

Fairfax Update

News From Around Town...



November 6, 2020

Highlights from the November 4, 2020 Council Meeting

- Received a report from Urban Forestry Associates (Town Arborist) on the maintenance of trees in Peri Park and Bolinas Park.
- Approved an agreement with OLAS Performance to provide facilitation services for the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (REJS) in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000. (Note: The RESJ held its first meeting on Thursday evening (11/5).
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the dissolution agreement for the Marin County Major Crimes Task Force
- Adopted a Resolution "Opposing Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Exploration Activities, Including Seismic Airgun Blasting."
- Opened the public hearing for the appeal of the Planning Commission approval of the expansion and remodeling of the single-family home located at 6 Walsh Lane. This matter was continued to the Council's November 18th Special meeting.
- Authorized staff to close the lower portion of Mono Parking Lot from Wednesday thru Sunday during COVID-19. Previously, the Council approved the closure from Thursday thru Sunday. The Council also provided staff the flexibility to close the lot Monday or Tuesday for potential, future special events. The closure of the lot allows tables and chairs to be placed in the lot for use

by patrons of downtown.

- Approved a six-month schedule of monthly special Council meetings starting from November 2020 thru April 2021. The special meetings are typically scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month and are in addition to the regular Council meetings held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The schedule will be incorporated into the Town calendar.
- Adopted a resolution to extend the terms of temporary outdoor encroachment permits (TEP's) from November 30, 2020 to May 31, 2021. TEP's allow businesses to use the public areas such as parking spaces for their business use (e.g., outdoor dining).
- Adopted an ordinance to extend the expiration date of Temporary Outdoor Use Permits (TUPs) from November 30, 2020 to May 31, 2021. The Council established TUP's to allow restaurants and other businesses to use their private spaces such as parking lots for outdoor business uses during COVID-19.

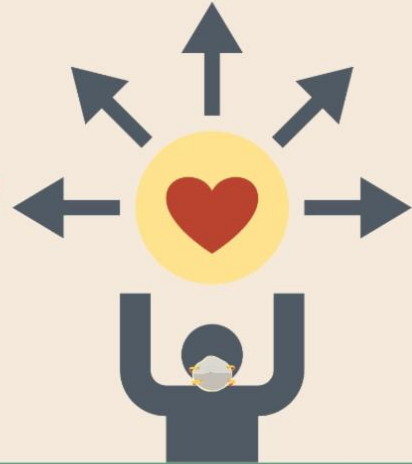
2020 ELECTION SPOTLIGHT

Fairfax Town Council Election Results

The Marin County Elections Department will release [updated elections results](#) and post them before 5:00 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday until the election is final. Once final, the results for our local election for Town Council will be certified to the Fairfax Town Council at a public meeting in December. The newly-elected Councilmembers will be sworn in and take office at that time.

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COVID-19 Status Update

With its improving COVID-19 figures, Marin County graduated from “red” to “orange” status last week. This is part of the State of California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which allows some businesses to reopen for the first time, while others can expand their operating capacity. [Learn more.](#)

Fall and Winter Holiday Celebrations

Upcoming holidays and events will likely need to be different this fall and winter to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

- CDC Recommendations - CDC offers helpful considerations to help protect individuals, their families, friends, and communities from COVID-19. [Learn more.](#)
- Veterans Day 2020 Going Virtual - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this November 11 will be a different Veterans Day than previous ones. Learn more about the County of Marin's plans for this year's tribute to local military veterans [here.](#)
- Our Annual Fairfax Craft Faire will be held virtually this year. We are still accepting applications from vendors. [Find out more here.](#)

Creek Maintenance

Winter is around the corner and the Town would like to remind property owners whose property is adjacent to the creek the importance of keeping the creek clear and ready for the rainy season. It is the property owners' responsibility to keep the creek free of vegetation, debris, trash, or any other obstruction to winter

flows that could possibly cause erosion or flooding.

A [creek maintenance fact sheet](#) is available on our website. It has useful information regarding creek maintenance, ownership, permits and other resources that can be useful if you are considering doing work in the creek.

Please contact the Department of Public Works at 415-453-1584 or mlockaby@townoffairfax.org if you have any questions or concerns.



Citizen of the Year Nominations

Last year, the Town Council reinstated the Citizen of the Year Award at their April 3, 2019 meeting. The award was awarded annually from 1992 through 1997. A plaque with the recipients' names engraved upon it still hangs in the Women's Club.

The Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) is taking nominations from the public for the 2020 award starting on November 1st. The nomination period will be open from November 1 - December 1, 2020.

Learn more about the award and nominate someone!

The Town of Fairfax needs to get to Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030!

53% of our emissions come from the cars and vehicles we drive. Converting all of them to electricity by 2030 is going to be a huge task!

The Climate Action Committee is trying to figure out how to help us get there. Please join us for a brainstorming session to help create the Town Climate Action Plan, which will create the roadmap for getting there.

We need your voice!
November 9, 6:30 – 7:30

[Zoom link](#)

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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 weekly 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. This seating area is open to the public to use and is not limited to customers of certain restaurants.

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

Peri Park Update

Peri Park Playground is open! 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.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is working on the plans to replace the play structure. And the fundraising is continuing - please visit our [Peri Park page](#) for more information.



Fairfax Recreation

Music Pods with Dani Levy New Classes Added -- Sign Up Now!

Class is held behind the Pavilion with spaced out hay bales and under lovely trees and nature during nice weather. We will move inside the Pavilion when it rains using safety protocols.

Ages 0-6 years

Pod I

Tuesdays, November 17 – December 22, 2020 -- \$90 for 6 week session
10:30am – 11:15am

Pod II

Tuesdays, December 1 – December 22, 2020 -- \$60 for 4 week session
11:30am – 12:15pm

[Sign Up Now!](#)



Flying Dutchman Gymnastics

Our beloved gymnastics program is back at the Pavilion!

[Please go to their website](#) to sign up for classes

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!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Parks & Recreation Meeting
November 9th - 7pm

Tree Committee Special Meeting
November 9th - 7pm

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

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

Over the next four months, the Climate Action Committee will host meetings to go through the different sections of the Climate Action 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 [CAC website](#). 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](#)

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.

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](#)

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: 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.

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