

# THE MORNING AFTER

## TOWN OF ROSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Mayor's Corner



*Katie Hoertkorn*

The Town Council and Town staff are very grateful to the many volunteers in Ross that help make Ross an outstanding place to live. At the April Council meeting, we recognized and thanked the many talented individuals that have helped the Town provide services to our residents and community – individuals that are on Advisory Design Review Group, the Recreation Advisory Committee, the Financial Investment Advisory Committee, Flood Control Zone No. 9 Advisory Board, Marin County Commission on Aging, Marin Emergency Radio Authority, Marin Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District, and Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Board. These Ross representatives provide their talent and time in contributing to the enrichment of

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### Town Volunteers Recognized

The Town commended its appointed committee volunteers for their excellence of service at the April Council meeting, presenting each with a Resolution and a small token of appreciation.

The Town of Ross and the Town Council participate and serve on numerous County committees and boards. The Council recognizes the opportunity to engage its dedicated and talented members of the Ross community and through a selection process, has appointed residents to serve on these committees over the years.



The following individuals have graciously volunteered their time by serving on a committee and contributing to the betterment of the Ross community:

- Josefa Buckingham, Mark Fritts, Jim Kemp, Mark Kruttschnitt, Peter Nelson, Chris Neumann, Eric Soifer, Stephen Sutro, Dan Winey** - *Advisory Design Review Group;*  
**Chris Martin** - *Flood Control Zone No. 9 Advisory Board;*  
**Mason Flemming, James Martling, Zachary McReynolds** - *Financial Investment Advisory Committee;*  
**Teri Dowling** - *Marin County Commission on Aging;*  
**Tom Gaffney** - *Marin Emergency Radio Authority;*  
**Paul Sagues** - *Marin Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District;*  
**John Chendo, Jennifer Coan, Dana Lee, Charles McCoy, Kelly Tarkenton** - *Recreation Advisory Committee;*  
**Bruce Hart, Brian Salmen** - *Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Board.*

The Town congratulates and offers sincere thanks and appreciation to these individuals for providing an invaluable service to the Town. We are grateful to you!



the Ross community. At the same time, we want to recognize and thank the many, many other volunteers in Ross that foster and strengthen the community that are part of other not-for-profits and organizations such as the Ross Property Owners Association (RPOA), the Ross School PTO and Foundation, Ross Auxiliary, MAGC, Ross Historical Society/Moya Library, the coaches for kid sports, and the girl and boy scout leaders. It takes the whole village to make a great community and Ross is blessed to have so many people willing to give their time in making Ross a better community.

Our Town goals include continuing to sustain financial responsibility and stability while providing effective and efficient services. This Council meeting included the Town Audit Report from the independent auditors for the most recently completed year. The auditor report found the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the Town's financial position. The audit was a "clean" audit with no findings that needed to be corrected.



Want to close by thanking our volunteers at the Ross Auxiliary for hosting another wonderful Spring Fling! ■

### Jump Start Your Vegetation Clearing

Spring has arrived in our beautiful town and already the vegetation – both wanted and unwanted, is sprouting up uncontrolled in our front yards and along our roadways. Per Ross [Municipal Code Section 12.12.010](#), it is the responsibility of all occupants and owners of property within the town to trim, remove or destroy all trees, hedges, plants, shrubs or vegetation, which obstructs or impairs the free full public use of the sidewalk area or street in front of their premises. Here are some guidelines to stay in compliance:

- 1) Remove all grass, weeds, shrubs, bushes, trees or vegetation growing, or which have grown and died upon property which are a fire hazard or menace to public health, safety or welfare. A tree permit may be required for tree removal (see [Municipal Code Chapter 12.24](#) for tree regulations).
- 2) Branches of trees shall not be permitted to extend lower than seven feet above the surface of the sidewalk area or to extend lower than thirteen feet six inches above the surface of the portion of the street used for vehicular traffic, whether planted in the sidewalk area or upon private property.
- 3) Flowers, shrubs and other growth, with the exception of trees, in the sidewalk area shall not be permitted to exceed eighteen inches in height.

Thank you for helping keep the public right-of-way clear from any obstruction!

### Council Approves New ADR Member Selection Process

On March 9, 2017, the Council adopted a resolution to amend and establish new ADR policies and procedures. One of the changes associated with the amended policies and procedures is that the composition and the size of ADR Group members was reduced from nine active members to five members, of which four members would be design related professionals and one member would be a non-design related professional. The Council directed staff to provide options for the member selection process at the April Council meeting.

Given the sensitivity of having to reduce the ADR Group and in order to reconcile the current appointments per the amended policies and procedures, staff presented the Council with three options to consider: 1) Allow ADR members Fritts and Kemp to continue their appointments to February 2018 when they are set to expire. The remaining ADR members whose appointments expire in June 2017, would apply to the Council to fill the remaining three vacancies until February 2018. 2) ADR Group members self-select off to obtain a final count of five (there was not a consensus among ADR Group members for this). 3) Council disbands current appointments and Town-wide application and interview process

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## PLANNING RESULTS

The Town Council took the following action on planning applications at the April Council meeting. Staff reports and audio for the meeting can be found on the [April 6th](#) meeting page. The minutes for this meeting will be available on this page after adoption by the Council at the May 11th Council meeting.

**Address:** 12 Norwood Avenue  
**Applicant:** Mark & Sarah Kruttschnitt  
**Council Action:** Approved  
**Vote (for/against/abstain):** 4-0-1 (Robbins recused)

**Address:** 32 Allen Avenue  
**Applicant:** Courtney Lynch  
**Council Action:** Approved  
**Vote (for/against/abstain):** 5-0-0

**Address:** 9 Upper Road West  
**Applicant:** Phil & Jill Lesh  
**Council Action:** Approved  
**Vote (for/against/abstain):** 5-0-0

**Address:** 9 Quail Ridge  
**Applicant:** Laura Rockwell  
**Council Action:** Approved  
**Vote (for/against/abstain):** 5-0-0

## ROSS COMMUNITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES ARE COMING



Anyone who pre-ordered the Ross Community Telephone Directory will be able to pick up their directory soon at one of the following distribution times:

### Ross Post Office

- Wednesday, April 26th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Thursday, May 4th, 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

### Marin Art & Garden Center (MAGC) Main Office

Directories will be available during MAGC office hours starting **Monday, May 8th**. Please note directories will not be available at the office prior to this date.

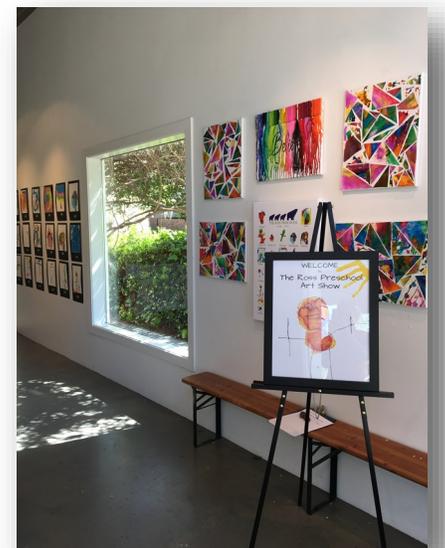
**Home delivery:** Residents who ordered home delivery will receive their directory on **Friday, May 5th**, but are welcome to pick it up earlier during the Post Office distribution times.

**Forgot to order a directory?** A limited number of directories will be available for purchase by residents for \$45 each during these times. A photo ID reflecting a Ross residential address is required.

The Ross Community Directory is brought to you by the Ross Auxiliary with proceeds benefiting the Marin Art & Garden Center. For any questions, please contact the Ross Auxiliary at [rossauxdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:rossauxdirectory@gmail.com).



The Ross Preschool Art show was held on March 30th at the Art Space on Ross Common. The show highlighted the art projects that the preschool students created throughout the school year. The show was a big hit as over 40 parents and friends attended. The artwork was auctioned off to raise funds for program supplies. Thank you to Dana Lee and the parent association for holding this wonderful event. Dana is also a member of the Ross Recreation Advisory Committee and donates many volunteer hours on behalf of Ross Recreation and The Ross Preschool.





## ADR

# Group Member Selection Process

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begins for five appointments, which would occur at a regular Council meeting. The Council selected Option 3 which would disband the current ADR Group and complete their existing appointments, once the new appointments are made. The selection process and timing would consist of the following:

1.	Advertise the ADR Group appointment opportunity in the Morning After, Town-wide email & website.	April 7-28
2.	Submittal of Town's application form and curriculum vitae.	April 7-28
3.	Council to conduct interviews at a special meeting. Council will ask a series of preapproved questions to all applicants.	May 2017
4.	Council appoints new ADR Group members.	June 8, 2017
5.	New ADR Group appointments effective.	July 1, 2017
6.	Current ADR Group members would remain on the ADR until June 28, 2017	June 28, 2017
7.	ADR Group special meeting for training relative to new policies & procedures.	June 12-July 20
8.	First ADR Group meeting with new appointments.	July 25, 2017

### ADR Appointment Submittal Instructions

To apply for an ADR appointment, please complete the ADR Volunteer Application form found on the Town's website at:

<http://www.townofross.org/advisorydesignreview/page/advisory-design-review-group-volunteer-application>, and submit along with curriculum vitae to Heidi Scoble at [hscoble@townofross.org](mailto:hscoble@townofross.org), by Friday, April 28, 2017.

For any questions, please contact Heidi at (415) 453-1453 ext. 121.

## RECREATION NEWS

The Ross Recreation Advisory Committee met with local Ross Valley Youth Sports representatives at their March meeting to discuss opportunities for partnerships between Ross Recreation and local youth sports organizations. The meeting explored how the Ross Recreation Department can compliment and assist the efforts of the local community sports groups. Future programs that were discussed included educational presentations for parents and youth sports participants, as well as development of new sports programs. Thank you to the representatives from Ross Little League, Grizzlies Lacrosse and Ross Valley Youth Soccer Club for taking the time to meet with the Ross Recreation Advisory Committee.

Saturday March 11th was a big day at the Ross Common as the Ross Valley Little League held their opening day parade and games. In addition, the Ross Recreation youth basketball program held season ending games at Ross Gym.



Ross Valley Little League President Al Stoll with the Giants, about to lead the opening day parade.



Coach Clay Walker with members of Team Sky from the Ross Rec 2nd grade girls basketball league.

Summer Program Registration is open for all summer camps including Top Gun, Adventure Camp, Marin Explorers, Camp Safari and more

Visit our website at: [www.rossrecreation.org](http://www.rossrecreation.org) to download the Summer catalog.

# ROSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL 2017

Apr 1	10:00	am	Annual Spring Fling, Ross School Playground
Apr 3	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Apr 6*	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall <i>*note date change</i>
Apr 25	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall

## MAY 2017

May 4	9:00	am	Special Council Meeting—Annual Budget Workshop, Ross Town Hall
May 8	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
May 11	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
May 23	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall
May 29	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Memorial Day

## JUNE 2017

Jun 5	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Jun 8	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Jun 27	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall

## RECURRING EVENTS

Thursdays, May - October    Ross Farm Stand - *BEGINS MAY 4th*, 11:30 am - 7:30 pm, Ross Common

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