very active neighborhood organization, and like the opportunity to meet interesting people. Denise and Tom also got involved in the preservation of the Greenwood Ave Open Space addition, attending the City Council meeting to voice their support, and are also in favor of adding 10 acres to the West End Open Space.

In their spare time, the Heinz/VanHorns enjoy gardening in raised vegetable beds - a really good conversation starter with neighbors. They’re also planting a drought-tolerant yard with native California plants. Originally from Canton, Ohio, Denise brought 2 sons, and Tom, from Denver, brought two daughters to their blended family. “We have a granddaughter in San Francisco, and decided to settle in Marin, because San Francisco is too hectic.” Both Tom and Denise recommend you join them volunteering to deliver donated food for

the Marin organization, “Extrafood,” which coordinates contributions from major grocery stores, restaurants, outlets, and other sites.

Our new Board members have just come home from a road trip to Crater Lake with stops at Mount Lassen, Mount Shasta and the lava fields. We are so happy to welcome Denise and Tom to Gerstle Park!

## City to Inspect Apartment Buildings

*Gina Silvestri*

The City of San Rafael’s Code Enforcement Division is currently in the process of conducting a once-every-5-years inspection of all apartment buildings in the Gerstle Park neighborhood with more than 3 units. Property Owners or Managers are receiving notices to schedule a Housing Inspection. Tenants are required to be notified 48 hours prior to the scheduled inspection. The owner or manager is required to be present at the inspection. Every unit must be inspected. Some of the things inspectors will be looking for are Maintenance of the Structure, Plumbing, Electrical, Exterior Maintenance, Guardrails & table Handrails, Window Screens, Pest Extermination, Fire Protection, Garbage Facilities & Off Street Parking. Also, no barbecues are allowed within 10 feet of anything combustible. Property Owners will be given 60 days to correct violations. All neighborhoods in the City will be inspected, one by one. Questions should be directed to SR Code Enforcement at (415) 485-3097.



**Gerstle Park Neighborhood  
Night at Albert Park**

**Tuesday June 20, 2017**

**vs. Pittsburgh Diamonds**

7:05 First Pitch Gates Open at 6:00

Buy Tickets at [PacificsBaseball.com](http://PacificsBaseball.com)

\$13 / General Admission

(after \$2 discount w/promo code **gerstle** at check out)

Contact: Gina Silvestri [info@GerstlePark.com](mailto:info@GerstlePark.com)



**ENTER RAFFLE TO WIN PRIZES!**

The Marin County EMS System Presents

**FREE Training:**  
**Hands-Only CPR and "Stop the Bleed"**



**Saturday,  
 June 10, 2017  
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**



**STOP  
 THE BLEED**

*Take a few minutes and  
 learn to save a life at these locations:*



Mi Pueblo Foods      Fairfax Festival  
 Target, Marin City - Woodacre Market - The Cheese Factory  
 Muir Beach Parking Lot - Vintage Oaks Shopping Center  
 Strawberry Village Shopping Center - Marin Country Mart  
 Woodlands Market, Tiburon - Sausalito Ferry Terminal  
 Tomales Bakery - Bon Air - Tiburon Ferry Terminal  
 Throckmorton Fire Station - Toby's Feed Barn  
 Novato Art, Wine & Music Festival  
 Town Center at Corte Madera  
 Mill Valley Depot

Demonstrations and instructions from local doctors, nurses, paramedics, EMTs and firefighters  
 Open to anyone age 8 and up  
[www.MarinEMS.org](http://www.MarinEMS.org)  
 Many thanks to the Marin County Medical Reserve Corps Foundation for their invaluable support!

## Think Before You Spray Campaign

The County is partnering with the Integrated Pest Management Commission, and community members to communicate to the general public about the use and misuse of toxins on private property and educate Marin residents about pesticide alternatives for their yards and gardens. We hope this educational effort will lead to behavior changes that ultimately reduce the volume of toxic chemicals in the natural environment and in our neighborhoods. The first focus of this campaign is on weeds. You may have seen ads recently in the IJ, Ross Valley Reporter, bus shelters, digital media... that came out of research done by surveys that were completed by over 1000 Marin residents.

<https://www.yardsmartmarin.org/>

## GPNA Calendar

- June 17** - Neighborhood Garage Sale
- June 20** - Gerstle Park Night @ Pacifics
- June 22** - June Board Meeting
- August 1** - National Night Out
- September 17** - Annual Picnic @ Gerstle Park
- October 31** - Halloween House Decorating Contest
- December 10** - Winter Social @ Panama Hotel
- December 14** - Christmas Caroling

## Board Members

- Gina Silvestri, President
- Hugo Landecker, Vice President
- Joss Robertson, Corresponding Secretary
- Nadia Silvershine, Recording Secretary
- Ross Parmenter, Treasurer
- Carrie Marmesh, Member
- Tom Heinz, Member
- Denise VanHorn, Member



## Sidewalk Update

*Gina Silvestri*

We mentioned in the Spring newsletter that the Department of Public Works had hoped it would be presenting a formal Sidewalk Policy at the April 17th City Council Meeting. Unfortunately, that has not yet happened. Director of Public Works Bill Guerin writes, "We got caught up with the Public Safety Building projects so are a little behind. We have successfully briefed the Finance Sub-committee on a plan that will provide city support to sidewalk owners where trees are impacting the sidewalks. If the Council agrees to our plan, we will pay directly the cost of tree removal or root trimming and contribute 1/2 the cost up to \$1,000 towards the sidewalk. We intend to develop a contract for the sidewalk repair so there will be an economy of scale and we plan to work in a neighborhood rotation so we can focus the efforts for the contractor annually. We also separately plan to put out a contract to trim the sidewalks where they are repairable. We expect to have it all in place at the start of the new FY in July. We proposed \$150,000 towards shared costs, another \$150,000 towards the tree work that needs to happen (either parks staff or through contract and \$50,000 for sidewalk trimming. \$300,000 total." The latest update from the City is that City staff is incorporating the most recent requests from the Council's Facilities Subcommittee and will be taking it to the full Council for input this summer.