Fairfax Update

News From Around Town...



October 16,2020

MHHS Guidance Outlines Safer Ways to Celebrate Halloween and Dia de los Muertos

With Halloween just around the corner, Marin HHS has released safe celebration guidelines, urging residents to plan at-home and virtual festivities. Marin HHS strongly discourages customary activities like door-to-door trick-or-treating or large multi-household parties, which can be high-risk for COVID-19 transmission.

As an alternative, trick or treat yourself at the <u>Marin Center</u> <u>Halloween Fair Food Drive-Thru Spooktacular</u>. From October 23 to November 1, the Spooktacular will be open from 4pm to 9pm on weekdays and 11am to 9pm on weekends. Don your costumes and prepare to be spooked with family-friendly haunted surprises and activities all while staying inside your car!



Fairfax will not be hosting our traditional Halloween Parade, downtown trick or treating and celebration in the redwood grove.

Ideas for Safe Ways to Celebrate

Special October 21, 2020 Town Council Meeting

At its regular October 7th meeting, the Town Council continued the following two items to a special meeting:

1. Discuss/consider the concept of holding two regular Council meetings per month.

2. Receive report on the Town's Business Recovery Programs and provide direction on the extension of the terms of temporary encroachment permits and temporary outdoor use permits beyond the November 30, 2020 expiration date.

The agenda and staff reports will be available on-line at **www.townoffairfax.org** on Friday evening (10/16).

Peri Park Update

The Town will be reopening the Peri Park Playground next week. Please follow the recommended safety guidelines posted at the park. We will be cleaning the Peri Park playground restroom once a day during the weekdays. There will be no cleaning service during the weekends.



Take Back Day Saturday, October 24th 10am – 4pm Fairax Pavilion Parking Lot

Prescription Drugs & Medications (until 1pm)- collected by Fairfax Police

Household medications are the number one cause of childhood poisonings. And, they pollute our waterways when they are flushed. The National Prescription Drug Take Back program provides a safe, convenient and anonymous means of disposing of prescription drugs.

Electronics Waste- collected by Conservation Corps North Bay

Accepting: working and non-working TVs, office equipment, cell phones, tablets, microwaves, printers, computers, laptops, stereos, game consoles, cords. Not accepting: appliances, batteries, and fluorescent lamps

Free Paper Shredding- collected by Marin Sanitary Service For Fairfax Residents Only

Shred your sensitive documents (up to 2 bankers boxes). Please no plastic, folders or binders. Staples/paperclips OK

For more information click here!

Results of Chipper Days

The Town held six "Chipper Day" events this year. All six Chipper Days were targeted for neighborhoods that are designated Firewise communities. These six Chipper Day events included door-to-door pick-up of brush/cuttings in the Cascade, Manor Hill, and Deer Park neighborhoods. They were conducted over three weekends in June & July of this year. As always, the events were open to residents from any Fairfax neighborhood. This year, there were fewer drop offs per event, most likely due to COVID-19 precautions.

The Town collected over 63 tons of brush/cuttings from 321 participating households this year, for a total cost of approximately \$65,000. Last year, the Town collected 86 tons.

Additionally, this year, Fire Safe Marin supplemented the chipper days offered in Fairfax in July and August with funding from the newly created Marin Wildfire Protection Agency (MWPA).

Outdoor Seating Area in the Mono Parking Lot

The Town, in partnership with the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, is closing the lower half the Mono Parking Lot from Thursday through Sunday during COVID-19. The closed portion of the lot (nearest to Bolinas Rd.) will have tables, chairs, and umbrellas for patrons of downtown restaurants to use. The Chamber has teamed up with Gestalt Haus to disinfect the tables and chairs between uses. Customers can still access the Mono Parking Lot from the Bank St. entrance.

The program needs volunteers to help with set-up and take-down. If you can help, please reach out to David Smadbeck at <u>david@fairfaxchamberca.com</u> or call (415) 456-9604.



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.**



County of Marin COVID-19 Updates

The Marin County COVID-19 Status Update is now publishing five days a week (Monday through Friday) and as needed, in order to share important news and resources in our battle against COVID-19 and to keep our economy running. <u>Click here.</u>

The status update for October 13, 2020 includes the weekly Blueprint Update, a video briefing from Dr. Willis; Updated COVID-19 Data; warnings about heat, fire danger, and possible power outages.

For all the updates from Marin Health and Human services got to:

https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/updates

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2020 ELECTION SPOTLIGHT

It's not too late!

The deadline to register to vote in the November Election is October 19. Check your status now at **registertovote.ca.gov**. If your residence address is not correct or you are not registered, fill out a new registration form so a ballot can be mailed to you as soon as possible.

Paper registration forms can be found at Town Hall, and most post offices. To have a form mailed to you, call the Elections Department at (415) 473-6456.

iNo es demasiado tarde!

El 19 de octubre es la fecha límite para inscribirse para votar en la elección general del 3 de noviembre de 2020. Verifique su estatus ahora en **registertovote.ca.gov**. Si su dirección de residencial no es correcta o no está inscrito, llene un nuevo formulario de inscripción para que se le pueda enviar una balota lo antes posible.

Los formularios de inscripción en papel se pueden encontrar en Town Hall 142 Bolinas Road y en la mayoría de las oficinas postales. Para que se le envíe un formulario por correo, llame al Departamento de Elecciones al (415) 473-6456.

Fairfax Recreation

Flying Dutchman Gymnastics Our beloved gymnastics program is back at the Pavilion!

Please go to their website to sign up for classes

Music Pod with Dani Levy

Due to popular demand, we have added another Music Pod with Dani on Tuesdays starting Oct. 20 at 11:30am.

Please sign up now to secure your spot. Click here for more info!



The fall catalog is here! Watch for it in your mailbox or stop by Town Hall to grab a copy. We hope you like the special layout and content that honors these challenging times and our unique community!

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

Wonderfully Wild Marin: A Calendar and Online Fundraiser for Open Space

Want to help protect local open spaces during these trying times **and** get some amazing artwork as part of the donation thank-you gifts? Here's how!

The Fairfax Open Space Committee along with The San Anselmo Open Space Committee have been collaborating together to create an informationally rich and stunningly beautiful Calendar for 2021 called **Wonderfully Wild Marin**. The calendar notes astrological events, holidays from diverse cultures and religions, seasonal, cultural, and historical information about our natural surroundings along with outstanding vistas by talented local photographers.

Get your copy now!



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Fairfax Climate Action Plan Community Forums Second Monday of each month, from 6:30-7:30pm

Last week, we let you know that The Community Forums that the Climate Action Committee is holding to help the Town to create its next 10-year Climate Action Plan. We kicked off our meetings on Monday October 12th with a very interesting conversation. We talked about what a Climate Action Plan is, how Fairfax created its first one, how Fairfax beat its original targets, and how we are now trying to figure out how we can achieve even more – because it matters.

Over the next four months, the Climate Action Committee will host additional meetings to go through the different sections of the plan. Our meetings are public, open to all, and occur on the second Monday of every month, from 6:30 - 7:30.

We will post notices of them on our <u>CAC website</u>. The meetings will be held by ZOOM, with no password. Click below for the meeting ID and the schedule.

Learn About the Forums & Take the Survey Here

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**.

> Read More about Watch & Warning Notifications

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Town Council Special Meeting October 21st - 7pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting October 19th -- 7pm

Climate Action Committee Meeting October 20th -- 7pm

To view the agendas visit our **<u>Public Meetings</u>** page.

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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 <u>Fairfax Volunteer Match program</u> and we contact you as

the need arises.

Town of Fairfax COVID-19 Resources

Visit our dedicated webpage: www.townoffairfax.org/coronavirus-updates-resources

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.

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: **<u>sipviolations@townoffairfax.org</u>**.

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.

