



San Anselmo News

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Town Council Meeting Notes

At the meeting of Tuesday, March 9, the Town Council took the following actions:

- Presented the Quality of Life Green Award to Rohana McLaughlin for spearheading the creation of the Elders' Garden in Memorial Park and continuing to schedule volunteer work parties to maintain the garden. The Elders' Garden is located next to the Millennium Playground at Memorial Park and is a beautiful, passive park for all ages to enjoy.
- Approved a resolution urging the Army Corps of Engineers and elected officials in Washington to expedite the allocation of funding and resources required for the implementation and completion of the Ross flood control project, known as Unit 4. This project is an essential link in reducing flood damage in the Ross Valley.
- Authorized filing a Notice of Completion for the Saunders Avenue pavement resurfacing project. The project was paid for with a combination of federal stimulus money and federal grant money for roads.
- Authorized advertising for bids for the Medway Road pavement resurfacing project and included Maple Lane in the project due to its proximity to Medway and poor condition.
- Authorized advertising for bids for the San Anselmo Avenue (between Ross and Bolinas Avenues) pavement resurfacing project and included the first 500 feet of Ross Avenue in the project due to its very poor condition. In addition, two deteriorated drainage catch basins will be replaced.
- Appointed Tom McInerney as the Town's liaison to the Ross Valley School District.
- Approved the Town's response to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury report of December 2, 2009 entitled "Marin Clean Energy: Pull the Plug."
- Continued the decision regarding whether Town of San Anselmo, as a power customer, will choose to be a light green or dark green participant in Marin Clean Energy.

Bring Your Own Bag Days

Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) day is a joint project of the County of Marin, EcoMom Alliance, Green Sangha, iReuse.com and Teens Turning Green. It's a day dedicated to raising community awareness and showing how we all can reduce waste, and clean up our streets and parks – simply by bringing our own bags.

Bring Your Own Bag days are the third Saturday of the month, as follows: Saturday, March 20, April 17 and May 22.

Night of the Poets

Join the San Anselmo Library in celebrating National Library Week and National Poetry Month at an evening of poetry reading and recitations of original poetry by local residents, poets and other celebrities.

Night of the Poets will take place on Thursday, April 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the San Anselmo Town Council Chambers, 525 San Anselmo Avenue. Admission is free and refreshments will be served after the readings.

Music will be provided by violinists Charmian Stewart and her son, Devin Williams.

From the Fire Department: Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. When possible, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance. Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away. Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly. Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Alarms that are hard-wired (and include battery backup) must be installed by a qualified electrician.

If cooking fumes or steam sets off nuisance alarms, replace the alarm with an alarm that has a "hush" button. A "hush" button will reduce the alarm's sensitivity for a short period of time. An ionization alarm with a hush button or a photoelectric alarm should be used if the alarm is within 20 feet of a cooking appliance.

Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Devices that use strobe lights or vibration devices can be added to these alarms.

If you have any questions or need assistance with smoke detectors or other fire related issues, you can contact Ross Valley Fire at 258-4686 or at info@rossvalleyfire.org

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