

# Fairfax Update

News From Around Town...



August 14, 2020

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## Update from August 12th Council Meeting

The Council conducted virtual interviews of 24 applicants for the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (RESJ). The Council will consider appointments to the RESJ at its September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## Upcoming August 19<sup>th</sup> Special Council Meeting at 6:00pm

The Council will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to consider: 1) the creation of the residential rental assistance program and 2) the refinancing of the Town's unfunded pension obligations.

*Please note the meeting starts at 6:00pm.*

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

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## Cascade Survey

The Council will be discussing the status of the Cascade Stripping Project at its September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. If you haven't already, we encourage you to fill out the on-line survey

Take the Survey  
Here

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## Mental Health Resources

Last month the Marin IJ published [this article](#) outlining the increase in incidence of mental health crises and the escalation of both physical and drug abuse the County is seeing during this pandemic. Depression and anxiety are at an all time high and feeling isolated is impacting a significant number people's day to day lives.

Unfortunately, we are not entering a time when mental health and wellness is suddenly going to improve. Thankfully, we are however living in a time when asking for help is considered a strength. Below are links to County and National resources which may be helpful for you or a friend or family member.

[Click here](#) for a list of local and national resource lines.

[Click here](#) to connect with Community Action Marin and their resource guide.

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## Reopening of Some Outdoor Personal Services

Based on local COVID data which is showing that our infection rate is flattening and hospitalizations are on a downward trend, Marin County Public Health will allow for the reopening of some [personal care services](#) offered outdoors. Nail salons, massage therapy, esthetic services, cosmetology and skin care services can reopen outdoors effective immediately. Indoor and outdoor services for tattooing, piercing and electrolysis must remain closed because of Marin's status on the State of California's County Monitoring List as are most California counties.

Read the [press release](#) to find out more about personal care services that can be offered in outdoor settings. Hotels and Short Term Rentals are slated to open [following County reopening guidelines](#) on August 24 – the County's public health officer will make a final decision on Aug. 21 and will approve the move only if Marin's countywide incidence remains below 200 cases per 100,000 residents for the prior two weeks.

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[www.marinrecovers.com](http://www.marinrecovers.com)

Go to [Marin Recovers website](http://www.marinrecovers.com) for a full list of allowed businesses and activities under the local health order and as allowed by the state.

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## 2020 Election

The next Fairfax General Municipal Election will be held on November 3, 2020, for the election of three members to the Town Council, each for a term of four years.

The nominations period for persons wishing to run for Town Council opened on July 13, 2020, and closed on August 7, 2020.

Please visit our [Elections page](#) for the list of candidates and more information about the election.

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## 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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## Town of Fairfax sitio web se puede traducir al español

El sitio web se puede traducir al español usando el ícono del globo que se encuentra en la barra verde de cada página.

Our website can now be translated into Spanish (and other languages) using the globe icon found on the green bar at the top of each page.

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## Fairfax Library is Open for Curbside Service

Wednesdays 3-7

Thursday 3-7

Friday 11-3

Saturday 11-3

Patrons can place items on hold using our [online catalog](#). Patrons will be notified by email that their item on hold is available. Patrons should call (415) 453-8151 when they are in front of the library during curbside service hours. Returns are accepted during curbside hours.

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## Upcoming Events

### Town Council Meetings

#### Special Meeting - August 19th at 6pm

The Council will be considering two matters: 1) options for refinancing the Town's current unfunded pension obligations and potential savings to the Town and 2) the creation of a residential rental assistance program to help families adversely impacted by COVID-19.

*Please note the 6pm start time.*

See the [Public Meetings](#) page for the Agendas and info about these virtual meetings.

### Presentation on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. History

#### Monday, August 17 at 6pm

*The public online learning session about Sir Francis Drake Boulevard has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, August 17. The planned August 5 session was postponed because of scheduling conflicts with several other video-conferences pertaining to similar civil rights topics.*

A Marin County historian, a representative from local indigenous tribes, and a history professor are lined up to be the featured guests for online learning session August 5 about Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, one of Marin's primary thoroughfares. The session was prompted by a grassroots effort to have the road renamed because of its namesake's documented history as a 16<sup>th</sup> century slave trader.

[Click here to learn more about this presentation and how to view it online.](#)

## 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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## Fairfax Recreation

Camp Fairfax successfully finished it's first ever summer camp during a global pandemic! We're so glad for the happy campers & parents who got to experience a slice of summer fun in their own backyard!



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

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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.

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