

TAMALPAIS VALLEY IMPROVEMENT CLUB

HISTORICAL NOTES

1921 The first meeting of the TVIC was held at the home of George Bencich, on Glenwood Avenue.

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-raiser) 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 Dept. They have the use of the Hall for meetings, and two whist card parties per month. The women's auxiliary was also formed to assist with fundraisers.

1941 The first issue of TVIC "The Progress", newsletter (previously issued as a "Bulletin").

1949 School Bond is passed. TVIC Traffic Committee requests a light for Tam Junction and other safety improvements to Shoreline Highway. TVIC develops Teams and Sub-Teams 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 offshoot 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 cook book.

1964 Old TVIC Hall demolished.

1965 TVIC purchases 11.5 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. TVIC traffic study results in lobbying the County (again) for a traffic light at Tam Junction.

1971 County approves traffic light for Tam Junction. TVIC deeds to the TCSD the 11.5 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 Annual Rhubarb Revue performance. Meeting to discuss the 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 Avenue 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 75th Anniversary of the Club with an historic exhibit.

1998 TVIC has commemorative bricks installed at the entrance of the Tamalpais Valley Community Center, the project the TVIC promoted by selling bricks to members of the community.

1999 Tam Valley's first website was established – www.tamvalley.org.

2000 Popular variety show, Rhubarb Revue, returns. TVIC receives a \$5,000 neighborhood achievement award from the Marin Community Foundation (Buck Fund).

2001 TVIC received a grant from the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Project (MCSTOPPP) for a marsh documentary.

2004 Re-print of 1960, 'What's Cook-in in Tam Valley?' cookbook.

2005 TVIC contacts U.S. postal service to have a mailbox returned on Flamingo Road. TVIC votes to support and sponsor the Tamalpais Valley Historical Guild.

2008 TVIC organized Neighborhood Watch groups with signage funded by Marin County and the late supervisor Charles McGlashon.

2017 TVIC board transfers ownership of the TVCC to the TCSD to ensure the ongoing enjoyment of the facility to promote the welfare of the community generally in perpetuity.

2018 Following many years of planning, the Archive Room constructed at 203 Marin Avenue.