

# THE MORNING AFTER

## TOWN OF ROSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Mayor's Corner



Elizabeth Robbins, MD  
Mayor

This year's Town Dinner was a great success! Hundreds of residents enjoyed picnicking on the Common on a lovely warm evening. The children had a wonderful time playing on the brightly lit field. Thanks

go to Mike Armstrong and Ross Recreation for planning the dinner.

The Council is continuing to discuss a flood mitigation project proposed by the County Flood Control district. A decision about whether to proceed with the project is expected in December. The project includes three elements: removal of the fish ladder, which impedes water flow; construction of a flood wall to protect the Kentfield neighborhood near the College of Marin; and removal of the

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### Highlights of Town Dinner

This year's annual Town Dinner held Friday, October 6th drew approximately 435 members of the Ross community to wine and dine with their neighbors under the trees on the Ross Common. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all. Thank you to all who helped make this event possible. A huge thanks to Mike Armstrong and Sue Talmage in the



Recreation Department. We greatly appreciate their hard work in overseeing this event and making it such a grand success! A special thanks also to the Ross Police Department, Café Ross, Bob Scott All Stars, Ross Property Owners Association, Town Council, Town Manager, Anthony Alcozer, and Rich Simonitch. Enjoy more photos on Page 2.



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concrete walls with widening of the creek channel between the post office and the tennis courts. This would involve moving the bike path west toward Poplar Avenue and removing the trees, hedge, and fence between the bike path and the creek, as the current bike path area will be excavated to create the new creek bed. The sides of the newly widened creek will be re-landscaped with trees and shrubs to restore a park-like appearance.

Tuesday, October 31 is Halloween! Shady Lane will again be closed from Norwood Ave to Fernhill Ave. Please drive carefully, and please make sure that your children's costumes don't obstruct their vision.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge all who are affected by the dangerous fires burning in Napa and Sonoma Counties. A number of our staff and contractors live in close proximity to the fires and have been evacuated, and are not out of danger yet as the fires continue to rage near their homes. Many are not yet able to return to their homes. Disasters such as this remind us that it is very important to have a disaster plan in place for you and your family. So far Marin County has been spared from the devastation but we need to be vigilant and prepared in the event of an emergency. We hope everyone is safe. ■



## Ross Town Dinner Highlights



Photos courtesy of Linda Lopez

## PLANNING RESULTS

The Town Council took the following action on planning applications at the October Council meeting. Staff reports and audio for the meeting can be found on the Town's website [October 12th](#) meeting page. The minutes for this meeting will be posted after adoption by the Council at the November 9th Council meeting.

**Address: 19 Sir Francis Drake Blvd**  
**Applicant: Elizabeth Foster & Paul Furusho**  
**Council Action: Approved**  
**Vote (for/against/abstain): 5-0-0**

**Address: 6 Redwood Drive**  
**Applicant: Town of Ross**  
**Council Action: Approved**  
**Vote (for/against/abstain): 5-0-0**



## HALLOWEEN EVENTS



**Friday, October 27, 2:45 pm - 5:00 pm**  
 Annual Halloween Window Painting  
 in Downtown Ross

All paint and materials will be supplied by Gabriella Drake of Art Abloom Studio & Gallery. Just bring your creativity. For more information, contact Gaby Drake at (415) 256-1112, or Bonnie Bibas at (239) 287-1414.

**Monday, October 31, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
 Halloween Night  
 Shady Lane Road Closure for annual  
 Trick or Treaters



*(The Ross Property Owners Association has provided the following article. The Town thanks RPOA for all of their contributions!)*

## ROSS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



*(from left) Iris Winey, Anne Hickey, John Kieckhefer, Diana Hammer, Jeff Koblick*

The Ross Property Owners Association (RPOA) was formed in the 1960's and presently has 325 Ross households as members and a Board of six Ross citizens.

The RPOA's charter is to provide funds and services for the benefit of the general Ross community by sponsoring community improvement events to help make Ross a great place to live.

The RPOA annually receives contributions of about \$20,000. These funds have been used for projects and events such as the following:

- Construction of two light posts for the Town Commons
- Contribution to remodeling the Post Office
- Contribution to landscaping around Town Hall
- Construction, installation and ongoing placement of colorful banners in downtown area
- Construction and placement of new Bulletin Board kiosks
- Purchase and installation of bike racks in front of Post Office
- Christmas and 4th of July decorations throughout the Town
- Tree and bush trimming of lot at Sir Francis Drake & Lagunitas Road
- Installation and maintenance of "Eddie's Tree" in front of Post Office
- Installation and ongoing replacement of "Doggie Bags" at Town Commons
- Sponsoring "Candidate Nights" during elections
- Sponsoring First Aid preparedness classes at Ross School

In addition to the above, the RPOA's future projects include:

- I. Help the Town enhance and improve the lot at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard & Lagunitas Road.

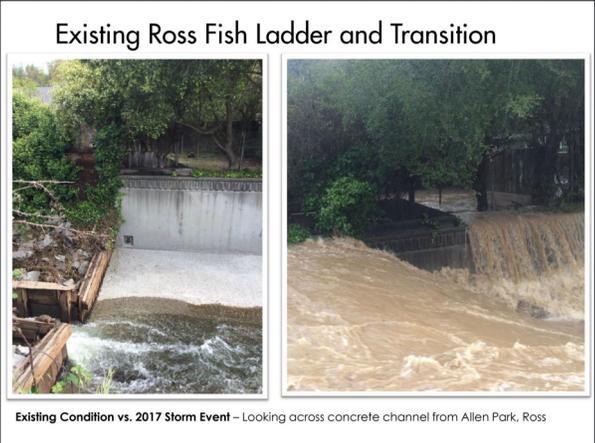
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# New Flood Protection Project Proposed for the Town of Ross

At a special Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 10th, the Marin County Flood Control District (MCFCD) presented a detailed overview of a significant flood control project being proposed within the Corte Madera Creek here in Town. The Town Hall was filled to capacity with both Ross and Kentfield residents showing up to provide their thoughts and comments related to the project.

The project, known as the “Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project – Phase I” involves removal of the fish ladder, removal of most of the concrete channel from the fish ladder down to the tennis courts and widening and restoring the creek to a more natural state, and constructing a floodwall at Granton Park in Kentfield. Widening the creek would involve removing the existing fence and moving the bike path west, as part of Fred Allen Park would be excavated to become part of the widened floodplain park. Trees along the bike path would be removed during the construction and new trees and shrubs would be planted. Park amenities could be expanded incorporating the newly created riparian corridor into the existing Frederick Allen Park.



Existing Condition vs. 2017 Storm Event – Looking across concrete channel from Allen Park, Ross

The presentation provided hydraulic modelling that showed that flood control and reduction of water flow for numerous properties near the creek that would benefit from the proposed project. Overall the presentation was met with support although several questions remain, mainly regarding the impact that the removal of the concrete channel will have on neighboring properties and details related to the floodplain park. The MCFCD will be working with Town staff over the next several weeks to provide more outreach to the residents, including field walks and one-on-one meetings with property owners along the creek. The project will come back to the Town Council likely in December for Council action. We will keep you updated on public meetings related to this project.

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- 2. Help the Town enhance and improve Natalie Coffin Greene Park by Phoenix Lake.

We thank all of our RPOA Members for your ongoing support and look forward to your help and suggestions as to how the RPOA can best help make Ross a great place to live!

The RPOA Board consists of:

- Jeff Koblick, President
- John Kieckhefer, Treasurer
- Iris Winey, Secretary
- Frank Doodha
- Diana Hammer
- Anne Hickey

If you would like more information, please visit our website at <http://rpoaross.org>, or contact us at [info@rpoaross.org](mailto:info@rpoaross.org). ■

## RECREATION NEWS



### Winter Program

Registration for Winter Programs begins the first week of November. Programs offered at Ross School include Academic Chess, Art, Cybergarage, adult drop-in basketball on Monday nights, and youth Futsal in the Ross Gym on Sundays.

Registration has closed for the Ross Recreation youth basketball program. Practices begin on November 27 and games will be played on Saturdays from the beginning of February through second week of March.

**Register for programs at: [rossrecreation.org](http://rossrecreation.org).**

# ROSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER 2017

Oct 6	5:30	pm	Annual Ross Town Dinner, Ross Common
Oct 9	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Oct 10	7:00	pm	Special Council Meeting - Flood Control, Town Hall
Oct 12	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Oct 18	5:00	pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Town Hall
Oct 24	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall
Oct 27	2:45-5	pm	Halloween Window Painting, Downtown Ross <i>(see Page 3 for details)</i>
Oct 31	5-9:00	pm	Halloween Night Shady Lane Road Closure

## NOVEMBER 2017

Nov 6	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Nov 9	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Nov 10	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Veterans Day
Nov 23 & 24	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Thanksgiving
Nov 28	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall

## DECEMBER 2017

Dec 11	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Dec 14	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Dec 19	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall
Dec 25-29	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Christmas holiday

**RECURRING EVENTS** - Thursdays, Ross Farm Stand, 11:30 am - 7:30 pm, Ross Common

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