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Update – Redwood Landfill Solid Waste Facilities Permit

On October 23, 2008 the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) will make the draft Redwood Landfill solid waste facilities permit and conditions available to the public for review. The permit and conditions will be made available at 4:00 PM in the Environmental Health Services office in Room 236 in the Marin Civic Center.

The LEA will host a second public meeting regarding the Redwood Landfill solid waste facilities permit on November 5, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Humane Society at 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd. in Novato. This meeting will provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the draft permit and conditions that will be released on October 23.

The LEA will take into consideration the comments made at the September 15 meeting and this subsequent meeting on November 5 before finalizing the LEA's draft permit conditions, which will be forwarded to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for their consideration.

After the September 15 public meeting, my office heard from constituents who wanted the LEA to host a second meeting after the draft permit and conditions were made available to the public. I requested that the LEA host this second meeting and I am very pleased that they agreed to do so to provide the public with the opportunities they were looking for to participate further in this process. I am also pleased that by doing this, the LEA is including as much public input as possible within the State regulations which the LEA must follow.

Vial of L.I.F.E. Launched in Marin

This month I am thrilled to join the Marin County Fire Department in announcing the launch of a program that has been months in the making: The Vial of L.I.F.E. (Lifesaving Information for Emergencies) program in Marin. This program is designed to provide Emergency Medical Responders county-wide with potentially life-saving medical information in the event that a patient is injured or ill at home and is unable to communicate.

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Just fill out the medical information form, place it in the small plastic container, and put it in your refrigerator door...it can literally save your life.



Vial of L.I.F.E. Kit



Fireman's Fund Volunteers

Vial of L.I.F.E. *(continued from Page 1)*

The idea of doing Vial of L.I.F.E. in Marin came up last fall during a meeting I had with the two District 5 representatives to the Commission on Aging, Nancy Sangster and Patricia Lewis. I brought it to the Marin Fire Chief's Association, which researched and quickly endorsed it, and then helped lead the effort to get it implemented. My office contacted Kaiser Permanente and Sutter Health, who came on board to provide the funding needed to get the program rolling in an excellent example of a public-private partnership.

Mike Giannini, Marin County Fire Department Battalion Chief and Emergency Medical Officer, explains it best: "Our Vial of L.I.F.E. program is modeled after thousands like it that exist across the country. The kits are designed to be very simple. Just fill out the medical information form, place it in the small plastic container included with the kit, and put it in your refrigerator door. Then put the bright red magnet on the refrigerator and the window sticker in a window near your front door. This alerts emergency responders that you are a Vial of L.I.F.E. participant. It's just that easy, and it can literally save your life."

Vial of L.I.F.E. will be an important asset to our community. Marin is consistent with the nationwide trend of medical emergencies representing the majority of calls responded to by Marin firefighters trained as paramedics. Given that current estimates also indicate that one out of three Marin residents will be 65 or older by 2030, Vial of L.I.F.E. represents a proactive effort to help manage the growing demand on Marin's emergency medical services.

I am so grateful to Kaiser and Sutter for partnering with the County and the Marin Fire Chief's Association on this program that will save critical time in an emergency for both our first responders and paramedics and for the patients themselves. I would also like to thank Firemen's Fund for participating in a very intensive volunteer effort to get kits assembled.

Kits are available at all Marin County fire stations and may be picked up during normal business hours. Coupon displays are also displayed at pharmacies throughout the county, with tear-off coupons that can be redeemed at any Marin fire station. Information and coupons will also be available at the Marin Senior Information Fair on Wednesday, October 22 from 9am to 3pm at the Marin Exhibit Hall, 10 Avenue of the Flags, in San Rafael.

More information on the program and kit availability can be found at www.marincountyfire.org, or by calling (415) 507-2595.

Invitation: Marin County “Planning 101”

What can I do with my house? What can I do with my property? Where do I start?

Come and find out the answers to these questions at an informational community meeting hosted by the Marin County Planning Department.

WHEN: Thursday, November 13, 2008
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

WHERE: Marin County Civic Center
Planning Commission Chambers
Room 328, 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael

This meeting will cover topics such as updates to the Marin County Development Code to streamline the development review and permitting process, information about the new Marin Countywide Plan, and other useful topics about the Planning Department’s permitting process for properties in the unincorporated areas of Marin County.

Please call Curtis Havel at (415) 507-2755 for more information.

All public meetings and events sponsored or conducted by the County of Marin are held in accessible sites. Requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-4381 (voice/TTY) or 711 for the California Relay Service or emailing disabilityaccess@co.marin.ca.us at least **four work days** before the event. Copies of documents will be made available in alternative formats, upon written request.

Novato Youth Center Offers Mental Health Counseling

Many may not realize that in addition to having a high quality childcare program for children ages 0-14, the Novato Youth Center (NYC) also has a professional staff of mental health counselors, available for affordable family, couples, and individual counseling for children, teenagers and adults. Whether struggling through the stress of daily life, having trouble being an effective parent with your toddler or teenager, or facing a major life crisis, the NYC counseling team can help. NYC accepts full-fee, offers sliding-fee scale, and serves clients covered through Medi-Cal, Victims of Crime, and CalKids. Bilingual counseling is also available.

For more information, please contact Christina Peterson, MFT at (415) 892-1643, ext. 239. Spanish speakers can contact Myriam Martinez at (415) 892-1643, ext. 314.



Upcoming Events

Redwood Landfill Solid Waste Permit Materials available for public review	October 23, 4:00pm
Board of Supervisors Meeting	October 28
Board of Supervisors Meeting	November 4
LEA Public Meeting re: Redwood Landfill	November 5
County "Planning 101" Meeting	November 13
Board of Supervisors Meeting	November 18
Board of Supervisors Meeting	November 25
Holiday – County offices closed	November 27-28

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