

Fairfax Update

News From Around Town...



October 3, 2020

MHHS Guidance Outlines Safer Ways to Celebrate Halloween and Dia 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 Dia 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 Celebrate](#)

Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Business Citizen of the Year

We'd like to congratulate our Artist in Residence, Stephanie Mohan on her honor as 2020 Business Citizen of the Year Honoree for @Bank of Marin's Spirit of Marin Awards! As one of Fairfax's Artists in Residence and Owner of Creative Portraiture, Stephanie has contributed to the



Fairfax community in countless ways.

Stephanie Mohan has been a professional photographer since 1996 and has operated her portrait studio, Creative Portraiture, in the heart of downtown Fairfax for the last 20 years. In addition to her love of photographing Bay Area residents and families, both in the studio and on location, Stephanie is passionate about using her degree in photojournalism to cover social

justice events and protests.

Stephanie loves having her business in Fairfax and being part of a small town community. In addition to her work as a local photographer, Stephanie has also been appointed as one member of our Fairfax Artist in Residence Collaborative. Her first project as AIR was a coffee table book of portraits called "Faces of Fairfax" that has become a beloved photo album for the whole town. In addition, Stephanie co-produces the Fairfax Art Walk along with Georgia Gibbs and Susan Pascal Beran. Their collective dedication has brought more art to the Town of Fairfax. We also want to thank Stephanie for her work capturing our town classes and programs - her work has made our recreation catalog shine!

She has been a vital member of the community for many years, and in 2020, she single handedly put together an online auction that raised over \$3,500 for the Fairfax Business Relief Fund. She is a proud wife and mother and has many, many pets!

[Learn more about Stephanie's work here.](#)

[Learn more about the Artist in Residence program here.](#)

[See Other 2020 Spirit of Marin Honorees!](#)

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, 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 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.



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.](#)

The status update for October 2, 2020 includes tips for dealing with psychological trauma; updated COVID-19 Data; and updates on air quality, fire danger and high temperatures.

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

Fairfax Recreation

We are excited to announce a music offering for little ones --
STARTS NEXT WEEK!

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 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!

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](#)

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

The Fairfax Climate Action Committee is currently working hard on our Climate Action Plan. A Climate Action Plan is a comprehensive roadmap that outlines the specific activities that an agency will undertake to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Climate action plans build upon the information gathered by greenhouse gas inventories and generally focus on those activities that can achieve the relatively greatest emission reductions in the most cost effective manner. We are aiming at taking our emissions to zero by 2030, in accordance with the Town's Climate Emergency Resolution.

We are beginning a series of Community Meetings to talk about how we can do this. 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.

The air around is thick with smoke from fires caused by Climate Change. The problem is not going to get better unless we do something. This is our chance to make a difference. Please help us find our way forward.

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

Voter Information Guide for Marin County

The Guide has been sent to every voter. It includes information about candidates and ballot measures along with how to get translated information, where you can hand deliver your vote by mail ballot, accessible voting options, and other voter instructions. Look for it in your mailbox!

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

¡Aviso de correo sobre la elección!

¡Su Guía de información para el votante del condado de Marin llegará pronto! Incluye información sobre los candidatos y las medidas en la balota, junto con instrucciones sobre cómo obtener información traducida, dónde puede entregar personalmente su balota de votación por correo, opciones de votación accesibles y otras instrucciones para los votantes.

¿Tiene preguntas? Visite marinvotes.org o llame al (415) 473-6456

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Tree Committee Meeting

October 5th -- 7pm

Town Council Meeting

October 7th -- 7pm

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

Fairfax Community Farmers Market

Every Wednesday - Thru October 14th

Bolinas Park

4-8pm

Come enjoy the last few weeks of the Farmer's Market this season ends October 14th! 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.

[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 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**](http://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**](http://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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