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Fairfax Update

News from around Town...



December 2016

NEW MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR

At their December 7th meeting, the Town Council selected Vice-Mayor John Reed as the new Mayor and Councilmember Peter Lacques as the new Vice-Mayor. The appointments last for one year.

COMMUNITY PANEL FOR THE PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTOR POSITION

The Town Council is accepting applications from residents or business owners to participate in the selection process for the next Planning and Building Services Director. At its January or February 2017 meeting, the Council will randomly draw two names from the pool of applicants to participate on a community panel along with Councilmembers Coler and Goddard. This community panel will participate in the initial interview of candidates for the vacant

Upcoming Events

December 23-Jan3
Town Hall Closed

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Artist in Residence



Director position. Applications are available at www.townoffairfax.org and are due January 17th. Please note that applications require three letters of support from local residents or businesses.

FLOOD SIREN

On Thursday, December 15th, the Town sounded its flood siren. While the Fairfax Creek was at critical level, the siren was sounded as part of a cooperative effort with the Towns of Ross and San Anselmo. We all agreed that if one Town sounds its siren, we all would. The creeks in Ross and San Anselmo were very close to reaching the flood stage.

In Fairfax, we sound the siren twice with a pause inbetween. Naturally, police dispatch becomes swamped with calls for information. We would advise residents to listen for calls from the automated phone system and check Nextdoor for posts regarding updates on the storm and creek levels. Residents may also check the creek gauge at www.rossvalleyfire.org or the Town creek cam at www.townoffairfax.org.

HELP REDUCE HOLIDAY WASTE IN FAIRFAX!

Zero Waste Marin and the Town of Fairfax want to pass along a few tips to help Fairfax residents and businesses reduce waste during the holiday season. We can work together to keep Fairfax beautiful and thriving.

- **Give Your Holiday Leftovers New Life**
Turn any holiday leftovers into breakfast or lunch the following day. Any remaining food scraps, like your turkey, chicken and fish bones, eggshells, coffee grounds, vegetable peels, tea bags and used paper napkins, can be tossed into your green compost cart. Check Marin Sanitary's website at MarinSanitaryService.com for more information about what goes into

each cart and SavetheFood.com for more tips on food waste prevention.

- **Use Alternatives to Wrapping Paper**
There are many ways to creatively wrap gifts without buying shiny, foil-based wrapping paper. Create a gift basket, wrap gifts in old newspaper comics or unused maps and tie off with a bright ribbon or twine. Package gifts in reusable gift bags to give two gifts in one!
- **Properly Dispose of Used Wrapping Paper** - Recycle paper-based wrapping paper in the blue side of your recycling cart. Shiny, foil-based wrapping paper cannot be recycled and must be placed in the landfill cart. Never burn your wrapping paper - ink on the paper can release toxic fumes when burned.
- **Give an Experience** - Reduce overall waste this season by giving an experience that doesn't come in a package, like tickets to a show, a relaxing spa treatment, or a gift certificate to a local restaurant.
- **Give Gifts a Second Life** - Shop for unique, high-quality gifts at one of Fairfax's two thrift stores and reduce waste created by producing new goods.
- **Send an e-Card** - Save paper and postage this year by sending your season's greetings electronically. If you do send a paper card, make sure that your card is recyclable.

Zero Waste Marin works with cities and towns like Fairfax throughout Marin County to educate residents about reducing the amount of waste that goes into our local landfills. For more information, visit ZeroWasteMarin.org.

[AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT](#)

At its December 15th meeting, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider the 54-unit affordable senior housing project at 2626 Sir Francis Drake. The project proponent is Resources for Community

Development (RCD), a non-profit affordable housing developer based in Berkeley. All the units are income-restricted to low and very low senior households, with the exception of the manager's unit.

The Planning Commission, after hearing public comment and discussing the project at length, continued the matter to its January 19th meeting and directed staff report back on a variety of issues.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

If you would like to see the staff report for any of the following items, please go to www.townoffairfax.org and under the "Government" tab select "Town Council", then select "Meeting Archive" and select the corresponding Council agenda packet.

December 7th

- Appointed Stephanie Mohan as the Town's new Artist-in-Residence for a two-year term.
- Extended an agreement for four years to provide dispatch services to the Town of Ross's Police Department
- Discussed the Marin County Open Space proposal to construct two bridges in the Elliott Nature Preserve within the Cascade Canyon Open Space Preserve and continued the discussion to the Council's January 18th meeting.
- Authorized the Town to move forward with refinancing certain Town of Fairfax CalPERS retirement obligations which will save Town upwards of \$1,000,000 over a 20-year period.
- Approved replacement of the water fountain in front of Town Hall.

- Received report from the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) withdrawing Peri Park as a location for a bicycle pump track and exploring other locations in Town.
- Adopted new California Building and Fire Codes.
- Conducted a public hearing and continued the matter to the Council's January 18, 2017 meeting regarding the conditions of approval for a Use Permit to allow live music performances outdoors on a covered patio and in the rear yard area of Peri's Bar, 29 Broadway.
- Approved the methodology for a Traffic Impact Study for a 10-lot residential subdivision of the property known as the "Wall Property". This action is not a project approval, but only allows the owner to conduct a traffic study for the proposed project. No project application has been submitted at this time.

December 12th

- Approved an agreement with Coastland Engineering for services to design Tamalpais Road and Mountain View Road in an amount not to exceed \$24,100
- Received report on the Planning Commission's meeting to discuss additional issues identified by the Town Council regarding the draft ordinance rezoning CH (Highway Commercial) parcels to CC (Central Commercial) and requested staff to schedule a joint special Council/Planning Commission meeting to further discuss.
- Received report on the Town Center Workshop #2 and directed staff to develop schematic concepts for the Parkade and to further explore circulation options for the Elsie-Bank and Sir Francis Drake-Claus intersections.

- The Council indicated it wanted to consider the development of local regulations to address the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act" (AUMA) which governs nonmedical marijuana (i.e., businesses and cultivation).

Town Hall is closed from December 23rd to January 3, 2017. Town Hall will reopen to the public on January 4, 2017.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

