

WELCOME TO

Mother's Ink

we're so glad you're here!



HEY, HOW ARE YOU?

A Club Update

In August 2022, we elected two new co-directors and welcomed many new board members. Since our last edition, the NMC has hosted several family outings, moms' nights out, dads' nights out, our annual Mother's Social, End-Of-Summer Family Picnic, Halloween Trick or Treat event, a bake sale fundraiser, and Holiday Party.

There are a lot of springtime events in the works, including monthly moms' nights out, family outings, and Poppytots playdates, a dads' night out, and our highly anticipated Easter Egg Hunt!

New Co-Director Alert

MEET TIARA AND SOPHIA, OUR TRUSTY LEADERS!

Tiara (left) has been an NMC member since 2018, has two young boys (4 and almost 2), and an urban quail farm in her backyard. She is a member of the "Boo Crew" and Easter Egg Hunt committees and is incredibly passionate about her work with the NMC.

Sophia (right) is a single mom to a sassy tween. She has lived in Novato since 2011. She joined the board in 2014 and was previously a Co-Director from 2017-2019. Over the years, she has helped in almost every facet of the club in some capacity and we are so lucky to have her!





2022 Mother's Social

THEME: 90'S, LOCATION: THE KEY ROOM IN HAMILTON

Our annual Mother's Social at the beginning of each summer is always the event-of-the-year! Shout out to the Mother's Social Planning Committee who did an amazing job bringing us back to the 90's. It was so much fun leaving our kids and partners at home, dancing and eating with other moms, and participating in a raffle with many amazing prizes!



End-Of-Summer

FAMILY PICNIC

The NMC hosted its End-of-Summer Family Picnic at Rolling Hills Club where families enjoyed a hotdog barbecue, swimming, and excellent conversation. The food was delicious and the weather was beautiful for a day at the pool.



Halloween Event

TRICK OR TREAT WITH SMHS

We had a blast passing out goodies to the trick-or-treaters at our Halloween Party with SMHS! We loved seeing all the creative costumes, face painting, arts and crafts, and games put on by the SMHS volunteers. Everyone had so much fun!

Family Outings

THE NMC HOSTS MONTHLY ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Since our last issue, we have visited Fairyland, met up at First Friday, travelled to Petaluma for a Pumpkin Patch and late lunch, hosted a very successful playdate at Miwok Park, chatted at the Holiday Craft Fair, and made the trek to Snoopy's Home Ice for Parent & Puppy Skate!



Join Our Board Today!

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, OR WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE NOVATO MOTHERS CLUB?

Join our monthly board meetings, generally the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30–8:30pm. Come enjoy snacks and appetizers while socializing and planning events with other moms.

LET'S CHAT!

@novatomothersclub | nmc.codirectors@gmail.com

WWW.NOVATOMOTHERSCLUB.COM

HOME LOANS LOCALLY

Clear2Close Brokers
is a proud sponsor
of the Novato
Mothers Club

We are a local Novato Family owned mortgage brokerage.

We live in Novato

We raise our kids in Novato

We support our Novato Community

By working with a LOCAL Broker you can:

- Save money and get lower rates over the big online companies.
- Find unique or more specialized loans
- Shop multiple lenders for the best rates and products
- Have professionals with over 20 years experience work FOR YOU!
- Support NOVATO!

GET A
QUOTE FOR
FREE



Clear2Close Brokers
Your Mortgage. Your Choice.

Paul and Danielle Olbrantz
www.MyHomeLoanTeam.com

415-630-4330

NMLS 468647/1044468



NMC Member-Only Facebook Group

This summer, we created the “Novato Mothers Club (NMC) Current Members” Facebook group as a way for our members to communicate and collaborate outside of official NMC events. Many of our members have joined and we are so excited to see the group grow!

Perhaps the greatest Facebook group success story thus far was our impromptu meet up at Novato’s Annual Gingerbread Build! This event was so much more fun when shared with other families and the Facebook group made it that much easier to coordinate our mini-meet up.

In addition to play date coordination, weekly reminders of things to do in the area, and posts by our members, the Facebook group also offers several chat opportunities for members including:

- General Chat: Share or discuss anything you want here!
- Insomniac Moms Chat: Post here and maybe someone will keep you company while you’re up for a middle-of-the-night feeding anyway.
- New Moms Chat: Have a question or need some validation? New moms have it rough and we’ve all been there and can help!
- Playdate Chat: Members can chat here and coordinate playdates on a real-time basis. Most recently, several of our members with kids under 4 met up at Flying Dutchman for toddler open play.
- Mama Running/Exercise Chat: Moms can coordinate accountability buddies, stroller hikes, or exercise groups here.



[JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP](#)



Poppytots

Poppytots Play Cafe

JOIN US EACH MONTH FOR AN NMC-EXCLUSIVE PLAYDATE

Tracy, an NMC member and the owner of Poppytots Play Cafe, has generously offered to host a FREE monthly playdate for NMC members on the 2nd Monday of every month. This event is for NMC members only and will be posted on our website each month.

The cafe is designed for children 5 and under and is closed to the public during the NMC play date. This is a great opportunity for NMC members to establish playgroups for kids 5 and under! If you have a baby that is too little to play, we still encourage you to come sit with the other parents and enjoy some time with other adults while the bigger kids play. Come for any part of the 3-hour window. Moms, dads, and especially kids are welcome to join in the fun!



We encourage our members to purchase something in the gift shop during the playdates, host a party (there's a discount code on our website), or visit the play cafe at other times to support Tracy! She's done amazing things for the community and the NMC and deserves our support.





Moms' Nights Out (MNOs)

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE MONTHLY EVENTS ARE FOR MOMS ONLY

Since the last edition of Mother's Ink, we have hosted several MNOs at local eateries to get to know each other without the kids in tow. Some of our favorite events this season were Trivia at Hopmonk, crafting at Board & Brush, and a Moms' Day Out Body Well Workout Class! We love these monthly events and cannot wait for more!



Dads' Nights Out

DADS NEED A BREAK TOO

Do you know that, in addition to all the fun events we plan for mothers and families, we also help plan dads' nights out? Here's a group of NMC dads on a bowling excursion in Petaluma. They also went to the driving range, had a night in while some partook in the hot sauce challenge, and played poker. The dad group is growing and us moms couldn't be happier about it!



Holiday Party

HO HO HO!

We opened our annual Holiday Party up to the public this year as a way to gain community exposure and earn some extra funds for the club. After a bit of a delay getting started, the party was a huge success! We could not have pulled this event off without our volunteers (many of whom stepped up to help set up at the last minute), sponsors, and food donors! See you next year, Santa!



New Website Features

NOVATO COMMUNITY EVENTS

Visit this page for a list of fun things to do with kids in Novato and nearby. We love Ronnie's List and Marin Mommies, but both left us wanting more Novato-specific events so we created a list of our own! We hope you check it out.

MOTHERS' SUPPORT - MEAL TRAINS

The NMC strives to provide at least one meal to new moms and those members facing other challenges. Previously this was done by connecting members directly, but this year we made the leap to meal trains. Why stop at just one meal if our generous members want to help even more?

If you're expecting and wish to register for a future meal train, please update your profile on the website or email us at NMC.codirectors@gmail.com. If you're able to contribute a meal to a new mom, all open meal trains will be listed on this section of the website.

MOTHERS' SUPPORT - MOMMY'S LIST

Our Mommy's List certainly is not new but it was not previously housed on our website where members could easily find it at any time. Please use this page to find the Mommy's List and read monthly features of local teen- and member-owned businesses.

MEMBER EXCLUSIVE OFFERS

From time to time, local businesses offer us exclusive discount codes to share with our members. This area of the website houses these codes.

@novatomothersclub | nmc.codirectors@gmail.com

WWW.NOVATOMOTHERSCLUB.COM



WALKING YOU TO YOUR DREAM HOME

Azadeh Hunter, Coldwell Banker Homes NMC Tree Lighting Bake Sale Sponsor

Azadeh generously sponsored our tree lighting bake sale this year and helped us raise money for the club. We could not be more grateful!

Personal Background

Azadeh comes from a family of real estate agents and developers. Her grandfather was a developer for over 50 years. Four of Azadeh's immediate family members share a combined history of 45 years of real estate sales. After 11 years in banking and management, Azadeh has made her new career in real estate.

Philosophy

With her background in commercial and consumer banking, she has the ethical and professionalism needed to make all her clients feel valued and appreciated. Azadeh gives her clients assurance that their real estate transactions are being dealt with the utmost priority, diligence and integrity. Azadeh would love to shop for the perfect property to fit YOUR needs.



Testimonial

"I wanted to share with you all that Azadeh Hunter is an angel. Her patience, perseverance, hard work, dedication, love of her customers and never giving up attitude are hard to find. We had a difficult real estate transaction with a couple of hiccups and she kept me even and steady 'til the end. I can't recommend her enough, as a person, a friend and an honest, hardworking woman. She is truly one of a kind and the best in class. Today I am grateful for the new home she helped us purchase and for her friendship. If you're thinking about buying a house, she's your girl. Thanks Azadeh! We love you lots!"

Jill Penn