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Fairfax Update

News from around Town...



December 2017

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Please note Town Hall is closed from December 22nd thru January 2, 2018. Town Hall will reopen to the public on January 3, 2018.

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR FOR 2018

At its December regular meeting, the Fairfax Town Council declared the results of the November 2017 election. Incumbents John Reed and Barbara Coler were re-elected, and former planning commissioner Bruce Ackerman was elected to his first term. The term of office for each is three years, to expire in December 2020. The Council bade a fond farewell to former Councilmember David Weinsoff, who did not seek a fourth term.

Each December, the Town Council selects a new mayor and vice mayor, rotating the positions every year among the Councilmembers. For 2018, the Council selected Peter Lacques as Mayor, and Barbara Coler as Vice Mayor, each for a one-year term.

5% DISCOUNT ON FLOOD INSURANCE

Good News! Fairfax now participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The Town has achieved CRS Class rating of 9 which qualifies for a 5% discount on flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed after October 1, 2017. It was a two year process to achieve this rating.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

Upcoming Events

Dec 22nd thru Jan 2
Town Hall closed

January 3rd
Town Hall Reopens

Pavilion Plagroup
Ages 0-5 years

Wed, Thur & Fri
9:30am -12:30pm

Closed:
Dec. 27, 28, 29
OPEN:
Jan. 3, 4, 5

Age Friendly Fairfax Forum
Fairfax Library
Fourth Friday 1pm

January 26 -
"Stretching Your Dollars for Financial Stability"

Quick Links

The Planning Commission currently has one vacancy, due to the resignation of Commissioner Bruce Ackerman who became the Town's newest Councilmember. The deadline to apply is Monday, January 29, 2018, with a tentatively scheduled special Council meeting to conduct interviews in the hour preceding the Council's regular meeting on February 7, 2018. [Click here for an application.](#)



HOW DO YOU THINK THE TOWN SHOULD REGULATE RECREATIONAL (NON-MEDICAL) CANNABIS USES?

You're invited to participate in a survey on that topic, as well as read what other residents are saying, on our on-line Community Forum (run by Peak Democracy), where you can express your opinion for decision-makers to read. The deadline to participate in the survey is January 2, 2018. To go to the forum, [please click here.](#)

COMMERCIAL CANNABIS MORATORIUM

The Town Council recently adopted a temporary moratorium on all commercial, non-medical and medical marijuana activities other than what is listed in the Town Code. The moratorium temporarily prohibits any and all commercial cannabis uses (with specified exceptions) from being established, operated, or expanded in Fairfax. This prohibition includes all cannabis uses falling into the five primary State licensing categories: retail (including recreational cannabis delivery), manufacturing, cultivation, distribution, and testing.

The moratorium is in effect until November 1, 2018. The moratorium allows the Council and Planning Commission time to consider community input (take the survey above) on the issues before developing regulations.

WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION

Find out what the experts know about the best way to make your home and neighborhood safer from wildfire. From the basics of defensible space, landscaping techniques, and fire resistant construction, to preparing for evacuation, FIREsafe MARIN offers tips, tools and teachings you can use! [Please click here to see the info.](#)

At the November 1st Council meeting, the Ross Valley Fire Department and FIRE Safe MARIN made a presentation on Fire Safety and Prevention in Fairfax. You can see the video of the presentation by [clicking here](#) (approx. 35 minutes into the meeting).

AMENDMENTS TO SMOKING ORDINANCE

At its December meeting, the Town Council adopted revisions to the Town Code consistent with recent changes to State law and to create a better smoke-free environment for residents through several amendments which include:

1. Prohibiting smoking in unenclosed (outdoor) service areas;
2. Adding a Town tobacco retailer licensing requirement for local retailers

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3. Banning the sampling of tobacco products;
4. Banning pharmacies from selling tobacco products;
5. Prohibiting flavored tobacco products except for tobacco or menthol;
6. Establishing a minimum pack size for cigars.

Retailers will have until January 1, 2019 to comply with the amendments.

BANNING ORGANICS FROM LANDFILL CONTAINERS

At its December meeting, the Town Council adopted an ordinance banning residents from placing organics (food waste) in their landfill containers. Recently, Marin Sanitary Service (MSS) delivered small compost pails for kitchen use along with associated educational materials to single family residential customers in Town to complement this ordinance.

UPDATE ON THE "WALL" PROPERTY

Applications have been submitted for the Marinda Heights project on the 100-acre property referred to as the "Wall property" (Marinda Oaks neighborhood). At this time, the application has been deemed incomplete which will require the applicant to resubmit revised materials or submit additional information. The Town is working to develop a webpage for this project which will allow residents to access all the application materials. We plan to have page available on the Town website in January 2018.

LED RETROFIT OF STREETLIGHTS

The PG&E contractor has begun retrofitting all the cobrahead street lights (approx. 408) in Town with new LED fixtures in December. The LED lights have a color temperature (CCT) of 3000k and produce the same amount of

lumens as the existing streetlights, but save the Town on annual energy and maintenance costs.

STATUS OF ROAD REPAIR

Repair of 300 Tamalpais Rd. (approximate location)

The work has been completed and the road reopened to residents. Tamalpais Road was closed at this location last February due to the winter storm damage. The total cost of the repair including design is approximately \$225,000, which will be reimbursed by FEMA.

Repair of 92 Madrone Rd. (approx. location)

In February, severe rainfalls caused portions of the roadway located near 92 Madrone Road to become unstable and collapse. Madrone Road in that location has been limited to light vehicle traffic. The repair work has started on the \$120,000 construction project. We anticipate the work being completed in December. The cost will be reimbursed by FEMA.

Repair of 345 Forrest Ave (approx. location)

Forrest Avenue has been closed in this location since February due to winter storm damage. The contractor has started work on the \$290,000 construction project and anticipates completing the project in December.

REPAVING SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BETWEEN MARIN RD. & OAK MANOR DR.

At its December meeting, the Council approved the repair of selected areas on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. The proposed scope of work will "dig out" the worst portions of the pavement (e.g. pot holes, severe cracking) and repave that portion of the road. The work will be on Sir Francis Drake between Marin Road and Oak Manor Drive including the intersection. The project entails repaving approximately 3,200 sq. ft. of roadway which requires traffic control for two days (1 day in each direction). We anticipate the contractor will complete the work in December.

REPLACED LIGHTED CROSSWALK SYSTEM ON SIR FRANCIS DRAKE

At its November meeting, the Council authorized the replacement of the lighted crosswalk system at the Sir Francis Drake and Oak Tree Lane intersection. A new, more effective rectangular rapid flashing beacon system (RRFB,) similar to the ones installed on Center and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, has been installed at the Sir Francis Drake and Oak Tree Lane intersection.



