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Marinwood Village Update

We have entered the next phase of the design process for Marinwood Village which has evolved out of a community-based planning process with community representatives, Marinwood Plaza property owners, and the County of Marin at the table. As the final design takes shape, the Collaborative will provide the conduit to the planning process to ensure that the design, appearance, land use mix and intensities, and other aspects of the development meet community expectations.

The Collaborative's Guiding Principles represent a unifying operating platform upon which the design can proceed through the formal approval process, involving the community, the developer and planners. I invite you to visit our District 1 website which will be periodically updated with meeting notes and supporting documentation reflecting the work of the Collaborative.

The Schedule of Meetings, Roster, Ground Rules, Planning Process Scope of Work, Guiding Principles, the Board approved Conceptual Master Plan and Meeting Summary are all posted on this site.

Through this site, I hope you will stay informed and share with me the excitement we all feel as we see the Marinwood Village dream take shape.

For questions about the Collaborative, you may contact Rick Fraites at 415-499-7354. For questions about the website, contact Susannah Clark at 415-499-7342.

Marin Farmers' Market —Invitation to Submit **Proposal**

As part of the Marin Center Renaissance Partnership Vision Plan, the County of Marin is in the process of soliciting a farmers' market operator to partner with the County in the development of a permanent Farmer's Market. The site for the new market will be on the north end of the Civic Center campus where

Christmas Trees are sold in the winter. Recently, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was distributed to operators and other interested parties.

Proposals are due October 16, 2008. For more information, please visit www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/CU/Main/mc/

Or contact David Speer or Jeff Wong at FacilitiesPlanning@co.marin.ca.us

Marin County Triathlon, Sunday, October 26, 7am-1pm—

Based at McNear's Beach

Parts of North San Pedro Road will be subject to traffic control including temporary road closures between 7am and 1pm on Sunday, October 26 to accommodate the bike and run portions of the Marin County Triathlon. The event will be based at McNear's Beach Park. The cycling course begins at McNear's and runs north up North San Pedro Road, turns right at the Civic Center and follows Redwood Highway to Smith Ranch Road. The course then turns left onto Lucas Valley Road, and turns around at the 12.4 mark at Westgate Drive with California Highway Patrol providing traffic control.

Eastbound Point San Pedro Road at Riviera Drive will be closed and eastbound traffic will be detoured onto Riviera Drive to Biscayne. There is no through access around China Camp State Park, but the Peacock Gap Golf Course is accessible and all residents can get to and from their houses. Course closure will also affect North San Pedro

Road from the County limits at the southern end of China Camp State Park west to just beyond the Miwok Meadows fire road.

An encroachment permit was issued on the following conditions: traffic control shall be provided at the organizer's expense and approved by the CHP and Sheriff, access shall be maintained at all times for emergency vehicles and residents, signs and barricades shall be placed to denote road closures and redirect traffic, and all litter and debris shall be removed immediately upon the conclusion of the event.

If you have any questions, Berenice Davidson, DPW Deputy Road Commissioner, is at 499-3770.

If you are interested in participating or want more information on the Triathlon itself, go to www.marintriathlon.com.

By Susannah Clark

Civic Center Lagoon Park

Playground Now Open



The old, worn out Civic Center Park Playground has become a new state of the art children's playground. Bold, innovative designs of the playground equipment has been incorporated into a parent/child friendly atmosphere that breaks new ground for playground design in the future.

Steve Petterle, park principle planner, and Nancy Peake, park planner, have skillfully guided the renovation project through the design and planning process.

"We have attempted to create a new playground that will honor the special architectural relationship with the Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center. We are hoping that children will want to put down their Play Station games in exchange for some quality outdoor time exploring and using the innovative playground equipment," said Steve Petterle. "We see this playground as a destination point for children and parents throughout Marin County."

The playground features imaginative playground equip-

ment such as; The Arcturus, a climbing structure that looks as if it came directly out of a Salvador Dali painting; The Blazer, a three person spring device; the Supernova, a round, undulating, spinning play structure; and the Spica spinner, designed for the individual child to hop on and spin away at their own speed. There are also two different sets of swings, one set for toddlers and the other set for older children.

An innovative sand play area and meandering creek water feature are also part of the playground. Kids love the hands-on approach to fun and this feature should provide that experience.

Parents will find refuge from the laughter and playground area by moving over to the central area known as Picnic Plaza. Here parents can converse with other parents, have a snack, or relax while still keeping a watchful eye on the kids at play.

"What an exciting experience to see the playground design move from the drawing board through construction to completion in such a short period of time. The design is vibrant, creative and fun," said Nancy Peake.

By Rick Fraites

Discover Your Outdoors



hike
ride
explore
play

One of the assets we treasure in our daily lives is our access to the many great things to see and do in our beautiful surroundings. To see what is on the calendar this fall in our Parks and Open Space, go to: <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/PK/Main/MCOSD/pdf/MC-POS-Fall-News-Events-2008.pdf>



Tidepools at Agate Beach. Photo by Craig Solin.



Black-necked stilt and avocet. Photo by Len Blumin.

Green Tip—Recycle Electronic Items

“Sarah, what am I going to do with all this old electronic equipment and computer stuff? I know I shouldn’t toss it in the garbage where it will end up in a land fill and eventually discharged toxic waste into the environment.”

“That’s simple, John. Check out the list below for the various locations in the Bay Area that will take that old used electronic equipment and recycle or rehabilitate it. All we have to do is just drop the stuff off. Check it out...”

Goodwill Industries

1 Camino Alto (at Miller Avenue), Mill Valley

Marin Household Hazardous Facility

565 Jacoby Street, San Rafael (415-485-6806)

Novato Household Hazardous Waste Facility

7576 Redwood Boulevard, Novato (415-892-7344) First and third Sunday and Monday – appointment only; Novato residents only

Renew Computers

1241 Anderson Drive, #J, San Rafael
(415-457-8801) Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 5:00

HMR USA, Inc.

435 23rd Street, San Francisco (415-647-6071)

“John, all of the above locations were found by using the Marin County website: www.marinrecycles.org - this is a wonderful resource for discovering recycling opportunities for all sorts of materials. So, get this stuff out of here. I’m tired of looking at your worn out mouse.”

Save your acorns! Plant a tree with Marin ReLeaf.

Acorns are needed for planting at China Camp State Park and elsewhere in Marin County.

Nuts are ready for harvest usually in October.

Shake the acorns off the branches of naturally occurring trees. Nuts from these trees are best adapted for Marin’s soils and climate rather than those planted from nursery stock.



Dry the “sinkers” and put into a Zip lock bag.



Mark the bag with your name, the location of the tree and the amount of nuts. We need to know the species of oak if you know.



Store in the warmest part of your refrigerator.



Call Marin ReLeaf to pick up your donation. The nuts will be planted out this winter.



Remove the nut caps

Save your acorns!



Toss the nuts into a bucket of water



Keep the nuts that sink to the bottom after a minute.

Toss the others out for wild life.



They have air holes, probably from an insect.

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The Marin Health and Wellness Campus

A special place uniting Marin to promote community health and well-being

Something special is happening in the Canal neighborhood of San Rafael! The **Marin Health and Wellness Campus** is now officially open for business. An inviting space has been created where individuals and families of all ages and backgrounds can easily access a broad array of health and wellness services. The Campus is focused on promoting wellness and preventing illness; providing quality physical and mental health care; and offering opportunities that improve everyone's quality of life, through education, skill development and connections to community assets.

Designed to be a community gathering spot, the Campus is a place to not only seek help and care, but also a place to learn and experience wellness. The open space around the buildings, the interior courtyard, the gardens, a water feature and close proximity to community trails and gardens, contribute to an inviting and welcoming environment.

None of this would have been possible without the Board of Supervisors and CAO's commitment to quality, accessible health care for all. As **Supervisor Susan Adams** expressed, "The heart and health of a community is measured by whether *all* have access to healthy living."

Using one-time-only Tobacco Master Settlement funding, the dream of co-locating Marin Community Clinics and Health and Human Services in order to better coordinate clinical and prevention services is now a reality. Over 64,000 square feet in five buildings on Kerner at Bellam, plus an additional building on Kerner, were renovated to create this innovative one-stop access point to a spectrum of services, clinics and programs.

And, it's "green"! The Campus is integrating state of the art environmentally friendly building practices for design, construction and site operation. This commitment includes:

Re-use and recycling of materials and supplies during construction, use of solar energy, landscaping with native plants to minimize water use, energy-efficient heating, ventilation and cooling systems, and extensive on-site recycling

Consistent with the mission of Health and Human Services

"to protect and promote the health, well-being, self sufficiency and safety of all in Marin County," the goal of the Campus is to support a healthy and sustainable community, working in partnership with the residents.

Guiding principles include:

- A whole community approach to better health,
- Coordinated services and programs,
- An orientation toward self-sufficiency, learning, and personal development,
- Cultural competence

Visit! There will be two **Grand Opening** events: on Thursday, November 13th from 11:00 – 2:00 pm, County staff is invited to take a tour and meet the staff on Campus. There will also be a ribbon –cutting ceremony on Sunday, November 16th, 1:00 – 4:00 pm for public officials and the community.

For more information, go to: www.co.marin.ca.us/campus.

Directory – Who's on Campus?

Adult Mental Health Services –
3270 Kerner

STAR (Support and Treatment
After Release) Program

Buckelew Employment Services
and Assisted Independent Living

Community Action Marin – Enter-
prise Resource Center

Youth and Family Mental Health
Services -**3230**

The Connection Center - **3240**

WIC (Women, Infants and Chil-
dren) Program -**3250**

Children and Family Services -
3250

HHS Health Clinics -**3260**

Marin Community Clinics -**3110**



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Calendar: Meetings in October

—Public is always welcome

Board of Supervisors Meetings: Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28. BOS Chambers. Check website for starting time and agenda. www.co.marin.ca.us/efiles/BS/AgMn/cybagnda.htm

Marin LAFCO, October 9, 7:00 p.m. San Rafael City Council Chambers, call Candace 446-4409 for more information

Marin Transit District Board Meeting, October 20, 10:00 am, Board of Supervisors Chambers

Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Committee Meeting, 9:30 am, BOS Conference Room

Transportation Authority of Marin Board Meeting, October 23, 7:30 pm, 750 Lindero, Suite 200, San Rafael

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Use it or lose it!!

**Las Gallinas Creek Levee Evaluation
Public Meeting**

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the US Army Corps of Engineers invite you to attend a public informational meeting.

Time & Date:
 6:30 pm
 Tuesday
 October 7, 2008

Location:
 Santa Venetia Korean Presbyterian Church
 635 Adrian Way
 San Rafael