

What is SMART (Measure R)??

Get informed before the November election!

*** **SPEAKER: CHARLES MCGLASHAN** ***
Supervisor, Southern Marin

Wednesday, October 18, 2006
7:30pm

Scott Valley Swim and Tennis Club
Refreshments will be served

Come find out all about SMART and get
your questions answered at the upcoming
Scott Valley Homeowners' Meeting

What is SMART?

The SMART "Rail with Trail" project on the November ballot (Measure R) asks voters to approve a quarter-cent sales tax for the next 20 years to provide commuter train service from Cloverdale in Sonoma County and connecting to ferry service in Larkspur Landing in Marin County.

The SMART train will remove 5,300 car trips a DAY – 1.4 million a year – from Highway 101 and local roads, providing North Bay commuters with a badly needed transportation alternative to traffic congestion. SMART will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 124,000 pounds a day, or 16,000 tons a year.

Come learn more about the benefits to Marin and get your questions answered!

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And, just to give you even more incentive to attend this important meeting, we will be giving one lucky person a \$100 gift certificate to The Buckeye Roadhouse Restaurant!

Winner must be present for the entire annual meeting to win.

**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
BY FRANCINE MILLMAN**

It has been another very active year for the SVHA Board, representing the interests of Scott Valley. From upgrading our landscape maintenance, stocking an Emergency Preparedness Box, replacing faded and worn street signs, to continually tracking and keeping tabs on the local coyote to keeping track of the Alto Tunnel issue, the SVHA Board of Directors is continually responding to your concerns and interests.

Our current focus for the upcoming Annual Meeting is **WHAT IS SMART?** – Charles McGlashan, Supervisor of Southern Marin will join and speak with us on Wednesday, **October 18, at 7:30pm** at the Scott Valley Swim & Tennis Club. Please join us at this important meeting!

If you have any other concerns, issues or topics you would like the SVHA Board of Directors to address, please email us at: ScottValleyHA@aol.com.

With your support, we are looking forward to another productive and successful year.

BECOME A SVHA MEMBER

It's that time again! **Expenses for things like landscape maintenance have INCREASED!** For only \$40 a year, the Homeowners' Association can continue to maintain the landscape and emergency preparedness box, as well as any other projects that may be coming down the pike, such as rebuilding broken stairs to pathways, etc. Without your support, these projects cannot be done! Your membership also gives you the right to vote for board members, each year. Please send your check to: **Scott Valley Homeowners' Association, P.O. Box 392, Mill Valley, CA 94942.**

**SVHA FINANCIAL REPORT
BY JIM FINN, TREASURER**

Below, you will find the financial report for 2005-2006.

	2005	2006
Opening Balance	\$4,600.76	\$5,902.60
2005 Memberships	1,000.00	-
2006 Memberships	1,880.00	400.00
	<u>2,880.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Landscaping	(990.00)	(870.00)
Other	(588.16)	(70.00)
	<u>(1,578.16)</u>	<u>(940.00)</u>
Net Gain	<u>1,301.84</u>	<u>(540.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 5,902.60	\$5,362.60

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE
UPDATE
BY KEN CAMPBELL**

The Scott Valley Homeowners' Association is responsible in maintaining five areas in Scott Valley. Recently, we have contracted with Max Santos Garden and Open Space Maintenance for the purpose of more aggressively maintaining those five areas.

The initial clean up of the areas was done in September by Max and his crew. They did a terrific job cutting the long dry grass in various areas, trimming the lower branches of the redwood and pine trees where coyote have been seen hiding and the general vegetation management for which we are responsible. They were fast, efficient and tidy.

Our next project is to maintain the vegetation area surrounding the Scott Valley sign at Vasco and Camino Alto. The juniper bushes also have become places for coyote and rodents to live, so we will be removing some of these bushes and replace with additional ice plants, which already are taking over the area in front of the sign. We will wait until the rains start before we do this so that the ice plants have a full rainy season to get established.

Once this clean-up has been completed, we will continue to maintain the five common areas with the help of Max and his crew.

**LIVING WITH WILEY COYOTE
BY BILL BUCHANAN**

This is a reminder on how to how to deal with coyotes that we see here in Scott Valley. Please e-mail any sightings to books@baylaurelpress.com so that they can be entered into the ongoing "Coyote Journal." If you see a coyote, yell at it, throw things at it, and run towards it. Try to recondition it to fear humans by using what experts call "aversive techniques." Meanwhile, apply the following list of suggestions faithfully. If the community works together, we can avoid an incident and the resulting lethal response by wildlife specialists towards these resourceful and adaptable predators.

GUIDELINES FOR COYOTE AVERSION

- Pick all ripe fruit that has fallen on the ground and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Keep garbage cans inside the garage until morning. Any garbage cans left in the street during the day should have tight and secure lids.
- Install bright outdoor lights triggered by motion detectors.
- Don't leave pet food or water bowls outside.
- Keep all cats and small dogs inside the house at night.
- Never attempt to feed or tame a coyote.
- "Unhabituate" coyotes moving into urban areas by making loud noises or throwing objects at them (at the body, not the head) whenever you see one.
- Cooperate with your local neighborhood association in maintaining a database of all coyote sightings. Note date, time, place, and number and behavior of coyotes.

**FRESH, NEW STREET NAME
SIGNAGE
BY FRANCINE MILLMAN**

As many have probably noticed, we have some fresh, new street name signs, thank to the City of Mill Valley. Over the past 30-40 years, many have become faded and almost impossible to read, especially at night. So, it was time to make a call to the City and they responded immediately to the request. The City was provided with a list of street name signs that have become faded and almost impossible to read and they quickly replaced them! We hope that these help visitors to Scott Valley navigate a bit more easily.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX
BY SHAWN MARSHALL**

Measure E for Fire Protection and Safe Roads

On Election Day, the Mill Valley City Council and Citizens for Safe Streets will be asking voters to renew the city's Municipal Services Tax by voting YES on Measure E. The Municipal Services Tax is a per parcel tax on residential and commercial properties that was first authorized in 1985. The tax raises \$875,000 per year and funds over half of the City of Mill Valley's annual street repair program and 100% of the Fire Prevention and Vegetation Management Program. The current tax will expire on June 30, 2008.

Renewing the Municipal Services Tax is critical to maintaining public safety. Funds raised to date have enabled the City to repair 35 of our 57 miles of streets. The City has cleared 5,000 tons of roadside brush and established a system of fire breaks to act as wildfire buffer zones. *The dollars spent have improved the condition of city streets and storm drains, reduced fire hazards, and shortened emergency response times.*

The amount of the tax has remained constant for the past 20 years, despite continual increases in the cost of labor and materials. Measure E provides for a tax of \$195 per occupied dwelling unit, a \$50 increase over the historic level, to assure that the steady pace of 20 years of infrastructure investment does not stall in the face of increased costs over the next decade.

The devastating floods we experienced last winter and the ever present threat of a catastrophic wildfire in our hills are reminders of the need to keep our streets in good condition. A well-maintained street system and ongoing fire prevention programs are fundamental to our safety, to the accessibility and value of our homes, and to civic life and commerce. Let's keep these crucial programs on track by renewing the Municipal Services Tax. On November 7th, please vote YES on Measure E. Please visit www.cityofmillvalley.org for more information.

**SLOW DOWN OR PAY THE PRICE
BY KEN CAMPBELL**

Speeding is an issue in most neighborhoods and will likely always continue to be an issue. The topic of speeding in Scott Valley has been on our agenda for a few years now, in response to the request of many in the Valley for us to address this.

Since our public meetings, several deterrents have been implemented. You may have also noticed the MVPD cruiser has been around!

We recently checked with the Police Department to learn some statistics –

- Over the last six months they have issued **15** citations in the Scott valley area!
- There were also 2 citations of pot possession!

If you have never had a moving violation citation, this is what it's likely to cost you!

- A lot of stress
- A stop sign fine is \$147
- Speeding from 1-15 miles over the speed limit is \$114
- Speeding from 16-25 MPH over the speed limit is \$186
- Speeding over 25 MPH over the speed limit requires a mandatory appearance to see the judge
- A trip to the traffic school
- If you don't have good record your likely to be paying a lot more for your auto insurance!

The simple message is:

DON'T SPEED IN SCOTT VALLEY

**SCOTT VALLEY EMERGENCY
EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY BOX
BY KEN CAMPBELL**

As CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members know, it is a good plan to have emergency supplies and equipment stored at your home in the event of a major disaster. As the CERT coordinator for the SVHA, I proposed that we expand the emergency equipment and supplies to serve the residents in Scott Valley.

The Emergency Supply Box is located at the Scott Valley Swim and Tennis Club in the lower parking lot. It contains emergency equipment, first aid kits, radios, hand tools and other safety equipment and is accessible to all CERT trained residents in Scott Valley

Although the Box is fully equipped we would like to expand the number of tools and equipment we could have available. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate to the Emergency Supply Box please contact Ken Campbell on 381 5952. Here are the items we would like to include. If you have extras of the following, please let me know.

➤ Shovels	➤ Saws
➤ Rope	➤ Fire extinguishers
➤ Pick axes	➤ First aid kits
➤ Axes	➤ Walkie-talkies

We live in "earthquake and wildfire country", so we must take responsibility for our own safety and survival as well as our families. We encourage you to take the CERT course and learn how you can protect and survive a major large scale disaster. **For CERT information call Ken Campbell on 381-5952 or Mill Valley CERT 389-4138.**

If you are a CERT member and would like to know the full contents and how to access the emergency supply box please contact Ken Campbell, 381 5952 or email ken@kcfilm.net.

DO YOU HAVE A SCOTT VALLEY ISSUE FOR THE BOARD TO ADDRESS?

If you have any concerns or issues that you would like the SVHA Board of Directors to address, please feel free to email us at ScottValleyHA@aol.com. The board will review the topic and reply as to whether it is a Board issue or direct you to the proper agency to deal with the issue, if it is not one for us to manage.

We are continually still addressing such topics as coyote and wildlife issues, Emergency Preparedness, landscape maintenance and signage issues. Pleas

BRING IN YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLE CANS

We all know that trash and recycle day takes place on Thursday mornings and it is customary for everyone to put their bins and cans out the evening before.

However, lots of people leave these cans and bins out for DAYS and DAYS after giving an open invitation to thieves that no one is home!

Please bring in your cans and bins as soon as possible after trash day to give thieves fewer clues to you not being home!

ARE YOU A SCOTT VALLEY BABYSITTER?

Calling all local babysitters!

If you baby sit in the Scott Valley area and wish to have your name and phone number listed in the Voice, please email scottvalleyha@aol.com. We will make sure to include your information in our next edition.

Scott Valley Voice

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