

THE MORNING AFTER

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Mayor's Corner



Beach Kuhl
Mayor

August is usually a slow month in Ross, with many families grabbing a last few days of vacation before school starts again (August 22) and indeed the streets don't seem very busy. But actually, there's

quite a bit going on. A sewer district contractor is finishing up replacement of large sewer pipes on Lagunitas Road near Ross school. Similar replacements on Shady Lane and Bolinas Avenue have been postponed for ten to twelve weeks awaiting arrival of more pipe.

Sealing of various streets has been completed and repaving of Wellington Avenue and Fallen Leaf as well as rebuilding of sidewalks along Wellington Avenue are underway.

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Construction in Ross - When Will it End?

Once again it is a busy summer and fall construction season as old, deteriorated infrastructure is being replaced and repaired with new infrastructure. Here is an update from our Public Works Director that may help shed some light on projects going on in Town.

The Town's annual roadway rehabilitation project began last week in Winship Park with the removal of damaged curb, gutter and sidewalk along Wellington Avenue. The installation of new sidewalk, curb and gutter should be completed by early next week, and construction of new asphalt paving on Wellington Avenue between Garden Road and the "Y"



at the Baywood Avenue intersection, and all of Fallen Leaf will begin soon after. One lane of traffic on Wellington and Fallen Leaf will be maintained continuously wherever possible. Please expect traffic delays in this area over the next 1-2 weeks.

Ross Valley Sanitation District (RVSD) is in the process of rehabilitating several existing large diameter sewer pipelines using both open trench and trenchless techniques (which still requires open bore pit excavation). RVSD is scheduled to complete much of their rehabilitation work in Ross this coming winter. Similar to last year, the improvements are needed to rehabilitate and repair the sanitary sewer collection system to reduce the potential for spills and to reduce the amount of groundwater entering the collection system. RVSD recently completed pavement restoration and slurry seals on several roads in Ross, and construction work on Lagunitas Road will be completed before school starts August 22, but Bolinas Avenue at Shady Lane and Ross Common Park are scheduled to start up later this Fall. Ross Common roadway (open trench and bore pits), Kent & Poplar Avenue (mostly open trench) are scheduled for next year.

The Poplar and Ross Commons work will have major impacts on the downtown commercial and residential district next year. The scope of work involves an extensive open trench project spanning 6-8 weeks of restrictive traffic control from Kent Avenue all the way to the Post Of-

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Samples of new LED streetlights proposed by PG&E to replace the outdated mixture of incandescent and high pressure sodium lights currently providing us illumination throughout the Town have been installed on Ross Common and in the Winship area. Please let us know if you have comments on their effectiveness.

Throughout Town, PG&E's contractor is busy trimming trees away from power lines. Because of concerns raised by recent wildfires, more extensive cutting is being done to establish greater clearances based on new clearance standards from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

The Ross Recreation staff is busy preparing for a movie night on Ross Common on Friday, August 17th and for the Town dinner at the same location on September 28th. Save the dates.

The Town Council will be taking action at our monthly meeting on amendments to our social host regulations, our bicycle and pedestrian plan, and our wireless telecommunications facilities regulations.



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... followed by 2-3 weeks of trenchless work. A public workshop will be scheduled to address public concerns and questions for this very large RVSD project.



This year also saw PG&E completing two large gas main projects on Lagunitas and Upper Roads. Their next gas main trench work on Baywood is scheduled for later this year and could result in one-way traffic control on Baywood and Wellington for 3-4 weeks.

Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) will be starting a Fire Flow Improvement project that will replace existing water lines with larger size pipelines to improve water flow with open trench work on Southwood Ave, scheduled to begin in mid-September and completed by early October. The remaining work on Crest Road, Baywood Ave, Canyon Rd, Monte Alegre Rd, Pomeroy Rd, and Newell Rd. will likely be spread over the next few years.

A big Thank You to all of the residents who are and will continue to be impacted by the construction. All of your cooperation and patience is really appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 453-1453 ext. 115.

Fire In Marin!

A free seminar for Marin Residents

Over the past 10 years, over 1,200 Marin Residents have attended Katherine Randolph's **Fire In Marin** seminar, learning practical and potentially property and life-saving steps you can easily take to address the ever present danger of a major fire in the Ross Valley.

FIRE IN MARIN!
A FREE 2-hour seminar for Marin residents

Come learn why our communities are at great risk for catastrophic fire and what you can do about it. Learn how to implement attractive landscaping that complies with your fire Department's defensible space regulations, how to make your home more fire resistant and what you need to know to be ready to evacuate if needed.

8/20/18, Monday, 7-9 pm, Muir Beach
8/26/18, Sunday, 3-5 pm, San Rafael
9/9/18, Sunday, 2-5 pm, Mill Valley
10/1/18, Monday, 7-9 pm, Ross
10/27/18, Saturday, 10-12, Point Reyes

Preregistration required. Location provided on registration.
To register: Email randolph@rossvalleyfire.com with the class date, your name, number, email, town and fire station if you know it. Confirmations sent sporadically. Be patient!

Workshop Outline

- Why there is so much fire in our communities
- How we can reduce our risk of catastrophic fire
- How to make your home more fire resistant
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"Fire hazard in many parts of Marin is ranked among the highest in the state!"
- National Fire Protection Association

As part of our Town's efforts to educate and help prepare our residents, we've coordinated with Katherine to have her seminar held here in Ross on Monday, October 1st, starting at 7pm. (She is also holding classes in Muir Beach (August 20th), San Rafael (August 26th), Mill Valley (Sept. 9th), and Point Reyes (Oct. 27th).

Attendees will learn how to make a home and landscaping more fire resistant, critical safety steps to take in case of an evacuation, and other important information you should know to be ready. Informative handouts will be provided, local fire department representatives will be in attendance, and there is ample opportunity for Q&A.

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PLANNING RESULTS

The Town Council took the following action on planning applications at the August Council meeting. Staff reports and audio for the meeting can be found on the Town's website [August 9th](#) meeting page. The minutes for this meeting will be posted after adoption by the Council at the September 13, 2018 Council meeting.

Address: 7 Walters Road
Applicant: Kes & Laura Narbutas
Council Action: Approved
Vote (for/against/abstain): 5-0-0



Greetings from the Octagon House



If you have ever wondered what Ross looked like in the 1880's or wanted to see historical photographs of what Ross looked like during the famous floods, you should go visit the Ross Historical Society located at the Jose Moya del Pino Library. Situated on the grounds of the Marin Art and Garden Center and located in the 1864 Octagon House, the public is encouraged to visit this unique reference library and peruse the vast collections of art, decorative arts, architecture, gardening and local history at the Ross Historical Society/Jose Moya del Pino Library. The Library is open Saturday afternoons from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM or by appointment. A special speaker series programs are also offered on the first Fridays of the month held in the Livermore Pavilion at the Marin Art and Garden Center. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.moya-rhs.org/> or via email at rhs.moya@gmail.com.

Town Dinner Sept. 28 Save the Date!



The annual Ross Town Dinner will be held on Friday, September 28th on the Ross Common. You don't want to miss this beloved annual event of music and shar-

ing food with your fellow Ross community members. Registration for the event starts August 24th. Detailed information will be sent out via Townwide email when registration opens.



Presents:

MONSTERS, INC.

Friday, August 17, 2018 - 8:00 PM

Join us for Movie Night on the Ross Common before Summer ends and school starts. Bring your blankets, chairs, and favorite snack. The movie will begin 15 minutes after sunset (about 8:15 PM).

Sponsored by the Ross Recreation Department.

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This October 1st class of **Fire in Marin** has not yet been advertised to the broader Marin community, giving the Town's residents a jump on pre-registration, which is required as seating is limited. To pre-register, please email FireInMarin@comcast.net, with the class date you are interested in (e.g. October 1st), your name, contact number and preferred email, where the confirmed class location will be sent to you. Please also indicate if you are a Town resident.

If you have any questions about this class, please feel free to contact Gil Fleitas, the Town's volunteer Coordinator for disaster preparedness at Fleitas@mac.com, or (415) 425-2300.



Back to School Safety

~ Message from the Chief

Believe it or not, kids will be headed back to school soon. Now is a good time to remind children and parents how to safely return to school. Whether your children are walking, being driven, or riding a bicycle, here are a few tips to ensure their safety.

If kids are walking:



- Map out a safe route to school and walk it with your child so he/she becomes familiar with the route.

- Make sure your child crosses at intersections where there is a crossing

guard. Have children wear bright clothing that can be seen by drivers.

Riding or driving in the car:

- Everyone must wear a seat belt. Use age-appropriate child care/booster seat. If you have a teen driving, remind him/her of safe driving, use of seat belts at all times, and no cell phone use while driving.

On a bicycle:

- Make sure your child always wears a helmet.
- Teach children to ride in the same direction as traffic, on the right side of the road. Explain the “rules of the road” and to obey all traffic signs and signals.

Tips for driving in a school zone:

Slow down - The simplest thing any driver can do when there are new driving hazards is slow down.

Allow More Time - As a new school year begins allow yourself more time to get where you are going until you can figure out the effects of increased traffic.

Learn the Rules - Schools usually have places for parents to drop off and pick up children. If you are driving your child to school learn where these areas are and follow the procedures. Never block pick up and drop off areas.

Yield to Pedestrians - Remember to yield to children/parents in crosswalks as they have the right-of-way.

Carpool - If at all possible carpool with other parents to pick up and drop off children.

Talk with Teen Drivers. Remind your teen drivers about the importance of being extra careful in and around school zones.

Any questions, contact the Ross Police Department. ■

RECREATION NEWS

The Ross Recreation Summer program will end next week with a middle school girls basketball clinic scheduled for August 13, 14 and 15. Caren Horstmeyer, former Cal women’s coach, returns to lead the clinic which emphasizes basketball skills through drills and games.

One of our main camps this summer is Top Gun, which conducts a wide range of sports activities and has weekly field trips to sports venues. During the last week of camp, Top Gun campers attended an Oakland A’s game



where the A’s were victorious over the Toronto Blue Jays. As a bonus the campers received a commemorative 50th Anniversary A’s hat!

Registration is currently ongoing for the Ross Recreation soccer program. The Ross Rec instructional soccer program emphasizes basic skills in passing, dribbling, shooting, trapping, and other tactics for both offensive and defensive play. Emphasis is on skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. Jean Marc Schafer returns as instructor and is a former player for Dominican College and the San Francisco Seals .



Ross Recreation Fall Program registration for after school programs at Bacich and Ross Schools will open this week. Classes in art, hip hop dancing, ballet, animation, and art will be offered this Fall.



Please visit www.rossrecreation.org to register for Ross Recreation programs.

ROSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2018

Aug 9	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Aug 17	8:00	pm	Movie Night on Ross Common <i>(see page 3 for details)</i>
Aug 28	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sep 3	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Labor Day
Sep 10	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Sep 13	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Sep 25	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall
Sep 28	5:30	pm	Annual Ross Town Dinner, Ross Common <i>(see page 3 for details)</i>

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Oct 1	7:00	pm	Fire in Marin Seminar <i>(see page 2 for details)</i>
Oct 8	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Oct 11	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Oct 23	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town hall

RECURRING EVENTS

Thursdays, May - October	Ross Farm Stand, 11:30 am - 7:30 pm, Ross Common
Thursdays, Jun 28-Aug 9	MAGC Summer Concert Series, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

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