

Fairfax Update

News from around Town...



June 2019

Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Town Council reinstated the Citizen of the Year Award at their April 3, 2019 meeting. The award was awarded annually from 1992 through 1997. A plaque with the recipients' names engraved upon it still hangs in the Women's Club.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will be accepting nominations through August 1, 2019. To find out more and to nominate a fellow citizen (all nominees must live in Fairfax) visit our [Citizen of the Year Award](#) page.



Town Council Meeting Update

At the June 5th Council meeting the Town Council discussed two key issues, Cannabis Ordinances and the Town Budget for fiscal year 2019/20

Cannabis Ordinances

The Council reviewed cannabis regulations, cannabis business permits and scoring criteria. The majority of the Council was: 1) not in favor of allowing adult-use retail storefront businesses, 2) supportive of allowing adult-use delivery-only retail businesses and continuing to allow medical storefront and delivery businesses, 3) supportive of establishing a limit of two business locations for any combination of medical storefront/delivery and/or adult-use delivery-only businesses in Town. The existing medical marijuana dispensary and its pending adult-use delivery-only businesses would count as one of the two locations.

The Council also discussed setbacks and supported maintaining the state buffer zone of 600 ft from schools, day care centers and youth centers for medical storefront retailers. For delivery-only businesses, the Council majority supported a reduced setback of 250 ft. from schools and youth centers.

The Council supported a limit of up to 6 cannabis plants (allowed under state law) for non-commercial, personal cultivation per residence, whether grown indoors or outdoors. However, outdoor cultivation shall not exceed 6 plants per lot, regardless of the number of residences on the lot. The ordinance would allow individuals to apply for a "medical cannabis administrative exception" for up to a maximum of ten plants.

There was also a discussion about regulating the types of products sold and the THC content but the Council agreed that the State is setting these regulations and it would be difficult to enforce at a local level due to out-of-area deliveries to Fairfax.

The Council also discussed the commercial cannabis business permit process. The proposed ordinance establishes the application review process and allows the Town to retain full discretion on whether or not to approve any proposed future owners/operators of an existing business.

The current Town moratorium on commercial Cannabis activities is set to expire on October 31, 2019, after which the State could issue licenses for various cannabis businesses to operate in Fairfax, if local regulations are not in place before the moratorium expires. The Council continued the discussion of these ordinances to the July 17, 2019 meeting.

To read the full [Staff Report](#) and attachments please see the agenda packet for the [June 5 Council Meeting](#), item 14.

Proposed FY19-20 Town Operating and Capital Budget

The Council held the public budget hearing at the June 5th meeting. The proposed FY19-20 Operating and Capital Improvement budget is approximately \$13.7 million of which \$10.7 million is allocated for general fund operations (e.g., Police, Fire), \$1.9 million for the

capital improvement program (CIP), and \$1.1 million for special fund expenses/debt service. While the FY19-20 total operating and capital budget is approximately the same as last year's adopted budget, there are significant differences.

The Proposed FY19-20 operating expenses are approximately 5.8% or \$570,000 higher than the adopted FY18-19 budget. Overall, the increased expenses are offset by projected increases in General Fund revenues and transfers. Specifically, General Fund revenues are projected to increase by approximately \$300,000 or 4.3% above the FY18-19 adopted budget. Transfers to the General Fund from other revenue sources are approximately \$275,000 more than the adopted FY18-19 budget. The Council will consider the adoption of the FY19-20 budget at its July 17th meeting.

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Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Serving on a board or committee is a rewarding way to get involved in and serve your community, as well as make new friends. Fairfax currently has vacancies on the following Boards and Commissions:

Climate Action Committee
Open Space Committee
Tree Committee

To learn more about these committees or to apply please [go to our website](#).

Chipper Days

With the dry season comes the higher risk of fire. We have continued to expand our chipper days to make clearing brush from around your home, easier than ever. Please review the dates, mark your calendars and get ready to participate in this wonderful local program. Let's be safe this season and welcome fall with a bit more ease.

Find the dates for the Chipper Days on our [Town Calendar](#) and on the [Fire Department page](#) on our website. We are offering several days from mid July to mid August.

Please note that you are welcome to bring your cleared brush to any day on the schedule, you do not need to wait for your neighborhood Chipper Day.



Summer Events



Farmer's Market in Full Swing!

**Every Wednesday thru
September 25th
4-8pm**

Our favorite Wednesday night activity is back - come on down to the grassy green at Bolinas Park and do your weekly shopping for produce, find handmade products, grab dinner, visit with friends and neighbors and find fun things for the kids to do!

It's the perfect way to get thru the middle of the week and start to welcome the warm, long days of summer.

**Summer Solstice Sit with Veronica Geretz
June 21st
6-7pm**

Bolinas Park - on the grass

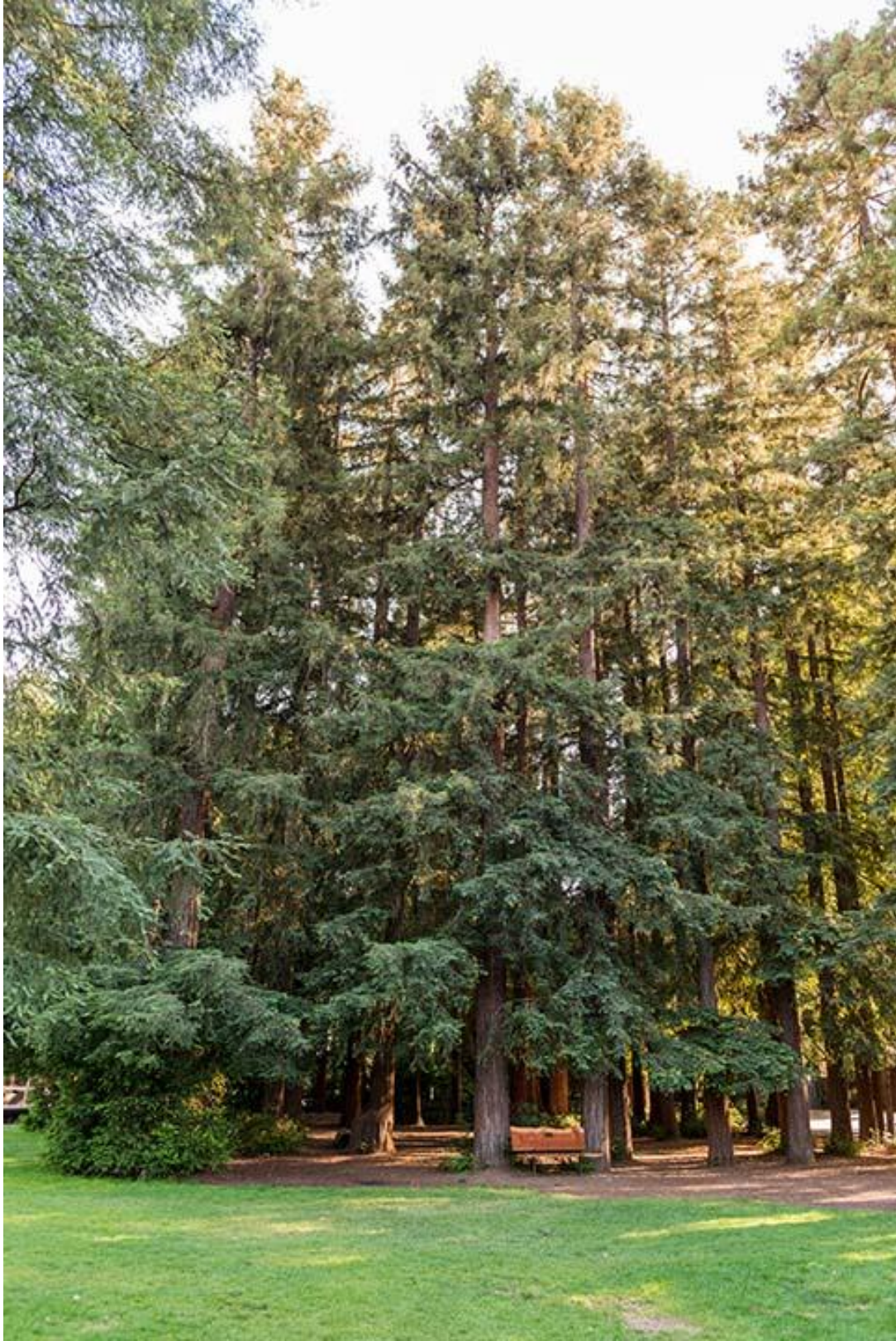
Solstice comes from the Latin words 'sol', meaning Sun and 'sistere', meaning to come to a stop or stand still.

Join your fellow Fairfax community members to reflect this celestial stillness and sit still yourself. We all buzz around so productively in this sweet town of ours most of the time. Simply being together as a community is a rare and nourishing experience. We will literally be sitting in silence together.

Please bring any support you'd like for your body, be it a cushion, blanket or even a lawn chair if your body prefers. You can come for as long as you feel able to sit in silence. Join for the first 10 minutes, the final 10 minutes or the entire hour.

This is a free event and open to all ages, though it is discouraged to bring children who are not so easily able to honor the intention of the event. *We will be encouraging ALL in attendance to be still and quiet.*

Warm (or iced, if we're in a heat wave!) chai will be served at no charge, so please bring a reusable cup/mug!



Peri Park Fundraising Update

August 24th
**Peri Park & The Fire
Station**

That last burst of rain in
May was great for the
plants but really messed

with our plans - we had to reschedule the clean up and the BBQ. Join us in August, when the sun is shining, to clean our beloved park and raise some much needed funds for the renovations!



10-12pm

Join us in the park to rake, sweep and spread new sand

12-2pm

Head over to the Fire Department for a BBQ with the firefighters of Fairfax!

\$5 hotdog meal includes chips and a drink

A great way to support the [Peri Park renovations](#) and have a great time with your family!

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