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Because of the current favorable real estate and construction market conditions and to consider the most cost-effective long-term alternatives, County staff has been in discussions to consider the feasibility of acquiring an existing building and upgrading it to the essential services standard for a new Emergency Operations Facility. On Tuesday, April 26, the Board of Supervisors approved County staff to pursue a study of the technical and economic feasibility of potentially purchasing all or part of the building and locating the County's proposed Emergency Operations Facility at 1600 Los Gamos Drive. In addition, the Board approved an option agreement to purchase either part of or all of the building at 1600 Los Gamos Drive. This is one of the buildings located at what is known as Marin Commons. This building is the closest one to the YMCA. The County has 100 days to study the issues, and is planning to return to the Board of Supervisors to present the findings in late June or July.

If the findings show that it is both economically and technically feasible to locate the Emergency Operations Facility at 1600 Los Gamos, the Board of Supervisors would then have to decide on whether to purchase 1600 Los Gamos Drive or to continue with the planning for a new building at the Civic Center Campus. The planning for the Emergency Operations Facility at the Civic Center Campus is on hold while the alternatives at 1600 Los Gamos are being studied.

For more information or the staff report, please go to website for the Board meeting archive and go to the April 26, 2011 agenda item #10. <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/BS/Archive/Meetings.cfm>

Information regarding the Emergency Operations Facility is available on line at <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/AD/main/EOC/eochohome.cfm>. You may subscribe to this page to get updates.

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Open Table set with enthusiasm, commitment—**Making a difference one life at a time**

After signing up to shelter homeless men and women during the winter in their churches, some local congregations have created ongoing networks designed to mentor people from poverty to well-being.

Following a concept called Open Table founded in Arizona, Pastor Steve Henderson of Lucas Valley Community Church has led an effort to assist a 23-year-old man referred by the Phoenix Project in Marin City.

His church organized a “table,” the term for a network of people who volunteer to advise and support the young man with everything from health care to education to transportation.

“In Arizona, Open Table has proved to be a model that faith communities can use successfully to help people out of poverty, one at a time,” the pastor says. “It’s not for every person, but it’s for people who are ready to advance and do the work.”

At Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Pastor Jeff Nichols has helped create a table to advise and guide three youths aged 17 to 20 who became orphans last year when their mother died in a car accident.

“I knew their mom. It was really hard to imagine saying no,” he says. The structure and experience of Open Table provides a useful framework for the 14 participants as they seek to help the three young men with anything from tutoring to legal issues to finding a pro bono oral surgeon.

The table, which holds weekly online discussions and regular meetings, expects their support to last at least a year. “Our table really is a family now,” he adds.

In the future, both churches intend to seek referrals from Homeward Bound. “It’s recommended most often to work with a transitional organization like Homeward Bound with knowledge of people ready to benefit. Often they’re ready to go much further after going through a transitional program,” Pastor Jeff says.

“We think of Homeward Bound as the ‘go-to’ organization for connecting with people who can use the help,” says Pastor Steve.

In Lucas Valley, he says, members found working in the winter shelter that rotated between churches each night to be “a wake-up call.” The church, where he’s been pastor for 24 years, supports a number of overseas mission projects.

“For us, there hasn’t been much involvement with poverty here in Marin County,” he says. “Last April, when the winter shelter finished up, we realized maybe there was something more we as a church could do.”

The Open Table model lets faith communities “create lasting change with individuals and families,” says Mary Kay Sweeney, Homeward Bound’s executive director. “These organizations are opening their hearts and allowing strangers to come home.”

More information about Open Table is available at <http://theopentable.org>. If you are interested in participating, contact Pastor Steve Henderson, (415) 479-8987.

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Safety in Youth Sports - an Informational Presentation

Marin Catholic High School Gymnasium

Saturday, May 7, 2011

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Do you have a child playing recreational or organized sports? Are you a coach or referee?

As a part of Marin Brain Injury Network's effort to raise awareness in our community about concussion safety, I would like to invite you to a special event - a symposium on 'hot topics' in sport medicine for young athletes.

This free symposium will focus on providing parents and coaches with the up-to-date information on important topics such as the current trends in concussion management.

This event is hosted by:

- Dr. Eric Freitag, Clinical Neuropsychologist and Director of the Mt. Diablo Memory Center's Sport Concussion Program
- Children's Hospital Oakland-Sports Medicine Center for Young Athletes (Larkspur Clinic)
- Marin Catholic High School
- Marin Brain Injury Network



Participating in sports can be an important part of a young person's life. The experience can lead to a lifetime of involvement and engagement in athletic activity. This presentation will provide you with information and tools to help keep our children healthy and safe as they play.

VACANCY ON THE MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

There is a vacancy on the above-referenced Commission representing District 1 (Terra Linda, Lucas Valley, Marinwood, Santa Venetia, downtown San Rafael, Peacock Gap, Los Ranchitos, Country Club, Bayview). The Commission on Aging is federally mandated whose mission is to promote the dignity, independence and quality of life of older persons through advocacy, information, programs and services.

Additional information about this Commission is available on the internet at:

<http://www.co.marin.ca.us> (type "Commissions" in the Search box)

Persons interested in applying for this position can apply online at the above website, or contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Room 329, 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, California 94903 (415-499-7331) to obtain an application form.



COME ONE, COME ALL to **HOMEFORALL**

You are invited to the official launch of Home for All Marin – Marin’s new homelessness awareness campaign.

When: Friday, May 13, 2011 2:30–4:00 pm

Where: Marin Health & Wellness Campus, 3240 Kerner Blvd. San Rafael, CA

During Affordable Housing Week, local agencies serving homeless individuals and families will launch “Homeforall,” a county-wide partnership to educate and inspire Marin’s communities and businesses to learn more about ending homelessness in Marin.

Join us to hear real stories from people who have experienced homelessness in Marin, receive information about our website and speakers bureau, and learn more about the recent 2011 Point-in-Time Count of homeless persons in our county.

Please join us for refreshments and the first chance to own Homeforall logo wear and goodies!

www.HomeforallMarin.org

 Rx Homeforall. The all-natural cure to end homelessness in Marin.



7th Annual Healthy Aging Symposium
 Thursday, May 12, 2011
 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 Embassy Suites Hotel
 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael



*The Marin County Division of Aging & Adult Services and the
 Marin County Commission on Aging present*
Pathways to Successful Aging



Keynote Speaker:
Yrabel Duron
 Award-winning
 journalist & founder of
 Latinas Contra Cancer

"One Couple's Path to Successful Aging"
 Linda Hawes Clever, M.D.,
 Clinical Professor of Medicine, UCSF
 James A. Clever, M.D.,
 Chair, Marin Healthcare District Board of Directors

Panel Discussion: Connecting to Community

Sponsors

- Marin Community Foundation • Kaiser San Rafael Medical Center**
- Marin General Hospital • Sutter Health • Whistlestop**

FEE: \$15 (includes lunch) • REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 1st
*Pre-registration required. No admission at the door. No refunds. One registration form per person.
 For more information call (415) 473-2980.*

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<p>Make check payable to:</p> <p>Marin County Division of Aging & Adult Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:</p> <p>Marin County Division of Aging & Adult Services 10 North San Pedro Road Suite #1025 San Rafael, CA 94903</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW & MAIL WITH CHECK</p> <p>One form per person. Download additional forms at www.co.marin.ca.us/aging starting March 1.</p> <p>Name (print clearly): _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Please mark (✓) your salad lunch selection</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Oven Roasted Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Tofu (vegetarian) </p>
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Marin's 5th Annual Eco Friendly Garden Tour

Saturday, May 14, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This self-guided tour highlights over 20 inspiring gardens that use practices sensitive to our local environment. At each location a professional landscaper, designer or homeowner will be on hand to answer your questions.

Garden Highlights

- Rain gardens, swales and cisterns
- Erosion control measures
- Lawn conversions/replacement
- Permeable walkways
- Edible organic gardens
- Pesticide-free landscapes
- Native or drought tolerant plants
- Vineyard
- Cob bench
- Graywater systems
- Urban chickens

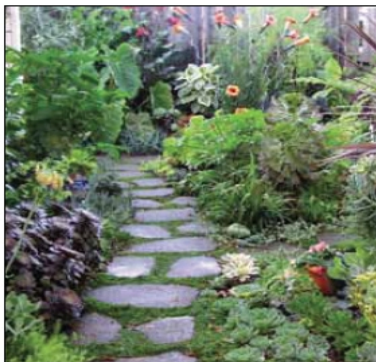


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1.800.838.3006

For More Information

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gpurin@co.marin.ca.us
www.mcstoppp.org

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Related Event

Register for Sonoma's Eco-Friendly Garden Tour
Saturday, May 21, 2011 — www.savingwaterpartnership.org

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Point in time homeless count

Marin County Health & Human Services in partnership with housing and service providers, faith based groups and schools led this year's effort to conduct the biennial census of persons experiencing homelessness in Marin County.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires cities and counties to conduct a biennial Point-in-Time Count of unsheltered and sheltered persons experiencing homelessness. Specifically HUD requires counties to:

- Gather statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons on the street (in places not meant for human habitation), emergency shelters and transitional housing locations on a single day.
- Identify how the date of was gathered for the count and;
- conduct a count every two years during the last week in January.

In addition to meeting HUD requirements Marin County uses this federal mandate as an opportunity to conduct a Community Count, a broader census which includes populations not formally recognized by HUD and the precariously housed. Marin County conducted its biennial "Point-in-Time Count" on January 27, 2011.

The Count is intended as a one-day snapshot of unduplicated numbers of homeless families and individuals in sheltered, unsheltered and other locations in Marin County and is in no way a comprehensive or complete measure.

Homeless Count Methodology

Marin follows approved methodology for counting shelter and unsheltered populations based on guidance developed by HUD. Multiple data collection methods were used to gather information on Marin's homeless populations. The primary methodology for the count was a housing survey. Surveys were administered throughout the county at over 50 locations on the day.

Key Findings

The number of sheltered, unsheltered and other homeless populations counted in 2011 was 1,220.

The number of persons found living in places not meant for human habitation was 353.

The total number of persons counted as part of "other homeless populations" including those in jail but homeless prior to entry, motels, living temporarily with friends/family due to housing loss or hospitals was 329. These groups are excluded from HUD's definition of homeless.

There were 533 sheltered people reported by emergency shelters, transitional housing and domestic violence shelter. The sheltered population represents 44 % of the total population counted.

There was 248 Children (17 years and under) counted. 134 sheltered and 114 counted as unsheltered and other homeless populations.

There were 972 adults, 399 sheltered and 573 unsheltered and other homeless populations

The number of persons found to be precariously housed was 4,103. This number represents a 35% increase in the number of people who are at risk of losing their homes.

Nearly half (47%) of adults counted have been homeless for one year or more. 10% have been homeless for 10 years or more.

The primary reasons stated for cause of homelessness was loss of job, lack of affordable housing and lack of income.

The number of persons identified as chronically homeless (continuously homeless for one year or more with a disabling condition) was 229 (32% of adults).

The number counted decreased from 1,770 in 2009 to 1,220. This decrease may be attributed to the infusion of one-time stimulus funds. Over \$2 million in financial support was infused into the community since October 2009.

Marin has experienced some success through stimulus funded housing and other assistance programs. Over 650 homeless adults and children have been re-housed in permanent housing and 1,522 adults and children were helped to prevent homelessness.

The Veteran's Administration housed 35 chronically homeless vets permanently during the last 6 months.

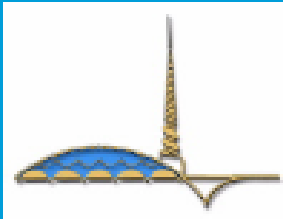
Since 2009 the Fireside Housing complex in Mill Valley was opened providing permanent housing for 10 homeless families and 8 older adults.

Lisa Sepahi

Health and Human Services

Homelessness Analyst

<http://www.homeforallmarin.org/>



Monday, May 16, 2011
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Would you like to know more about...

- The County of Marin's employee pension system
- What the County has done and is doing to address rising costs
- The governing laws and what can be changed

Public Pension Forum

County of Marin

Marin County Civic Center
Board of Supervisors Chambers
3501 Civic Center Dr., Ste 330
San Rafael, CA 94903

[Directions](#)

[RSVP Here](#)

This forum will be videocast.



Featuring

Panel Chair:

Susan L. Adams President of the Marin County Board of Supervisors

Panelists:

Jeff Wickman Retirement Administrator
Marin County Employee Retirement Association

John Bartel Actuary
Bartel Associates, LLC

Gregg Adan Lawyer and Representative for
Marin County Firefighters' Association and Marin
County Management Employees' Association
Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP

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How Do You Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste?



City of San Rafael,
Marin Recycling Center,
Marin County Solid &
Hazardous Waste JPA

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
565 Jacoby Street
San Rafael, CA 94901
415-485-6806

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SATURDAYS – 8:00am-3:30pm

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Residents and businesses of Marin, except Novato, can drop off. Please bring proof of residence. Businesses must call for appointment.

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565 Jacoby Street, San Rafael
415.485.6806

www.marinsanitary.com



Free E-Waste recycling available on an ongoing basis

For those of you who missed our take-back day on April 30 at the Marin Veterans Auditorium parking lot, Marin Sanitary Service offers e-waste recycling and safe disposal of household hazardous waste on an ongoing basis. Call 485-6806 for details, or go to their website: www.marinsanitary.com. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 am– 3:30 pm, 565 Jacoby Street, San Rafael, Residents and businesses of Marin, except Novato, can drop off. (Please bring proof of residence)

The Green Tip—**RATS!**

Once again, wildlife throughout America, and the world, is facing another fatal onslaught from chemical poisoning. This time the culprit isn't DDT, the 'wonder' chemical that was used for years to kill nasty insects. Unfortunately, DDT also created severe side effects that negatively impacted several species of bird life, and was eventually banned for sale in the United States a few decades ago.

Now, the latest chemicals that are killing wildlife at an alarming rate are Rodenticides, now found in many rat poisons. This toxic chemical certainly does a good job of knocking off the rat that ingests the poison, but the poison does not discriminate in its ability to take other non-rat creatures down for the final count.

In California, the victims include bobcats, barn owls, red tailed hawks, coyotes, kit foxes (an endangered species), kestrels and many other predators and scavengers. We are literally killing nature's own rodent control.

The good news is that this June, after years of study, regulations will take effect nationwide to ban most toxic, long-lasting rat poisons from hardware stores, big box centers and other consumer outlets. The bad news is that these toxic poisons can still be purchased as large bait blocks that are still available at farm stores. Licensed commercial pesticide applicators are still able to use this horrible toxin.

Many studies now indicate that these toxins are wide-spread throughout the food chain and throughout the United States and elsewhere. The dead or dying rat becomes a little poison pill. One reason is that once the poison is ingested by the rodent it can take days to sicken and die, making the rodent an ideal target for predators. The rat eats the poison bait, the wild animal, or bird, eats the rat and the poor creatures die from an agonizing death.

What is the non-toxic way to dispatch the rat? The best way to control rats and mice is to eliminate places where they seek shelter, and also eliminate their food supply. If there is nothing for them to eat and nowhere to hide, the rat will soon become scarce. Bird feeders not only supply seeds for our winged friends, they also supply food for the hungry rodent. Take the time to regularly clean up the bird food in the area near the feeder.

Of course the final solution for the rat is a good rat trap. One snap and that rat will join the dearly departed.

The green tip is to avoid the purchase of rat/mice poisons. Our wildlife need all the breaks they can get and your positive actions will certainly help.

Rick Fraites



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Calendar—May, 2011

Board of Supervisors Meetings, May 10, 17 and 24, Board of Supervisors Chambers, go to website for starting time and agendas, www.co.marin.ca.us/efiles/BS/AgMn/cybagnda.htm

Association of Bay Area Government, May 19. go to website for agenda and time of meetings, www.abag.org.

Marin Transit District, May 16, 10:00 a.m., BOS Chambers, www.marintransit.org

Transportation Authority of Marin, May 26, 7:00 p.m., BOS Chambers, www.tam.ca.gov

Public is always welcome. Check websites to confirm meeting date and time.

If you wish to subscribe to the Cyberagenda, there is a link on the Cyberagenda page to do so. This will include notices of **Marin Housing Authority** meetings, dates for which change each month.



Come meet the family that owned and ran Boardwalk Market in Tiburon Belvedere for 25 years, now opening **Marinwood Market** in the Marinwood Plaza!

May 25 at 6:30 at the Marinwood Community Center, before the Marinwood Association meeting.

Light refreshments served.

Call Rick Fraites at 499-7354 with questions.

See Marin IJ article re Boardwalk Market coming to Marinwood Plaza:

[http://www.marinij.com/
tiburonbelvedere/ci_17386985](http://www.marinij.com/tiburonbelvedere/ci_17386985)



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