



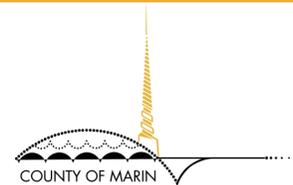
## Happy New Year!

On January 6 I was sworn in for my third term as your County Supervisor, representing District 5. I am truly grateful to be able to continue working with you for the next four years. I am thankful to live in a community with such an engaged constituency, and I am also incredibly appreciative of our hardworking County staff that is always ready to serve.

2014 was a busy year! Looking back, I am proud of what we accomplished together this past year. To highlight some of our accomplishments:

- The highlight this year was the passage of Assembly Bill 1537 (Levine) which lowers the default density of future housing developments in Marin County from Metropolitan (30 units per acre) to the more appropriate Suburban (20 units per acre). This was a top priority for me.
- As an Advisor to the Novato Theater Board, I was pleased that soft demolition of the Theater was completed; a part-time executive director is on board with plans to go full time in June; the Film Club and Kids Club are both thriving; Educational Programming for youth and seniors is being developed; preliminary design and review was passed unanimously by the city; and architectural renderings and drawings are available on-line.

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## Black Point Community Plan Update

Black Point is an unincorporated community located along the banks of the Petaluma River in the northern Novato area. The Black Point Community Plan was adopted by the Marin County Board of Supervisors in December 1978 and is being updated to refine existing policies to make them consistent with the policies and programs of the Marin Countywide Plan and to address contemporary, community-specific planning issues.

There have been several public workshops and meetings of the Black Point Advisory Committee over the past couple years and an updated Draft Black Point Community Plan is now available for review and can be found at: <http://www.marincounty.org/blackpoint>.

A public workshop of the Marin County Planning Commission and the Black Point Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 26 at 6:00pm at the Marin Center, Manzanita Room (10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael) to hear community input on key issues proposed in the Draft Plan. Please join us—the Draft Plan is still a working document and your input will help ensure the Plan reflects community values, protecting the unique character of Black Point.

Additional future hearings to discuss the merits of the Draft will be scheduled with the Planning Commission, and it is anticipated the Board of Supervisors will consider adopting the updated Black Point Community Plan later this spring.

For more information and to sign up for email alerts, visit: <http://www.marincounty.org/blackpoint>.



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## Happy New Year (continued from page 1)

- Began construction of Phase 1 of the Stafford Lake Bike Park in Novato, with plans to open this first phase of the Bike Park this summer.
- Adopted the first two-year fiscal budget in County History. The new budget maintains services and includes \$14 million to pay down retiree liabilities beyond required payments. In the past year, the County reduced its unfunded retiree liabilities by \$98 million, leading all three independent bond rating agencies to give Marin County the highest rating of AAA. As a member of the Marin Economic Forum, we partnered with Working Solutions to create a micro-loan fund in Marin County for small businesses.
- In a partnership between the Marin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, City of Novato and SMART – the Novato Creek Bridge has been rebuilt with an enhanced bridge design that will produce significant flood control improvements for Novato.
- Completion of the Regulatory Improvements Advisory Committee report which identifies ways to make it easier for people to understand and navigate the development review process.
- Our County Environmental Health Services Department launched a new mobile website for smartphones allowing users to easily access health inspection track records of Marin County restaurants.
- As a member of the Golden Gate Bridge District Board of Directors, we voted unanimously to approve a \$76 million funding plan for installation of a suicide barrier.
- After more than four years of research and due diligence, the Marin County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Tyler Technologies for a new software system to support the County of Marin’s administrative functions of business operations, including budgeting, accounting, purchasing, payroll and human resources management.
- Completed renovations at the Civic Center branch of the Marin County Free Library in San Rafael including a handy new information desk, technology upgrades, swift check-out stations, new computer tables, new lounge seating, improved accessibility and easier access to high-demand materials.
- Completed the Road and Trail Management Plan outlining a framework and process for making Marin County Open Space road and trail project decisions in an inclusive, transparent and fair process.
- As part of the County of Marin’s ongoing commitment to safety and the improvement of accessibility for people with disabilities, our Public Works Department completed a major renovation of the path of travel to the South Arch entrance of the Marin County Civic Center Administration Building including the removal of curbs, raising the crosswalk to match the height of adjacent sidewalks and resurfacing the area under the arch. New passenger loading areas improve book drop-offs for the library and other safety enhancements.

Looking ahead in 2015, I look forward to working with you and addressing issues that are important to the community. Please know that my door is open to you.

2015 brought a change to the Marin County Board of Supervisors. A big welcome to our newest Marin County Supervisor, Damon Connolly, representing District 1. Below is a photo of your 2015 Board of Supervisors!



Support the Novato Theater!

## JUDY GARLAND FILM & MUSIC EVENT

### Saturday, January 17, 2015



Doors Open at 5 p.m.

Program Starts at 5:30 p.m.

Light Refreshments will be Served

Margaret Todd Senior Center, 1560 Hill Road, Novato

## Celebrate the Legend

with

Film

Live Music

Laughter

and

Hollywood History

### Live Performance

with

Garland Songstress

## Debbie Lowe

Get Ticket(s) Online or Phone (415) 539-7155

\$10 NT Film Club Members    \$15 Non-Members    \$8 Senior Special

[www.novatotheater.net](http://www.novatotheater.net)

## 2014 Look Who's Getting It Done Award Goes to... June Haugen



Above: At a Novato event with Awardee June Haugen and her husband Jack Haugen.

Each January I announce my "Look Who's Getting It Done" Award to someone in the 5<sup>th</sup> District who has been instrumental in accomplishing something which benefits our community. I am delighted to announce that the 2014 Look Who's Getting it Done Award goes to June Haugen.

June has been an integral part of the fabric of Novato for the 14 years she has lived here, and we are sad to see June moving on to the next phase of her life as she and her husband Jack re-locate this winter.

In particular, June has been a vital part of a project that is near and dear to me, the re-opening of the Novato Theater in downtown Novato. Since the beginning of this effort, she has lent her incredible talents to work towards creating a venue for film, live music, performing arts, public events and education at the Novato Theater. She organized the volunteers at the start of the campaign and was the liaison to Bernice Baeza, the project manager. She worked on obtaining the agreement with the city to sell the theater to the non-profit organization and was instrumental in getting the word out to Novato residents about the need for this venue and worked diligently to secure the funding needed to purchase the building.

When Bernice died, June stepped up and tackled many important details and projects including: the gathering of Novato Theater documents from Bernice's estate; forming a Board of Directors; arranging meetings with contractors; selling existing theater seats; implementing kids film events; establishing a film club with discussions from film makers; finding capital campaign experts to share with the board; and generally not only holding things together, but moving the project

forward.

June should feel a sense of pride over the critical work she has accomplished for the Novato Theater. We will see this project through to completion, with construction beginning this year, not only because it is so good for our community, but because of June Haugen and her tireless tenacity.

In addition to her herculean efforts for the Novato Theater, June has been a steadfast presence in other aspects of the community as well. June was an active volunteer while her daughter attended Novato Public Schools. She chaired the School Fuel Cycling for Schools event, which eventually became the Tour of Novato, an event that raises much needed funding for Novato Schools. Prior to that she was an ambassador to School Fuel for many years, helped with the School Fuel Bocce Tournament and provided a lending hand whenever needed. She believed it was important to bring all the schools together as one community.

June joined the Novato 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee 10 years ago and has been in charge of the VIPs in the parade ever since. She coordinated cars and drivers, decorated the vehicles and handled last minute emergencies with grace. She is truly an unflappable and professional person and her efforts were instrumental in producing a top notch community parade!

June Haugen embodies the meaning of community. Thank you June for all you have contributed to Novato and especially for the dedication and commitment you have provided the Novato Theater – we will miss you and expect to see you at the Novato Theater's Grand Opening!

### LOOK WHO'S GETTING IT DONE AWARD

In 2007 I started the annual LOOK WHO'S GETTING IT DONE AWARD. I make this award every year in January.

The award recognizes someone in the 5th District who "got something done" for our community. The winner is featured in my County Connection article in the Novato Advance, in my newsletter, and on my County webpage.

Past awardees include: Haley Pavone, Mary Jane Burke, Kenneth Harth, Elizabeth DeRuvo, Patty Bennett, Ken & Charlene Casey, and Rob Hart.

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2015 Look Who's Getting it Done award, please contact my aide Tanya Albert at: [TAlbert@marincounty.org](mailto:TAlbert@marincounty.org).

## Fun with Photos—Newsletter Photo Gallery

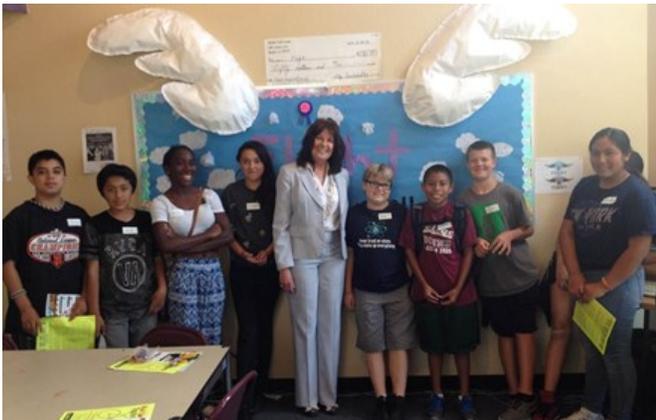
I had the privilege of participating in several great events since our last County Connection Newsletter published. I thought I would share a few photo highlights with you here...



Above: With Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom and my husband at the George “Rocky” Graham Park groundbreaking



Above: Getting sworn in for my third term as your County Supervisor



Above: Novato Youth Center's Leaders in Training summer program



Above: Novato Chamber of Commerce Leadership Alumni BBQ

## Marin County Parks News & Events



Check out the **Marin County Parks quarterly newsletter** — it is chock full of FREE activities to take full advantage of Marin’s natural wonders during the season. Learn about the projects we’re working on as well as the free programs we offer including Community Volunteer Days, Naturalist Programs, and Ranger Activities. You’re sure to discover something for you and your family to enjoy. Visit: <http://www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/main/newsletter>

- News
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Naturalist-led Walks
- Naturalist-led Family Walks
- Ranger Events
- Dog-friendly Hikes

## Paint the Town Red



Above: At last year’s event with Novato 2013 Citizen of the Year Susan Stompe.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Novato’s Annual Birthday Bash — Paint the Town Red

January 24, 2015

6:30 PM—10 PM

Fireman’s Fund, Novato

For more information, visit: <http://paintthetownred.org/>

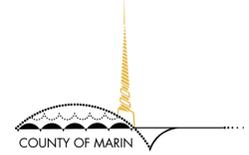
## Construction News: Marin Transit Bus Stop Improvements

Marin Transit is making improvements to 12 bus stops throughout Marin as part of the State of Good Repair program. The project includes upgrades to passenger amenities, Americans with Disabilities improvements, and repair of a high use bus pad. This project is 80% funded with FTA Section 5309 grant funds and 20% with State Proposition 1B(PTMISEA) funds. Construction is scheduled to begin this month and be completed no later than the end of March. Construction alerts can be found at: [www.marintransit.org](http://www.marintransit.org).

Three of the projects are located in Novato:

- Hamilton Parkway at Marin Airporter: construct accessible wheelchair landing pad, add new shelter and bench, and pedestrian improvements to the intersection of Nave Drive and Hamilton Parkway.
- Sunset Parkway and Merritt Drive: add accessible wheelchair landing pad, add retaining wall, and repair 580 feet of sidewalk from bus stop to the corner of Merritt and Sunset.
- Rowland Boulevard and S. Novato Boulevard: add accessible wheelchair landing pad.





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January 2015

Calendar grid for January 2015 with days of the week and dates.

February 2015

Calendar grid for February 2015 with days of the week and dates.

March 2015

Calendar grid for March 2015 with days of the week and dates.

Upcoming Meetings

- Jan 19—County Holiday (offices closed)
• Jan 21 —1:30pm, SMART Board Meeting
• Jan 22—7pm, TAM Meeting
• Jan 26—10am, Transit District Meeting
• Jan 27—Board of Supervisors Meeting
• Feb 3—Board of Supervisors Meeting
• Feb 4 —1:30pm, SMART Board Meeting
• Feb 10—Board of Supervisors Meeting
• Feb 16—County Holiday (offices closed)
• Feb 17—10am, Transit District Workshop
• Feb 18—1:30pm, SMART Board Meeting
• Feb 24—Board of Supervisors Meeting
• Feb 26—7pm, TAM Meeting
• Mar 3—Board of Supervisors Meeting
• Mar 4 —1:30pm, SMART Board Meeting
• Mar 16—10am, Transit District Meeting
• Mar 17—Board of Supervisors Meeting
• Mar 18—1:30pm, SMART Board Meeting
• Mar 24—Board of Supervisors Meeting
• Mar 26—7pm, TAM Meeting
• Mar 31—Board of Supervisors Meeting

Board of Supervisors, Transit District, and TAM Meetings are held in the BOS Chambers in the Marin Civic Center: 3501 Civic Center Dr., Suite 329.

SMART Board meetings are held on the First Floor at the SMART office in Petaluma: 5401 Old Redwood Highway, Petaluma.

Start times for BOS meetings can vary. For start times and agenda packet materials for upcoming as well as minutes of prior meetings:

=> Go to the County of Marin website at www.marincounty.org. In the "Board of Supervisors" section, click "Minutes & Webcasts"

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