



San Anselmo News

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Looking back at 2009

January:

More than 75 people filled the Town Council Chambers to share in the inauguration ceremony and festivities on the big screen. It was an opportunity to share the historic moment with fellow San Anselmo residents. Many participants commented on how meaningful it was to enjoy the event in a community setting.

February:

The new Tunstead bridge and walkway was dedicated to Supervisor Hal Brown, for his two decades of support to the Town of San Anselmo. The dedication was a surprise for Supervisor Brown. His contributions to San Anselmo include participation in the Millennium Playground, Red Hill Community Park, Downtown Beautification, assistance after the 12/31/05 flood, the Ross Valley Watershed effort and scholarships for Recreation Department program participants.

March:

The Elders Garden held their regular work party, sprucing up the garden located next to the Millennium Playground. The Library "Book Babies" series began, offering stories and songs for toddlers. The Friends of the Library held their monthly Book Sale, offering bargains on kids books, cookbooks, novels and more.

April:

The Town celebrated the grand reopening of the Red Hill Community Park, a joint effort of the Tamalpais and Ross Valley School Districts and the Town. In addition, Spruce Up Day was a big success with 55 volunteers coming out to work at the Isabel Cook Community Center, Robson Harrington House, Town Hall, the median across from the post office and at Creek Park. Volunteers armed with weed whackers, brooms, rakes, clippers and shovels did a phenomenal job of sprucing up San Anselmo.

May:

The Red Hill Dog Park reopened for business, giving dogs and their owners a place to congregate and let dogs run off leash.

June:

The Farm Stand opened for the season on the Town Hall lawn, offering fresh, organic produce for sale. The Art & Wine Festival, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was held on San Anselmo Avenue.

July:

A second Spruce Up Day and Creek Cleanup was held. The Friends of the Corte Madera Creek spearheaded the effort at Creek Park to remove non-native vegetation, like blackberry bushes, in the creek. Volunteers at Town Hall and the Library did weeding and spread mulch.

August:

The Music in the Park series, sponsored by the Arts Commission, continued to entertain folks in Creek Park on Sunday afternoons. The popular Film Night in the Park continued its summer schedule of movie screenings.

September:

As the back to school effort went into full swing, the Street Smarts program began in San Anselmo, reminding drivers, bicyclist and pedestrians to help keep our streets safe by observing safe practices. Signs went up around San Anselmo reminding us all to help keep our streets safe.

October:

Country Fair Day returned to San Anselmo with a parade, local booths, music and games for kids. It was truly a small town, community day. Later in the month, San Anselmo Avenue was alive with mini ghosts and goblins in the Recreation Department's Goblin Parade.

November:

With the results of the election tallied, the Town welcomed newly elected Councilmembers Kay Coleman, Jeff Kroot and Tom McInerney and bid farewell to outgoing Councilmembers Judy House and Ted Freeman and Mayor Peter Breen. The formal swearing in ceremony was held in early December.

December:

The holiday season was ushered in with the annual Chamber Holiday Lighting Ceremony. Santa rode in on an antique fire engine, thrilling the children. The event featured pictures with Santa, holiday music by the Marin Girls Chorus, hot drinks from the Salvation Army Canteen and treats for all. The annual Breakfast with Santa was held at the Log Cabin. The Police and Fire Departments' collected new, unwrapped toys for kids. The Downtown SA Merchants Association held the Holiday Open House, encouraging shoppers to enjoy an evening of San Anselmo shopping with treats provided.

A last look back: Former Mayor Peter Breen, when he became the Town's mayor for 2009, said that he wanted 2009 to be a year of community, a time when people appreciate the values and benefits of living in a small town. It was, indeed, a year when we celebrated the joy of living in San Anselmo.

Happy New Year to all!

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