



THE MORNING AFTER

Highlights from the
Ross Town Council Meeting
of October 8, 2012

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Measure D - Q & A

Ross residents were asked to submit any questions they had on Measure D slated for the upcoming November election. Resident Nancy Wayne Holter asked the Council if there was a campaign effort underway. Council Member Carla Small responded that there is a citizen campaign committee in place for yes on Measure D. The campaign committee is working diligently to contact all registered voters by phone or a knock on the door. The committee is coordinating with the Ross Property Owners Association in regard to the mailers, which have been printed, in addition to their flyer. She added that those who go to the polls will hopefully be well informed. Town Manager Rob Braulik contacted the Registrar of Voters Office to confirm the voting polling place which will be in the Green Room at the Ross School

Gym. The polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Council Member Small indicated that the lack of parking was an issue from the last election and she has asked the police department to set aside a few parking spaces for the voters.

Town Manager Rob Braulik noted that Measure D is critical to maintaining police services. If Measure D does not pass, the Town Council will be asked by staff to look at alternative service options since the Town will not have available revenues.

Ms. Holter asked the Council how many residents turned out for the last election. Council Member Small noted that 55% of registered voters voted in the last election and 53% voted on the measure. For a typical presidential election the Town of

Ross has a 90% voting rate, which occurred with the last two presidential elections. She noted that there are currently 1,623 registered voters in Ross. She further indicated that in terms of younger or older voters, it is a broad spectrum of voters from young to old.

Mayor Russell believed this is the single most important election in Ross ever. The Town of Ross will have a fundamentally different police department if this measure does not pass. Anyone with questions or interested in additional information should contact Council Member Small who is leading the campaign effort.

The election is November 6th; if you are not registered to vote, you can still do so until October 22nd.

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Marin Art & Garden Center Report by Diane Doodha



The Marin Art and Garden Center continues to work on financial stability for 2012 while planning for fiscal sustainability in 2013 and beyond. We are pleased that our program partners and user groups have rallied together to support the center. 2013 will be the year in which we ask the

community to join us as we "Remember the MAGiC" of the past 67 years. Our Annual Appeal will go out next week and we hope everyone will participate.

We have several exciting events coming up in October and November. Highlights include:

Friday, Oct 12 from 6-9p.m. is Marin Society of Artists 85th Anniversary Celebration and Exhibit

Oct 12-14 Ross Valley Player's critically acclaimed "Lend Me A Tenor" is in the Barn Theater

Oct 19-21 RVP Alternative Realities

Oct 21 Marin Master Gardeners Sugiyama Memorial Garden dedication

Nov 10 Marin Bonsai Club Fall Show

Nov 11 Ross Historical Society flag dedication in honor of American War Veterans

Dec 8 Pixie Park Bake Sale and Garden Society of Marin Green Sale

Please check our Website for details at www.MAGC.org.

 **DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 22**

GO TO
<http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/RV/Main/RegisterVote/registervote.html>

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The Mayor's Report



Rupert Russell
Mayor

First, I would like to congratulate our community for having donated so far over \$50,000 to the Town this fiscal year, to help make up the shortfall from the loss of the Town's municipal tax following the June ballot. Having a public spirited citizenry who care about the Town is one attribute that distinguishes this Town. We are enormously grateful to those who have donated so far. These donations do make a difference, they are sadly far from enough to bridge the gap (we are still almost \$590,000 short of receipts from last year's tax), but they really help. Please keep your donations coming. Even if the tax measure passes in November, it will not affect us for another year, so we do really need these donations. We are careful stewards of your dollars and we will make every dollar count that is received.

Next, I would like to give a big thank you to Liz Welsh who pulled off a miracle, without any

money from the Town, she put together and held a wonderful Ross Town Picnic in our downtown. This was a special event that was blessed with good weather and a strong turnout, but was brought about through a huge and dedicated effort on the part of Liz Welsh and also those kind folks who gave to support holding the event this year. We do not live in Ross just because of the great physical attributes of our Town, such as our newly built school or our beautiful Commons, but a critical part of our joy in living here is the closeness and warmth of our community. I am sure that all those who attended the Ross Town Picnic went home feeling like their decision to live in Ross, or to continue living in Ross, is justified. There is no dollar value that you can put on this but it is real, heartfelt and tangible. Again thank you so much Liz Welsh for maintaining our spirit and insuring that a Town Picnic could still be held, in spite of the Town's current economic distress.

Finally, on the subject of the Picnic we also must thank and show warm appreciation to our dedicated Town Staff. On the Saturday morning after the Ross Town Picnic Rob Brulik (our Town Manager), Bob Hemati (our Public Works Director), and Robert Maccario (our Public Works Superintendent) came from their homes (and Rob, for instance, lives in Benicia) to our Town and cleaned up whatever remained from the mess from the night before, not only in the street, but across Ross Commons and on the School stage. Rob, Bob and Robert all went above and beyond. I am sure that no one meant to leave any mess behind, but it happens, and, if it was not for Rob, Bob and Robert, the Town would not have returned to its normal condition. Thank you, Rob, Bob and Robert.

2013 Council Meeting Dates Approved



The Council approved the following dates for the regular Council meetings in 2013, and agreed that no Council meeting will be held in August 2013. All regular meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 10, 2013

Thursday, February 14, 2013

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Thursday, October 10, 2013

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Thursday, December 12, 2013



Elise Semonian
Senior Planner

Planning Application Scoreboard

The Town Council took the following action on planning applications considered at last night's Council meeting. For more information on each planning application, visit www.townofross.org/pages/town_council/staff_reports.html. The minutes of this meeting will be available on the website at www.townofross.org after approval at the November Council meeting.

Address	Applicant	Council Action	Vote (for/against/abstain)
84 Glenwood Avenue	George Sandison	Approved	5-0-0
16 Canyon Road	Peter & Amanda Mortimer	Approved, impervious surfaces required to be reduced	5-0-0
16 Walters Road	Jason & Elizabeth Misner	Approved	5-0-0
2 Upper Road West	Jeff & Kim Qvale	Approved, private road to be restored to existing condition after project	5-0-0
6 Hill Road	River & Keri Cohen	Approved	5-0-0
90 Sir Francis Drake Blvd	Michael Board	Approved	3-0-2 (Russell, Brekhus recused)
7 Woodhaven Road	Shyla & Doug Hendrickson	Approved	5-0-0
Southwest Corner of Ross Common	Town of Ross	Continued to November meeting	
53 Poplar Avenue	Pete & Molly Woodring	Approved with additional landscaping	5-0-0

ARE YOU PREPARED? 2012 CERT CLASSES STILL AVAILABLE

October 13-14 - Mill Valley

November 3-4 - Kentfield

To enroll, go to <http://www.marincountycert.org/cert-training-schedule>

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



What's Next...

- Bolinas Avenue Neighborhood Committee will meet Monday, October 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.
- Advisory Design Review Group meets Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- October 31, 2012 Shady Lane road closure for Halloween 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from Norwood Avenue to Fernhill.
- Election Day is November 6, 2012. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at the Ross School, Green Room.
- The next regular Town Council meeting is Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Agendas and staff reports are posted in advance of the meeting on the Town's website at www.townofross.org. All meetings are held at Town Hall unless indicated otherwise. You may email Council members by accessing the website at www.townofross.org/pages/contact/email_council.html.

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