

THE MORNING AFTER

TOWN OF ROSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Corner



Elizabeth Brekhus
Mayor

This is my second time serving as the Mayor and it is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Mayor in this little hamlet, we call Ross. As you probably know we normally rotate the position

and once again, I follow Beach Kuhl, who finished his term last month. He runs a tight meeting, makes us all talk in turn, and is generally a hard act to follow. I want to thank Beach for serving as our 2018-2019 Town Mayor.

Nothing says small town charm better than our very own Ross Town 4th of July parade. I had the pleasure of riding with our Mayor Pro Tem Julie McMillian in her husband Tim's blue convertible. My daughter Hilah was in the front seat helping us throw candy. It was fun following

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4th of July Highlights

The Ross 4th of July celebration event was a great success and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all who contributed, volunteered, and helped coordinate this beloved Town event: first, Recreation Manager Mike Armstrong for leading the charge for this event; Maya Talmage; Sandrick Jackson; Anthony Alcozer; Joe Chinn; Ross Police Officers Association and Ross Police; Let's Be Frank; Shady Ladies; Marin Golden Gate Barbershop Chorus; and the Ross Historical Society. It takes a village to orchestrate this event and we appreciate everyone who helped. Enjoy more photos of the day's events on Page 3.



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Ross Evacuation Drill Saturday, July 13th

The Ross Valley Fire Department, together with the Ross Police Department, Central Marin Police and Fire will be conducting an evacuation drill for much of Ross and a part of San Anselmo on Saturday, July 13th from 8:00 - 10:00 am. This is a voluntary exercise to help first responders assess the issues that may arise if such an activation became necessary due to a disaster, such as an earthquake or wildland fire.

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behind the great drumming group, who, to my recollection, made their debut appearance in last year's parade. Having been in charge of planning the 4th of July parade in 2013, I know it is a tremendous undertaking and I want to recognize the people who organized the event this year. The Ross Recreation has been in charge of organizing the parade and celebration since 2014, and each year they have managed to improve upon it and ensure that this long-standing tradition will carry on in the future. Kudos to Ross Recreation Manager Mike Armstrong and his team and their good work and thank you to all the people who participated in the parade and the celebration to make it a success.



There are a number of other things happening in Town that residents have undoubtedly observed. The drainage project on Bolinas Avenue and sewer work on Shady Lane is underway and we appreciate what an inconvenience it is to residents. Hopefully it will make the community a better place to live for the next 100-150 years.

I also want to report that the Natalie Coffin Three Bear Hut rehabilitation is almost complete and we will announce a public opening soon. Wait for an email from Town inviting you to come see the rehabilitation of this special structure that was built at the base of Phoenix Lake by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corp.

If you have any thoughts or concerns regarding the Town, feel free to contact me. One of the nice things about serving on the Council is hearing from residents and the Council really does benefit from public input. ■

Sergeant Steve Nelson Retires



Steve Nelson

Long-time employee Police Sergeant Stephen Nelson retires on July 13th after working for the Ross Police Department for the last 17 years. Steve's law enforcement career began in 1986 where he worked for the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department. He transferred to the San Anselmo Police Department in 1989, and served as a Patrol and Motorcycle Traffic

Enforcement Officer for 13 years before joining the Town of Ross.

In Ross, Steve worked as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Police Sergeant in 2009. He was the department Rangemaster and was responsible for vehicle maintenance as well as various police equipment.

Steve is a Marin native, having attended San Rafael High School. He lives in San Rafael with his adult son. We thank him for his dedication, hard work, and service, and wish him all the best in his retirement and the next chapter of his life.

The recruitment to replace Sergeant Nelson is underway.

RVPA Board Appointment

The Council appointed Brian Salmen to serve on the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) Board of Directors replacing outgoing Board member Bruce Hart. Mr. Sal-



men has been serving as an alternate RVPA Board member since 2012. Mr. Salmen has been a Marin resident for 45 years and has lived in Ross for 30 years. He is a retired physician having served on staff at Marin General Hospital, Kentfield Rehabilitation Hospital, Novato Community Hospital, and Sonoma Valley Hospital. Mr. Salmen has been very active in community affairs including flood control, Ross Property Owners Association, and Board of Trustees of the Marin Art & Garden Center.

The RVPA is a joint powers authority that provides advanced life support paramedic services between eight member agencies. Each of these agencies appoints a board member and alternate member.

Bruce Hart, former Council member and long-time Ross resident, recently moved from Ross and thus resigned as the RVPA Board member. He served as the Town's representative to RVPA for many years, and the Town thanks him for his dedication and long-standing commitment to the RVPA Board. We appreciate his efforts!

PLANNING RESULTS

The Town Council took the following action on planning applications at the July Council meeting. Staff reports and audio for the meeting can be found on the Town's website [July 11th](#) meeting page. The minutes for this meeting will be posted after adoption by the Council at the August 8, 2019 Council meeting.

Address: 1 Woodside Way
Applicant: Gino & Marianne Canori
Council Action: Approved
Vote (for/against/abstain): 4-1-0 (Russell opposed)

Address: 191 Lagunitas Road
Applicant: Paris & Martha Royo
Council Action: Continued

Address: 26 Woodside Way
Applicant: Valentin Alexandrov
Council Action: Continued

MAGC Summer Concert Series



If you haven't already checked it out, the 2019 Marin Art & Garden Center (MAGC) summer concert series is a free, fun event to attend. It will run for three more

Thursdays: July 18, July 25 and August 1st before it ends. All concerts take place from 5pm to 7pm on the Gazebo Lawn. Bring the whole family and enjoy a summer evening filled with music, dancing, and fun.

This year, food trucks will be on site for each concert. Beverages, including a trademark botanical cocktail, will also be available for purchase and will include a new re-usable wine glass.

The music concert's remaining are jazz fusion, classic covers, and country swing. All proceeds benefit the Marin Art & Garden Center. For more information, go to <https://magc.org/>.

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Evac Drill

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We are asking residents in the Wellington/Winship area, Shady Lane and Glenwood area, and Oak Avenue neighborhoods to participate in the voluntary evacuation exercise. The exercise will begin with a notification from ALERT MARIN. For those that have registered with ALERT MARIN, you will receive a notification advising you of the "Drill" and not an actual emergency. The notification will provide instruction of where to report.

More information on this drill is available on the Town's website at <https://www.townofross.org/emergencyservices/page/town-ross-evacuation-drill> as well as a list of the streets participating in the drill.



For all Town residents and businesses, if you

haven't already registered for ALERT MARIN, the County's emergency notification system, please do so at www.alertmarin.org. This is an important step to staying informed of county wide emergencies. With the recent earthquakes in Southern California and as we head into fire season, and the potential PG&E public safety power shutoff, it is more important than ever that everyone be prepared for such emergencies. Are you ready? There are many excellent resources available to help you prepare such as www.readymarin.org, www.readyforwildfire.org, and www.firesafemarin.org, and [Wildfire Evacuation Checklist](#). ■

RECREATION NEWS

Summer camp registration is ongoing. Upcoming programs include a middle school girls basketball clinic with former Cal basketball women's coach Caren Horstmeyer, and our popular fishing camp led by Sandrick Jackson.



Registration for the Ross Recreation youth soccer programs for grades K through 2 is currently open. The program emphasizes sportsmanship and skill development in a fun atmosphere. Practices are held after school at Ross Common and games are conducted on Saturdays also at Ross Common. Long-time Ross Recreation instructor Jean Marc Schafer conducts the practices and games. The program runs from September to November.



Registration for the Fall program will open in early August. Fall programs include Art, Lego Engineering, Dance, Hoppin' Holly science and more. Programs are offered at Ross School and Bacich School. Come and join the fun this fall!

Register for Ross Recreation programs at www.rossrecreation.org

Annual Ross Town Dinner Friday, September 27, 2019



SAVE THE DATE!

ROSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2019

July 4	11:00	am	Ross 4th of July Parade & Celebration, Ross Common
July 4	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Independence Day
July 8	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
July 11	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall

AUGUST 2019

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sep 2	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Labor Day
Sep 9	7:15	pm	Ross Property Owners Association Meeting, Town Hall
Sep 12	6:00	pm	Council Meeting, Town Hall
Sep 24	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting, Town Hall
Sep 27	5:00	pm	Annual Ross Town Dinner, Ross Common

RECURRING EVENTS

Thursdays, May - October	Ross Farm Stand, 11:30 am - 7:30 pm, Ross Common
Thursdays, June 20-Aug 1	MAGC Summer Concert Series, 5:00 - 7:00 pm (<i>no concert July 4th</i>)

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