



## San Anselmo News

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### Shared Dispatch Services

The public is invited to attend a community meeting to provide input on the possibility of shared dispatch and records services between the towns of Fairfax and San Anselmo.

The two Town Councils held joint meetings in the spring of 2007 to determine if there were services that could be shared to reduce expenses and/or improve services. A Joint Shared Services Subcommittee was created, composed of two Councilmembers from each Town, to study the issues further.

The subcommittee has agreed to hire an outside consultant to conduct a study on potential cost savings and/or benefits of combining the two Police dispatch/records units into one that would serve both towns. The consulting firm of Lewis-McCrary Partners has been hired to conduct this study.

An important part of the study is a community meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to collect facts from community stakeholders regarding potential concerns. The community meeting is scheduled early in the study so that stakeholder issues can help guide the process. The meeting will be moderated by Michael McCrary of Lewis-McCrary Partners.

The community meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Isabel Cook Community Center, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in the Vista Room** (located toward the rear of the parking lot).

### Music in the Park

The San Anselmo Arts Commission is bringing music, family fun and the summer spirit to San Anselmo once again this summer. The series of free concerts in Creek Park will feature some of the most talented bands and musicians of the area.

This year's bands include: Beat Meters, Blue Bossa, Drake Jazz Quintet, Humanities, Learning Curve, Lynn Bobby, Revolvers, Ross Valley Roots and Sweetie Pie & the Dough Boys, to name just a few.

Music in the Park will be every Sunday from July 20<sup>th</sup> through August 24<sup>th</sup>. All concerts will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We hope to see you there!

## **Community Fair Day**

This year the Town's traditional Community Fair Day will be held in downtown San Anselmo on Sunday, October 5. The day's events will feature a pancake breakfast hosted by Ross Valley firefighters, great music, a parade, food provided by our own San Anselmo restaurants and booths sponsored by San Anselmo merchants. It will be an all-local day and a chance to celebrate the spirit of San Anselmo with friends and neighbors.

A community-based committee is forming to work on the event. Volunteers are needed to help with all phases of this special day. If you'd like to help us, please contact Andrea Torrey at 258-4680.

## **Volunteer Thank You's**

In recognition of Volunteer Appreciation Week, sincere thanks go to our many dedicated town volunteers. On a regular basis these volunteers serve on boards, commissions and committees, mend books, raise funds, coach teams, answer phones and just do what needs to be done to keep the wheels of government moving. These volunteers give the valuable gift of their time to make San Anselmo a truly special place to live and work. To each and every person who has made a commitment of time to the town, your gift is truly appreciated.

Thanks go also to some enterprising people in San Anselmo who have found their volunteer niche in other ways.

Frank Ortiz, member of the Measure G Monitoring Committee, has adopted the corner of Pine Street and San Anselmo Avenue. Frank keeps the area swept, free of trash and clean. His continuing efforts are much appreciated.

Marilyn Girodo cares for the roses in the planter outside the Town Hall building. Marilyn quietly prunes, fertilizes and cares for the roses and the results of her work are an amazing array of flowers. Her work on the roses is a gift of love!

Posard Broek + Associates has recently adopted a portion of the planting strip on Pine Street, outside the Pine Street Parking lot. The weeds have been removed and they are preparing to plant the area with drought resistant plants very soon.

Not to be outdone, Councilmembers Breen and Greene have contributed volunteer cleanup time themselves recently. Councilmember Breen weed whacked the Butterfield and Suffield medians and Councilmember Greene cleaned the creek at San Anselmo Avenue and Bridge St., where the steelhead salmon are swimming.

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### Memorial Park Work Party

Many, many thanks to the members of the San Anselmo Baseball Association for their hard work on Saturday, May 3, in Memorial Park.

Scott Weeks, Mark Machado, Kurt Ryan, Marcus Yamane, Steve Reinertsen, Rich Freidman and Randy Teppen spent the whole day in the park, doing a host of landscape and maintenance work. This multi-talented group of people used their many skills to make an incredible difference in the park, particularly along the western edge of the park that backs up to San Francisco Blvd.

Thanks also to Sr. Maintenance Worker Rick Franco who coordinated the work party and took the time to speak with all the neighbors about the project.

Their work resulted in 80 yards of garden debris, enough to fill four huge dumpsters! Sincere thanks to each and every one of you for the gift of your time and energy.

### Cherry Tree Spraying

As you may know, the cherry trees on San Anselmo are unfortunately infested with an insect called “scales.” The trees were treated once for the scales in late April, but another treatment was required to completely rid the trees of the pest.

The Town’s policy for pest management requires that we post the application of any pest control substance 24 hours in advance. The notification of the second treatment was posted on Thursday, May 8 and it was done on Friday, May 9.

Sunnyside Nursery advises that the treatment for scales is a non-toxic oil spray called paraffinic oil. The oil coats the tree and smothers the scale. The spray is non-toxic.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Supervisor at 258-4601.

### Last Call for Sandbag Pickup

One dumpster remains on San Anselmo Avenue for any remaining sandbags. The dumpster is located at 305 San Anselmo Avenue (the U. S. Bank building). It will be picked up on May 15. Thank you to everybody who brought their sandbags to the dumpsters so promptly. The cleanup was very successful and Town staff appreciates your cooperation.

Thanks also to Marin Sanitary Service for providing the dumpsters!

## **MMWD Project on San Anselmo Avenue**

The Marin Municipal Water District is listening to the community and adjusting the schedule of the downtown water main replacement project in order to address concerns. After consulting with San Anselmo residents, merchants, and Town officials, MMWD has decided to postpone until 2009 the downtown San Anselmo pipeline replacement project.

The San Anselmo Avenue pipeline replacement project (between Ross and San Rafael Avenues) was originally scheduled for night construction this June and July. The construction dates for 2009 will be determined early in the new calendar year. Delaying the project will give MMWD additional time to notify those who live and work in the downtown area about the project, its impacts, and the mitigation measures we can take to minimize the impacts.

MMWD still plans to move ahead with a separate San Anselmo pipeline replacement project also scheduled for summer 2008. This project involves pipelines on Nokomis, Madrone, and Sycamore Avenues. Construction there will occur on weekdays during normal business hours (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) from mid-June until the end of August. To ensure the safety of the public and the workers, each street will be closed to traffic when work is being done on that street. We will post signs regarding road closures and detours during the construction period.

During non-work hours all streets will be completely open with a temporary pavement on the surface. Both the contractor and MMWD will make every effort to minimize traffic disruptions during construction and to ensure public health and safety. MMWD will provide more details about the construction schedule, work staging, traffic, and parking impacts as we approach the start date. At the end of each work day the contractor will leave the road fully accessible.

MMWD will provide regular construction updates on our website, [www.marinwater.org](http://www.marinwater.org).

## **Bike To Work Day**

Thursday, May 15, is Bike to Work Day, the Bay Area's 14th annual celebration promoting bicycling for health, fun and transportation.

In San Anselmo, Bike to Work Day energizer stations will be located at Coffee Roasters, 635 San Anselmo Avenue from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and Sir Francis Drake High School, 1327 Sir Francis Drake Blvd from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The Marin County Bicycle Coalition has several ways to get people in Marin excited about riding their bikes and to inform riders about bicycling's benefits for personal health, traffic reduction, and our environment. Check out their website at <http://www.marinbike.org/Events/BTWD/2008/Index.shtml>

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### Merchants Association Meeting

The Town's Economic Development Subcommittee (Ford Greene and Peter Breen) recently met with representatives of Town's business associations. The intent of the meeting was to explore ways to work together to enhance the business community. Included on the agenda were the following items:

- MMWD water main replacement project, scheduled for June – August 2008, with work on San Anselmo Avenue between San Rafael and Ross Avenues to be conducted at night. Work on parts of Madrone, Sycamore and Nokomis will be done during the day.
- Greenfield Undergrounding project, tentatively scheduled for July and August, 2008, with work to be done during the day.
- Country Fair Day, scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2008. This year's event will be a grassroots, community-sponsored day, with a pancake breakfast and local merchants showcasing their merchandise on San Anselmo Avenue. Music, entertainment, games and activities for kids and a parade are on the agenda for the day.
- Downtown Workshop results were presented, which indicate that the community likes the look of the current downtown as it is, and any new development should complement the downtown business area and be in conformance with current zoning laws.
- Economic vitality of the San Anselmo business community is critical to the well-being of the town. Discussion on this topic included parking issues, particularly employee parking and parking meters, a business-friendly Town permit process, and traffic and parking issues in the Red Hill Shopping Center. A volunteer program to adopt areas of town needing attention was proposed by Ford Greene, who also noted that a signature event in San Anselmo would enhance the visibility of San Anselmo.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, May 15, at 8:45 a.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. The first item on the agenda will be to solicit ideas about how to promote the San Anselmo business community.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Traffic Safety

Traffic safety is very important to all of us. Recently there have been a number of traffic accidents on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. between the high school and the Fairfax border. The speed limit on this congested and narrow section of road is 30 miles per hour. In the next month, the

Police Department will be providing enhanced traffic enforcement in this part of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in an attempt to increase safety for the adjacent residences and drivers alike.

Please drive safely and obey the speed limit.

## **Community Meeting**

The Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) and the Town of San Anselmo are jointly sponsoring a community meeting on Monday, April 28, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the MMWD water main replacement project that will take place during June, July and August. Work in the downtown is scheduled to be done at night to avoid closing San Anselmo Avenue and minimize disruption to the business community.

Representatives of MMWD, as well as Public Works Director Rabi Elias, will be on hand to provide the details of the project and answer questions. The public is encouraged to attend.

## **Refuse & Recycling Contract Subcommittee**

At the meeting of March 25, the Town Council appointed Ford Greene and Barbara Thornton to serve on a Refuse & Recycling Contract Subcommittee. The Council also directed staff to solicit applications from members of the community who would be interested in serving with Councilmembers Greene and Thornton on this committee.

The charge of the Subcommittee is to review the terms of the Town's current refuse and recycling contract, make requests for additional information from Marin Sanitary Service, review the information received and make recommendations to the Town's negotiating team regarding a new contract with Marin Sanitary.

If you would like to be considered for one of the two community seats on the Refuse & Recycling Contract, please call Joanne Kessel at 258-4626 or go to [www.townofsananselmo.org](http://www.townofsananselmo.org) for the application. Completed applications may be faxed to 459-2477, emailed to [jkessel@ci.san-anselmo.ca.us](mailto:jkessel@ci.san-anselmo.ca.us), or mailed to Town Hall at 525 San Anselmo Avenue.

More information, including the current contract with Marin Sanitary Service, is available on the Town's website at <http://www.townofsananselmo.org/meetings/k2.pdf>

Applications should be received in the Town Hall offices by Wednesday, May 7, 2008. Applicants will be interviewed by the Town Council on Tuesday, May 13, between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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April 25, 2008

### Town Council Meeting Notes

At the meeting of Tuesday, April 22, the Town Council took the following actions:

- Presented the Quality of Life Green Award to Architect Dan Goltz for his design contributions to the San Anselmo downtown, including Creek Park and the bus depot.
- Recognized San Anselmo business named in the Pacific Sun's Best of Marin, which include Marin Coffee Roasters, Insalata's, Perry's Art Supplies, Easy Street Café, Pet Cottage, Seawood Photo, Green Fusion, Dove Place Antiques & Consignment and the Great Acorn.
- Approved the downtown event applications for the following events:
  - Antique Dealers Association Antique Fair – Sunday, May 18, 2008
  - San Anselmo Chamber of Commerce Art & Wine Festival, Saturday and Sunday, June 28 & 29, 2008
  - 2008 Film Night in the Park Schedule, Summer, 2008
  - Downtown San Anselmo Merchants Association Car Show – Sunday, August 17, 2008
- Appointed Joan Vermond to the Historical Commission.
- Awarded a three-year contract for Town auditing services to Odenberg Ulakko and Muranishi & Co. LLP (OUM).
- Appointed a subcommittee of Councilmembers Ford Greene and Judy House to work with interested community members on the Floor Area Ratio/Lot Coverage issue in an effort to find a compromise ordinance that works for the community.
- Approved a street maintenance plan for fiscal years 2008-09 and 2009-10, including resurfacing and slurry seal projects.
- Awarded a contract to Maggiora Ghilotti in the amount of \$40,806 to do pavement patching work on Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
- Approved the request of the Red Hill Community Park JPA to waive additional planning fees incurred due to the expiration of the February 2006 approval for the park.

- Continued the introduction of the ordinance increasing Councilmember compensation to \$300 per month from the current \$99 per month.
- Appointed Peter Breen the Town's representation to the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and Barbara Thornton, alternate.

## **Safe Baby Haven**

The Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows a parent to surrender their baby confidentially, without fear of arrest or prosecution for abandonment.

This law allows parents to give up their baby confidentially. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, parents may give up their newborn without fear of arrest or prosecution. A parent can bring the baby anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so long as the baby is given to someone who works at the fire station or hospital.

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for an infant can legally, confidentially and safely surrender their baby within 3 days of birth. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any designated fire station or emergency room.

All Ross Valley fire personnel have been trained on this law and our three fire stations in the Ross Valley Fire Department have been designated as Safe Baby Havens. They are:

777 San Anselmo Avenue, San Anselmo  
150 Butterfield Road, San Anselmo  
10 Park Rd., Fairfax

## **Reminder - Refuse & Recycling Contract Subcommittee**

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