

Fairfax Update

News from around Town...



March 20, 2020

Town Launches 1 to 1 Volunteer Program to Match Local Residents in Need with Volunteers to Assist Them

The Fairfax community has organized and we are here to help! From shopping to getting prescriptions filled to picking up your delicious take-out or dog walking.

The Town has established a 1 to 1 volunteer matching service to support and protect people in need during this difficult time. Volunteers will help neighbors feel less nervous and alone during this time and check in on what support you may need over the coming weeks.

Sign Up!

If you would like to volunteer or you need some support, please [**click here**](#) for more information.

Kindly spread the word to your neighbors about this volunteer matching service to those who may need support and may not receive our Town email newsletter.

Volunteers will be encouraged to follow all social distancing precautions including wearing gloves.

Please Remember to Support Your Local Businesses

During the Shelter in Place order, the Town and your Chamber of Commerce are doubling down to do everything we can to keep our unique and precious businesses alive and well.

As always in Fairfax, our local businesses are creative, quick to act

and serve and committed to community.

This is the time to step up as community members, to support our local economy. The graphic below provides some excellent ideas for actions that people can take in order to provide immediate assistance to our businesses.

The Fairfax Chamber of Commerce is updating their website to allow you to see which essential businesses are open and which restaurants are open for take out and delivery. Please visit the [Chamber website](#) and drop down on 'Business Directory'.

Please know that due to the changing nature of the shelter in place order, the Chamber site will be a work in progress. Check back daily for frequent updates. Thanks for understanding.

Thank you for supporting your local businesses in these particularly stressful times.

 HOW TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK		
 1) BUY GIFT CARDS Support small business owners by buying gift cards to use once they are back in business.	3) SHOP ONLINE A lot of small businesses are still offering online sales. If you want to support local boutiques, try shopping their website.	
2) ORDER TAKE-OUT Even though many of your local small businesses aren't seating customers, they might still be offering take-out or delivery. Maybe even tip a little extra if you can!	 4) GET INTO CROWDFUNDING A lot of businesses are having crowdfunding campaigns to pay their workers and stay afloat. Consider donating if you can.	
 2) ORDER TAKE-OUT Even though many of your local small businesses aren't seating customers, they might still be offering take-out or delivery. Maybe even tip a little extra if you can!	5) STOCK UP LOCALLY Instead of hitting up large chains to stock up on necessities, check your local small businesses first for food and supplies.	

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.

Information about Town Services During the Coronavirus Emergency

The Town is working daily to develop solutions for continuity of services, including remote access. Please check back soon for updates. Current status of services:

- The Police Department is open 24/7 - no change in services.

- All Recreation classes and events are cancelled until further notice.
- The Town Hall offices are closed to the public until further notice. Staff is working remotely and/or staggering shifts to respond to email.
- Town facilities are closed to the public until further notice.
- No Planning applications are being accepted until further notice.
- Limited Emergency/Essential Building inspections are available by contacting mlockaby@townoffairfax.org.

We have set up a **Coronavirus Resource** page on our website with the most up to date information about this ever changing situation. Please check it often for information as well as signing up for alerts.

Here is an info graphic to help clarify the shelter in place guidelines:

To prevent **CORONAVIRUS** spread, people are ordered to stay at home, except for essential activities.

OPEN	CLOSED
 Grocery stores	 Bars and Nightclubs
 Pharmacies	 Dine-in Restaurants
 Restaurants for takeout only	 Entertainment Venues
 Child care facilities	 Gyms and Fitness Studios

The Fairfax Food Pantry will be OPEN Saturdays 8:30-10:30am

The Community Church (2398 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Fairfax).

Be advised that because of the COVID 19 virus, customers will receive food in pre-bagged fashion, not "Famers" Market style. We ask that people maintain a safe 6 foot distance from others and that you pick up your bags quickly and then depart. There should be NO sharing or trading of food. If you receive items that you do not want, we ask that you dispose of them off site. Be well and wash

your hands!

Fairfax Recreation

Due to the County Public Health Order to Shelter in Place, all recreation classes and events are cancelled until further notice. Please check our website for updates.

Class Update - Adapting for Community Health Concerns

With challenge comes opportunity. Our Fairfax Recreation staff is coming up with ideas to help families and our community during this time. Soon we will have Tamela's Senior Mat Yoga and Chair Yoga – a 2 part video series online. We also are working to have kids yoga, story time, music sessions and more available soon.

Looking Ahead...

Sign up for Summer Camp

We are hoping that summer will proceed as planned. We are implementing a new online registration system this year and it launches this week! [Check here for registration details.](#)



And now, things we were going to share with you before the world turned upside down...

Community Forum Surveys

We currently have two surveys up in our Community Forum. Please take a moment to share your opinion about these important topics.

The community topics are:

- How do you think the Town should regulate the use of emergency generators during prolonged power outages?
- Share your thoughts on the Cascade Drive Striping project

Visit our [Community Forum](#) page to take the surveys.

You can also see the responses from others. The results of the survey will be shared with the Town Council.

Emergency and Back-up Generators

In February and March, 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 a future Council meeting.

An on-line survey is available on the Town website to receive your input on the matter.

For more detail, see the [March 4th Council Agenda](#).

Highlights from the March 4th Town Council Meeting

Some key highlights of the Council's March meeting:

- Authorized the Mayor to send letters in support of SB 54 and AB 1080 California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. These are identical bills that direct CalRecycle to establish a comprehensive framework to address plastic pollution and waste.
- Received Notice of Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Fairfax Police Officers' Association (POA) to create incentives for retaining police officers.
- Discussed the adoption of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the proposed Meadow Way Bridge Replacement Project. The Council continued this item to the April 1 meeting.
- Discussed the Climate Action Committee (CAC) workplan for

FY20-21. The Council requested staff to return with follow-up information at a future meeting.

- Received 2019-20 Mid-Year Budget Review Report and approved mid-year budget adjustments. Even with the adjustments, we anticipate adding to the Town's General Fund reserves at year end.
- Adopted an ordinance Amending Chapter 8.72 of the Fairfax Municipal Code Regulating Single-Use Foodware to clarify that the 25-cent charge applies to all disposable cups whether the cups are compostable or not. The objective is to encourage customers to bring their own reusable cups.

For more details on any of the above items, go to the [March 4th Council meeting packet](#).

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