

# Fairfax Update

News from around Town...



## August 2019

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### Town Council Meeting Update

At the August 7th Council meeting the Town Council considered several ordinances.

The Town Council adopted an ordinance which establishes uniform and comprehensive regulations for wireless telecommunication facilities (e.g., 5-G) within the Town on private property and within the Town's public rights-of-way. This ordinance reflects the community and Council's work over the past several months.

After over 20 public meetings to consider the matter, the Council [introduced two ordinances](#) to address commercial cannabis:

- An ordinance establishing zoning standards and restrictions for certain commercial cannabis uses and cannabis cultivation for personal use. The Town only allows adult-use delivery-only retail businesses and continues to allow medical storefront and delivery operations. The ordinance establishes a maximum of two (2) commercial cannabis business locations at any one time in town. A business can be any combination of medical marijuana storefront/delivery and/or adult-use (recreational) delivery-only operation.
- An ordinance regulating Commercial Cannabis Businesses which establishes the local cannabis business permit approval process.

The Council also [introduced an ordinance](#) amending local smoking regulations to eliminate exceptions for tobacco flavored products such as menthol-favored tobacco.

The Council continued to the September meeting an ordinance to establish time limits for incomplete applications and project entitlement approvals.

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### **Forrest Terrace Steps Repaired**

Last week we had a ribbon cutting for the repair of the Forrest Terrace steps. Special thanks to Michael St. John for working with the contractor Raul Garcia of Forster-Kroeger on the repairs.



**The Town of Fairfax is pleased to be a part of the grassroots safe-driving campaign: Eyes Up Ross Valley! The purpose of the Eyes Up campaign is to raise awareness and encourage community members to:**

- Keep their eyes up and pay attention while driving, biking, or walking on roads
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, including marijuana
- Drive within the legal speed limit on neighborhood streets; slower near schools and crosswalks
- Never text or use the internet while driving or crossing the road

- Be patient with, and considerate of, fellow drivers, bikers, and pedestrians.

Participating groups—including Safe Routes to School, the Towns of San Anselmo and Fairfax, Supervisor Katie Rice’s office at County of Marin, San Domenico School, Sleepy Hollow Homes Association, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, local law enforcement, as well as numerous non-profit organizations, small businesses, and community volunteers within the Ross Valley—are working together to raise awareness and increase the safety of local streets.

**Marin is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> worst among 58 California counties in collisions where speeding is a factor and has the second highest collision rate involving bicycles of any other County in California** (CA Office of Traffic Safety, 2015).

Please join the effort by following the Eyes Up Ross Valley [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages and posting on your own social media! Eyes Up will be posting new messages every Monday for the duration of the campaign (8/12-10/7). Week one messaging is all about asking folks to slow down:

- Eyes Up Slow Down. Speed limits are put in place to protect all road users.
- 30% of Marin crashes are due to unsafe speeds (2018)!

If you see any good photo ops near Eyes Up signs or related to good Eyes Up examples, please do snap your own photos and post, tagging our pages and using the hashtag #EyesUpRossValley.

Thank you for doing your part to make our community streets safer for all!

Remember to share the road, safely - and with your Eyes Up.

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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  
Volunteer Board  
Parks and Recreation

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

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## Flag and Light Pole Restoration

You may have noticed that the flagpole at Town Hall, along with downtown lamp posts, are getting a fresh coat of paint. Thanks to Chuck Cate for helping us get the bids we needed and moving this project along.

Please remember that posting signs on public property/right of way is not allowed per the Town Code. This applies to "Garage" Sales, events such as concerts, and other notices that we often see posted on Town lamp posts. With your cooperation, the "freshened up" lamp posts will hopefully last for a long time.





## When **DISASTER** strikes How will you be informed?

**Alert Marin** is the County's primary resource for communicating vital information in an emergency.

In an emergency, the system will be used to communicate critical information regarding:

- ✓ Fires or flooding
- ✓ Extreme weather
- ✓ Earthquakes
- ✓ Evacuations
- ✓ Post-disaster shelter and transportation information



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### **What is the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)?**

In order to keep communities safe, PG&E may need to turn off power during extreme weather or wildfire conditions. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff. To learn more, go to:

<https://prepareforpowerdown.com/>

## Upcoming Events

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### Townwide Picnic

September 15th

12-5pm

Ballfield

This family-friendly event always features live music, art, games, and food and refreshments.

This is a great event to connect with your neighbors and make new friends. We hope you will be encouraged to continue to build our community throughout the year – through block parties, opening community pathways, educating your friends about fire prevention and other good works that help make Fairfax neighborhoods even better close-knit communities!

We always need extra hands setting up and especially taking down this event. Please contact Maria Baird at [mbaird@townoffairfax.org](mailto:mbaird@townoffairfax.org) if you want to lend a helping hand!



**Music in the Park**

## **Free Sunday Concerts in Peri Park 3pm**

Remaining concert dates:

August 25 Golden Gate Brass Band (College of Marin Brass Band)

To learn more about the artists performing, visit:

[www.musicintheparkfairfax.com](http://www.musicintheparkfairfax.com)

All ages welcome. Bring a blanket or camp chair. Sponsored by the *Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission and the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.*

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## **Fairfax Recreation Classes**

Our fall catalog is available now - filled with classes and events. Keep an eye out for it in your mailbox, pick up a copy at Town Hall or [read it online here](#).

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