



Dear 4th District Resident and Friend:

Happy New Year!

As we move into 2018, I would like to share important information on County matters. This newsletter serves as an update on the projects I focused on as your supervisor in 2017 as well as to inform you on what I plan to focus on in the new year.

As always, I invite you to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns. You will find my office's contact information at the end of this issue.

It has been a rewarding experience to serve you and I look forward to working on your behalf in 2018.

Sincerely,

Dennis Rodoni

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Above: Dennis with the youngest participant of the Marin Trash Summit

4th District Highlights from 2017

As your Supervisor, it is my goal be engaged in our community as much as I can . Community events are great resource for me, both to share County projects with you and to hear from you on how we can improve . Below are some events that I would like to highlight:

- This past fall, I spoke at the Clean Marin Trash Summit organized by the Marin County Coalition of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. It is important to highlight this effort to clear the storm water runoff of trash, especially as we enter the winter season. If you would like more information on how to become a 'Clean Steward,' click [here](#).
- I spoke at the Marin County Commission on Aging at their December policy meeting and gave an overall update of the County's work on age-friendly policy. Included in my remarks was an update on our [Junior Second Unit/Accessory Dwelling Unit Program](#) and the Year of the Older Adult.
- I was the keynote speaker at the Mission San Rafael Bicentennial Celebration. While it is outside the 4th District's boundaries, the Mission's services are well attended by many of my constituents, and it was a great opportunity to get to know them.
- My office organized a group of volunteers to help the National Park Service restore Kehoe Beach Trail. A group of West Marin residents and I moved nearly nineteen tons of gravel. To sign up to volunteer in the future, click [here](#).



Above: Dennis speaking at the Commission on Aging



Above: Dennis giving the Keynote Speech at St. Raphael's



Above: Dennis among the Kehoe Beach Trail Volunteers

2017 Highlights Continued

- I participated in the Marin County Free Library's, "Reading for the Record," at Papermill Creek Children's Corner. A group of 30 preschoolers and I read "Quackers," by Liz Wong. My aide Lorenzo helped me by stepping in to read the Spanish version of the book. We gave a copy of the book to each student to hopefully remind them of the experience and to encourage further reading efforts at home.
- I was invited by the Consulate General of Guatemala to speak at the Guatemalan Independence Day Celebration in East San Rafael. It was a wonderful event celebrating our Guatemalan residents as part of the rich cultural fabric that makes the 4th District so unique.
- I participated in a town hall discussion with Congressman Jared Huffman on health care. The meeting discussed preserving the Affordable Care Act as well as debating the benefits of national versus state single-payer health care systems.



Above: Dennis handing out free books to students



Above: Dennis speaking at the Guatemalan Independence Day Celebration at Pickleweed Park

Goals for 2018:

- Continue participation in the Clean Marin Trash Summit meetings and follow-up actions
- Find ways to reduce the negative side of tourism in West Marin, with possible funding solutions to support needed County resources
- Provide updates to the Accessory Dwelling Unit/Junior Dwelling Unit Program as well as an increased outreach efforts to promote this program to all our communities
- Simplify the building permit process
- Support the Marin Strong Start ballot measure to provide continued support to our preschool-age children
- Host a roundtable with ranchers and farmers from Sonoma and Marin
- Support increased rental protections for all our Marin residents.
- Continue my open door policy: spring community office hours will commence in March 2018

2018 Year of the Older Adult

The 2018 Year of the Older Adult will include a year-long calendar of events and programs focusing on the vitality, contributions, and challenges facing Marin's senior residents. The program will initiate new policies, programs, and resources to promote an age-friendly Marin County.

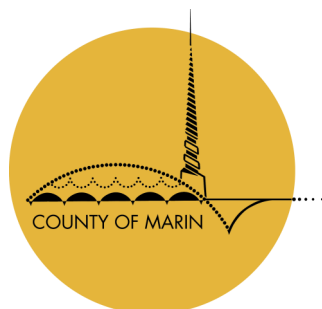
The purpose of this initiative:

- Celebrate our older adults' achievements and contributions to Marin
- Promote Marin as a great place to retire
- Bring all ages together to understand and celebrate the social, cultural, and economic contributions of Marin's older adults
- Raise community awareness on ageism affecting older generations
- Encourage collaborations amongst neighbors, businesses, government, community organizations, and schools to expand opportunities for older adults
- Identify new strategies, programs, and resources to support and address the needs of Marin's older population.

A group of community organizations have been planning this year-long effort. These partners include: Your Board of Supervisors, Aging and Adult Services, Aging Action Initiative, Whistlestop, Department of Cultural and Visitor Services, and many more.

Each month in 2018 will have a theme/event related to the Year of the Older Adult. The kick-off event will be on **January 23, 2018 at 9:15am**, with a special resolution presentation at the Board of Supervisor's meeting.

If you would like more information regarding this effort, please contact my aide, Lorenzo Cordova at (415) 473-3092 or LCordova@marincounty.org.



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Nonprofit Highlight: West Marin Senior Services & Parent Services Project

The 4th District is fortunate for the many nonprofit organizations that supplement the work we do in the County. Often, they fill in the gaps where we cannot meet the needs of our residents. Below you will find information on two 4th District nonprofit organizations that are making our community a better place for all.

West Marin Senior Services has dedicated over 40 years to provide in-home senior support services that foster independence and active participation in the community.

West Marin Senior Services benefits at-risk, fragile, disabled, or gravely ill community members, all while remaining in their own homes and at a fraction of the cost of institutional care.

To learn more about this organization, contact Skip Schwartz at (415) 663-8148 ext. 109 or skip@wmss.org.

To donate, click [here](#).



As a commitment to our nonprofit organizations, I will be matching up to \$500 of your contributions to each nonprofit listed above. Please let my aide, Lorenzo Cordova, know of your contribution. His contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Parent Services Project (PSP) is a nonprofit organization based in East San Rafael dedicated to the strengthening of parents, families, and communities to promote student achievement. PSP mainly focuses on three program areas: Trainings for parental leadership, school staff for cultural sensitization, and capacity building; family literacy, including early childhood parent education; and continuous community outreach.

I look forward to participating in their March 28th event, “Wee Read— Raising A Reader Story Time Adventure,” to promote literacy for our youngest children.

To learn more about this organization, contact Balandra Fregoso at (415) 454-1870 or bfregoso@parentservices.org

To donate, click [here](#).



A Message on Emergency Preparedness

The North Bay fires were a difficult experience for many of us. During this time, I was proud of 4th District's initiative to mobilize, organize, and house nearly 530 evacuees. The North Bay fire evacuees not only sought shelter in our Marin Center location, but also at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center, the Point Reyes Dance Palace, the Marconi Conference Center, Lawson's Landing, and many private homes. I thank those of you who donated your time, energy, and resources to help those in need. Every bit counts, and our community members did what they could during a very difficult and sad time.

As your Supervisor, these catastrophic events are a reminder that we need a more robust emergency preparedness program. Below is a sample of what my office has already done to ensure that our community is prepared:

- Moved the process forward to get the Muir Beach emergency siren installed in cooperation with the National Park Service, the Muir Beach Community, Green Gulch Farm, PG&E, and the Marin County Fire Department
- Arranged for two emergency preparedness trailers to be relocated to Tomales and Muir Beach
- Supported an Emergency Preparedness Grant to Tomales for the procurement of emergency radios
- Supported an Emergency Preparedness Grant to KWMR for new modern broadcasting equipment
- Supported an Emergency Preparedness Grant to Nicasio Volunteer Fire Department for the planning and permitting costs to install a back-up emergency generator.
- Reviewed lessons learned from the North Bay fires and how Marin can better prepare for the future.

Save the Date!: Emergency Preparedness Workshop

On Friday, February 9, 2018, FIRESafe Marin will host a community workshop to help Marin neighborhoods achieve a Firewise USA safety recognition by the National Fire Protection Association. We'll have representatives from the Marin County Fire Department, Marin Municipal Water District, Marin County Open Space, PG&E, and others, to help you understand Marin's wildfire risk and to develop a plan to address that risk.

Location:

Marin Valley Mobile Country Club
100 Marin Valley Drive
Novato, CA 94949
11:00am-2:00pm

San Geronimo Valley Property Updates

The purchase of the San Geronimo Valley Property (San Geronimo Valley Golf Course) is a great investment for the County and a community asset for the San Geronimo Valley. Parks and Open Space has established a portal for all of you to remain updated on the current progress. Please click [here](#) for more information.

As always, I am available to meet and discuss the future of this property, please contact my aide, Rhonda Kutter, to make an appointment.

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