

Fairfax Update

News from around Town...



December 2019

Highlights of the December 4, 2019 Town Council Meeting

-- The newly elected officials, Renee Goddard (council member), Stephanie Hellman (council member), Michele Gardner (Town Clerk) and Janet Garvin (Town Treasurer) were officially sworn in.



-- The Fairfax Town Council reorganized as follows:

Mayor Renee Goddard

Vice Mayor Bruce Ackerman
Council Member Barbara Coler
Council Member Stephanie Hellman
Council Member John Reed

Cascade Striping Project

At its December 4th meeting, the Town Council, after receiving numerous public comments and considering options, directed staff to modify the Cascade Striping Project as follows:

- Add temporary “changed conditions” signs in both directions of traffic.
- Install curve warning signs at appropriate locations with advisory speeds (15-20 mph).
- Install no parking signs and/or red curbs in the area.
- Remove the “25” pavement marking and signs that may be unnecessary (e.g., SLOW CHILDREN PLAYING sign).
- Monitor the project including travel speeds and any traffic incidents.
- Evaluate sightlines in the area around Doc Edgar Park impacted by parked cars and add red curb markings as needed.
- Form a resident subcommittee, to be facilitated by Mayor Goddard, to provide suggestions to the Council for consideration.

For more detail please see the [December 4th Council Agenda](#).

Highlights of the December 18th Special Council Meeting

Cascade Striping Project

The Town Council received a status report on the Council approved modifications to the Cascade striping project and the upcoming Saturday, December 21st meeting for the residents to discuss the project. Mayor Goddard recused herself from the process stating she wanted to diffuse the appearance of a potential conflict of interest since she lives in the area of the striping project. The Council designated Councilmember Hellman to work with Councilmember Reed as a member of the Council ad-hoc subcommittee assigned to work with residents regarding the project.

Building and Fire Codes

The Town Council adopted the 2019 California Building Standards Code and the 2019 California Fire Code. These codes are updated every three years by the state.

Parkade Bus Shelter

The Town has installed a temporary bus shelter in the Parkade. A permanent shelter will begin construction in February/March depending on the weather. The Council approved a wooden shelter design which is based on historic photo of a train station shelter (see below) located at the Parkade. A local volunteer, John Romaidis, developed the conceptual design.



Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)/Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs)

The Council adopted an urgency ordinance and introduced a regular ordinance to establish objective development standards for ADUs/JADUs. This was in response to State laws imposing new limits on local authority to regulate ADUs/JADUs. Failure to comply with these new state laws by January 1, 2020 would have rendered the Town's current codes regulating ADU's/JADU's null and void. The adopted urgency ordinance immediately establishes development standards in compliance with State law and allows time for the regular ordinance to take effect.

New Officer Joins the Fairfax Police Department

On December 1st, Danilo Gecale joined to the community as our newest Police Officer.

Danilo Gecale was born in the Philippines and moved to the Bay Area at the age of 10 years old. He attended and graduated from the Oakland Police Academy in the same class with one of our current officers, Lorenzo Kenerly. Danilo comes to us with a double Bachelor's Degree from San Francisco State University (B.A. Criminal Justice/B.A. International Relations) and a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration from California State Eastbay.



Danilo fills an existing vacancy due to the resignation of one of our tenured officers who transferred to the Petaluma Police Department a few months ago.

(Danilo is pictured with his current Field Training Officer Corporal Aaron Odom.)

December Holiday Office Hours

Offices at Town Hall will be closed for the holidays from December 24 - Jan 1. Town Hall will be open regular hours on January 2, 2020.

While Town Hall offices are closed, the Police department is open 24/7 for any issues that may arise.

Wishing you a safe and joyous holiday season!

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING 2019-2020

Tree preparation for both curbside collection and drop-off:

- Remove all tree stands (metal, plastic, wood), ornaments, lights, tinsel, etc.
- Flocked trees will not be accepted.
- Apartment building tenants should contact their manager and request that they set up one day for holiday tree collection at the property.

Marin Sanitary Service -- Curbside Collection

Larkspur, Greenbrae, Kentfield, Las Gallinas Valley, Ross, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Fairfax and Ross Valley (Sleepy Hollow and Oak Manor)

-- Mon, Dec 30, 2019 – Fri, Jan 17, 2020

Put tree on curb on your regular yard waste pick-up day. Trees over 6ft must be cut in half.

-- After Fri, Jan 17, 2020

Trees collected curbside will result in a charge on your bill of \$5 per tree. Trees can be cut up and placed in the green cart on any regular collection day. Lid must close.

Zero Waste Gift Ideas

Need gift ideas this holiday season? Consider giving your loved ones gifts of experience that match their interests, like tickets for events or coupons for a class—with gift suggestions from Zero Waste Marin! “Stuff” eventually ends up in the landfill, but memories last a lifetime. Here are some ideas to help you think outside the box:

- For the gourmet
 - Dinner at a special place or gift certificate for their favorite restaurant.
- For dancers
 - Dance class coupon for salsa, tango, swing or belly dance.
- For the movie critic
 - Tickets to see that hot new movie—don’t forget to include the popcorn!

For many more gift ideas and tips visit ZeroWasteMarin.org/Gifts!

Fairfax Recreation

Peri Park Update: The Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) working diligently on moving the restoration plans forward. Shop for tee shirts and tote bags at the Craft Faire - all the proceeds go to the fundraiser!

View the [proposed plans](#) learn about the fundraising goals and get

updates [on our website.](#)



Classes and Events

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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