



San Anselmo News

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Picnics on the Plaza

The Town's five business associations are working together to put on a series of family-friendly picnics on the Town Hall lawn.

The San Anselmo Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown San Anselmo Merchants Association, the Greenfield merchants, the Red Hill merchants and the Antique Dealers are working with the Town's Economic Development Subcommittee to host six picnics on the plaza.

The picnics will be held on six Friday nights from 5 to 8 p.m., as follows:

- July 23 and 30
- August 6, 13, 20 and 27

Entertainment and activities will be provided, and the Farm Stand will be open for business. We will have some tables and chairs available, or you can bring a blanket and enjoy the fun from the lawn.

Picnics on the Plaza is sponsored by the San Anselmo Police Officers Association, the San Anselmo Chamber of Commerce and the Pacific Sun.

So, grab some dinner at a local restaurant or pack a picnic and come down to the Picnics on the Plaza event and celebrate summer in our great community.

Housing Element Update

On Tuesday, July 13, 2010, the Town Council held a public hearing to consider the Town's Preliminary Draft Housing Element.

The Council took public comment from residents regarding the draft element. Comments centered on the identification of Greenfield Avenue and a portion of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. as areas proposed to be zoned such that a homeless shelter could be allowed by right, as required by State law.

At the meeting, concern was expressed by residents, business owners and property owners about the possible ramifications of the zoning in the future, should a homeless shelter be proposed in San Anselmo.

The Council directed staff to continue the item and return to a future Council meeting with the zoning for homeless shelters expanded to include the C-L, C-3 and PF (Public Facility) zones. This would

include all public facilities zoned PF, such as Town Hall and Isabel Cook and all commercial areas zoned C-3, which include portions of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and San Anselmo Avenue.

They also directed staff to return with more information about the in-lieu fees for affordable housing included in the element.

The item was continued to a future date. **Please watch in the newsletter or website for the date of the next hearing.**

Robson Park and Dogs

At the Tuesday, July 13, Council meeting, there was an item on the agenda regarding allowing dogs off-leash on the lower Robson Park lawn during certain times. Because of the length of the Housing Element item, this item was continued to a future meeting. Again, the date of that meeting has not yet been set, due to the full agenda already scheduled for July 27. Please watch the newsletter or check the website for the hearing date.

Library Book Sale

The Friends of the San Anselmo Library are having their big summer clearance sale on Saturday, August 7, from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Most books will go for 25 cents. The sale is held on the lawn in front of town Hall and the basement of the library. All proceeds go to the library.

Green Building Ordinance

At the meeting of June 22, the Town Council introduced a Green Building Ordinance. At the meeting of July 13, the ordinance was scheduled to be adopted. Because of the length of the Housing Element hearing, adoption of the Green Building Ordinance was continued to the Town Council meeting of Tuesday, July 27, beginning at 7 p.m.

Smart Meters

Notices about Smart Meter installations are going out to San Anselmo residents. Because there is considerable concern in the community about the meters, we plan to have a Smart Meter discussion, with information presented on both sides of the issue, at the meeting of Tuesday, July 27, 2010, beginning at 7 p.m.

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