

THE MORNING AFTER

TOWN OF ROSS NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Corner



Elizabeth Robbins
Mayor

It was the perfect end-of-summer celebration! Ross residents enjoyed two nights of outdoor dining and live music on the Common on August 27th and 28th. Over 300 people showed up each night. There was something for everyone: music on the Ross School stage; a specialty food truck each night (Moroccan on Friday, Al Pastor tacos on Saturday); dinners from cherished local restaurants Marche aux Fleurs, Tony Tutto Pizza and Trattoria Fresco on the sidewalks; face painting; a giant bubble station on the grass for children; and tables under festive lights on Redwood Drive.

Thank you, Ross Auxiliary and Ross Property Owners' Association board, whose members (especially Elena Batalla,

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Live Music Comes to Downtown Ross

Downtown Ross celebrated the hot days of summer with live music and outdoor dining on August 27th and 28th. The event was sponsored by the Town of Ross, Ross Auxiliary and Ross Property Owners' Association. The Jon Chi Band and Tim Weed & Friends performed on the outdoor stage while residents dined with their friends on the Common. Thank you to everyone who helped coordinate and orchestrate this event and Town staff that worked the event (Chief Pata, Police Department, Anthony Alcozer, Gretchen Castets), and of course, Ross Auxiliary and Ross Property Owners' Association. A fun time was had by all!



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Adrienne Liggett and Mat Salter) conceived of and planned the event. Funding was provided by the Town of Ross, Ross Auxiliary, and RPOA. Town employees staffed the event, including Anthony Alcozer from the Public Works Department, Gretchen Castets from Ross Recreation, and Police Chief Pata and his officers. The weekend was a huge success, and there are already requests for another evening of live music and outdoor dining.

This newest town-wide event will soon be followed by our annual Town Dinner on Friday October 1 from 5:30-9 pm. All are welcome to spend the evening enjoying potluck picnic dinners and music provided by the Bob Scott All-Star Band. As in previous years, tables will be set up on the Common in the grove area; because of COVID, the tables will be carefully separated for safety. Emails with more details about the dinner will be sent throughout the month; RSVPs are requested to help the Town know how many tables to set up. The Town Dinner is another wonderful opportunity to enjoy an evening outside with family, friends, and neighbors.

Events like these remind us that Ross is a very special place. Opportunities to get together with friends and neighbors are an important part of the fabric of our community. And we're so fortunate to have the beautiful Ross Common in the center of town; it's the perfect location for gathering together. ■



ROSS TOWN DINNER - OCT. 1

Registration is now open for the annual Ross Town Dinner on Friday, October 1. Please join us for this beloved Ross community event. Enjoy an evening dining potluck style with your neighbors



on the Ross Common under the grove. The Bob Scott All-Star Band returns to play jazz and R&B to complement the evening. Bring your own picnic and beverage. We provide tables, linens, chairs and live music.

- Date:** Friday, October 1, 2021
- Time:** 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Place:** Ross Common
- Cost:** \$10 per person (register by September 29th)

Two ways to register:

- 1) Register online at: <https://www.rossrecreation.org/ross-town-dinner/>
(Payment online is by credit card only) or
- 2) Mail check payable to "Town of Ross" with number of guests attending to: Ross Recreation/Town Dinner, P.O. Box 117, Ross, CA 94957

Wildfire Watch TV Adapting to Wildfires in Marin (Coming to a Channel Near You)



Produced by Fire Safe Marin and funded by Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, **Wildfire Watch** is a new one-hour series that will bring you up to speed on wild-fire activity and what you need to do to keep safe in Marin.

The first episode debuts September 16th with new episodes released monthly. Click [here](#) for more details.

Available on YouTube, Channel 30, [FireSafeMarin.org](https://www FiresafeMarin.org), and Facebook.

Watch the TV Trailer: [SNEAK PEEK](#)

Laurel Grove Safe Pathways to School Project Workshop

Saturday, September 18, 2021 9:00 am



The Town of Ross Public Works Director and project consultants will hold an in-person, one-hour informational workshop and walking tour to discuss the project and options for constructing a new pedestrian pathway on Laurel Grove between Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Canyon Road.

During the tour, we will be seeking input and suggestions from the residents and stakeholders to help us decide on a final alignment or location of the new pathway. We will also be available to answer any questions regarding the project.

The workshop/walking tour will begin at 9AM Saturday, September 18 on the sidewalk at the corner of Sir Francis Drake and Laurel Grove across from the Ross Town Hall.

While the workshop is open to everyone, in the interest of time, space, and social distancing, we ask that you attend the workshop only if you believe that you will use the pathway or will otherwise be impacted by the project in some way.

Town Manager Recruitment Update

The Town Council has begun the recruitment process for filling the Town Manager position to replace outgoing Manager Joe Chinn who will retire once the new Town Manager is hired. The job advertisement closed on August 23rd with many applications received for the position. The Council will hold a series of closed session meetings starting with a meeting on September 8th followed by the interviews starting the week of September 13th.

The recruitment is being handled by executive search firm Avery Associates.



...From the Ross Police Department

Protect your Personal Information

- **Lock your tablet and phone:** Consider your devices windows to the world. If you leave your window open, someone can get in, use strong passphrases or passcodes to lock your tablet and phone. Consider a password manager. Securing your devices keeps prying eyes out and can help protect your information in case your devices are lost or stolen.
- **The IRS and Social Security do not solicit online:** Ignore emails or communications that create a sense of urgency and require you to respond to a crisis, such as a problem with your bank account or taxes. This type of message is likely a scam.
- **Don't click on links:** Clicking on links in emails are often how bad guys get access to personal information. If an email looks weird do not click it. If you have an interest in a product, do your own search and find the website. Don't click!
- **Make your password a sentence:** A strong password/passphrase is a sentence that is at least 12 characters long. Use numbers or characters in place of letters. Focus on positive sentences or phrases that you like to think about and are easy to remember (for example, "I love country music." Or "I L0v3 C0un7ry Mu\$1c").
- **Unique account, unique passphrase:** Having separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals. At a minimum, separate your work and personal accounts and make sure that your critical accounts have the strongest passwords/passphrases.
- **Write it down and keep it safe:** Everyone can forget a password/passphrase. Use a password manager or if you must, keep a list that's stored in a safe, secure place away from your computer. Don't tape it under your keyboard!
- **What you post will last forever:** Be aware that when you post a picture or message to social media, you are likely sharing personal details with strangers about yourself and your contacts.

Important Contacts:

IRS: Report unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS or an IRS-related function to phishing@irs.gov, (800) 829-1040
Internet Crime Complaint Center: <https://www.ic3.gov>
Federal Trade Commission: <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
Ross Police (non-emergency): (415) 453-1453 Option 2

Breakfast Gathering for Ross Older Residents

The Ross Age Friendly Task Force and Ross Property Owners' Association will be hosting a breakfast gathering for Ross older adults. Please join us for tea/coffee and delicious pastries on Wednesday, September 29th from 9:00-11:00 am at Crown & Crumpet in downtown Ross. We will gather in the outdoor patio in the back of the Café.



In addition to meeting old and new friends and neighbors, Police Chief Pata will be joining to offer safety suggestions on how to avoid being scammed. The cost for this breakfast gathering is generously provided by the Town of Ross and Ross Property Owners' Association.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Gretchen Castets, Recreation Manager, at gcastets@townofross.org by September 22nd. More age friendly gatherings will be planned in the future if you miss this event.

AGE FRIENDLY CORNER

Tips to live long and well in Ross

Find the Service That's Right for You.

Marin County's Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services provides information and assistance with services and resources for older adults, persons with disabilities or caregivers to promote quality of life and independence.

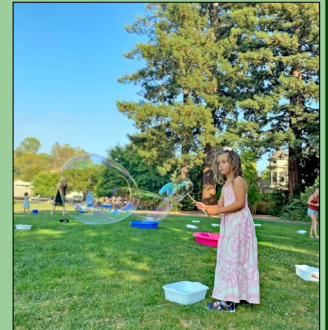
**Call the Marin Aging & Adult Information and Assistance Line, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(415) 473-INFO | (415-473-4636)**

[Click Here to Email](#)

For the Marin County Online Resource Guide, click on the link below:
<https://www.marinhhs.org/community-resource-guide>

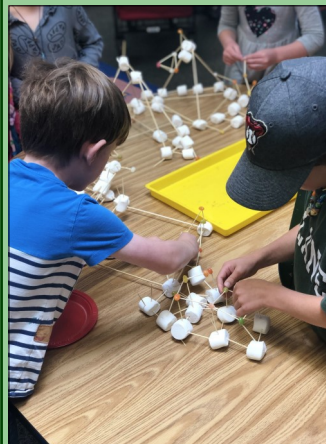
RECREATION NEWS

The school year has begun and afterschool programs are getting started. We still have room in many of our programs, so please check out our website (<https://www.rossrecreation.org/>) or give us a call to get your child(ren) registered. For Ross School parents, we have our wonderful Kids Club program back and that is Mon-Thurs, dismissal-5pm. We have schedule flexibility available to fit your families' needs.



In addition to Kids Club, we have room in our soccer league for K-2nd program, hip-hop, lacrosse, youth tennis and first step soccer for Pre-K age.

All of these programs are held outdoors and COVID guidelines for youth sports are strictly followed.



We are also very excited to be back this school year working with Bacich Elementary School and running both old and new afterschool programs. We have two early release options on Wednesdays that cover K-4th grade. Holly Salamun will have an art & science program for K-2nd

and Coach Schafer is running Schafer Games with 3rd & 4th. Holly will also be running three other science classes during the week covering K-4th grade. Like at Ross, we will be holding all of our Bacich classes outdoors to be as safe as possible.

Our adult programs offerings for the fall are adult hoops on Monday nights with Sandrick Jackson and four adult tennis (beginner to advanced) classes with Tennis in Marin on the Ross Town courts.



Lastly, a couple notes on the Town tennis courts. We will be re-keying the courts towards the end of the month, so please keep an eye out for more information on that and when/how to get a new key. Also, the courts will be closed on September 18th from 1:00 pm-closing for a private event.

ROSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sep 9	6:00	pm	Regular Council Meeting (<i>virtual meeting</i>)
Sep 13	9:00	am	Special Council Meeting (<i>virtual meeting</i>)
Sep 14	1:00	pm	Special Council Meeting (<i>virtual meeting</i>)
Sep 17	8:00	am	Special Council Meeting, Town Hall
Sep 21	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting (<i>virtual meeting</i>)

OCTOBER 2021

Oct 1	5:30-9	pm	Annual Ross Town Dinner, Ross Common (<i>see details on Page 2</i>)
Oct 11	7:00	pm	Ross Property Owners Assn (<i>for Zoom link, contact jeffkoblick@comcast.net</i>)
Oct 14	6:00	pm	Council Meeting (<i>virtual meeting</i>)
Oct 19	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting (<i>virtual meeting</i>)

NOVEMBER 2021

Nov 4 *	6:00	pm	Council Meeting <i>*note date change</i>
Nov 8	7:00	pm	Ross Property Owners Assn (<i>for Zoom link, contact jeffkoblick@comcast.net</i>)
Nov 11	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Veterans Day
Nov 16	7:00	pm	Advisory Design Review Group Meeting
Nov 25-26	--	--	Town Hall offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday

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- erobbe@townofross.org		- rossrec@rossrecreation.org	
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