

Fairfax Update

News From Around Town...



September 25, 2020

Fairfax Community-Friendly Evacuation Maps and 9 Firewise Neighborhoods are Online!

Disaster preparedness is important for all of us in Fairfax. The very recent fires in West Marin, the North Bay and the South Bay, are yet another reminder that we all need to prepare, as a Town and as individuals. In response to the need, the Town created Community-Friendly Evacuation Maps, so that each of us in the community can find our *own* way out of our neighborhoods in a disaster.

The maps and the list of **Firewise Neighborhoods** along with the contact information for each group, are available on our [Fire Department page](#).

**Firesafe Marin - Fairfax Evac
Maps**

Pavement Work on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at Butterfield Road *- Drivers should expect delays at this location during these times*

The Town of San Anselmo will be performing pavement patching on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Butterfield Road and San Anselmo Avenue on Monday and Tuesday, September 28th and 29th. Work will take place between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, with one lane open in each direction throughout the project. Traffic control staff will be on-site during this project to help keep traffic flowing as best it can.

Outdoor Seating Area in the Mono Parking Lot

The Town, in partnership with the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, will be closing the lower half the Mono Parking Lot from Thursday through Sunday. The closed portion of the lot (nearest to Bolinas Rd.) will have tables and chairs for patrons of downtown restaurants to use. The Chamber will have someone available to disinfect the tables and chairs between uses. Customers can still access the Mono Parking Lot from the Bank St. entrance. This is a pilot program and, depending on the demand, the Town and Chamber will continue to close this portion of the Mono lot for subsequent weekends during COVID-19.



PG&E Updates:

New Watch and Warning Notifications

PG&E has implemented Watch and Warning notifications to provide the community more notice of potential or scheduled PSPS events. To receive alerts sign-up at pge.com/mywildfirealerts.



New Notifications to Prepare Before a Public Safety Power Shutoff

TWO DAYS/ONE DAY BEFORE AN EVENT



WATCH

A PSPS event is **possible** in the area

FOUR TO 12 HOURS BEFORE AN EVENT



WARNING

A PSPS event is **going to happen soon** in the area

We will send notifications by **automated calls, texts and emails.**



For more on our safety efforts, visit pge.com/wildfiresafety



Read More about Watch & Warning Notifications

Portable Battery Program

PG&E's Portable Battery Program (PBP) provides no-cost backup portable batteries for eligible income-qualified^[1] customers who live in high fire-threat districts^[2] (HFTD) and are enrolled in the Medical Baseline program.

Eligibility requirements include a reliance on medical equipment that operates on electricity to sustain life. Working in coordination with Community Based Organizations (CBOs), PG&E has identified approximately 10,500 customers who could qualify for this program.

PG&E offers additional programs for customers not qualified for PG&E's new Medical Baseline PBP.

- The [Disability Disaster Access and Resources Program](#), to support people with disabilities and older adults before, during, and after a PSPS event. The program enables qualified customers who use electrical medical devices to access backup portable batteries through a grant, lease-to-own or the [FreedomTech](#) low-interest financial loan program. Transportation resources, lodging and food options are also provided through an online application process to qualified customers. CFILC administers all aspects of the program.
- PG&E is a Program Administrator of the statewide [Self-Generation Incentive Program](#) (SGIP), which is providing financial incentives for Medical Baseline customers installing new, qualifying equipment for storing energy for their homes. The SGIP Equity Resiliency incentive is designed to

allow customers to install a home battery storage system at no cost to them.

Update for Marin County: State Tier 2 (COVID-19) Status

Just one week into Marin County's Tier 2 status with the state's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), Dr. Matt Willis (Marin's Public Health Officer) gives an overview what designation means for our residents and our businesses, and why Marin Public Health is choosing to follow the State's allowances woven into the four-tier framework.



Masks Available at Town Hall

If you or someone you know, needs a mask, come to the Town Hall lobby and grab one!

Email for Reporting Shelter-in-Place (SIP) Violations

The Town has created an on-line process for reporting SIP violations by businesses.

The email address is: sipviolations@townoffairfax.org.

In the email, we ask that you include the business name, address, and as much detail as possible regarding the perceived health order violation. Town staff will follow-up with the businesses regarding the violations. Our goal is to gain compliance by informing and educating businesses of the need to follow shelter-in-place (SIP) orders. All businesses will be given a grace period to comply before additional follow-up actions are taken by staff.

The updated [status](#) of businesses and industries reopenings in Marin County can be found at MarinRecovers.com.

Fairfax Climate Action Plan Survey

The Town of Fairfax is updating its 2014 Climate Action Plan and Climate Action Committee needs your input to develop effective measures that will substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In March of 2019, the Town Council passed a Climate Emergency Resolution and set a target of zero emissions by 2030, going beyond State reduction targets.

After receiving community feedback, the Fairfax Climate Action Committee will bring a first draft of the 2030 Climate Action Plan to the Council and then post it for further public comment. Hopefully, a final version will come before the Council by the end of this year.

[Take the Survey Here](#)

2020 ELECTION SPOTLIGHT

Are you Registered to Vote Nov. 3rd? ¿Está inscrito para votar el 3 de noviembre?

You must be registered in order to vote. For the November 3rd General Election, active registered voters will automatically be mailed a ballot with a postage-paid return envelope. Check your registration status now at registertovote.ca.gov. If necessary, register to update your address right away so your ballot is mailed as soon as possible. For questions or to get a paper registration form, call the Elections Department at (415) 473-6456.

Debe estar inscrito para poder votar. Para la elección general del 3 de noviembre, a los votantes inscritos activos se les enviará automáticamente una balota en un sobre con franqueo pagado. Verifique el estatus de su inscripción ahora en registertovote.ca.gov. Si es necesario, inscríbese para actualizar su dirección de inmediato para que su balota se envíe por correo lo antes posible. Si tiene preguntas o desea obtener un formulario de inscripción en papel, llame al Departamento de Elecciones al (415) 473-6456.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Volunteer Board Meeting

September 28 -- 6:30pm

**Tree Committee Meeting
(September 28 -- 7pm) - POSTPONED to October 5th**

**Town Council Meeting
October 7 -- 7pm**

To view the agendas visit our [Public Meetings](#) page.

Fairfax Community Farmers Market

**Every Wednesday
Bolinus 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.

Fairfax Recreation

We are excited to announce a music offering for little ones!

Music Pod with Dani Levy

Behind the Pavilion with spaced out hay bales and under lovely trees and nature

Tuesdays, October 6 – November 10, 2020
10:30am – 11:15am

Music with Dani is a fun and interactive music and movement time for young children 2-5 years old and their grownups. Dani's music session will have the children singing, dancing, rhyming, using their imaginations and having fun while creating music together!

Classes feature keeping steady beat, small and large motor movements, singing along, call and response and more!

[Click here for more info and to sign up!](#)



The fall catalog is on the presses and will be in your mailbox soon!

We have adapted our offerings to work with this "new normal".
[Download a copy here](#) - we have class offerings for all ages!

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

Town of Fairfax COVID-19 Resources

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.

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, where you can also join an email list to receive specials and updates.

The website, 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.

Mental Health Resources

The County has seen an increase in the incidence of mental health crises and the escalation of both physical and drug abuse during this pandemic. Depression and anxiety are at an all-time high and feeling isolated is impacting a significant number people's lives. Thankfully, we are 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.

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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