



San Anselmo News

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Joint Town Council/Planning Commission Workshop

On Monday, April 12, 2010, at 7 pm in the Town Council Chambers, the Town Council and Planning Commission will hold a special joint workshop. The group will discuss the Town's Preliminary Draft Housing Element (more on this below), the Green Building ordinance and other items of mutual interest.

The public is invited to attend.

Housing Element

State law requires each city and county to adopt a comprehensive, long term, general plan to guide its future. The general plan, which is essentially the constitution or blueprint for development within a community, must contain at least seven elements including a housing element.

A housing element provides an analysis of the community's housing needs for all income levels, and strategies to respond to those needs. Unlike other mandatory general plan elements, the housing element is subject to detailed statutory requirements and mandatory review by the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

The purpose of the Council/Commission workshop is to present an overview of the Preliminary Draft Housing Element and background on State law requirements and to review the Planning Commission's recommendation to the Council. The public is invited to attend and provide comment.

Following the workshop, the Town Council will hold a public hearing to consider the Preliminary Draft Housing Element and come to tentative agreement on its contents. At the close of the public hearing, the Council could direct Staff and the Housing Consultant to prepare a Draft Housing Element to be sent to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their review and comment.

HCD's comments will subsequently be forwarded to the Planning Commission and Town Council for consideration at future public hearings, prior to adoption of the Housing Element. Following adoption of the Housing Element as part of the Town of San Anselmo General Plan, the Housing Element will be returned to HCD for certification.

Green Waste

Beginning January 1, 2010, the Town began a new contract with Marin Sanitary Service for refuse and recycling services. The new contract enacted a number of services changes, including instituting distance and small truck charges and changes to the green waste collection schedule.

These changes were necessary because our refuse rates had not been covering the cost of providing the service, according to an independent rate review.

In order to keep the rate increase as low as possible, the new contract calls for green waste to be picked up every other week, instead of every week. Statistics from Marin Sanitary show that the per capita volume of green waste collected is the same whether pickup is weekly or bi-weekly.

If San Anselmo were to have retained every week green waste pickup, the January 1, 2010 rate increase of 18% would have had to be increased by another 8% to account for that cost.

Every other week, San Anselmo customers can put out the large green cart, plus five additional 32-gallon cans of green waste. For an extra dollar a month, Marin Sanitary will bring a second large green cart to your home.

Marin Sanitary is working on a green waste calendar for their website, so customers can more easily identify which week is the green waste pickup. For more information now on the green waste pickup day in your neighborhood, please call Marin Sanitary at 456-2601.

Summer Hire Needed

The Town is now accepting employment applications for a summer part time public works maintenance worker. Typical duties assigned to this position include general landscape and park grounds maintenance. The position has a 36 hour work week Monday through Thursday with every Friday off. The position is hourly with no benefits and the length of employment will be between May 1 to September 1, 2010.

The Town will be accepting employment applications until 4 PM, April 14, 2010. All applicants must use the Town standard employment application form that can be obtained from the Town's website at <http://www.townofsananselmo.org/hr/files/eeapplic10-29-09.pdf> or available in the Town offices, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. An offer of employment will be contingent upon successfully passing a fingerprint live scan.

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Fire Forum

On Saturday, May 22, 2010, members of the Ross Valley Fire Department will be presenting a “Fire Forum” for the residents of San Anselmo and Sleepy Hollow. It will be held at the Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse, 1317 Butterfield Road, beginning at 10 a.m.

The featured presenter will be Ray Moritz, Arborist/Fire Ecologist and Urban Forester. He has over 30 years of experience in park and urban forest restoration and management. He has a degree in forestry, with honors, from the University of Minnesota. He has worked as a consulting forester and urban forester.

The purpose of the forum is to provide residents with the opportunity to learn, and ask questions about various fire-related topics. A few of the topics that will be discussed include: The Wildland Urban Interface; Creating Defensible Space; Fire Code Requirements; Residential Fire Sprinklers; and a Chipper Day.

Residents are encouraged to attend this informative session. A second session will be held in San Anselmo this summer. Watch the newsletter for more details.

If you have any questions, please contact Ross Valley Fire Department at 258-4686.

Sand Bags

With the winter season receding, the Town’s Public Works crew is picking up sand bags. They will take them back to the Corporation Yard so we can reuse the sand. If you have bags you want to get rid of, just leave the bags in front of 635 San Anselmo Avenue, by the bike racks, and the crew will pick them up.

Ross Valley Seniors

The Ross Valley Seniors is an opportunity for seniors to meet new people and enjoy lunch and activities together. The group is jointly sponsored and supported by the Towns of Fairfax and San Anselmo. First time guests are welcome to attend a meeting for \$5 or seniors may join the RVS for only \$20 per year or \$7 per meeting for drop in.

Ross Valley Seniors meets on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 11 a.m. for social time, games, walks, etc. Lunch starts at 12 noon and the program for the day begins at 12:45 p.m. The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

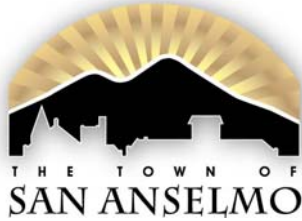
Date	Location	Activities (12:45 p.m. start unless otherwise noted)
May 6, 2010	Whistlestop 930 Tamalpais Ave. SR	Orientation to Whistlestop programs and services, lunch in the Jackson Café and computer/internet basics class after lunch.
June 3, 2010	Fairfax Women's Club 46 Park Road, FX	Author Jonlene Babyak will discuss "Breaking the Rock" (about the 1962 escape attempt on Alcatraz), <i>Birdman</i> , <i>The Many Faces of Robert Stroud</i> , and <i>Alcatraz Most Wanted</i> books and her experiences while living on Alcatraz.
July 1, 2010	Bennett House 53 Taylor Dr., FX	Gardening topics: Composting and saving rain water, presented by Sustainable Fairfax.
Aug. 5, 2010	Fairfax Women's Club 46 Park Road, FX	Local historian John Martini will present " <i>San Francisco Invites the World, 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition</i> ," a history about Treasure Island.
Sept. 2, 2010	Memorial Park and Log Cabin, 120 Veteran's Place, SA	BBQ Lunch and Town Manager Debbie Stutsman on <i>State of San Anselmo</i> , followed by current events "Team Trivia."
Oct. 7, 2010	Fairfax Women's Club 46 Park Road, FX	Health topics for successful aging, a forum of speakers and information tables.
Nov. 4, 2010	Fairfax Women's Club 46 Park Road, FX	Historical movie: " <i>A Man Named Douglas</i> ," outlines life in California and film history of Leon Douglass, co-found of Victrola and developer of Technicolor.
Dec. 2, 2010	Fairfax Women's Club 46 Park Road, FX	Ross Valley Seniors Holiday Party Gift wrapping for Love is the Answer (LITA)

The Ross Valley Seniors Steering Committee/Board Meeting is the third Monday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at the Bennett House, 53 Taylor Drive in Fairfax. This group plans RVS events and activities. All interested community members and seniors are welcome.

Elders' Garden

The next Elders' Garden work party is scheduled for Saturday, April 17th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This will be the big work party of the year to spread mulch. Meet at the garden, located adjacent to the Millennium Playground at Memorial Park.

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Earth Day

Earth Day Marin 2010 will be celebrated at the College of Marin, Kentfield Campus, on Saturday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be entertainment, speakers, films and more. Go to www.earthdaymarin.org for more information.

Springtime Tea

The Downtown San Anselmo Merchants Association is sponsoring a Springtime Tea as a fundraiser for the downtown holiday lighting fund.

The Springtime Tea will be held on Saturday, May 8, at the San Anselmo Inn from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$25 per adult, \$11 for youth 16 and under. Reservations are advised. For more information or reservations, call 455-5366.

History of Rock and Roll in Marin

The San Anselmo Historical Society will present the *History of Rock and Roll in Marin* on Thursday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Marin County has always been a hotbed for popular culture and music. Supporting music industries blossomed, including poster artists and music merchandising, sound technology, and independent recording studios. Monica Burrowes, Public Programs Coordinator and Assistant Curator for the Marin History Museum's *Marin Rocks* exhibition, will review the evolution of Marin's Rock & Roll scene, from the big band swing at Larkspur's Rosebowl to San Anselmo's own rock venue, The Lion's Share.

Refreshments will be served following the program. Suggested donation \$5.00.

Joint Meeting of Town Council and Planning Commission

The Planning Commission and Town Council had two major discussion items on the joint meeting agenda on Monday, April 12.

The group reviewed the work that has been done to update the Town's Housing Element, which was last approved by the State in 2005. The Housing Element is intended to facilitate planning for

sustainable and affordable housing for all members of the community. Work has been ongoing on the element update since 2008, through six meetings of the Housing Element Subcommittee, in addition to a workshop and two public hearings at the Planning Commission.

The next step in the process is for the Council to accept the draft Housing Element and direct staff to forward it to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for review and comment. The Town Council is scheduled to discuss the draft Housing Element next month.

The group also discussed the draft Green Building ordinance on which the Planning Commission has been working. The ordinance would require that commercial and residential construction meet certain guidelines for green building and energy efficiency retrofitting. Discussion centered around the various green building requirements and the possible requirement for a GreenPoint Rater to verify that the work was completed as planned. The Planning Commission will hear this issue again at their meeting of Monday, May 3, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Town Council meeting notes:

At the meeting of Tuesday, April 13, the Town Council took the following actions:

- Interviewed Bob Lewis, Dave Souten, David Kallmeyer, Marty Zwick, Ross Asselstine and Sam Wilson for two vacant seats on the Flood Committee. The Council will make the appointments on Tuesday, April 27.
- Presented the Quality of Life Silver Award to Royce Truex and Jo Gross for their hard work in coordinating the winter homeless shelter at First Presbyterian Church. Congratulations on a fine job.
- Proclaimed April 2010 Fair Housing Month, April 11-17 Library Week and April 18-24 Volunteer Week.
- Reappointed Dan Goltz to the Board of Review, the appointed Board that hears and decides personnel grievances and appeals.
- Approved the proposed Underground Utility District to underground utility wires in the Red Hill median between the San Rafael city limit and Sequoia Drive.
- Agreed to participate as a customer in the Marin Clean Energy light green program.
- Approved the appointment procedure for standby Councilmembers to serve in the event of an emergency or disaster.

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Upcoming San Anselmo Public Works Projects

The following construction projects are planned to be done in San Anselmo over the next several months:

- Construction on San Anselmo Avenue between Ross and Bolinas Avenues began on Monday, April 19. We will be repaving San Anselmo Avenue and a small portion of Ross Avenue. The initial work will be installing ADA compliant curb ramps at each intersection and performing storm drain repairs on Mariposa Avenue. The actual paving work will take place the last week of April, depending on the weather.
- Street paving work on Medway and Maple Lane is scheduled to take place beginning in June. The work will also include installation of ADA compliant curb ramps and limited replacement of curb and gutter to improve drainage.
- Street paving work on streets in the Saunders neighborhood is scheduled to take place this summer, paid for in part by the State of California's Proposition 1B, Proposition 42, and County Measure A grants funds. Streets to be paved include:
 - Alder Ave. / from south of Yolanda to Yolanda
 - Berlin Ave. / from Saunders to Brennfleck
 - Brennfleck Ave. / from Berlin to Karl
 - Karl Ave. / from Saunders to End
 - Park Dr. / from Saunders to south of Tamal
 - Tamal Ave. / from Park to Sir Francis Drake
 - Taylor St. /from Saunders to Park
 - Yolanda Ave. / from Alder to Alder
- Pedestrian warning systems at the unsignalized intersections of Saunders and Madrone Avenues at Sir Francis Drake Blvd. will be installed beginning in June. This project is funded through the federal Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Project.
- Drainage work and installation of pedestrian crosswalks with ADA compliant curb ramps will be done at the intersection of Scenic Avenue / San Anselmo Avenue. The project is currently being advertised for construction bids with work scheduled to begin in late June directly after PG&E completes their underground utility repairs at this same location.
- Drainage work and road repairs are currently underway on Rivera Street.
- A sidewalk will be constructed on the west side Butterfield Road between Woodside Drive and Carlson Avenue, thanks to a Safe Paths to Schools grant through the Transportation Authority of Marin. Construction is planned to take place in the summer.
- Sidewalks will be constructed around Wade Thomas School and in the immediate vicinity, thanks to a Safe Routes to Schools grant. The work will take place during the summer months when school is out, depending on the timing of State approvals.

- At the hub, the traffic signal controller shed at Creek Park will be rebuilt, as it is currently in a state of ill-repair. This project will be paid for by State Parks grant funding and is scheduled to begin construction in July.
- The Town Hall Tower Rehabilitation Project design is currently underway. The project will be ready to advertise for construction bids by the first week in June pending construction funding authorization.
- Replacement of approximately 67 existing street lights with new more energy efficient induction lighting technology. The Project is being funded by a federal stimulus grant.
- The Town's Pavement Management Plan will be updated this summer/fall thanks to a grant received by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

We are undertaking an unusually large amount of projects this summer, due to the availability of grant funding and the time restraints on that funding. We are planning carefully to minimize disruption as much as possible. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call me or Steve Myrter, Public Works Director, at 258-4623.

Town of Ross Construction Projects

Three infrastructure improvement projects on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Ross are scheduled to begin soon. All three projects will likely result in traffic impacts for their duration. Please allow extra travel time in the coming months and consider using alternate routes.

Sir Francis Drake Blvd Projects

- **Pipeline: April 26 – June 15.** MMWD will be installing 2700 feet of pipe on Sir Francis Drake (SFD) Boulevard between Winship Avenue and Lagunitas Road. Work hours are 8 am-6:30 pm weekdays. Two lanes will be open at all times.
- **Sidewalks: July 1 – August 15.** The Town of Ross will be installing sidewalks on SFD Blvd between Bolinas Avenue and Kentfield.
- **Road resurfacing: August 15 – August 31.** The Town of Ross will be repaving SFD Blvd between Bolinas Avenue and Kentfield.

Lagunitas Road Project

The Town of Ross has an additional project scheduled this year. The town is replacing the Lagunitas Road Bridge between June 15 and October 31.

Additional Information

Detailed information about all the projects, including the work schedules and status updates, will be available online: www.townofross.org (all projects) or www.marinwater.org (pipeline only). MMWD's project hotline phone number is 945-1541. If you have any questions about MMWD's project, please contact Dick Paulson at dpaulson@marinwater.org or 945-1569. For questions about the Town of Ross projects contact Mel Jarjoura at mjarjoura@townofross.org or 453-1453, ext. 119.

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Town Council Meeting Notes

At the meeting of Tuesday, April 27, the Town Council took the following actions:

- Approved the Revenue and Expenditure reports for the period ending March 31, 2010.
- Continued the appointment of new members of the Flood Committee to the next meeting.
- Approved the project and authorized advertising for bids for the Saunders Neighborhood Street Rehabilitation Project.
- Approved a resolution opposing Proposition 16 on the June 8 ballot, which requires a 2/3 vote requirement for public electricity providers.
- Continued to the meeting of Tuesday, May 11, the appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of the project at 360 Redwood Road.

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Farm Stand

The Farm Stand, sponsored by the Quality of Life Commission, will be back on the Town Hall lawn beginning Friday, May 14. Hours of operation will be 11 a.m. to dusk. The Farm Stand sells organic, farm fresh seasonal produce.

Summer is Coming!

Summer in San Anselmo means a host of downtown events. Mark your calendars for :

- San Anselmo Salutes the Beatles – Saturday, July 10, 2010 at Creek Park – 7 p.m. Visit www.sananselmoarts.com for more information.
- San Anselmo Art & Wine Festival – Saturday & Sunday, July 17 and 18, 2010 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit www.sananselmochamber.org for more information.
- Film Night in the Park – Selected Friday & Saturday nights starting May 21 and going through September. Visit www.filmnight.org for more information.
- Music in the Park – Five Sundays, July 25 to August 22, 2010 – 1 to 4 p.m. Visit www.sananselmoarts.com for more information.

Country Fair Day

San Anselmo's Country Fair Day returns on Sunday, September 26, 2010. This popular community festival showcases our Town with a parade, children's activities and street booths populated with San Anselmo-based schools, community groups, artisans and shopkeepers. This is a collaborative event produced each year by community volunteers and can only sustain itself if people get involved. There are MANY ways to get involved. Please contact David Donery at the Recreation Department at 258-4640 for more information.

Volunteers Needed

Quality of Life – The Quality of Life Commission was established to promote sustainability by defining opportunities for sustainable practices in San Anselmo, to ensure a high quality of life for San Anselmo residents. The Commission consists of seven members and meets regularly on the third Monday in Town Hall conference room. There are three seats available.

Board of Review – The Board of Review is the Town's Personnel Commission. The Board hears grievances and appeals from disciplinary actions. It also hears citizen complaints against employees in an advisory capacity. The Board does not hold regular meetings, but rather meets as needed to hear particular appeals or grievances. There is one seat available.

For more information or an application, go to <http://www.townofsananselmo.org/committees/index.htm> or contact Jeannie Courteau at jcourteau@ci.san-anselmo.ca.us or 258-4691.

John Wright Field

The public is cordially invited to the Red Hill Community Park for the dedication of the John Wright Field, honoring Tamalpais Board Trustee John Wright for his hard work over a span of many years to renovate the field. The dedication will take place on Saturday, May 8, at 10 a.m. at the field.

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