



County of Marin Board of Supervisors, District 1

Newsletter

November, 2012

Honor Those Who Have Served Our Country

Marin's Veterans' Day program will begin in the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium with music, military exercises and a brief address. It will continue in front of the World War I, World War II and Korean, Vietnam and Merchant Marine Memorials on the Avenue of the Flags. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the Redwood Foyer.



Sunday, November 11, 2012 | 9:30am

In this issue:

It's Time for Winter Prep in Santa Venetia

Marin Alliance for the American Spirit

Mt. Tam Lookout Captured by Gifted Videographer

County Continues Commitment to Road Improvements

CSA 18 Vacancy. Applications Sought

Marinwood Village Community-wide Open House Held

Local Coastal Plan Amendments Coming to the Board Nov. 13

Holiday Light Swap

Calendar

It's Time for Winter Preparations in Santa Venetia

Marin County has received its first significant rains of the season this past week (upwards of 2 inches) and we thought that it would be a good time to let Santa Venetia residents know about our preparations for the upcoming rainy season.

All stormwater pump stations have been inspected and maintained as necessary. Additionally, portable pumps have been serviced and deployed. Vegetation and debris from creeks/ditches have also been cleared to help prevent blockages.

While one sweep to eradicate rodents from the Santa Venetia Marsh Open Space levees has been conducted, additional spot trapping will continue and burrows filled as needed. Please contact Bene DaSilva at **415-473-6538** to report gopher concerns at the Santa Venetia Marsh levee and for more information on the program.

County Roads will be performing their annual street storm drain cleaning following the leaf drop, which is anticipated to occur within the next few weeks. Keep a lookout for the large vector truck which is used to remove debris from the system.

If you have a flood control related concern you may report it during normal business hours (Mon-Fri, 8 am – 5 pm) by dialing **415-473-6528**. After hours **emergencies** may be reported by dialing **415-473-7513**.

Neal Conatser | Assistant Engineer

County of Marin | Department of Public Works

3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 304, San Rafael, CA 94903

p: 415.473.2941 | f: 415.473.3799 |

e: nconatser@marincounty.org

Marin Alliance for the American Spirit

Marin Alliance for the American Spirit (MAAS) successfully hosted Marin's first official recognition of National POW/MIA day on September 15. MAAS is integrating with military service veterans organizations to assist in the areas of housing, employment and sponsoring remembrance and educational events. Construction of a new website is in progress, which will greatly enhance MAAS's ability to communicate and provide relevant information to their target audiences. These groups include veterans and their families, active military, community organizations, the business community and concerned members of the public. Keith Woodcock and Tomas Kaseolonis are heading up this effort. We will let you know once their website is online.

Mt. Tam Lookout Experienced by Gifted Videographer

We wanted to share some great information about the video that volunteer Fire Lookout and videographer Gary Yost passed along. The video is now being viewed internationally and is viral!

- *There's a website in Poland that featured the piece and got this... out of the 11,000 people who loaded it, 10,000 watched it through to the last frame. That's almost 1:1!, a remarkable indication of its impact on the viewers.*
- *There have now been 480,000 loads of this video and 61,000 people have watched it all the way through to the final frame. It took off big time last Thursday when the site laughingsquid.com found it. At this point at least 300 different websites have featured it.*
- *Nikon World magazine confirmed that they're going to do that feature for the winter issue, and I should be hearing from them in early November.*

Gary also reports that the Madrid Film Festival in Spain asked his permission to show his video there, Gary said yes. It will be projected on a 70 foot wide screen for everyone to see.

If you would like to experience 24 hours in a fire lookout in Marin County, enjoy this video:

<http://vimeo.com/47831184>

Thank you Gary for this extraordinary view!!

Phoenicia Thomas, Administrative Services Officer

Marin County Fire Department

(415) 473-2631 T

pthomas@marincounty.org

County Continues Commitment to Road Improvements

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission recently released its annual report on Bay Area Pavement Conditions. Though Marin remains in the “at-risk” category with a 3-year average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 52, we are making good progress. The PCI is a rating system that assigns a number value to reflect road condition where a PCI of 0 is a gravel road and a PCI of 100 is a newly constructed street. Marin County’s 2011 PCI is a 54, which is a 12.5% increase since 2006 when the PCI was 48. This improvement can be attributed to the Board of Supervisors’ strong commitment of local funds coupled with County’s aggressive pursuit of State and Federal grants to fund almost \$50M in road improvement programs since 2006. Commensurate with this level of investment, the County is striving for a 1 to 2 point PCI increase per year.

On the heels of the recently completed 2006-2010 \$20.5M five-year program, the Board of Supervisors committed funding to a new 5-year program – the \$26M 2011-2015 Road Improvement Program. Public Works staff hopes to accelerate delivery of the 2011-2015 Program to 2014 to make way for more road improvement projects.

In 2012, the Marin County Department of Public Works resurfaced 26 miles of roadway to include 17 miles of roadway seal coats and 9 miles of roadway reconstruction, which was done at the cost of \$6M..

Saaid Fakharzadeh, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Department of Public Works

415 473 6570 T

sfakharzadeh@marincounty.org

Vacancy on County Service Area (CSA) #18 Advisory Board - Las Gallinas

There is a vacancy coming up on the above-referenced Board. Applicants must reside within the boundaries of CSA #18 (including the Santa Venetia area). The purpose of this Board is to advise Parks and Open Space staff and the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to projects and programs (a) that can be conducted with funding from the budget of CSA #18; and (b) that affect County lands contained within CSA #18. These include Pueblo Park, Castro Park, and other parks within the area.

Additional information about this Commission is available on the County’s website:

www.marincounty.org

Persons interested in applying for this position can apply online, or contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Suite 329, 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, California 94903, (415) 473-7331 and ask for Patrice Stancato, to obtain an application form.

We are grateful to those who have served on this advisory board in the past and those current board members all of whom contribute to the enhancement of the quality of life in our neighborhood parks.

Marinwood Village Community-Wide Open House Held

On Saturday, October 27 interested residents attended a late morning community-wide open house held at the Mary Silviera Elementary School Community Room. The main topics of discussion were the development and design features that may be incorporated in the proposed Marinwood Village mixed use project. The proposed Marinwood Village project is located at the site of the former Marinwood Shopping Center.

Those in attendance were given index cards and asked to provide input and suggestions regarding their preference in design elements, architectural styles, and the suggested layout of the project itself.

The workshop allowed those in attendance to directly communicate with the two representatives of BRIDGE Housing, a property management company, which is the lead developer for the project. The BRIDGE vision for the site consists of the current Marinwood Market, additional retail outlets, affordable and market rate residential units and the retention of the popular Saturday Farmers' market.

County planning staff were available to answer questions concerning the planning process that resulted in the adoption of the Marinwood Conceptual Master Plan by the Marin County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Susan Adams was also present to help guide the meeting along.

A lively discussion among some of those in attendance developed concerning aspects of the proposal. Among the concerns expressed were traffic, intersection improvements, impacts to the local public school system, the streetscape, parking, the size of the housing structures, among other issues.

Since this workshop was designed as an informational gathering process the possibility of a larger question and answer period was limited. The representatives from BRIDGE recorded the comments and will provide a more detailed response during the next community-wide meeting set for sometime in December.

Supervisor Adams is dedicated to opening up the planning process for additional public input and discussion. Please be looking for the public notices announcing the next community-wide meeting coming soon. Also, BRIDGE is working on a website and we will let you know once it is online.

To review what has transpired to date on the effort to rehabilitate this property, go to our website. If you have any friends or neighbors who are interested but not on the notice list, please let them know about these sites where they can subscribe.

Rick Fraites is tracking this project, so if you have any questions, his number is 473-7354.

The information on our website can be found at: <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/bs/district-1/news-and-events/marinwoodvillageupdate>

Marin County Local Coastal Program Amendments (LCPA) Coming to the Board November 13

The Staff Report for the November 13, 2012 Board of Supervisors (BOS) hearing is now available. This is the second hearing with the Board to officially review the Planning Commission-approved LCPA, and will continue the discussion of issues related to Biological Resources, Agriculture, and Agriculture-related Public Access from the October 2, 2012 hearing.

[> Click here to view and download the 11/13/12 staff report <](#)

Upcoming hearing schedule for the Board of Supervisors to review the LCPA:

November 13, 2012 - Hearing #2: *Continued issues from the October 2, 2012 hearing on Biological Resources, Agriculture and Agriculture-related Public Access*

December 11, 2012 - Hearing #3: *All remaining major issues, including Sea Level Rise, Wind Energy conversion Systems (WECS), Vacation Rentals, Public Facilities and Services, Transportation, and other issues raised*

January 15, 2013 - Hearing #4: *Carryover topics*

February 26, 2013 - Hearing #5: *Carryover topics (if needed) and/or adoption of the LCPA*

March 12, 2013 - Hearing #6: *Alternate date to adopt the LCPA (if needed)*

**Please note that all hearings will begin at 1:30pm and will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Suite 329*

For more information on the **Local Coastal Program** visit www.MarinLCP.org. (A beautiful website, by the way... They also have a Facebook page!)

email MarinLCP@marincounty.org, or contact Kristin Drumm at (415) 473-6290.



View from ridge over Bolinas Lagoon and coast.

Holiday Light Swap!

Do you have holiday string lights? California Youth Energy Services (CYES), a program of the nonprofit organization Rising Sun Energy Center, will be hosting three holiday light swap events this season.

- Saturday November 10th, 12:30 - 2:30pm at Albert J. Boro Community Center (formally known as Pickleweed), 50 Canal St, San Rafael
- Saturday December 1st, 12 - 5 pm at the Northgate Mall
- Saturday December 8th, 8am - 12pm "Breakfast with Santa" San Rafael Community Center, 618 B St, San Rafael



String lights

Bring in your old incandescent holiday lights, and they will swap them for brand new, energy-efficient LED holiday lights (color and white strings), all at no charge! *You must be a resident of Marin and bring a copy of your Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) bill to participate. Both PG&E and Marin Clean Energy customers are eligible.* For more information, contact Travers McNeice at mcneice@risingsunenergy.org or [510 665 1501 Ext 23](tel:5106651501). CYES is a program of the Marin Energy Watch Partnership (www.marinenergywatch.org)

Dana Armanino, Planner

Sustainability Team, Marin County Community Development Agency

415-473-3292 phone / 415-473-7880 fax

darmanino@marincounty.org

www.marinsustainability.org



District 1 Newsletter

Susan L. Adams, Ph.D., R.N.
Supervisor, First District, Marin County Board of Supervisors
(415) 473-7331
sadams@marincounty.org

<http://www.marincounty.org/bos1>

Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 329
San Rafael, CA 94903

<http://www.facebook.com/supervisorsusanadams>



Calendar:

Board of Supervisors Meetings, BOS Chambers, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 330, San Rafael: November 6 and 13. See cyberagenda for starting time and agenda the Thursday before meeting date: <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/efiles/BS/AgMn/cybagnda.htm>. The cyberagenda will also advise dates, times and agenda for **Marin Housing Authority** meetings.

Marin Transit District, BOS Chambers, November 19, 10:00 a.m. See website for Marin Transit District agenda and to confirm meeting times: <http://www.marintransit.org>

Transportation Authority of Marin, BOS Chambers: November 15, 7:00 p.m., BOS Chambers. See website for TAM agenda and to confirm meeting times: <http://www.tam.ca.gov>

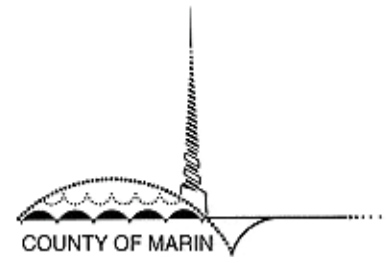
CHECK OUT THE GCHANNEL FOR NEW CONTENT—it's for real!

<http://www.co.marin.ca.us/g-channel/Default.aspx>

Aides:

Rick Fraites
(415) 473-7354
rfraites@marincounty.org

Susannah Clark
(415) 473-7342
sclark@marincounty.org



All County publications are available in alternative formats (Braille, Large Print, or CD), upon request. Requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-4381 (Voice) 473-3232 (TDD/TTY) or by e-mail at disabilityaccess@marincounty.org at least four work days in advance of the event. Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon request.