



San Anselmo News

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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.

Creative Volunteer Opportunity

For someone looking for a long-term, highly creative and satisfying volunteer opportunity, the Friends of the San Anselmo Library are looking for a new **Book Sale Coordinator**. The Friends hold Book Sales on the first Saturday of each month and it is the job of the **Book Sale Coordinator** to organize a team of volunteers to run the monthly sales and to prepare and organize donated books before each sale. It's a great job for someone with lots of energy and ideas and, of course, a love of books! For more information, call the Library at 258-4656 or Linda Hoch at 456-2904.

Donated Books Needed

The Friends of the San Anselmo Library are seeking gently used (clean and bright!) used books to sell at their monthly book sales. These sales, which benefit the Library, happen on the first Saturday of each month. Start your spring cleaning by donating books you no longer need. Make room on your shelf for new titles and help the Library buy more books! For more information, call the Library at 258-4656 or Linda Hoch at 456-2904.

More Library News

The San Anselmo Library invites you to a reading with Caldecott Award winning author Peggy Rathmann, making a special appearance to support our library. The reading will take place on Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Peggy is the author of Ten Minutes Till Bedtime, Goodnight Gorilla, Officer Buckle & Gloria, and other beloved children's books. Call 258-4656 for more information.

13th Annual Relay of Local Heroes

The Ross Valley Fire Department is participating in a relay benefit for burn survivors on Friday, May 14, 2010.

North Bay fire departments and members of other emergency response agencies will roar through Marin County on Friday, May 14 for the 13th Annual North Bay Firefighter Burn Relay, a benefit for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.

The relay starts in Sonoma County at about 7:45am and will make its way through San Anselmo, with a stop at the Ross Valley Fire Department, Headquarters Station, 777 San Anselmo Ave., at around 2:30pm. It will announce its arrival with lights and sirens. They will be at Station 19 for about 15 minutes, to give time for the Ross Valley Firefighters Club to make its annual donation to this worthwhile cause.

Residents are invited to come out and support this cause and see a large variety of fire apparatus from around Marin and Sonoma Counties. The firefighters will also be available to collect donations from the public to help support the foundation.

The Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of burn survivors and promoting burn prevention education in the community. For more information, please visit www.aarbf.org or call 1-800-755-2876.

Flood Horn

Recently when testing the Town's emergency horn, a few people have been caught off guard and startled by the loud blast. Unfortunately, the horn needs to be tested once a week to ensure its performance during an actual emergency.

The emergency horn was placed in the downtown by design as it needs to be heard by as many people as possible who live and work in San Anselmo.

To ensure that the Town's Flood Horn will always be ready to send out a warning when needed, it will be tested by a short blast of the horn one time each Friday at approximately 12:00 noon.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

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Dipsea Centennial

In celebration of the Dipsea Centennial, the 1980s movie “On the Edge” will be screened, outdoors, in San Anselmo’s downtown Creek Park the evening of Saturday, May 29.

The movie, based on the Dipsea Race, was filmed in Marin. It stars Bruce Dern, plus hundreds of Marin runners. The evening opens at 8 p.m. with short talks by Dipsea legends, followed by the inspirational film “Survival Run,” showing the blind Harry Cordellos running the race.

Bring a blanket and enjoy a special night. The cost is \$8, with all proceeds to the San Anselmo Public Library.

CPR Classes

The Ross Valley Fire Department is offering CPR classes to interested members of the public. The course is entitled “HeartSaver CPR” and is sponsored by the American Heart Association.

Students will learn how to perform CPR and relieve airway obstructions or choking in adults, children and infants. The class is geared for non-health care professionals who want to be ready in case of an emergency.

All classes begin at 9:00 a.m. and last for approximately 5 hours. Classes are held at the Ross Valley Fire Department, Fairfax Station located at 10 Park Road, Fairfax. The cost is \$25 and students should sign up in person at the Headquarters Fire Station, 777 San Anselmo Avenue, San Anselmo, prior to the date of the class.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sorry, no phone registrations can be accepted. After successful completion of the class, students will receive a CPR card.

The 2010 CPR Class Schedule is:

- Saturday, June 5
- Sunday, August 8
- Saturday, October 16
- Saturday, December 4

For more information go to <http://www.rossvalleyfire.org/Home/community-education-1/>.

CERT Classes

CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) training will help you protect yourself, your family and your community.

Covered in the classes are Light Search and Rescue, Disaster First Aid, Fire Prevention/Suppression and more. A manual and a backpack are all included for the \$35 signup fee. To sign up, call 927-5077.

Training dates are:

- July 8, 10 and 17
- October 14, 16 and 23

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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.

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Building Permits

The Planning and Building Department is often asked when a building permit is required and when it is not required. According to California construction codes, a permit is required for all construction and demolition that is not listed in the following section:

- One-story detached accessory buildings used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet. (A building permit and planning review is required if the structure exceeds 120 square feet and/or 8 feet in height (to the top of the roof) and/or if the lot coverage exceeds 35%.)
- A fence 6 feet or less in height that is on the side or rear yard of the house. (Fences or structures that exceed 3' in height and are within 20' of the front property line require a fence permit from the Public Works Department.)
- Retaining walls supporting only level dirt and not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall.
- Painting, papering and similar finish work unless it is part of a project that requires a permit.
- A window awning supported by an exterior wall of a single-family residence or garage that does not project more than 54 inches.
- Stopping of leaks or clearing of stoppages in plumbing drain pipes, water pipes, or fixtures as long as valves, pipes, or fixtures are not replaced. Valves, pipes, and/or fixtures may be removed and reinstalled but not replaced without a permit.
- Replacement of electrical receptacles, switches, circuit breakers, or fixtures as long as no wiring is changed or moved.
- Movable cases, counters, and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches high in a commercial building.

Picnics on the Plaza

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Saturday, July 24	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
Friday, July 30	Fantastic Mr. Fox
Saturday, July 31	Jaws
Friday, August 13	The Worlds Fastest Indian
Saturday, August 14	Mamma Mia
Friday, August 20	Hitchcock's Notorious
Saturday, August 21	Coraline
Friday, September 3	16 Candles
Saturday, September 4	Up
Sunday, September 5	Avatar
Saturday, September 18	Special Screening

Showtime is at 8:00 p.m. and Creek Park is located on the 400 block of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Donations are appreciated. Film Night in the Park is a project of A.P.P.L.E. Family Works.

Budget Study Session

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