



San Anselmo News

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Weather Forecast

The weather forecast is for a significant series of storms to move into our area beginning on Sunday, January 17, and continuing through the following week. The storms have the potential to bring substantial rainfall, perhaps as much as 6 inches over the next week. Sand and sand bags are available on Sunny Hills Drive adjacent to the tennis courts for San Anselmo residents and merchants. Please stay tuned to local media for further updates.

Flood Gates

The weather has been relatively mild so far this winter, but the potential for flooding is still real. Business owners and tenants are encouraged to “flood proof” their businesses. It is a relatively simple matter to construct flood gates in preparation for high water. It can be as simple as a plywood sheet with some type of gasket around the edges that you can secure to the building to seal the entrance.

Don't forget to:

- Make sure the walkway below the panel is smooth so the gasket makes a seal.
- Make a panel for all entrances (front, back or side doors!)
- Seal all penetrations through the walls and floors below the anticipated flood level. (vents, pipes)
- Mark in big letters which door the panel fits and which side is designed to face which way.
- Make sure all hardware or tools needed to install the panels are readily available. Hang them in a bag attached to the panel.
- Make sure everyone understands how to install them.

When flood gates need to be installed, it may not be during the best of conditions. It may be in the middle of the night, it probably will be raining, and there may be no power. Those that have panels already made should pull them out ahead of time and refresh your memory on how they should be installed.

Go to the town web site (www.townofsananselmo.org/building) for a sample design. Drop in at Town Hall and talk to the Building Official, Keith Angerman, if you have any questions.

Town Council meeting notes

At the meeting of Tuesday, January 12 the Council took the following actions:

- Received a report regarding the Building and Energy Retrofit and Solar Transformation (BERST) effort. This is a countywide effort aimed at creating a model green building ordinance for the cities and counties to consider for adoption.
- Received a report from the Ross Valley Sanitary District as part of their community outreach efforts. The RVSD representative talked about the mission of the district and the work for which they are responsible.

- Conducted a public hearing and adopted a resolution determining the existence of a public nuisance and ordering that the property owner of 122 Sycamore Ave. abate the public nuisance existing at the property and reimburse the town for its costs and fees. This means that the property owner must move forward within an approved schedule to have the house demolished.
- Adopted the resolution approving the refunding of the Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) Bonds. The authority needs the approval of its member agencies in order to refund the bonds at a lower interest rate. This will result in \$1.3 million in additional revenue for the authority, funds that are needed for system improvements. The refunding will not increase the amount of the debt nor will it extend the repayment time period.

Ross Valley Artist Show

The San Anselmo Arts Commission and the Ross Valley Winery are cosponsoring an art show exclusively featuring Ross Valley artists. The show opened this week and runs through April 14th. The seventeen Ross Valley artists selected to participate include Annie Bates-Winship, Stephanie Blythe, Nancy Cichetti, Marc Demian, Barbara Dwyer, Michael Feldman, Kathy Johnson, Barbara Lawrence, Kevin Lozaw, Jane McPherson, Nancy Nichols, Kate Pepper, Alex Sarkisian, Ruth Schafran, Noel Stubblefield, June Yokell and Marty Zwick.

The Winery is located at 343 San Anselmo Avenue, and is open from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. All of the art pieces on display are available for purchase.

Flood Mitigation League Meeting

The Flood Mitigation League of the Ross Valley will hold a public meeting on Thursday, January 21 from 7:30 to 9 PM at St. Anselm's school. The meeting will be held in the Molinari Room, 40 Belle Ave., San Anselmo.

Jack Curley, Flood Zone 9 Capital Planning and Project Manager, will give a slide presentation about the planning for flood mitigation and a timeline for the projects. He will also take questions from the audience. This is an opportunity for those who missed the last Flood Zone 9 update to hear it, as well as to catch up on flood planning news. Sandra Guldman from Friends of Corte Madera Creek will also talk about the environmental considerations and creek conditions.

Police News

The Twin Cities Police Department will be temporarily relocating its dispatchers to the San Anselmo Police Department on January 19, 2010. Twin Cities Dispatch will work out of our state of the art dispatch center while the new Twin Cities police station is built. The new Twin Cities station will be ready for occupancy in June of 2012. There will be no change in the level of service from either organization to its citizens.

Citizens of San Anselmo will continue to have access to the San Anselmo Police front counter from 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week for normal business. Access to the Police Lobby will continue to be available 7pm to 7am by contacting the on-duty San Anselmo dispatcher with the phone outside the lobby door.

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