



the number of students to 320, the enrollment in 1978; (2) limiting the use of the athletic facilities to the number of events in 1978; (3) limiting the use of the auditorium to school events, and prohibiting special events to which the public unassociated with the school was invited; (4) limiting the number of parking places on campus, and (5) limiting buildings on campus to those shown in the 1978 master plan for the school. These conditions were intended to allow Branson to continue as one of the top schools in the area without increasing its impact on the town, particularly in terms of traffic and parking. Over the years the Town Council has voted to allow several amendments to the Use Permit, including allowing the construction of additional buildings such as the student center, the gym, and classrooms; increasing parking; allowing the auditorium to be used for various Ross School events; and approving an artificial turf field.

Branson has said that increasing student enrollment will allow for more diversity, more sports programs, and more classes. Some residents have raised concerns about the significant increase in traffic throughout Ross as well as in the adjacent neighborhoods. Residents have also raised concerns about parking; cars and buses sometimes line both sides of the streets near the school. Branson has said they will be looking into improving traffic calming measures and parking. During the day, some parking is available at St. Anselm's church; vans shuttle students to the campus. A proposed traffic calming measure is to install signs with flashing lights to alert drivers when they are speeding.

More information about the process Branson would follow to obtain any increase in its enrollment will be forthcoming.

New Permit Technician Hired



Barbara Reher

Please welcome new employee Barbara Reher, who joined the Town on June 4th as the new full-time Building Permit Technician. Barbara replaces Simone Jamotte who retired last March. Simone's position had been temporarily filled by Carol Stenlund of Coastland Engineering. We thank Carol for stepping in to cover this important position during the recruitment process!

Barbara worked for the City of San Rafael for 13 years as a Building Permit Technician and has extensive work experience processing building permits and working with the Trakit software system, which the Town will be putting into place by the end of the year. Barbara will also assist with the intake of applications over the counter for the Planning Department and the Public Works Department.

Barbara's public office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 to 12 noon, with Friday closed to the public. She can be reached at (415) 453-1453 ext 106, or by email to breher@townofross.org.

Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem Appointed

Each year, the Council appoints one of its members to serve as Mayor for a one-year term. At the June meeting, the Council appointed Beach Kuhl to serve as Mayor, and Elizabeth Brekhus to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore beginning July 1st.



Beach Kuhl

Mayor Robbins will be recognized for her service as Mayor at the July Council meeting.

As reported in a past issue, the Council voted to cancel the June 2018 Council election because only three candidates filed for the three open seats. Future Council elections will be held in March of even-numbered years. This is due to the Governor signing a bill to move up California's Primary Elections to March beginning in 2020. The next Ross Council election will be held in March 2020.

The current Council Members and their terms are:

- Elizabeth Brekhus (2016-2020) *2nd Term*
- Beach Kuhl (2016-2020) *2nd Term*
- Julie McMillan (2018-2022) *1st Term*
- Elizabeth Robbins (2018-2022) *2nd Term*
- Rupert Russell (2018-2020) *2nd Term**

* Russell is serving the remaining Council term vacated by Katie Hoertkorn

PLANNING RESULTS

The Town Council took the following action on planning applications at the June Council meeting. Staff reports and audio for the meeting can be found on the Town's website [June 14th](#) meeting page. The minutes for this meeting will be posted after adoption by the Council at the July 12, 2018 Council meeting.

Address: 64 Bridge Road
Applicant: Lindsay & Chris Dunham
Council Action: Approved
Vote (for/against/abstain): 4-0-1 (Kuhl recused)

Address: 11 Circle Drive
Applicant: 11 Circle Drive LLC
Council Action: Approved
Vote (for/against/abstain): 3-0-2 (Russell recused/Robbins absent)

Address: 10 Ames Avenue
Applicant: Nina Cohen
Council Action: Approved
Vote (for/against/abstain): 4-0-1 (Robbins absent)

Address: 74 Shady Lane
Applicant: Thomas & Lindsey Abramo
Council Action: Approved
Vote (for/against/abstain): 3-0-2 (Brekhus recused/Robbins absent)

Address: 29 Shady Lane - *Application withdrawn*
Applicant: Sterling & Magdalena Sam

RVPA Parcel Tax November 2018 Election



The Council adopted a resolution calling for an election on November 6, 2018 to place a measure on the ballot for the renewal of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) Special Tax for Paramedic Services. The RVPA is an 8-member joint powers authority (JPA) established in



1982 for the purpose of delivering Fire Department paramedic services and ambulance transport services in the Ross Valley. The primary funding mechanism for the RVPA is the special tax which if approved would increase from \$75 per living unit to \$79.50 in fiscal year 2019-20 and increase each year to \$91.50 by 2022-23. Each taxable residential unit is taxed along with every 1,500 square feet of non-residential structure. This taxation funding source has been in place since the inception of the RVPA in 1982. Every four years, the citizens who reside within the member communities of the RVPA service area vote to fund the tax for a four-year period. The current tax expires June 30, 2019.

2018 MAGC CONCERT SERIES



The Marin Art & Garden Center (MAGC) free summer concert series begins Thursday, June 28th and runs six additional Thursdays: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9 from 5:00-7:00 pm. This year's concert series will feature Old Time Classics, Indie Country & Folk, Soul/Pop/Rock, Americana, and New Orleans funk. Each concert offers picnic dinners, beer, and wine available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Marin Art & Garden Center. For more information, go to <http://magc.org/2017-concert-series/>.

WUI Map - Continued from Page 1

cells that are geographically adjacent to Hillside lots where incorporation into the map makes geographical sense. The proposed regulations would also address defensible space vegetation removal consistent with state law, and vegetation management and fire safe landscaping materials for all properties designated as being within a WUI based on the adopted map. The amendments to the Municipal Code would also require the use of noncombustible and fire resistant materials and treatments for all properties in Town to better protect structures and inhibit fire spread both at the planning and building permit level. The effect of the amendments would be similar to designating the entire Town as WUI for construction purposes but would not require Vegetation Management Plans or impose defensible space requirements for projects not located within a WUI designated area as shown on the WUI map. For more information on the proposed WUI Map and amendments to the Municipal Code, please review the June staff report [here](#).



FY 19 Budget Adopted

The Town Council passed the Fiscal Year 2018-19 (FYE19) General Fund and Special Revenue Funds budget last night. The budget is the Town's financial plan for the upcoming year and includes revenues and expenses related to Town operations and capital improvements. The budget was developed based on the continuing objectives of providing high quality services to the community in an efficient, effective, responsive, and financially responsible manner. The overall budget for all Town Funds is \$10.1 million for FYE19. The budget is prudent and provides for a small General Fund surplus (revenues in excess of expenses). Additionally, we are aggressively paying down our CalPERS debt to minimize future CalPERS retirement obligation costs.



TOWN OF ROSS
FY 2018-2019
BUDGET

The Town utilizes a five year financial forecast and five year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to better understand and plan for the future and provide services at a sustainable level while strategically maintaining and improving the infrastructure and facilities which serve Ross residents. The budget includes over \$2.3 million for improving Town infrastructure and facilities such as final design and rehabilitation of Natalie Coffin Greene Park and Three Bear Hut; roadway rehabilitation of Wellington, Fallen Leaf, Olive, and Walnut Avenues; Bolinas Avenue drainage and roadway improvements; drainage improvements in other parts of Town to reduce localized nuisance flooding; and Winship Bridge replacement design. The budget includes providing the current services to Town residents as well as new projects and programs such as: new Planning and Building permit tracking software; develop detailed design guidelines; downtown revitalization and zoning review; continue with Zoning Ordinance cleanup and amendments; new recreational programs to meet community needs; and analysis of facilities at the Civic Center site.

Please contact Town Manager Joe Chinn if you have any questions related to the Town budget. To view the budget go to <https://townofross.org/finance/page/fy-2018-19-adopted-budget>.

RECREATION NEWS

The Ross Rec spring lacrosse program ended the season at Ross Common on Saturday, June 2. Another fun season was enjoyed by both players and parents. The Ross Recreation youth sports programs are geared towards providing skill development in a fun environment. Emphasis is on teamwork and sportsmanship.



Players from the boys grade 1 – 2 league



Only two more weeks before the Ross Rec summer program begins.



Camp Safari, Kinder Camp, Marin Explorers, Sporty Girls, Top Gun Sports and Adventure Camp are all back for another six weeks this summer!

Summer brochure available online!

With additional specialty camps in August, including Marin Theatre Company, LEGO, fishing, and more!



SIGN-UP TODAY ONLINE AT ROSSRECREATION.ORG 415.453.6020

Don't miss the fun! Sign up now at www.rossrecreation.org

ROSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2018

Jun 1	5:00-8	pm	Downtown Ross First Fridays, Ross Common
Jun 11	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Jun 14	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Jun 26	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall

JULY 2018

Jul 4	11:00	am	Annual Ross 4th of July Celebration, Ross Common <i>(see Page 1 for details)</i>
Jul 4	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Independence Day
Jul 9	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Jul 12	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Jul 24	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall

AUGUST 2018

Aug 6	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Aug 9	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Aug 28	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 <i>(see Page 3 for details)</i>

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