

# Friends of Mill Valley \* Newsletter

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## FoMV

### Candidates' Night

Monday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM

142 Throckmorton  
Presentation, Q&A with  
the candidates

## Friends of Mill Valley

"Let's Get It Right!"

### STEERING COMMITTEE

Alan & Michela Abrams  
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## Candidates' Night 10/29 – Moderator Dick Spotswood

Friends of Mill Valley will host a **Candidates' Night on Monday, October 29 at 7PM at 142 Throckmorton in Mill Valley.**

Three City Council seats are open, and six candidates are vying for the positions: George Gordon, Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Maureen Parton, Kerry Stoebner, & Ken Wachtel.

In the new term, elected candidates will join returning members Shawn Marshall & Andy Berman.

Dick Spotswood, notable political journalist for the Marin Independent Journal, will moderate.

Attend this event before you submit your absentee ballot. Make an informed decision when you vote on November 6.

### Contact the Candidates:

**George Gordon**

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**Maureen Parton**

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**Kerry Stoebner**

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**Ken Wachtel**

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Email them your goals and concerns for Mill Valley.

## Petition: "YES" to Streets, "NO" to MAPP

**Friends of Mill Valley urges you to sign the petition that says "YES" to Street Improvement; "NO" to MAPP.**

The petition gives citizens a clear delineation between the Miller Avenue Precise Plan (MAPP) and Measure A, which is already funded and provides for improvements for bike lanes, sidewalks, and more.

"The public has been lead to believe that MAPP is primarily a street plan and secondarily a plan to

manage 30 years of inevitable growth," says Burton Miller. Miller is a former member of the Planning Commission and a member of the original Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) that worked on MAPP from 2001-2003.

"The City has cleverly marketed streetscape and diverted public attention from MAPP's aggressive, higher-density, growth-inducing changes to zoning."

The petition recognizes the

need for a plan. "But the zoning needs to be appropriate to the scale of Mill Valley, preserve our small-town qualities, natural beauty and local-serving businesses," says Caroline Robinson, a founding member of FoMV.

The City has declared a 6-month hiatus on MAPP, but the choices about zoning will be picked up by the new Council.

### Visit FoMV website at

[www.friendsofmillvalley.org](http://www.friendsofmillvalley.org). Click on the picture of the petition, print, sign, and mail it to FoMV.

## EXPRESS YOURSELF!

### City of Mill Valley

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415-388-4033

### City Council

citycouncil@cityofmillvalley.org

### Planning Commission & Planning

Department  
planning@cityofmillvalley.org

### Mill Valley Herald

1050 Bridgeway  
Sausalito 94965  
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### Marin IJ

P.O. Box 6150  
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Friends of Mill Valley works to add the voice of the community to the City's decision-making process about growth, planning and issues of significant public interest, and to promote greater citizen participation in shaping successful solutions.

### Friends of Mill Valley

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#### Letters & Contributions

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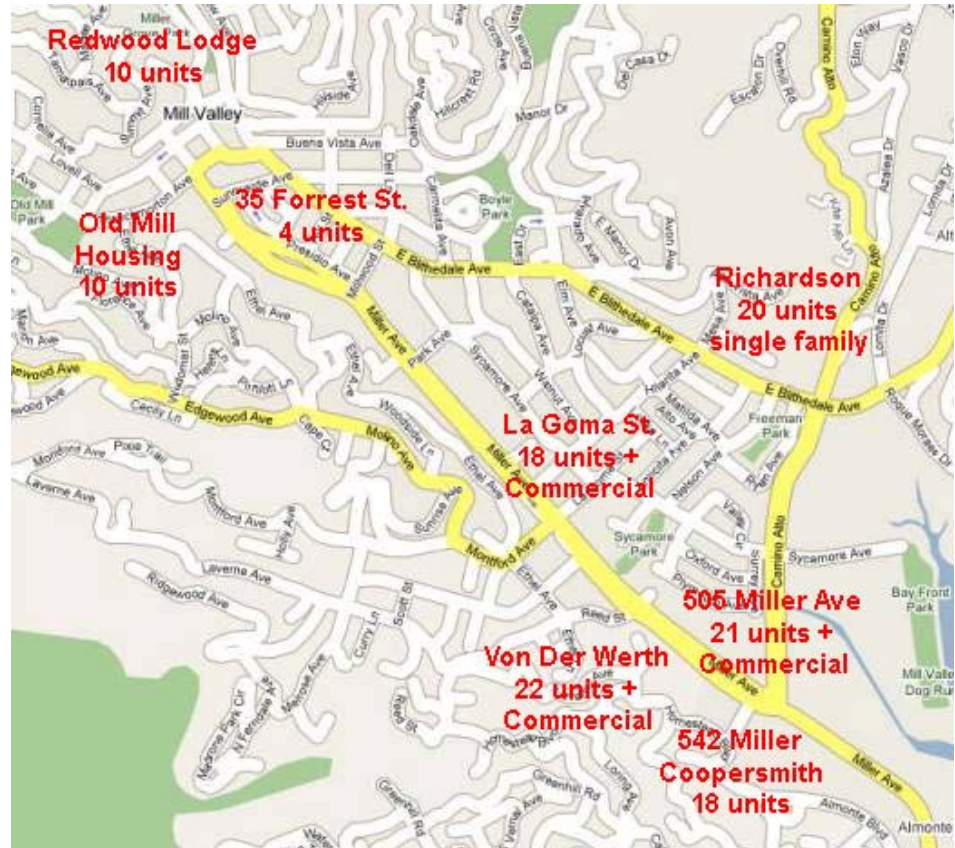
## FRIENDS OF MILL VALLEY

*"Let's Get It Right!"*

Be sure to **vote**  
on November 6<sup>th</sup>

## Project Proposals in Mill Valley – 123 Units + Commercial

The City's "Illustrative Plan" increases the number of units to 155 and identifies 14 "opportunity sites" for future development. FoMV purchased and posted the "Illustrative Plan" in the window of Mill Valley General Hardware, located next to Sloat Garden Center at 401 Miller Avenue. The "Illustrative Plan" shows both these businesses replaced with high-density housing.



## Contact List

Friends of Mill Valley encourages you to communicate with the City Council, the Planning Commission, Planning Department, and the media. (See addresses in column on the left.) Your participation is important to restore the public's voice to the City's planning and decision-making process. Write letters. Make calls. Send emails.

## Candidate Poll

One of the most important issues facing the new City Council will be the MAPP redevelopment plan. It is crucial to know where candidates stand on whether to adopt, dismiss, or find new ground for a Miller Ave. plan.

Go to the FoMV website to see how candidates respond to key questions about MAPP, growth, traffic, and other issues.

## Support FoMV

Friends of Mill Valley is a grassroots community group that relies on the time of volunteers and your contributions. Help cover the costs of printing, postage, meeting space, etc. with your donation. Make checks out to Liz Specht, Treasurer, and mark FoMV in the memo line. Mail to PO Box 1232, MV 94942. To discuss volunteer opportunities call Susan Kirsch at 383-3999.

