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Social Host Ordinance **Making a Difference**

In October, 2006, Marin County became the first county in the Bay Area to approve a law that imposes civil penalties on adults who hold loud or unruly parties in which underage guests consume alcohol.

Supervisor Adams co-sponsored this ordinance as part of a major crackdown on underage drinking in Marin, where alcohol consumption is higher than the national average. Marin's youth have a higher rate of alcohol use and binge drinking than young people statewide. A 2005 survey of 3,000 students from 11 Marin County high schools found that 75 percent of teens said they drank alcohol, most often at house parties and other social gatherings.

First-time violators of the Marin ordinance will be fined \$750 and are subject to cover costs of police, fire and emergency personnel that have to return to the scene. The penalty for a second offense would be \$1,500, and a third offense would cost the host \$2,500. The law allows fines to be levied against any party host 18 or older. If the host is under 18, his or her parents would be held liable.

Now, less than two years later, police and sheriff departments have the support of city and town councils throughout Marin to enforce this ordinance and hold people accountable. Congratulations to all of the elected officials and law enforcement in our

local communities that have passed Social Host Accountability Ordinances. (All except Belvedere have passed a similar ordinance.) Students, through Youth Leadership Institute efforts, have been working to reduce teen drinking by making their peers aware of what can happen and by promoting alternatives to drinking. The institute has been a leading advocate for bringing the social host ordinance to each city and town in Marin.

KTVU News at Ten recently covered the implementation of Social Host Ordinances featuring the Marin County Sheriff's Department, San Rafael Police Department, and the Youth Leadership Institute. It tells a story that is important for all of us to hear. Check out this in-depth look at the Ordinance and the difference it is making:

<http://www.ktvu.com/video/16099247/>

The County has issued 14 citations since the ordinance was passed in 2006. For a summary of the first eight citations issued by the Sheriff's Department, go to: http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci_7181484?IADID=Search-www.marinij.com-www.marinij.com

For more information on the Social Host Ordinance, Gary Najarian, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Health and Human Services, is the expert. He can be reached at 499-4230.

This is the season for partying and celebrations. Make sure everyone in your family understands the ramifications of hosting a party where alcohol is available to minors.

Marriage Equality for Lesbian and Gay Couples

California Supreme Court Gives Green Light

On May 15, 2008 the California Supreme Court ruled that the state can no longer exclude same-sex couples from civil marriage.

In a 4-3 decision the court ruled that lesbian and gay couples are entitled to the same fundamental right to marry as heterosexual couples as protected by the California constitution. The decision explicitly strikes down proposition 22, a voter-passes initiative that passed in 2000 that sought to limit marriage to only between a man and a woman. Under California rules of procedure, the decision cannot go into effect for at least 30 days.

Marin County Clerk, Michael Smith, has indicated that his office will issue marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples, beginning June 17. However, the California Supreme Court has until June 16 to decide whether to grant a stay to its May 15 ruling legalizing gay marriage. Most legal experts doubt that the court will grant the stay.

For additional information regarding the issuance of marriage licenses please contact the Marin County Clerk, Michael Smith's office at 499-6415 or log on to: <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/CC/Main/clerk/scruling.pdf>. The web address should provide you with the most current information regarding the court ruling and steps needed to secure a marriage license.

Board of Supervisors Approves Countywide Watershed Program

Responding to the prior instructions from the County Board of Supervisors, the Department of Public Works has created a watershed program that will provide a framework to integrate flood protection, creek and wetland restoration, fish passage and water quality improvements with public and private partners to protect and enhance Marin County's watersheds.

The watershed stewardship plan will include all watersheds that contain flood zones, plus areas where the County is facilitating creek and fish passage restoration programs including the Ross Valley Watershed which was the first pilot watershed program. The following watersheds will be addressed in the proposed watershed stewardship plan:

1. Richardson Bay (Mill Valley, Tam Valley, Marin City, Bel Aire, Sausalito and Tiburon)
2. Corte Madera Creek (Ross Valley)
3. Las Gallinas Creek (Santa Venetia, San Rafael Meadows and San Rafael)
4. Miller Creek (Lucas Valley)
5. Novato Creek (and major tributary creeks)
6. Easkoot Creek (Stinson Beach)
7. Inverness (Inverness Park)

One of the main goals of the watershed plan is to develop conceptual watershed work plans that integrate improvements to watershed health, water quality and habitat with solutions for flood protection.

The watershed stewardship plan incorporates an extensive community and public participation process that will engage stakeholders at various levels. There will be three types of committees that will be established for each watershed. They are:

- Policy Advisory Committee
- Financial and Operations Advisory Committee
- Technical Working Group

District One residents should take pride in knowing that a group of active and dedicated people have already formed the Stewards of the Miller Creek Watershed. The Stewards efforts will be greatly enhanced by the additional programs that will be offered in the new countywide watershed plan, once it is in place.

The final watershed specific plans will be targeted for completion by December 2009. The goal is to produce a schedule for watershed specific implementation programs including financing approaches in early 2010.

For further information please contact Ms. Liz Lewis of the Department of Public Works. Liz's phone number is 499-7226 and her email address is

llewis@co.marin.ca.us

McNear's Beach County Park Swimming Pool—

OPEN FOR THE SUMMER

Starting May 28, the park is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily; the pool is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission to the pool is \$4.00 per person.

Parking at the park is \$8/vehicle; \$50/Bus; \$2/Walk-in.

Season Swim Passes \$50/individual, \$150/Family, \$75/annual parking permit.

McNears Beach Park Swim & Tennis Camps

We have two weeks officially scheduled for this summer

July 7 – 11, 2008 &

August 18 – 22, 2008

Full Day Monday – Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Cost: \$325

Half Day Monday – Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 1:00p.m., Cost: \$200

Although parents are welcome to arrange full or half day camps during alternate

weeks (a minimum of 5 participants are required for all camps). Call Richard

Carson Camp Director/Head Pro, Froggie's Swim & Tennis Camps at 415-816-

9024 to coordinate a private camp for your group of kids, ages 7-14. For more

detailed information regarding camp dates and the schedule of daily activities,

directions to McNear's Beach Park and how to register by mail go to the camp

website: <http://www.froggies.net/> or <http://www.froggies.net/summerncamps.html>



Swimming pool and picnic make for a great destination for the family this summer

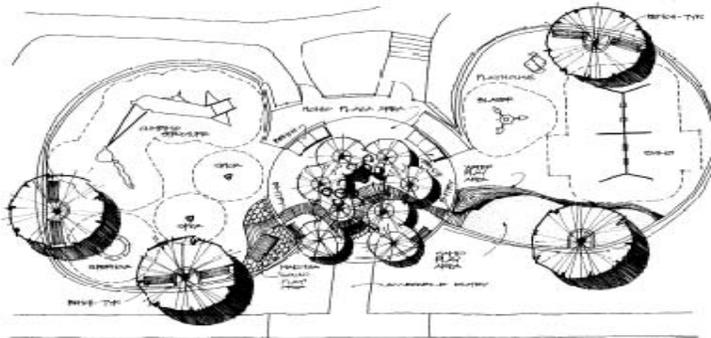
Stay tuned for updates on the repair of the much loved fishing pier.

**Discover
Your
Outdoors!**

hike
ride
explore
play

Marin Parks and
Open Space

We're renovating Lagoon Park Playground!



Plan



Equipment



Playground will be closed
May 1 through August 15

For more information go to: www.marinparks.org
or call us at 415-499-6387

Triathlon coming through!

Vineman Triathlon is coming to East San Rafael on **June 7 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.** resulting in periodic road closures. The event will be based at McNear's Beach Park. The cycling course starts at McNear's and runs north on San Pedro Road and turns around at Vendola. CHP will be providing traffic control. Course monitors will be placed at other intersections and CHP will be patrolling the entire race course and providing traffic control at major cross streets.



Watch the racers come through the neighborhood

Green Tip— Creating Defensible Space

FIRESafe Marin

The key here is "at least." Your local fire department may ask for greater clearance. Contact them for requirements in your area.

Defensible space and a fire safe landscape does not mean a ring of bare dirt around your home. When establishing your landscape, keep trees furthest from your house, shrubs can be closer, and bedding plants and lawns are nearest the house.

Your home may be the biggest investment you ever make. Protect that investment by following the steps in this brochure to create a fire safe landscape.

Planning

- Assess your fire risk. Is your home on a hill? Are you near highly flammable native vegetation or drought-damaged ornamental plants? If your answer is yes, your fire risk is greater than average.
- Contact your local fire department for fire hazard ratings in your neighborhood.
- Plan your landscape to reduce the amount of flammable vegetation nearest your home. Establish defensible space.
- Consider consulting your local nursery or a landscape contractor to help plan your landscape.

Spacing

- Eliminate the "fire ladder." Fire needs fuel to burn. You can sap its strength by robbing it of the continuous sequence of vegetation that can carry flames from your landscape to your house.

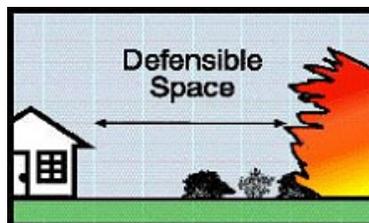
- Group plants of similar height and water requirements to create a "landscape mosaic" that can slow the spread of fire and use water most efficiently.

- Space trees at least 10 feet apart, and keep branches trimmed at least 10 feet from your roof. For trees taller than 18 feet, prune lower branches within six feet of the ground.

- Install fire resistant, drought-tolerant plants that have a high moisture content. Use plants that do not accumulate dead leaves or twigs.

Use masonry or stone walls to separate plant groups and add variety to your landscape.

Information provided is from FIRESafe Marin website. For more information on creating and maintaining defensible space, go to FIRESafe Marin's website: <http://www.firesafemarin.org/defensible.htm>



Are you next to Open Space?

The Marinwood Fire Department website provides some useful information to those of us whose properties back up to Marin County Open Space. Here are excerpts from the website, www.marinwoodfire.org. "Each year, Open Space Districts and Marin's Fire Agencies perform a variety of tasks to reduce the possibility of wildfire on the county's wild lands. Despite our best efforts, it is simply not possible to entirely eliminate the threat that fire, starting either on private property or on public open space, presents. To help protect your home, the Marin County Open Space District, the Marinwood Community Services District, and County Service Area 13, in cooperation with the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association, invites and encourages you to mow grass on District lands thirty to one hundred feet of your property. As part of a new program, there are no permits required, and a Ranger need not meet you on site. This program is intended to make it easier for homeowners to conduct clearance on these properties. Confirm that the property you want to mow is owned by the Marin County Open Space District, the Marinwood Community Services District, or CSA 13, not your neighbor or another agency. Information on lot lines and property ownership is available at the County Assessor-Recorder's Office (499-7215 or go to <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/AR/main/index.cfm>) and the County Community Development Agency (499-6269 or go to <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/CD/main/index.cfm>)."

Acknowledging

Marin Children's Health Initiative Partners

- The County of Marin
- Marin Community Foundation
- First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission
- Kaiser Permanente
- Marin General Hospital and Novato Community Hospital
- Summer Solstice hosted by: Supervisor Susan L. Adams
- Marin Community Clinic
- Linda Tavaszi and the Marin Community Clinic Board of Directors

The Marin Children's Health Initiative works to ensure that Marin County children have basic health care insurance regardless of family income. In Marin there are an estimated 3,200 children under age 19 who are uninsured. About two thirds are eligible for Medi-Cal or a comparable program but the others need our help.

Thank you to Marin Community Clinic and Coastal Health Alliance for providing more than 80% of the medical care to low-income children in Marin County. Thanks also to the California Kids Foundation



Celebrate the Solstice

Afternoon buffet
 from Marin's finest restaurants including The Club Restaurant at Melnicks Park, Crepevine, Il Fornato, Hanna's Italian Mediterranean Restaurant, Marin Steak & Spirits Company at Four Points by Sheraton, San Rafael Joe's, Three Twins Organic Ice Cream, and West End Café

Wine tasting
 Featuring the wines of Pacheco Ranch Winery, Kendrick Vineyards and other Marin wineries

Captivating blend of jazz and latin music by

Second Opinion
 jazz band lead by local physician David Kell

Raffle and Silent Auction

Saturday, June 21, 2008, 4 to 7 p.m.

The Atrium at Autodesk,
 111 Melnicks Parkway, San Rafael

\$75 per person/2 for \$125
 (tax-deductible as allowed by law)



Proceeds benefit the California Kids Healthcare Foundation
 a provider for the Marin Children's Health Initiative

Honoring Children's Health Initiative (CHI) Champions for 2008

Special Presentation by
 Supervisor Susan L. Adams

Dr. Eric Scher
Rocio Hernandez

2007 CHI Champions: John E. Boland III, DDS, MSD; Brian Hollander, DDS, and Clayton J. Perry, DDS

2006 CHI Champion: Esther Wanning Brockbank

GRAND RAFFLE

Fabulous weekend trip to Los Angeles for Dodgers/Giants game, including air fare, hotel and restaurant

Raffle tickets \$5 each, 6 for \$25

May be purchased prior to or at the Summer Solstice

To purchase raffle tickets, call (415) 927-1841

Drawing on June 21, 2008; winner need not be present

Information: (415) 927-1841

Summer Solstice 2008



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Address _____

City/Zip _____

Hold ____ reservations at the door (\$75 each/2 for \$125). . . \$ _____

Sorry, I can't make it, but here's a contribution to help. . . . \$ _____

_____ \$500 (provides health & dental care for 1 child for 6 months)

_____ \$250 (provides health & dental care for 1 child for 3 months)

_____ \$85 (provides health & dental care for 1 child for 1 month)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

To purchase raffle tickets, call 415/927-1841

Make check payable to **Cal-Kids Foundation** ("Susan Adams/MCC Event" on check) and return in enclosed envelope. Contributions tax-deductible to extent allowed by law.

Summer Solstice provides all of us a way to support access to health-care for Marin's children who have no insurance or whose insurance is inadequate. All proceeds of the event go to CalKids Foundation, which provides funding to our local healthcare provider in Marin Children's Initiative, Marin Community Clinics. If you would like to learn more about Children's Health Initiative, go to: <http://egovwebstg.marinpublic.com/depts/HH/main/chi/index.cfm>. For more information on Summer Solstice, call 927-1841.



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Calendar: Meetings in June

—Public is always welcome

- **Board of Supervisors Meetings.** Tuesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24. Board of Supervisors Chambers. Check website for starting time and agenda: www.co.marin.ca.us/efiles/BS/AgMn/cybagnda.htm
- **BOS Workshop to discuss Community Choice Aggregation,** June 3, 9:00 am BOS Chambers
- **Joint Meeting of BOS and Parks and Open Space Commission,** June 3, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Manzanita Room at Marin Center.
- **Health and Wellness Campus Open House,** 3230 & 3270 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, Wednesday, June 11, 4-6pm
- **Marin Disaster & Citizen Corps Council,** Thursday, June 12, 2008 from 3:00PM to 5:00PM, Marin County Emergency Operations Center, Room 266
- **Marin LAFCO.** June 12 at 7:00 p.m., San Rafael City Council Chambers, <http://lafco.marin.org/calendar.html>
- **Marin Transit District Board of Directors,** Budget hearing, June 16, 10:00 a.m., Board of Supervisors Chambers. www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/PW/main/marintransit/index.html
- **Transportation Authority of Marin Board Meeting,** June 26, 7:30 pm, BOS Chambers

Use it or lose it.

FYI

Ride-Along with the Supervisor: Shuttle Route 259—Friday, June 20, 8:41 AM Miller Creek at 101 to the Civic Center

Bayside Park is a blink-of-an-eye-and-you-will-miss-it waterfront park along Pt. San Pedro Road at Main. Maintenance of this park has at times been the subject of jurisdictional confusion between the City of San Rafael and the County. However, Marin County Parks and Open Space has now tucked this choice little location under its wing.. Enjoy!



China Earthquake



Myanmar Cyclone

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO DONATE TO MYANMAR CYCLONE VICTIMS AND VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN CHINA, GO TO:

https://american.redcross.org/site/Donation2?idb=1807478008&df_id=2358&2358.donation=form1