



## San Anselmo News

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### Library Advisory Board

There is currently one seat available on the Library Advisory Board. The Board is charged with considering, proposing and recommending guidelines with respect to programs and facilities to meet the library needs of the community, in conjunction with the Town Librarian. The Board consists of seven members and meets on the third Thursday of every other month at 4:30 p.m. in the Library.

For more information, contact Jeannie Courteau at 258-4616 or [jcourteau@ci.san-anselmo.ca.us](mailto:jcourteau@ci.san-anselmo.ca.us).

### Book Babies

The Library's popular Book Babies program will continue throughout the summer. The program will be held in the Town Hall Council Chambers, on the following dates:

- Monday, June 29, 10 a.m.
- Monday, July 6, 10 a.m.
- Monday, July 13, 10 a.m.
- Monday, July 20, 10 a.m.
- Monday, July 27, 10 a.m.
- Monday, August 3, 10 a.m.
- Monday, August 10, 10 a.m.

Library Director Sara Loyster puts a lot of energy and love into the Book Babies events. She tells me that the Council Chambers is filled to capacity with parents and babies enjoying stories and songs. From the amount of stroller parking outside during Book Babies, it looks like the stories are very popular!

### Art & Wine Festival

The annual Art & Wine Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28. The Friends of the Library will hold their monthly book sale on Saturday, June 27 during the Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 258-4656 more information.

There will be no Library sale on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Lower San Anselmo Avenue pothole repair

San Anselmo Avenue between Ross and Bolinas Avenues will be getting some major pothole repair work done next week. The intent is to hold the street over until MMWD can replace the old cast iron water pipeline, currently scheduled for next year. Following replacement of the pipe, this section of street will be paved.

## Tips on saving lighting energy

“*Western City*,” a magazine published by the League of California Cities, has an article this month on how community members can save energy by making changes to home lighting. The following list of improvements was provided to the League by the California Lighting Technology Center. Some of these retrofits involve electrical work and may require a qualified electrician. But many of them involve simple replacements that anyone can do.

- Use compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs – often referred to as the curly bulbs) to replace regular incandescent lamps.
- Install occupancy sensors for the bathroom, laundry room and bedrooms. When there is no one in the room, the light will go off.
- Replace halogen torchieres (bulbs in floor lamps) with CFLs. Torchiere bulbs are considered dangerous **and** inefficient.
- Install dedicated CFL downlights (lights that dim). A typical downlight uses a third of the energy consumed by incandescent bulbs and will last three or four times longer.
- Optimize daylight with tubular skylights. A 12-inch diameter tubular skylight will provide adequate illumination for approximately a 100- to 150-square foot space.
- Use LED holiday lights for the interior and exterior. They come in a variety of colors and use less than 25 percent of the energy consumed by older style incandescent lamps.
- Change porch lights to CFLs. Porch lights are typically left on for long hours and use incandescent lamps. Another option is to replace the fixture with a new one that has an occupancy sensor.
- Replace T12 with T8 fluorescent lamps. This retrofit requires a new electronic ballast and involves some wiring work. The T12 lamps are inefficient have relatively poor color rendering. The T8 lamps will increase efficiency as well as color quality within the space.
- Install dimmer switches. For applications where CFLs do not work well, such as chandeliers, wall sconces and hanging pendants, consider replacing light switches with high quality electronic dimmers.
- Use occupancy sensor plug strips. A variety of plug strips that are controlled by a simple occupancy sensor are available in the marketplace. These plug strips automatically turn off any electrical appliance that is plugged into them after a preset period of time.

The entire article can be found at <http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?zone=wcm&previewStory=27747>

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