



Marin County Board of Supervisors District 2 Newsletter: June 2012

Dear Friends and Marin County District 2 Residents:

I want to express my sincere thanks to the residents of Marin County's District 2 and beyond. Your support and confidence in my candidacy have bolstered me these past six months and helped make the campaign experience a positive one. I know this district, this county, and all of you better for having been out on the campaign trail. And I will be a better supervisor for it.

The election is behind us and the truly hard work lies ahead. Please know that I remain committed to working to ensure the county's fiscal soundness, balancing the budget without compromising vital safety net services or provision of core public services, supporting a county government that is as efficient and effective as possible, and upholding this county's long held commitment to open space protection and environmental preservation. These and many other challenges will be my focus for the next four years. I look forward to digging in. With your help and engagement, I am convinced we will meet the challenges we face and improve on what we have to make Marin the absolute best it can be. I go forward in my work as your Supervisor with deep gratitude and a promise to continue to provide the open-door, responsive, responsible representation this district is accustomed to.

Here's an update of selected news items and upcoming events, dates and programs that might be of interest to you. This month our "calendar" and "news" items are combined and there are a number of timely opportunities to participate in County and other local issues in the next few weeks...or to read about online from the comfort of home! This newsletter is a work in progress; I'm interested in hearing from you about what and how much information is useful. You can always reach my office at 415-473-7331, or e-mail me, krice@marincounty.org to provide feedback and let me know what you think.

CALENDAR AND NEWS ITEMS

June 18th and 20th: County Budget Hearings

The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget (which begins on July 1st) in the Board Chambers on June 18th and 20th, beginning at 9 am. The proposed \$371.7 million General Fund budget remains essentially flat, decreasing by 0.2% from the prior fiscal year. For more info on the proposed FY 2012-13 County Budget: <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/AD/main/bgt12/index.cfm>

**June 21: Join Marin County Open Space Rangers for Nature for Kids at Cascade Canyon Preserve:
6/21/2012, 10am - 1pm**

Grab your kids and head up one of our District's beautiful shaded canyons to look for butterflies and other bugs. You're sure to see some lizards and maybe get lucky and find a few snakes too. Some of the creeks here stay wet all year which means that these areas attract all kinds of wildlife. Please - no animals (except service animals). David Herlocker will lead. Questions: Contact David at (415) 893-9508 or dherlocker@marincounty.org. High fire danger may cancel: Call (415) 893-9527 after 7am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Meet at the gate at the end of Cascade Dr: in downtown Fairfax, drive about 0.4 mile west on Bolinas Rd and make a soft right at Cascade Dr (at a stop sign). Continue about a half mile to gate. Parking is limited, please carpool if you can.

Beginning June 21: Kaiser Grant Paves the Way for Fee-Free for Kids Thursdays at McNears Beach Park Pool

The Kaiser Permanente San Rafael Community Benefit program recently approved a grant to Marin County Parks for a Free Summer Swim Program for kids at McNears Beach Park. Starting June 21st, McNears Beach Park will offer a "fee-free" swim day for children under the age of 17 every Thursday through the summer. Parks estimates that up to 900 children could visit the pool for free this summer. For information about the free summer swim program for kids and park entrance fees, visit <http://www.marincountyparks.org>.

Week of June 25th: Community process to update Marin's 10 Year Plan to address homelessness

Please consider being a part of Marin's interactive community planning process. Our guides in this process, the Corporation for Supportive Housing, have created a model for updating Homeless Plans using a "charrette," an intensive planning process that jumpstarts and streamlines how a community develops or updates its plan to end homelessness. This process provides an important opportunity for collaboration among diverse stakeholders to help address issues related to homelessness. The charrette brings together residents, businesses, city/town officials, county and local agencies all in one room to talk about key homelessness issues. During the process, experts will engage in a public dialogue that encourages new thinking and strategies to respond to homelessness and then the community has an opportunity to speak and provide their input on the issues. At the end of the charrette week, there will be a list of recommendations drafted that are gleaned from the process. For more info, visit: <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/coc/10yearplan.cfm>. Consider coming to participate in a charrette or in any of the community meetings (schedule of all meetings is posted on website). For more information, contact Lisa Sepahi M.S.W., Homelessness Analyst, County of Marin Health & Human Services at (415) 473-3501 or lsepahi@marincounty.org.

June 27: Get involved in the environmental planning process: A draft environmental impact report for Plan Bay Area is being developed

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) are about to begin work on a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Plan Bay Area, the region's long-range land-use and transportation plan. The environmental impacts of these land use changes and transportation investments will be analyzed in the EIR. Please consider attending one of the four public meetings, one of which will be held in Marin on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Embassy Suites Hotel, Novato/Larkspur Room, 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael, CA. For more information about the plan: [Plan Bay Area Draft Environmental Impact Report.pdf](#). For general information about One Bay Area, visit www.OneBayArea.org.

http://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/CAMARIN/2012/06/13/file_attachments/134279/Plan%2BBay%2BArea%2BDraft%2BEnviromental%2BImpact%2BReport.pdf

June 28: Come learn about changes in FEMA Flood Insurance Risk mapping: Community Informational Meeting : Sir Francis Drake High School, Student Center, 1327 Sir Francis Drake High, San Anselmo: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), along with the towns of Fairfax, Ross and San Anselmo, and the County of Marin, will be hosting an informational meeting on the FEMA Ross Valley flood study which is re-examining flood risk in Ross Valley and will be completed shortly. This study will result in revised Flood Insurance Risk Maps, which may include a change in flood risk classification for some property owners or add properties to a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Following additional public notice, the final revised maps based on the flood study will be issued for formal review and comment in the fall 2012. This study is not the same as the County's Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program.

What will happen at the meeting?

FEMA will summarize the flood study and revised Flood Insurance Risk Maps, including a new regulatory floodway. A schedule of activities and milestones will be reviewed. A flood insurance representative will discuss the National Flood Insurance Program and review benefits to adding flood insurance coverage before map changes occur to a flood risk area. 'Work maps' will be posted showing the existing limits and the tentative new limits of the SFHA. There will be a question and answer period for general questions followed by a break out session where local officials can answer more specific question.

Where can I find out more? Information about the flood study can be found here:

<http://www.r9map.org/Pages/ProjectDetailsPage.aspx?choLoco=21&choProj=230>. General flood insurance information can be found at: www.floodsmart.gov. There is also a toll free customer service phone number: (888) 379-9531. You can also contact our local public works official for specific questions about your property or to be added to an email contact list for updates; for Marin County, the phone number is 473-3755.

July 4: Bike Helmet Giveaway, Sponsored by the Police Traffic Units of the San Anselmo

Look for the San Anselmo/Twin Cities Police trailer on the 4th of July (after the parade) in Corte Madera; the newly combined Police Traffic units will be giving away bike helmets and toys, thanks to a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant.

Sincerely,



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