

Fairfax Update

News From Around Town...



July 2, 2020

Highlights of the July 1st Council Meeting

The Council adopted a Resolution Establishing a Temporary Limit of 15% on Commissions Charged by Third Party Food Delivery Companies (e.g., Door Dash, Grub Hub) to Support Restaurants in Fairfax During the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with: Ascent Environmental, Inc., to prepare the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), at the applicant's costs, for the Marinda Heights Subdivision (aka "Wall Property"); and Lamphier-Gregory to perform project management and coordination services for the EIR and overall project, at the applicant's cost.

The first step in the EIR process will be a scoping meeting to hear from the community regarding the issues or topics the EIR should address. While no scoping meeting date has been set, we anticipate this meeting will most likely be scheduled in August. While the scoping meeting will be advertised to the community, we suggest residents go to www.townoffairfax.org to subscribe for updates on Marinda Heights including any future meetings such as the scoping session.

July 15th- Community Listening Session 5:30pm

The Town Council will be holding a virtual Community Listening Session to hear from the community on a broad range of topics including racial equity, inclusion, diversity, systematic racial bias, social justice, rethinking/reimagining police services, police safety funding, police

practices/policies, and/or other matters of importance to the community. Based on community input, the Council will be considering the formation of a committee(s) to address the issues raised during the community listening session. The Council was originally scheduled to discuss/consider the formation of Town committees at its July 1st meeting, but due to the lateness of the hour continued the discussion to July 15th.

Stay Home, Stay Safe from COVID-19 on Fourth of July

With COVID-19 spreading rapidly in many Bay Area neighborhoods, health officials across the region urge residents to protect themselves and the community by celebrating from home this holiday weekend.

The Fourth of July is traditionally a time for firework displays, cookouts and parades, but this year the COVID-19 pandemic has forced many communities to cancel public events. Gatherings with others from outside your household, such as members of the extended family, are potentially risky.

Health officers from across the greater Bay Area, speaking in unison as the Association of Bay Area Health Officials, say staying home this year is a healthy choice.

“We know people have an urge to get outside and gather among friends, especially on Independence Day,” said Dr. Lisa Santora, Deputy Public Health Officer for Marin. “But the more we come together in groups, the more COVID-19 spreads in the community.” You can spread COVID-19 even if you don’t feel that sick. You can pass the disease to someone else before you have symptoms, and even if you never develop any symptoms at all. When people who have contracted the infection come in contact with high-risk people, there can be deadly consequences.

Marin County Public Health recommends the following ideas for families to have a safe and fun holiday weekend:

- **Attend the Virtual Marin County Fair, July 1-5:** Watch music, dance and acrobatic performances; share your art and favorite fair memories; and watch a virtual firework show at 9 p.m. on July 4. ([Schedule](#)) ([Watch Performances](#))
- **Go camping in your own backyard:** Set up a tent and enjoy a night under the stars
- **Have a dance off:** Light the night with glow sticks and dance to your favorite tunes
- **Make a festive snack or craft:** Enjoy a patriotic DIY project with the kids
- **Watch a movie under the stars:** Check YouTube to learn how to make a projector using your smart phone

- **Create a waterpark at home:** Set up sprinklers and a splash pool filled with water balloons
- **Plan an online watch party:** Enjoy a patriotic fireworks show online
- **Have a sports-a-thon:** Plan a friendly competition with members of your household
- Fly a kite: Add to the fun and build your own kite
- **Go for a bike ride:** Enjoy a bike ride around your neighborhood

All Bay Area residents are also encouraged to get tested for COVID-19, and to do so immediately if they have symptoms. Check with your local health department for more information about testing and about efforts in your community to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, visit coronavirus/marinHHS.org.

RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

Thank you for your assistance in keeping Marin County Parks a safe place to recreate!

The image consists of three vertical panels, each with an illustration at the top and text below. The first panel shows a person walking away on a path. The second panel shows two people walking away from each other on a path. The third panel shows two people walking towards each other, with a double-headed arrow between them labeled '6 feet of physical distance'.

BE SMART & STAY PREPARED

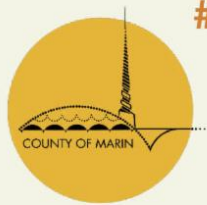
Stay home if you or others in your household are sick. Only go to parks, beaches and outdoor places that are open. Remember to bring face coverings and hand sanitizer.

ENJOY RESPONSIBLY

Stay 6-feet away from people you don't live with and only sit in designated areas. Please park only in designated parking lots. If they are full, wait for a spot to open up.

BE KIND
(WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER)

My mask protects you, your mask protects me. Please be courteous of others and wear a face covering whenever in close contact with people from outside your household.



#KEEPCOMMUNITY #STAYHEALTHYMARIN

For additional information on open parks within Marin County, please visit marincountyparks.org
For COVID-19 information, please visit marinhhs.org/coronavirus

FireSafe Marin Chipper Days

In case you missed the chipper days these past two weekends, Fire Safe Marin is offering curbside pick up services funded through the

Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWWPA). To use this service, you must live in a Firewise community, which includes Cascade, Forrest, Deer Park, Canon Village, Manor Hill, Meadowlands, Oak Manor and Marinda Oaks.

You must pre-register for this service by going to the online web portal <https://www.chipperday.com/marin>. Sign up is on a first come first served basis.

This pick up service will take place the week of July 13th.

Please have your material at the curb by 8 a.m. on the day of your scheduled pick up. Piles are limited to 10 feet by 4 feet by 4 feet. Anything larger will be left for the resident to remove. NO: Trash, poison oak, blackberry brambles, firewood, construction material, lumber, regular yard waste, leaves or lawn clippings. Contact info: firewise@firesafemarin.org.

Looking ahead...

July 11 9-3 Downtown - Pavilion parking lot - CANCELLED

July 25 & 26 Deer Park - Drop off at Doc Edgar Park

Door to door pick up also available.

Your piles/bundles MUST be on the side of the street by 7:00 am Saturday morning. Please don't block vehicle passage.

Call Maria Baird at (415) 456-5652 with questions. No reservation needed. This is a FREE community service.

Please note that all the drop off locations are open to the entire Fairfax Community.

Thank you for your participation in this very important program!

Please [check website](#) for update and more information.



Fairfax Small Business Recovery

As part of its COVID-19 response, the Fairfax Small Business Storefront Recovery Fund has been created by the Town of Fairfax in partnership with the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and the County of Marin. The goal of this fund is to offer storefront businesses with financial aid in the form of small grants during this pandemic.

Information and applications for the grant are available on the [Town website click here!](#)

Outdoor Dining and Retail Permits

In an effort to temporarily streamline Town regulations regarding outdoor dining and other business uses (e.g., outdoor retail), the Town Council has created a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) process for private property and an encroachment permit process for public property such as parking spaces. These programs will allow restaurants and other businesses to temporarily expand their operations outside for such uses as dining, retail, or exercise classes. Click the button below for information on the encroachment permit. Please contact the Planning Department at (415) 453-1584 or Ben Berto, Planning and Building Services Director at bberto@townoffairfax.org for information on the TUP.

**Temporary Outdoor Dining and Retail -
Application**



A Reminder from Marin County Public Health to Wear a Face Covering in Public

Under the authority of the California Emergency Services Act, Governor Newsom issued a mandate that everyone must wear a mask when in public settings.

Face coverings are required for everyone over 2 years old when:

- at indoor AND outdoor businesses - whether as an employee or a customer
- waiting in line to enter a store
- waiting for and using public transit
- when in a taxi or ride share
- when seeking healthcare; or visiting a hospital, medical clinic, pharmacy, laboratory, dental office, veterinary clinic or blood bank
- walking outside and within 6 feet of others

Face coverings should cover your nose and mouth, and can be improvised for bandanas, t-shirts or other cloth around your home.

Fairfax Forward Tee Shirts

Fairfax Forward celebrates our eclectic, and passionate, and forward-thinking community. Fairfax Forward will be here through Covid-19 and beyond supporting local small businesses, events, artists, nature, just about anything that celebrates positivity in our wonderful town!

Show us your flair and tag #fairfaxforward!

Now you can support the Fairfax Small Business Storefront Recovery Fund by buying one of these tees or tank tops, with the stylish graphic designed by local artists Julia Ledyard and Mette Qvistgaard.

Fairfax Forward. Now more than ever.

Proceeds benefit the Fairfax Small Business Storefront Recovery Fund.

Three different styles of stylish tee -- Women's tee, Women's tank, and Men's tee.

Buy online at: www.fairfaxopenforbusiness.com



Upcoming Events

Fairfax Chipper Days

July 13 - FireSafe Marin pick up offered. See above for details.
July 25 & 26 Deer Park - collection to be done at Doc Edgar Park

The availability of pick up service will be determined for each neighborhood. Please [check website](#) for updates.

Town Council Special Meeting

July 15
5:30pm

See the [Public Meetings](#) page for the Agenda and info about this

virtual meeting.

Fairfax Community Farmers Market

Every Wednesday
Bolinas Park
4-8pm

The market started 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 about the Fairfax Community Market!](#)

Fairfax Food Pantry

Saturday mornings from 8-10am
Fairfax Community Church
2398 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Fairfax.

The Fairfax Food Pantry continues to be open. Drive through or walk up service is available. In addition to our regular bagged groceries, folks will be receiving 15lb produce boxes as part of the **Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)**.

We currently have enough volunteers, however, please sign up through the [Fairfax Volunteer Match program](#) and we contact you as the need arises.

Town of Fairfax COVID-19 Resources

Visit our dedicated webpage:

[**www.townoffairfax.org/coronavirus-updates-resources**](http://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.

Additional Website Resources:

Discover who is open for delivery, curbside pick up and more on the new and easy-to-use website: [**www.fairfaxopenforbusiness.com**](http://www.fairfaxopenforbusiness.com), where you can also join an email list to receive specials and updates.

The website, [**MarinRecovers.com**](http://MarinRecovers.com), connects Marin County residents, business owners, community leaders, and public health

professionals to collaborate on reopening the economy and community in a safe manner.

Fairfax Recreation

We have class offerings for all ages - [check out our website](#) for more information.

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