

Petty Theft to Headline the 2012 Homestead Valley Music Festival, Sunday September 2nd 11 AM—5:30 PM

Sponsored by HVCA, Lagunitas Brewing Co., and Marin Horizon School

By Bob Westbrook

It is with GREAT excitement and anticipation that we proudly announce the line-up for the 2012 Homestead Valley Music Festival, to be held once again on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend (September 2nd) from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm, in the meadow at the Homestead Valley Community Center.

Headlining and performing a 90-minute power set is, **Petty Theft**, a local tribute band comprised of six professional Bay Area musicians who have come together to pay tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Delivering Tom Petty's songs true to the originals and in the spirit of his legendary band's live shows, they perform everything from his revered classics to his most current hits.

Building a strong reputation and loyal following as one of the Bay Area's premier tribute bands, in 2011, and again in 2012, Petty Theft was voted best band in Marin County by readers of the North Bay Bohemian.

Gary Scheuenstuhl's (Mill Valley Records) **Lucky Finn Band** will precede Petty Theft and offer up straight ahead classic rock that is often heard around the Marin County area, including Mill Valley's 2 AM Club.

Just prior to Lucky Finn will be **Skin and Bone**, featuring local jazz musician Max Perkoff and company. Max

has toured nationally since 1995 with Mike Vax, Cami Thompson, Linda Kosut, Terese Genecco, and his own group. In 2004, '05 and '06, touring included New York City, Los Angeles, Reno, and many other cities. Gig venues in New York City include Jazz At Lincoln Center, La Mama Theater, The Encore, The Metropolitan Room, The Gardenia, and Paramount Studios in Los Angeles. In the SF Bay Area he performs at Yoshi's in Oakland and Jazz At Pearls in San Francisco. Festivals include the San Jose Jazz Festival, Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, Mammoth Lakes Jazz Festival, Sun Valley Idaho Swing N' Dixie Festival, Sisters Oregon Jazz Festival, and more.

A special treat this year is **Marin Youth Showcase**, featuring Caroline de Lone (daughter of local fave Austin de Lone), Sofi Rox and Eric Jaffe, three HIGHLY talented and touted teens from the Mill Valley area.

Complete details and set times are available at www.homesteadfest.org.

Lots of food, beverages, (including generously donated fine craft brews from **Lagunitas Brewing Company**) and fun will accompany our excellent musical offering, including a menu brought to you by **Jon O of Jon O Catering**, with Marin Horizon Schools "BBQ Crew" doing the heavy lifting. **Lisa's Bar** in the Meadow, run by rapiert witted Homestead resident **Lisa**



Santos, jumpee (courtesy of Marin Horizon School),

and a cool kids craft area from **Kim Strub** and friends will round out a day for the entire family.

The HVCA will also be holding a Silent Auction in support of the festival, and are asking community members for donations of auction items such as sports tickets, lessons (swim, piano, violin, etc.), vacation homes (a week or so), wine, trips (sailing on the bay, plane/helicopter rides, etc.), dinners... ANYTHING that you might find an enticing bid item at such an event.

LASTLY, we are in need of volunteer assistance to help out with set up, food prep and service, security, face painting and crafts, clean up, and a whole host of other related activities. Volunteers will be asked to work a minimum of 2 hours of the 6-hour event, but heck, you can go start to finish if you're up to it!! All ages are welcome to participate...!!!

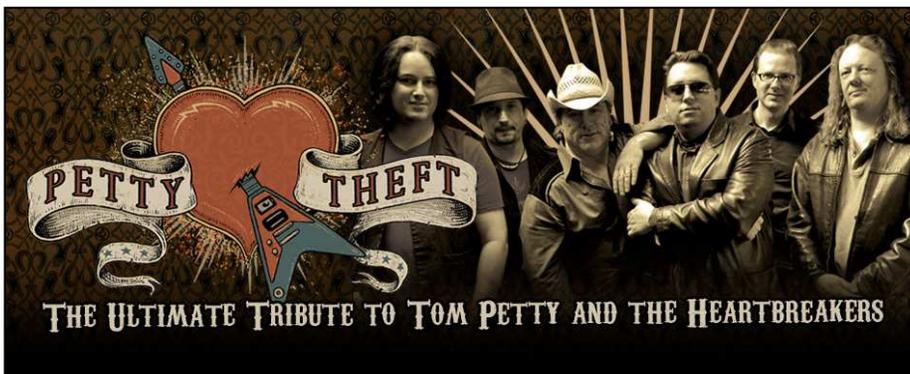
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The mission of the Homestead Valley Community Association is to enhance community for the Homestead Valley residents through cultural, educational, and recreational activities, events and service.

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A Freshman's Biography

Thirty-five years ago, Brian Shea, a Tam High freshman who lived on Pixie Trail, interviewed 60-year old Virginia Spalding. The result was an 11-page hand-written biography for Miss Holland's English class entitled, "Through the Window into the Life of Virginia". A great deal has been written about Virginia Spalding, but the following excerpts from Brian's biography reflect the perspective of a teenager.

"Virginia Spalding is a woman nearing the age that people refer to as elderly. Her face blooms with grace and fairness as she speaks, choosing her words purposefully. When her father [Fred Stolte] was a young man, he moved south from Portland, Oregon to San Francisco. 'He accepted a job with the Examiner, display advertising, the great big ads Virginia explained to me, gesturing with her hands to show the size of one-half of a page of a newspaper. He was a good salesman, he must have been good to keep a job for half a century'.

"Soon after he received his advertising job, her father met her mother. They liked each other and got married. Then they had a child, Virginia. After two years living on Presidio Ave, in San Francisco, they moved to Homestead Valley in 1917. She remembers about that time that the area was mainly farms and grazing lands for dairy cattle. All the roads were dirt then.

"It was in this setting that Virginia went to Homestead School for education in grades one through four. She was to come back to this school, although she didn't know it then. After junior high school she proceeded to Tamal-

pais High School. She started as a freshman in 1929. Radio was becoming very popular and movies made their debut just before the Depression. As a child, Virginia did not rely on media as children of today do. The first time she watched television was the inauguration of the president Eisenhower in 1953.

"She graduated from Tamalpais High School in 1933. From there she went to the College of Marin. Then she enrolled at San Francisco State University, majoring in education. She took the train from Mill Valley to Sausalito, caught one of the two car ferries and floated across San Francisco Bay. On her way she saw the bridge while it was under construction. When the Golden Gate Bridge opened to the public on the 27th of May, 1937, Virginia was there.

"Virginia then started her teaching career. First, she taught fourth grade at Park School. After three years, she gave herself a vacation. Somewhere in that vacation she met her to-be husband. The two of them married each other in 1944. Then she returned to teaching, but this time it was at her old school, Homestead School. Virginia Spalding has been living in Homestead Valley for 58 years. She saw Homestead School change from when she was a student to when she was a teacher. She is now an important citizen of the area. She is concerned about the community and involved in public affairs."

Miss Holland gave Brian Shea an A on his biography with the comment, "Beautiful!"

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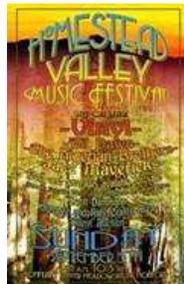
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Past Homestead Valley Music Festival Posters



A Fabulous Homestead Fourth of July

By Dana Schmidt

The annual Homestead Valley July 4th parade and BBQ drew a wonderful crowd as always! Patriotic bikes, trikes, goats and scooters driven by energetic children and their parents paraded from Volunteer Park to Stolte Grove. Thanks to the original Homestead Valley residents who built two roads to the Grove since a water main leak caused the parade to be rerouted down Montford at the last minute. Thanks as always to **Southern Marin Fire Department** for leading our parade!

Our good neighbors **Whole Foods** and **Safeway** generously donated part of the food and drinks for the traditional BBQ fare of sausages, hot dogs, sweet corn, chips, and watermelon. Thanks Whole Foods and Safeway! The feast was prepared and served at lightning speed by a core of trusty volunteers who over the years have honed the process. **Dawn Shalhoup** ran the yummy bake sale this year, with record sales- thanks to all the bakers!

Prizes were awarded to over 70 children who participated in the parade and

barely fit across the stage while posing for the flashes of the paparazzi. Then everyone gathered around for a bit of magic and chuckles with German the Magician- and a real live white rabbit. Goody bag mania ensued followed by hoisting of the piñatas. The first one fell pretty easily; the second one was a bit more challenging, but both resulting in lots of sugar for all.

Big thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible- from decorating the Grove the night before, to hauling supplies to cooking to bartending to ticket taking to grill cleaning to bake sale baking and more! **Shelley Hagan, Jim Derich, Terry and Jim Nevin, Jillian Rudman, Leslie Owen, Charlie Denby, Gwen Gallagher, Sue Gonzalez, Al Wuthnow, Jeanie and Jeff Gilliam, Brian Spring, Liz Bolton, Devi Brown and Helen Beck.**

Extra big thanks to **Les Lizama** and **David Ross** at the Community Center who do so much to make these community events possible!

Homestead Valley Contact Info.

Community Center Calendar

HVCA Board

Tues., 8/7, 7:30 PM

HVLT Board

Tues., 8/14, 7:30 PM

CERSC Committee

Wed., 8/15, 4:00 PM

Sanitary Board

Tues., 8/28, 7:30 PM

Tam Des Rvw Bd

1st/3rd Wed., 7:00 PM

Log Cabin, Tam Vly

A. A. Meeting

Saturdays, 10:00 AM

N. A. Meetings

Thurs & Fri, 6:30 PM

Homestead Village

Walking Group

Fri., 1:15-3:15 PM

Puppy Training

Gentle Touch Classes

Thurs., 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30

T'ai Chi Chuan

Mondays, 6:00 & 7:00 PM

Zen Meditation

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

Music Together

Fridays 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 AM

Mat Pilates

Wednesdays, 9:00 AM

Zumba

Mondays, 8:15 AM

Hu Chanting

4th Tuesday, 7:15 PM

Land Trust Notes

The Eucalyptus Problem

By Philip Moyer

We in the HVLT try to come to terms with Eucalyptus globulus, the Tasmanian Blue Gum tree on a regular basis. As big and attractive as they can be we try to look past it's seductive grey green mottled stature and assess how and where it does or doesn't fit in to our neighborhood. We spend a significant amount of time and money trying to keep "eucs" safe for people to be around because, well, they're here already. But there are dangers, which are:

1. The tremendous fire fuel potential it represents in leaf and bark build-up and in fire season, sustaining a large crown fire that started elsewhere.
2. The danger of sudden large limb detachment without warning in winter winds and summer quiet. The HVLT once received a small sum of money for "euc" maintenance from a Mill Valley lawsuit where a woman was fatally hit by a large lateral "euc" branch while out jogging on a MV city trail on a July day years ago.

So what to do with this situation and HVLT's responsibility to our community and all of Marin to actually address the fire fuel & safety issues? First we cut back unsafe looking limbs over trails. Also, we try, as funds permit, to thin existing "euc" groves to a park-like setting making a fire break and maintaining as pleasant visual experience as possible.

This is a huge expense and it strains our limited budget because we have other fire fuels to eliminate, plus trails and parks to maintain. HVLT strives to develop a feasible plan to replace "eucs" with native plants, but this is an expensive and time consuming commitment for a small volunteer group.

As you probably know, about a month ago there was a quick-moving grass fire, perhaps started by kids, on the Montford Ave. hillside by Maverick's house that was caught just before the 20 ft. flames went into nearby trees and houses. A Southern Marin fire crew just



HVCA Community Center Improvement Planning Update

By Dana Schmidt

On June 13th, a second Community Meeting was held to provide updates and gain input to the proposed renovation designs for the Community Center.

Devi Brown welcomed everyone and introduced the evening's agenda, focused on a presentation of the further refined designs by our architects from Goring & Straja. Recall this is the project financed by the Measure A assessment (\$125/household/year assessment split 60%/40% between HVCA and the Land Trust). Dana Schmidt reviewed the recent timeline. Highlights included the County obtaining a 15yr/\$925k loan last summer to be serviced by the assessments, kicking off the architect search last fall and selection of Goring & Straja Architects in January. Steve Petterle from the County Parks and Open Space District then discussed the joint HVCA/County working committee that began meeting regularly last summer and will continue through project completion.

Jim Goring and Tom Beil from G & S then presented highlights of the process begun last January, with a summary of changes made since the last community meeting incorporating all the good feedback we received. Attention continues to focus on building improvement (accessibility, foundation, usability, storage, lighting etc.). They also discussed some further design alternatives, mostly rejected on the basis of cost. As Jim reminded us, a lot of money will be spent underneath the building! The (almost!) final

proposal shows a creative use of space a bit larger than the existing footprint. The main change is to take the interior stairs and tuck them into currently empty space behind the center. Sliding barn doors, stackable chairs, better storage, and lowering of the downstairs foundation allow for larger and more flexible meeting spaces, each with its own access. The kitchen will be opened up to allow better circulation for our beloved pot-lucks, including a popular idea - a moveable island/storage unit. Outside, the lovely arched entrance and stairs will remain, but the snaking rail entrance will be replaced with amphitheatre type seating and the existing winding path will be brought up to ADA code. A bit of landscape freshening up and resetting of the patio deck will make that whole area a more usable space for BBQ's and other outdoor functions. Finally, let there be light - all the windows will be replaced and more added to provide as much access to the outdoor deck and meadow as possible.

Next step is to get the cost estimator to sharpen his pencil and make sure we're stretching our funds as far as possible! Then we'll solicit contractor bids and hope to break ground in late 2013. Thanks everyone for attending and providing your valuable feedback. 2013 doesn't seem as far away now as it did in 2007 when this all started-it's becoming real now!

If you missed the meetings and would like to see the designs, please feel free to stop by the community center and see them.

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happened to be nearby and quickly controlled the blaze.

Our Homestead Valley resembles the Oakland Hills area before the 1991 fire where large stands of "eucs" and Monterey pine close to homes enabled the spread of the intense conflagration that burned 2500 homes and killed 25

people. The Land Trust believes that more "euc" removal should be done in Homestead Valley.

Given all I've mentioned in this short article, you can understand that when any Homestead residents want to pay to remove "eucs" for what ever reason, on HVLTL land, the HVLTL gives serious attention to the possibility thereby removing some part of our

extensive "euc" population and lower our fire danger and on-going maintenance costs.

Please join other residents and Marin Fire people and HVLTL members for a walk and conversation about "eucs" on Pixie Trail, Saturday September 8th at 10:00AM. We'll meet at the intersection of Cape Court & Pixie Trail. Hope to see you there!

Homestead Valley Classifieds

HV SERC News

GET READY HOMESTEAD!

Emergency Medical Response

In the event of a significant community-wide disaster, are we prepared to respond to the medical needs of our friends and neighbors?

Your Homestead Valley Safety and Emergency Response Committee (**HVSERC**) would like to identify medical personnel in our community that might be available to report to the Incident Command Center and assist with medical issues that are likely to occur.

Please contact us if you are a medical professional (doctor, nurse, EMT, etc.) – active or retired – that might be available to respond to a community emergency. We would also like to identify Homestead residents that have First Aid training.

Please contact: Jim Derich at 388-8310 or hvserc@gmail.com.

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Incorrect information was contained in last month's article. The correct time and place is:

WHEN: Saturday, September 29th at 10:00am at the MV Community Center

Pre-Registration: 269-6836
or

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Leave name, number, email & date you'd like to attend



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TWO QUICK & SIMPLE SUMMER

By Marilyn Tregoning

1) GLAZED PEACH AND PORK KEBABS

On skewers, alternate slices of fresh peaches, cubed pork loin and chunks of red and yellow peppers. Brush kebabs with apricot fruit spread and sprinkle with salt as desired. Place kebabs on grill, grill pan, or broiler rack lightly sprayed with nonstick spray, and cook, turning once, until pork is no longer pink in center, about 10 minutes for one inch cubes. Eat as is, serve over rice, or over mixed greens with a fruity vinaigrette.

2) **NICOISE TOASTS** (classic salad meets 4 open face sandwiches) Egg Salad: Combine 4 chopped hard-boiled eggs with 3/4 cup low-fat cottage cheese, 1 Tab. Olive oil, 2 Tab. Parsley, 1 Tab. Lemon juice, 1 tab.

Capers and 1 scallion, thinly sliced. Mash this egg salad mixture together and season with salt and pepper.

Tuna Mixture: Toss 2 Tab. Oil, 1 cup parsley leaves, 1 Tab. Lemon juice, 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes, and 1/4 cup quartered and pitted mixed olives. Add salt and pepper, more lemon juice if desired, and 1 can tuna packed in olive oil, kept chunky and gently mixed in.

Toast 4 slices of rustic bread and rub with cut end of garlic. Spread egg salad on top of each slice. Top with tuna mixture.

What your idea of a quick and fabulous summer treat? Send a recipe to share in this column! e-mail to <marilynmv@aol.com>

On the Calendar...

***Homestead Valley Music Festival
Sunday, Sept. 2, 2011
11:00 AM—5:30 PM***

In the meadow at the Homestead Valley Community Center. Food and beverages available. Arrive early and don't miss out on any of these fine acts.

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1:00 Skin and Bone

2:30 Lucky Finn

4:00 Petty Theft

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