



The Newsletter for Members and Friends of CLAM

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Steps to Homeownership, A Workshop for First-Time Homebuyers—Thursday, October 16, 7:00 p.m., Dance Palace Church Space

As part of our Shared Ownership services CLAM is presenting a workshop to help people prepare to buy a home, co-sponsored by Bolinas Community Land Trust (BCLT) and West Marin Community Services (WMCS), in collaboration with Wells Fargo Bank. The workshop is designed for renters and working people who dream of homeownership but are faced with the challenge of trying to buy at West Marin prices. The workshop will help people prepare to buy affordable homes that CLAM may have to offer as well as people who wish to buy a home as tenants-in-common with others.

Topics include: Affordable homeownership options in West Marin, steps to buying a home, financing a home purchase – costs and mortgages, first-time homebuyer programs, resources for taking the next steps. **Admission is free. Childcare and Spanish translation will be provided. Advance registration requested.** To register or get more information: 663-1005, info@clam-ptreyes.org. Please help spread the word to people who would benefit from this workshop.

Second Annual Point Reyes Green Home Tour a success!

Nearly eighty tour-goers attended this year's Green Home Tour and raved about the range of homes with a variety of green features, staying engaged in conversation over ice cream at the Dance Palace after returning from the tour. A favorite of many was seeing Steve Potts mill lumber for home construction from downed trees. Many thanks to the four families who opened their homes for the tour, 22 volunteers who made it happen, and 27 sponsors who donated money and delicious food. The event raised \$3,600 for creating affordable, green homes in the communities surrounding Tomales Bay.

See photos and descriptions of the homes in the Green Building section of the CLAM website – www.clam-ptreyes.org.

CLAM Board Supports Proposed “Housing Impact Fee” – Carpool to the Board of Supervisors Hearing on October 14, 11 a.m.

In September members responded to our request for input on an exciting proposal to raise sorely needed funds for developing and preserving affordable homes in Marin. The mechanism is a “housing impact fee” ordinance that would be applicable in the unincorporated areas of the County. The fee would be levied when large single-family homes are built or result from major remodeling. Several CLAM members responded with questions, feedback supporting the ordinance, and suggestions, which have been forwarded to County staff.

With the support of this positive response, CLAM's Board will speak in favor of the ordinance at the Board of Supervisors hearing at 11 a.m. on October 14. For more information or to carpool to the hearing, please call the CLAM office at 663-1005.

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