

# Fairfax Update

News From Around Town...



October 23, 2020

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## Power Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Event on October 25<sup>th</sup>

PG&E is currently monitoring the weather and reports there is a strong possibility that portions of Marin, including all or most of Fairfax, will be impacted by a Power Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event on October 25<sup>th</sup>. PG&E indicates the PSPS will occur as early as 6:00pm on Sunday with power restored Monday or as late as Tuesday morning. For more information, please go to:

<https://pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/updates/>

PG&E plans to update the information this evening. In the event of a PSPS, the Town will set up charging stations at Town Hall on Monday morning. PG&E will have locations of Community Resource Centers on its website.

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## 2020 ELECTION SPOTLIGHT

### Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Polling Place Days/Hours Extended!

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, all active registered voters were automatically sent a vote by mail ballot and the number of polling places was greatly reduced. Voting by mail protects you and the health of poll workers. If you must vote in person, go early to help reduce crowds and long lines. Masks and social distancing are required, along with other cleaning protocols which may also lead to longer wait times.

In Fairfax, the Women's Club at 46 Park Road will serve as the only Polling place. It will be open for 4 days for voting and for dropping

off voted ballots starting Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ) and Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. You may drop off your voted ballot at any polling place during the extended 4-day schedule. However, to help reduce crowds and long lines, you may prefer to hand-deliver your voted ballot to one of many ballot drop boxes located throughout Marin County. There is one in front of Fairfax Town Hall, 142 Bolinas Road!

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### **Special Town Council Meeting October 28th**

The following items were continued from the 10/21 Special Meeting:

1. Receive report on the Residential Rental Assistance Program.
2. Discuss/consider the concept of holding two regular Council meetings per month.
3. 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](http://www.townoffairfax.org) on Friday evening (10/23).

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### **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.



**Take Back Day**  
**Saturday, October 24th**  
**10am – 4pm**  
**Fairfax 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!](#)

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**Free Webinar: How Wildfires Burn in the WUI**  
**Tuesday, October 27 at 6pm**

Join Yana Valachovic (UC Cooperative Extension Forest Advisor) and Steve Quarles (UC Cooperative Extension Advisor Emeritus) discuss the influence of weather and topography on fire spread and how creating defensible space can protect your home. Together they will introduce home hardening, a topic more extensively covered in future FIRESafe MARIN webinars.

[Click here for information about joining the webinar.](#)

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**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 [Marin Center](#)

**[Halloween Fair Food Drive-Thru Spooktacular](#)**. 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



### County of Marin COVID-19 Updates

With its improving [COVID-19](#) figures, Marin County is in a position to further reopen local business industries no sooner than Tuesday, October 27, if local COVID-19 incidence remains steady or continues to decrease.

On October 22nd, Marin Public Health and Marin Office of Education held a panel discussion earlier today regarding the protocols and best practices for returning to on-site, in-classroom learning. The panel featured:

- Matt Willis (Public Health Officer)
- Lisa Santora (Deputy Public Health Officer)
- Mary Jane Burke (Marin County Superintendent of Schools)
- Itoco Garcia, Ed.D. (Superintendent, Sausalito Marin City School District)
- Chris Valdez (Principal, Marin Catholic)

**[Click here to watch the update.](#)**



For all the updates from Marin Health and Human services got to:  
<https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/updates>

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## 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 added another Music Pod with Dani on Tuesdays it started last week - one spot left!

[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!

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## 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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## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee Meeting**  
**October 26th -- 7pm**

**Tree Committee Meeting**  
**October 26th - 6:30pm**

**Volunteer Board Meeting**  
**October 26th -- 7pm**

**Open Space Committee Meeting**  
**October 27th -- 7pm**

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

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

**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.

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### **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](https://pge.com/mywildfirealerts).

[Read More about Watch & Warning Notifications](#)

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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)

### 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](mailto: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](http://MarinRecovers.com).

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