

Fairfax Update

News From Around Town...



October 9, 2020

Highlights from the October 7th Town Council Meeting

- Received a report on the Police Chief recruitment process and confirmed the Council will consider the appointment of Fairfax Lt. Tabaranza as the interim Police Chief in December. Chief Morin retires in mid-December and this will allow for more community input into the process for a permanent replacement.
- Authorized staff to move forward with removing 7 dead or dying trees in Bolinas and Peri Park. Every three (3) years the Town Arborist, Urban Forestry Associates (UFA), updates their assessment of trees on Town properties (exception: UFA assesses the trees in the Peri Park playground annually). Specifically, UFA updates a previous assessment (2014, 2017) of the trees in Fairfax Parkade, Bolinas Park, Peri Park, and Doc Edgar Park in Fairfax, California. The purpose of the inspection was to assess the health and structure of the subject trees and to provide pruning and removal recommendations for risk mitigation. The inspections occurred between January and February 2020. The Council requested UFA to meet with the Tree Committee to discuss their other tree removal (5 trees) recommendations.
- Received a report from Vice Mayor Ackerman and Councilmember Hellman on the status of selecting a facilitator for the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (RESJ). Vice

Mayor Ackerman and Councilmember Hellman recommended selecting Ms. Jimenez with OLAS Performance. The first meeting of the RESJ is Monday, October 26th at 7:00pm. [Click here for more info.](#)

For more details on these items [click here](#) and go to the October 7th Council meeting packet for the staff reports.

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 as soon as late next week. We are in the process of conducting safety inspections, doing some park clean-up, and having signs made with recommended safety guidelines. We plan to clean the Peri Park playground restroom once a day during the weekdays. There will be no cleaning service during the weekends.



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, October 24th
10am – 1pm

This important event addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.9 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

Fairfax Police Department will have a tent and drive-thru/drop off

location in front of Town Hall.

For more information visit: www.takebackday.dea.gov

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.

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**



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. [Click here.](#)

In the status update for October 6, 2020 Dr. Matt Willis provides an update of Marin COVID-19 activity in Marin County, including greater detail about the California Department of Public Health's new Health Equity Metric, the reopening of schools, and preparing for flu season coinciding with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Para leer esta página en español, desplácese hacia arriba y haga clic en el enlace que dice "Translate" (Traducir) y elija "Spanish" (español).

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

Many traditional holiday activities promote congregating and mixing of households, which increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19. For this reason, Marin County Public Health recommends that you choose a safer alternative way to celebrate Halloween and Día de los Muertos and strongly discourages trick-or-treating. It is important to plan early and identify safer options.

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

[Ideas for Safe Ways to](#)

2020 ELECTION SPOTLIGHT

Ballot Drop Boxes Now Open!

There is a ballot drop box in front of Town Hall, open 24/7. If you think it's too late to mail, or if you prefer to personally deliver your ballot, take your voted ballot to any ballot drop box by 8 pm, November 3 (when polls close). Don't forget to sign and date the return envelope!

A list of drop box locations and polling places where you may hand-deliver your voted ballot is in your Voter Information Guide, or on the [Elections Department's website](#).

Questions? Go to marinvotes.org or call (415) 473-6456

¡Las urnas de entrega de boletas ya están abiertas!

Hay una urna para depositar boletas frente al Ayuntamiento, abierta las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana. Si cree que es demasiado tarde para enviarlo por correo, o si prefiere entregar personalmente su boleta, lleve su boleta votada a cualquier urna antes de las 8 pm del 3 de noviembre (cuando cierren las urnas). ¡No olvide firmar y fechar el sobre de devolución!

Una lista de ubicaciones de buzones y lugares de votación donde puede entregar personalmente su boleta votada se encuentra en su Guía de información para el votante o en el sitio web del [Departamento de Elecciones](#).

Preguntas? Vaya a marinvotes.org o llame al (415) 473-6456

Fairfax Recreation

Career Reinvention in Uncertain Times

With Michelle Olsen

Friday, October 17 from 12-2pm

FREE

[Sign Up Now!](#)

This two-hour workshop will be an opportunity for you to take the big picture view of your life and spark inspiration in the direction of a career reinvention.

If you hear the calling or even the whispers of something new emerging for you and your career, then please join us.

We are excited to announce new and continuing programs--

Flying Dutchman Gymnastics

Our beloved gymnastics program is back at the Pavilion starting **Oct. 12th**

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

Music Pod with Dani Levy

Our music pod with Dani levy started today! We're so happy to get these littles singing & dancing. Please [email Anne](#) if you want to start another pod with Dani.

[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!

Fairfax Climate Action Plan Community Forums **Second Monday of each month, starting October 12, from 6:30-7:30**

We are beginning a series of Community Meetings to talk about our revised Climate Action Plan. We are aiming at taking our emissions to zero by 2030, in accordance with the Town's Climate Emergency Resolution.

We will Zoom together on the second Monday of each month, starting October 12, from 6:30-7:30. For our October meeting, we will talk about what a CAP is, and we will talk about our Greenhouse Gas Inventory. We will then talk about the Town's Climate Emergency Resolution, and how the CAC has been working to develop a strategy to get us to zero. Future sessions will focus on building energy, transportation emissions, waste emissions, water emissions, and miscellaneous emissions.

[Learn About the Forums & Take the Survey Here](#)

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.

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

Planning Commission Meeting
October 15th -- 7pm

Town Council Special Meeting
October 21st - 7pm

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

Fairfax Climate Action Plan Community Forum
October 12th -- 6:30pm

Fairfax Community Farmers Market
October 14th - LAST Market of the season!
Bolinas Park
4-8pm

Come enjoy the last Farmer's Market this season! What a wonderful season it has been - the safety measures in place to keep the farmers and the community safe have made it all possible.

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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 [Fairfax Volunteer Match program](#) and we contact you as the need arises.

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

[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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