## TAMALPAIS VALLEY IMPROVEMENT CLUB HISTORICAL NOTES

- **1921** The first meeting of the TVIC was held at the home of George Bencich, on Glenwood Ave.
- 1920's Early TVIC activity concentrated on building a hall, bridging the creeks, and bringing lighting and gas to the valley.
- 1922 Electricity first transmitted in Tam Valley.
- 1926 TVIC Whist card parties (fund-raisers) began.
- **1931** Ten year Anniversary of the TVIC celebrated in the Hall. A radio was loaned for the occasion by the Brown Furniture Co. of Mill Valley.
- 1934 A new group of members joined the TVIC as the Tamalpais Valley Fire Department. They have the use of the hall for meetings and 2 Whist Cards parties a month. The Women's Auxiliary was also formed to assist in fund raisers.
- **1941** First issue of TVIC "The Progress" newsletter (previously issued as a "bulletin").
- 1949 School Bond is passed
- **1949** TVIC Traffic Committee requests a light for Tam Junction and other safety improvements to Shoreline Highway.
- 1949 TVIC develops Teens and Sub-Teens Clubs.
- **1950** TVIC campaigns to locate an Elementary School in Tam Valley.
- 1951 TVIC houses a branch library in the old hall on Maple Street.
- 1953 TVIC forms flood control committee.
- 1954 First "Rhubarb Revue" performance.
- 1955 Sanitary District Bonds passed.
- 1956 Tam Valley Players, an off-shoot of the Rhubarb Revue, is formed.
- 1957 TVIC participates in the development of the Tam Valley Master Plan.
- 1959 TVIC purchases property for a new hall (current building sited at 203 Marin Avenue).
- 1960 TVIC publishes a cookbook.
- 1964 Old TVIC hall on Maple Street demolished.
- **1965** TVIC purchases  $11\frac{1}{2}$  acres on Tennessee Valley Road for \$19,000.
- **1966** TVIC presents petitions to the Local Agency Formation Commission urging the formation of a Community Services District.

- 1967 Formation of the Tamalpais Community Services District (TCSD), including a Parks and Recreation Commission.
- 1968 New TVIC Hall is completed.
- 1968 TVIC traffic study results in lobbing the County (again) for a traffic light at Tam Junction.
- 1971 County approves traffic light for Tam Junction.
- 1971 TVIC deeds to the TCSD the 11½ acre parcel on Tennessee Valley Road (now called Rhubarb Park) for park space only.
- 1972 TVIC participates in the first Tamalpais Area Community Plan since 1957.
- 1973 First Tamalpais Design Review Board established.
- 1992 Last "Rhubarb Revue" performance.
- 1992 Meeting to discuss future of the TVIC and the use of the TVIC Hall.
- 1994 TVIC signs a 50-year lease with the Tamalpais Community Services District (TCSD) whereby they would manage the property at 203 Marin Ave. as the Tamalpais Valley Community Center (TVCC).
- 1996 After a long absence, the TVIC is once again publishing their newsletter, "The Progress."
- 1997 Grand opening of the newly renovated Tamalpais Valley Community Center, hosted by the TCSD. The TVIC commemorated the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club with an historic exhibit.
- 1998 TVIC has commemorative bricks installed at the entrance of the Community Center, a project the TVIC promoted by selling bricks to members of the community.
- 1999 Tam Valley's first web site was established www.tamvalley.org.
- 2000 Popular variety show "Rhubarb Revue" returns.
- 2000 TVIC received a \$5,000 Neighborhood achievement award from the Marin Community Foundation (Buck Fund).
- 2001 TVIC received a grant from the Marin Storm Water Pollution Project (MCSTOPP) for a marsh documentary.
- 2004 Re-print of 1960, "What's Cook-in In Tam Valley" cookbook.
- 2005 TVIC contacts Postal Service to have a mailbox returned to a location on Flamingo Rd.
- 2005 TVIC votes to support and sponsor the Tamalpais Valley Historical Guild.
- 2017 TVIC transfers the Tamalpais Valley Community Center property to the TCSD. As part of the agreement they will build our History Room.