

# Fairfax Update

News from around Town...



## February 2020

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### Sign Up to Receive Updates From the Town

We encourage residents and businesses to [sign-up/subscribe](#) to receive a variety information from the Town such as newsletters, Town Council agendas, and updates on such projects as Marinda Heights. Just pick the ones you want to receive.

### Update on Marinda Heights

At the December 2019 Council meeting, staff reported that the applicant indicated he was considering revisions to the project description for the EIR and that the matter would be scheduled for consideration at a future Council meeting.

On January 15, 2020, staff further reported the applicant has not submitted any revisions to the EIR project description nor has a future meeting been scheduled for the Town Council to consider the agreement for the preparation of the EIR.

*As a result, the application processing is still on hold pending approval of an agreement with an environmental consultant.* We recommend that persons who wish to receive updates of information and meetings regarding the Marinda Heights subdivision sign up on the [Major Projects](#) page.

### Sidewalk Replacement Program in Downtown

The first phase of the downtown sidewalk repair project will begin Tuesday, February 18th. This phase replaces the sidewalk from Gestalt Haus to the southern edge of the Mono parking lot on

Bolinas Road. The work will take 2-3 days. During this time, the Bolinas Road entrances to Mono alley (adjacent to Gestalt Haus) and the Mono parking lot will be closed. However, Mono Alley can be accessed from Bank St. A portion of the Mono parking lot will also be open from Bank St. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Tree Trimming & Vegetation Management**

You may have noticed significant tree trimming and/or vegetation removal in the public right of way and/or around power poles in Town. This work is being performed by contractors retained by either PG&E or FireSAFE Marin. You can read PG&E's [Tree Trimming Safety requirements here](#) and the FireSAFE Marin's [Vegetation Management Plan here](#).

### **Cascade Striping Project**

At its January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council received a status update on the revisions to the striping project as directed by the Town Council. The contractor completed the modifications on 1/24/20. An informal Cascade Working group was formed with Councilmembers Hellman and Reed assigned to meet with interested residents regarding the project. If you would like to subscribe to receive emails to the Cascade Working Group, [click here](#). Also, please look for an online survey regarding this project. The survey should be available online within a week. For more information on the project, visit our [Status of Current Projects](#) page.

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### **Highlights from the January 15th and February 5th Town Council Meetings**

#### **Marin Sanitary Services (MSS)**

The Council approved a 10 year contract extension and new rate setting methodology with Marin Sanitary Services, for residential, commercial and multi-family garbage, recycling, and organics collection and processing services. Under the new methodology, the Town approved an annual rate increase of 4.9%, effective January 1, 2020. The old methodology would have resulted in a 6.4% increase, or 1.5% higher than the approved rate. This new methodology is the same one adopted by San Anselmo, Ross, San Rafael, Larkspur, and incorporated County of Marin. The new methodology should avoid large fluctuations in rate increases, that the Town had previously experienced, in exchange for more reasonable, annual increases.

For more detail, see the [January 15th Council Agenda](#).

#### **Farmers' Market**

The Town approved a two year extension of the agreement with Agricultural Community Event Farmers' Market to operate the Downtown Farmers' Market on Wednesdays. Opening day is May 6th . The Farmers' Market will run from 4:00pm to 8:00pm every Wednesday, from May 6th to October 14th.

For more detail, see the [February 5th Council Agenda.](#)

### **Hill Area Residential Development Permit (HRD)**

The Town Council adopted an ordinance requiring HRD permits, if applicable, for all residential zones in Town. A HRD permit would be required if a site meets certain conditions.

For more detail, see the [January and February Council Agenda.](#)

### **Single-Use Foodware Ordinance**

The Council introduced an amendment to the existing Single-Use Foodware ordinance. The amendment clarified that the 25-cent charge applies to all disposable cups whether compostable or not. The intent of the provision was to encourage customers to use reusable cups.

For more detail, see the [February 5th Council Agenda.](#)

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

The Council adopted an 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.

For more detail, see the [January 15th Council Agenda.](#)

### **Emergency and back-up Generators**

The Council discussed an ordinance to regulate the use of emergency and back-up generators during prolonged power outages caused by emergencies or PG&E's Public Safety Power Shut-Off (PSPS) program. No action was taken and the matter was continued to the March 4th meeting.

An on-line survey will be available on the Town website sometime next week to receive your input on the matter.

For more detail, see the [February 5th Council Agenda.](#)

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## Fairfax Volunteers Plant Two New Trees in Town



On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Fairfax Volunteer Board members Chance Cutrano, Jesse Hoffman (pictured in photo) and Georgia Gibbs joined arborist Ray Moritz in planting a new Mimosa tree at the Parkade parking lot. The volunteers also helped to plant a new Red Maple tree in front of 123 Bolinas. Much thanks to the volunteer crew for their hard work!

Town's Public Works crews completed the work started by the volunteers by planting one tree in the Mono Parking lot and one in front of 141 Bolinas.

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### President's Day Office Hours

Offices at Town Hall will be closed Monday January 17, 2020.

The Police department is open 24/7 for any issues that may arise.

Wishing you a safe and fun long weekend!

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## **Upcoming Dates and Events**

### **Victory Village Waitlist Opened February 15th**

The waitlist is open for the new senior housing at 2626 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. - Occupancy is planned for summer of 2020! To learn more about the criteria for applying [view the flier here.](#)

### **Volunteers Give Back Night @ Iron Springs Brew Pub February 18, 2020**

Come out TONIGHT to support the Fairfax Volunteers! They will be the recipients of a "GIVE BACK TUESDAY" at Iron Springs Brewery. We hope you can join us for this event.

### **Open Mic - February 29th 6:30-9:30pm**

Join us for Fairfax Recreation's next wave of youth programming!  
FREE -- Snacks and drinks provided.

Youth Under 21

For more information [visit our website.](#)

### **Drake High School Equity Team Events: Courageous Conversations on March 4 at 10am and 7pm**

Courageous Conversations is an award-winning protocol for effectively engaging, sustaining and deepening interracial dialogue.

Free and open to the public.

For information about this event and others [view the flier here.](#)

### **Alice In Wonderland Tea Party March 7th -- 2pm**

Make a Sunday afternoon date for tea with Alice, the March Hare, Door Mouse and Mad Hatter at a decidedly unique tea party complete with delicious tea sandwiches, a selection of organic teas, hot chocolate for kids and yummy desserts for all. Enjoy the Fairfax Theater Company cast of characters as they entertain us at the Fairfax Women's Club.

This lovely annual event is a benefit for the Fairfax Theatre Company.

[Get your tickets now thru Eventbrite!](#)

Or contact Maria Baird at 415-456-5652 or [mbaird@townoffairfax.org](mailto:mbaird@townoffairfax.org) by March 1 to secure your seats.

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## Fairfax Recreation

**Peri Park Update:** The Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) working diligently on moving the restoration plans forward.

View the [proposed plans](#) learn about the fundraising goals and get updates [on our website](#).



### Classes and Events

Our winter/spring/summer 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](#).

Sign up for summer camp -- we are implementing a new online registration system and applications will be available soon!

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