

# Fairfax Update

News From Around Town...



June 26, 2020

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## Mayor's Message

Dear Fairfax,

I would like to dedicate my message to Black Lives Matter and to this final week of Pride Month.

In the midst of a Shelter In Place order, we are experiencing a massive wake up call; an alarm is going off around the world. The call came to the Town Council at the annual budget hearing. We listened to testimony for 3 hours from many of our younger generation, many first time Town Council meeting attendees, demanding change, massive societal systemic change to address racial inequity and re-imagine public safety models. This week hundreds of passionate residents of Marin led by a generation of young people who have studied the roots and know the causes of oppression, spoke their truth at the County Budget hearings, demanding a shift of funding priorities and review of policies which have landed Marin County #1 one the list for racial inequity in California.

Entering the 4th calendar month since Marin County's Public Health Officer issued an order for Marin County Residents to Shelter In Place, I look back at what seems like yesterday, knowing that the entire world has changed. We are ordered to cover our faces with masks to protect one another from Covid-19 while at the same time, our young people are finding their voices and turning up the volume. They are protesting with their masks on (for the most part), but their passionate words resound and reverberate through Marin communities which have long resisted and held back change. It is profound to hear the words of our youth and their teachers,

parents and mentors speaking louder than ever before, even as they comply with strict orders to mask and distance. The message of this moment and the power of the movement is visceral and impactful. I find the voices of many of my generation muffled and difficult to hear, unsure of what to say. I find myself leaning in, in order to hear what my peers and people of my parent's generation are saying. Remembering to physical distance, I pull away quickly to maintain my 6 feet. Speaking for myself, I find it difficult to announce clearly, my voice almost smothered under my mask, and my wrinkles exaggerated under my eyes, as if to blur my vision and quiet my noise.

I find it profound and important that as we comply with the COVID safety requirements, our eyes and ears are left exposed. This allows for observation and listening, finding an internal silence and taking time for introspection. If we are quiet we hear cries for social equity and justice for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and the LGBTQ community.

Some may disagree with the substance and style of those cries and the protests, but it is undeniable that the volume will increase. It should, and will continue until we each do the hard and often uncomfortable work of finding our role in this movement, and start to listen to the generation who is inheriting systems that they did not create and will no longer tolerate.

It is a time for self examination and listening to one another. There are opportunities like never before to speak with our children, read books together and watch movies in order to gain deeper understanding of systems of oppression embedded in the history of this Country and this County. [This website](#) has an extensive list of resources.

Currently I find it particularly difficult to read the headlines in the newspaper. Quite frankly they fail to draw me in and they ruin my morning. A friend forwarded me a Facebook post about the ability each of us has to write our own headlines. Headlines about finding the power of possibility and positivity in every day interactions, headlines highlighting the opportunities that emerge as we work through this most challenging time. I have decided to sit down with pen and paper and write my own headlines of the future. One thing is certain, and that is that we are all headed into that future, and we are headed there together.

What is your headline?

Fairfax Forward, now more than ever.

Please be well, wear your mask and take care of one another.

Respectfully,  
Renee

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## Fairfax Chipper Days

Chipper Days are in full swing! This past weekend we serviced a total of 87 households in the Cascade Canyon neighborhood. The outcome resulted in 18.72 tons of brush being collected, the highest ever to be recorded at a collection event. Of this, 1.24 tons was non-recyclable bamboo/palm. This was 4.64 tons more than last year's event at which 14.09 tons was collected, 1.09 of which was the non-recyclable bamboo & palm. Thank you to our residents collective efforts and the hard working Youth2Work crew for a successful turn out!

### This weekend!

June 27 & 28 9-3 Scenic/Manor Hill neighborhood Olema & Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

### Looking ahead...

July 11 9-3 Downtown - Pavilion parking lot

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.



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## 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!](#)

## **Businesses, Industries and Activities Reopening on 6/29**

- [Campgrounds and RV Parks](#)
- Driving Schools / Instruction
- [Hair Salons and Barbershops](#)
- [Outdoor Vehicle-Based Gatherings](#)
- [Picnic and Barbecue Areas](#)
- Restaurants - [Indoor Seating](#)

Note: Due to elevated COVID-19 cases and hospitalization rates, Marin Public Health is temporarily slowing Marin's overall reopening pace. Please go to the Marin Recovers website for more details: [MarinRecovers.com](http://MarinRecovers.com)

## **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](mailto:bberto@townoffairfax.org) for information on the TUP.

Temporary Outdoor Dining and Retail -  
Application

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## **Support Local Businesses**

### **Fairfax Businesses in the News**

ABC Channel 7 did a heartfelt news report about our local businesses this week.

[View the report here:](#)

## **100 days of Bay**



## Area's shelter-in-place order weighs heavily on Marin County businesses



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### 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](http://www.fairfaxopenforbusiness.com)



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## Free Compost for Fairfax Residents

The second round of Community Compost will be available starting Saturday, June 27th - while it lasts!

Made from the food & yard waste collected from our **GREEN** curbside carts. This is the first compost delivery of the year.

Pavilion Parking lot - bring your own container(s) and shovel.

[Click here for more info.](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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## Town Council Meeting

**July 1**  
**7pm**

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.

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## 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 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](#).

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### **Fairfax Recreation**

#### **Outdoor Yoga with Veronica Geretz**

Mondays from 6-7pm  
Bolin Park

Join your community in our sweet, centralized, grassy green park for a socially-distanced outdoor yoga class. The class will be geared toward yoga students with a Beginner to Intermediate yoga practice. Please bring your own yoga mat, two yoga blocks and a yoga strap.

If you do not have any of those props and are unable to procure them for any reason, please reach out to Veronica at [geretzvj@gmail.com](mailto:geretzvj@gmail.com) and she will work with you to find what you need at no cost.

[Click here for more info about Outdoor Yoga!](#)

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