



## San Anselmo News

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# Shop San Anselmo

San Anselmo's commercial business community includes San Anselmo Avenue, Red Hill Shopping Center, the Greenfield merchants, the antique dealers along Sir Francis Drake Blvd., and other small commercial pockets along Drake and Center Blvds.

Our businesses are feeling the devastating effects of the prolonged economic recession that continues to linger. The holiday season is a make or break time for small businesses and they need the support of each and every one of us. Empty storefronts spell disaster for San Anselmo's economy, but we can all help tremendously by supporting our very own San Anselmo businesses.

The San Anselmo Town Council has a deep commitment to the San Anselmo community, reflected in the work of the Economic Development Subcommittee, formerly Ford Greene and Peter Breen, and most recently, Kay Coleman and Jeff Kroot. Working with the five business associations, this group will continue to work diligently to encourage our residents to shop locally and keep our wonderful business community vibrant and alive.

Please do **Shop San Anselmo** and support our local businesses.

## Refuse Collection Rates

San Anselmo's refuse collection rates are scheduled to go up 18% effective January 1, 2010. This significant increase is necessary because our refuse rates have not been covering the cost of providing the service, according to an independent rate review.

In addition to the 18% rate increase, you may be affected by some service and rate structure changes that were necessary to keep our overall rate increase as low as possible. For example, if you live on a street that is narrow or winding and must be serviced by a small truck, your rate will reflect a small truck fee of an additional \$2.32 per month.

Customers who do not currently bring their refuse carts to the curb will see additional charges to reflect the cost of that special service. For each 50 feet of distance from the curb, customers will pay a monthly distance fee of \$6.25. The distance charge can be avoided by bringing refuse carts to the curb.

Marin Sanitary will be notifying customers who are effected by the distance and small truck charges by letter within the next week. If you have questions about your service, please call Marin Sanitary's Customer Service Department at 456-2601.

The Town's Franchise Agreement with Marin Sanitary can be found on the Town's website at <http://www.townofsananselmo.org/administration/files/2010franchiseagreeMSS.pdf>.

## Dual Sort Carts

The long-awaited dual sort carts for recycling are scheduled to begin arriving in San Anselmo the first week of January.

All Marin Sanitary residential customers in San Anselmo will receive a 64 gallon dual sort cart, with a blue side for paper products and a brown side for all other recyclable materials. The dual sort carts make it easier to recycle, and eliminate the need for buckets and paper bags. The carts also eliminate the need for multiple trips to the curb.

If you do not wish to receive the dual sort cart, just let your refuse collector know. The carts are not mandatory, but there is no rate reduction provided for if you choose not to participate.

## Marin Clean Energy

The Town Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the Town's participation in the Marin Clean Energy program on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

## Upcoming Town Council Meetings

The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Scheduled to be discussed are the following topics:

- Award the pedestrian crossing improvement project, located at Saunders and Madrone Avenues on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. This project is funded by the federal Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program grant.
- Receive a presentation regarding the Countywide Green Building and Energy Retrofit and Solar Transformation (Green BERST) effort. This group has been working on a green building program.
- Receive a presentation from the Ross Valley Sanitary District on the district's operations.
- Conduct a public nuisance hearing on the dilapidated structure located at 122 Sycamore.
- Consider new dates for the Art & Wine Festival, July 17 and 18 requested by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Consider approval of the refunding the Marin Emergency Radio Authority (MERA) bonds in order to achieve debt service savings.

## Town Hall Holiday Hours

Town offices and the library will be closed for the holidays from Thursday, December 24, 2009 through Friday, January 1, 2010. Employees will be taking vacation days and other paid time off in addition to the regular holidays. While Town offices are closed for the holiday week, the Police and Fire Department are on duty and in touch with me and other department heads to ensure a quick and thorough response to any issue that may arise.

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