

Holiday Decorating Contest Awards

A BIG THANK YOU to Republic Services for sponsoring this year's holiday decorating contest. Recipients received a certificate of appreciation for their commitment to Community Spirit. Colma residents Natale and Rose Marie Russo; Tom, Laura, Brendan and Sarah Walsh; Steven Eng and Betty Su from Woodlawn Cemetery received plaques for Colma's Holiday House Decorating Contest at the January City Council meeting.



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The Town of Colma supports the Colma-Daly City Chamber of Commerce which has resources available at www.dalycity-colmachamber.org.

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Join us for Free Lunch Friday April 28th! Learn about New Recycling/ Organics Services!



Join us for a free lunch on April 28, 2017 from 11:30-1:00 at the Colma Community Center, 1520 Hillside Boulevard to learn about how you can save money by

increasing your recycling and starting a organics collection program. Colma's new hauler, Republic Services will discuss the new recycling services available and the new organics program (offered at a reduced rate) and discuss free training for your staff, new containers and posters available for your business-all available at no cost.

Please RSVP to Lia Vang (lia.vang@colma.ca.gov) by April 26, 2017 to reserve your spot!

The Town of Colma entered into a franchise agreement last year with Republic Services. Republic will provide services to the Town's residents and businesses for the next ten years. Representatives from Republic Services have already met with many of Colma's larger businesses. They will also be working to implement new state requirements for greater recycling of materials and increased organics collection. As part of the franchise agreement, Republic Services offers free recycling technical assistance to help improve your recycling program, training and posters to help your staff.

Serramonte Boulevard and Collins Avenue Master Plan

The Town will soon be sending out a Request For Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant team to make recommendations for the beautification and improvement of Serramonte Boulevard and Collins Avenue. Once hired, the Town and the Consulting Team will be asking businesses and property owners for their ideas and suggestions, so look for more information plan to participate later this year!



New Development and Businesses

The Town of Colma continues to be a very desirable location for businesses. Colma is looking forward to welcoming new businesses this year. In addition, the Town has approved several projects, as follows:

Black Bear Diner

The Black Bear Diner will be starting tenant improvements in the Serra Center across from BevMo! in the near future. The Diner will likely open in late summer.



Carmax

Carmax is currently constructing a car sales facility on over 8 acres of property on Serramonte Boulevard between El Camino Real and Hillside Boulevard (between Acura and Lucky Chances). The facility is proposed to open in October of 2017.



Sweet Honey Dessert

Sweet Honey Dessert will open later this year next to Ross in the 280 Metro Center. This will be the second location in the Bay Area that will serve authentic Hong Kong style desserts.



280 Metro Center Improvements



The Town recently approved plans for exterior and parking lot improvements at the 280 Metro Center. Improvements are planned to be completed by Fall of 2017.

New Development and Businesses (Continued)

Veteran's Village

The City Council recently approved a 66 unit affordable housing project for Veterans on Mission Road. Construction is proposed to begin in late 2017.



Serra Center

The Serra Center plans to make exterior improvements to buildings within the shopping center and also plans to update signage and add a new multi-tenant pole sign.



Climate Action

The Town of Colma continues to receive recognition for reductions in energy use and subsequent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The Town was the only jurisdiction in the state to receive a Gold Beacon Award. In addition to the Gold Award, the Town received 5 spotlight awards.



The Town would like to thank businesses for doing their part to save energy and resources. The Town would especially like to thank Target for installing a solar array on their roof that will help power their store while reducing operating costs. If you would like to learn more about ways to save energy or learn about programs available to businesses, please contact us at recycle@colma.ca.gov

Sales Tax Rate in Colma Now 8.75%

The quarter percent sales tax approved under Proposition 30 by voters in 2012 ended on December 31, 2016. As a result, the local sales tax rate for Colma decreased from 9% to 8.75%.

Business Registrations

Thanks to all our businesses for filing renewals in December and January. As a reminder, the Town sends out emails at the end of November of every year for renewal by February 1 to avoid penalties. If you do not receive an email for any reason, you will find the latest form posted on the website beginning December 1 of every year.