

Fairfax Update

Special Edition

During this crisis, the Town will be sending out weekly newsletters with reminders and updates on Covid-19 and Town services.



April 24, 2020

Highlights from the April 15th Council Meeting

- Approved Side Letter to Amend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Fairfax Police Officers' Association (POA) to create financial incentives for retaining officers.
- Received report from a Climate Action Committee (CAC) Subcommittee regarding the exploration of a solar battery back-up system at the Pavilion and microgrid concept.
- Approved an amendment to the agreement with Fredric C. Divine Architects (FCDA) for additional design, engineering, and historical preservation services required for the Pavilion Seismic Retrofit project.
- Continued to May 6th Council meeting 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.
- Discussed the preparation of a "baseline" budget for the Town's FY20-21 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget due to the unknown fiscal impacts of COVID-19.

- Directed staff to return with a business relief program to provide financial support to businesses impacted by the COVID-19 Shelter in Place order.
- Introduced an Ordinance to terminate the Marin Telecommunications Agency (MTA) by Repealing Chapter 13.12 “Telecommunications” of the Town Code and adopted a resolution authorizing the Marin General Services Authority (MGSA) to assume all the responsibilities/duties of the MTA in collecting cable franchise fees. The repeal of the ordinance does not impact the ability of the Town to regulate wireless telecommunication facilities such as 5-G. Town Code Title 19 covers Telecommunication including small cell facilities.
- Appointed Councilmember Coler (primary) and Hellman (alternate) to the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board of Directors.

Whistlestop Has Expanded Their Services

Whistlestop has made changes to their existing programs and added some new ones, increasing the amount of people who qualify to benefit from their food assistance and transportation services.

There are many people struggling out there during this uncertain time and they are here to help.

[Read about their expanded services here.](#)

NEED HELP?

Whistlestop is Here for You



Whistlestop Nourish will continue to serve meals to homebound individuals on a modified delivery schedule during the Coronavirus outbreak. Currently, seven days' worth of meals are delivered, following all current safety protocols, on Mondays only. For more information regarding eligibility and how to sign up, please call **(415) 456-9062 x176**.



Join Our InterGenerational Social Phone Visiting Program! Share your experiences, stories and insights. Create a vital social connection during this time of isolation. For more information, call **(415) 456-9062**.



If you are able to shop for groceries but need a ride, Whistlestop's CarePool volunteer driver program can get you there and back at not cost to you. **Drivers are masked and gloved, car surfaces are cleaned between rides.** To schedule a ride, please call **(415) 454-0927**. *(Five days' advanced notice required.)*



If you are able to pay for your own groceries but are sheltering in place, our drivers will shop your grocery list for you and deliver to your home. Call **(415) 456-9062** for details.

For a full list of Whistlestop's programs please visit our website: whistlestop.org

#fairfaxforward

During this COVID-19 period the Town recognizes the many creative ways community members are supporting each other. We have started #fairfaxforward to share the spirit, mindset and momentum of the Fairfax community. It considers the legacy of our town and the forward thinking of our residents.

Show us your flair and tag #fairfaxforward!

FAIRFAX BUSINESSES Are Ready to Serve You

Did you know that many Fairfax restaurants, shops, and grocery stores are still open, providing goods and services to our community? Discover who is open and how to access them at the new and easy-to-use website: www.fairfaxopenforbusiness.com, where you can also join an email list to receive specials and updates.

Arts in Fairfax

Our amazing Artists in Residence are championing the arts during this difficult time.

The group has created an online art show to support all local artists using the [Fairfax Art Walk website](#). Georgia Gibbs has been the lead on building the site and launching the PR campaign.

Susan Pascal-Beran wrote a letter to the editor about the state of the arts in Marin during the pandemic that was featured on April 23rd. [Read the article here.](#)

Stephanie Mohan was featured in the Marin IJ along with other photographers who are getting creative during this shelter in place. Stephanie has been doing porch portraits of local families and she is also documenting our town in its new state.

[Read the article here.](#)



Photo by Stephanie Mohan

Fairfax Program to Match Local Residents in Need with Volunteers to Assist Them

The Town's 1-to-1 volunteer matching service to support and protect people in need during this difficult time is going strong.

If you are a **resident** who needs extra help to get through this time, or a resident willing to volunteer to help, please click [here](#).

Events Update

Fairfax Community Farmers Market Returns!

May 6th
4-8pm

The market starts the first week of May and runs through mid October! Of course there will be safety measures in place to keep the farmers and the community safe. [Click here to learn more!](#)

THE FAIRFAX COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

2020

Matching up to **\$10** from your CalFresh Card.

Fairfax Community Farmers' Market
Wednesdays
Bolinas Park, Fairfax
May 6th - October 14th
4pm-8pm

Now Offering Curbside Service!!
To place your order visit our website!

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www.ilovefarmersmarkets.org

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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.

Town of Fairfax COVID-19 Resources Page

Visit our dedicated webpage:

www.townoffairfax.org/coronavirus-updates-resources

- Information about Building and Planning services that are still available as well as guidelines.
- Links to the EDD, SBA and Utility Companies.
- Online classes thru Fairfax Recreation and Age Friendly Fairfax.
- Information and resources are updated regularly so check back often.

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