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café on the common

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MISSION

The Ross Property Owners Association (RPOA) has been representing Ross Residents for over 30 years. Our mission is "to provide funds and services for the benefit of the general community of the Town of Ross." Through the financial support of its members, the RPOA has worked to inform residents of important issues and to contribute to the continual improvement of the community.

The Association holds monthly meetings at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Hall on the Monday immediately preceding the Town Council meeting. RPOA members are encouraged to participate in our monthly meetings. Issues pertaining to Town matters are discussed, particularly those currently before the Council.

CAFÉ ON THE COMMON

formerly Café Marmalade

ROSS' CAFÉ MARMALADE, RUN BY OWNER RANA MADANAT FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS, RECENTLY UNDERWENT A NAME CHANGE TO CAFÉ ON THE COMMON.

The name change was due to a dispute over who had rights to the name, with a Southern California Café Marmalade. Not wishing to be involved in a lengthy legal dispute, Rana chose to rename her café as well as her favorite granola offerings.

Rana is especially proud of her change in the coffee service. The coffee is the amazingly popular "Blue Bottle Coffee," roasted in Oakland. One of the highlights of this coffee is that her supply is never more than five days old. Each cup is brewed to order.

Food in the café includes a selection of Panini sandwiches, salads and a soup-of-the-day as well as a Panini-of-the-day. For nibbles with coffee there are her "Marin's Best" scones, croissants and cookies and Rana's organic line of "One Planet™ Granola," loved for its slow-roasted taste. She has five flavors of the One Planet™ granola: One Planet™ Original; Four Berries (vegan); Goji Heaven (vegan); Date Walnut Fig; and Chocolate Ginger Mango. To ensure the freshness of all of her food Rana shops daily for ingredients, most of which are organic.

Rana is assisted by her daughter Sandra, and Lauren. Both young women are COM students.

Blue Bottle Coffee beans and One Planet™ Granola are available for purchase at the café.

NEWS FLASH – The Town Council has approved the temporary installation of outdoor seating and bicycle parking in front of the café. For details go to www.townofross.org.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS

Apr. 26, 2010 – Oct. 15, 2010

Between April 26 and October 15, 2010, there will be a number of traffic disruptions in Ross which will impact traffic, noise, parking, and emergency response due to the following improvements:

- 1) **Starting on April 26, 2010 and scheduled to end on June 15, 2010** - Marin Municipal Water District will replace a 100 year old water main that runs under Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. between Lagunitas Road and Bolinas Avenue. This is a MMWD project.
- 2) **Scheduled to start on July 1, 2010 and end in August 2010** - The Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Pedestrian Pathway from Bolinas Avenue to Kentfield will be installed. The Town of Ross received a federal non-motorized pilot program grant of \$200,000 for this project.
- 3) **Scheduled to start on August 30, 2010 and end on September 15, 2010** - Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Overlay Project from Bolinas Avenue to Kentfield will be completed. The Town of Ross received a \$250,000 ARRA (economic recovery stimulus grant) for this project.
- 3) **Scheduled to start on June 15, 2010 and end on October 15, 2010** - The Lagunitas Road Bridge will be shut down and replaced. The Town of Ross received a Federal Highway Administration grant that will be 88.5% of the cost of this project ...so the grant will be about \$2 million dollars.

Please mark your calendars, keep these projects in mind, and allow extra time when planning your activities between May and October.



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Pond at Marin Art & Garden Center

GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDERS

GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND GARDEN REFUSE CANS should be removed from the street and placed on the property out of view from the street after collection by Marin Sanitary.

DOGS & ROSS COMMON

The only area within the Ross Common in which dogs are permitted to be off leash is the dog run area (Dog Park) located in the northwest portion of the Common in the area of the redwood trees, often referred to as "The Grove."

**MOYA LIBRARY/ROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2010 FIRST FRIDAY FORENOON PROGRAMS & ANNUAL EVENTS**

The First Friday Forenoon lectures are held in the Livermore Pavilion at the Marin Art & Garden Center. The programs begin at 11:00 a.m., and last for about one hour. Following each presentation is an informal "meet the speaker" wine and nibbles reception. A donation of \$5.00 per person is requested. Remaining programs this year:



- May 7 MMWD Park Ranger MATT CERKEL will present an illustrated talk on the many MILITARY PLANE CRASHES that occurred in Marin between the 30's and the 70's. During WWII there were approximately 60 crashes in Marin, and that history has been largely forgotten until now.
- June 4 The annual MOYA LIBRARY/RHS FUND RAISER BETH ASHLEY on a subject to be determined
Following the presentation, there will be a wine reception and an alfresco catered luncheon around the Memorial Pool. Further details to be announced.
- Sept 17 The ANNUAL MEETING for all Moya Library/RHS members and their guests will be held in the Livermore Pavilion, or around the Memorial Pool. A wine reception and luncheon will follow. Further details to be announced.
- Oct 1 The 2010 edition of LARKSPUR PAST & PRESENT was three years in the making. Members of the team that produced the book will describe the complex process involved and share stories of some of Larkspur's earliest residents.
- Nov 5 The ruins of SUTRO BATHS at the western tip of San Francisco are one of the city's most intriguing sites. Join historian JOHN MARTINI to learn this history of this once-amazing structure, how its ingenious water systems operated, and the sprawling amusements that once surrounded it.

For More Information call (415) 258-9595 www.moya-rhs.org

CERT: Community Emergency Response Training

The Fire Departments of Marin County have adopted a citizen training program (CERT) to provide hands-on training to become self-sufficient for at least 72 hours following a disaster such as an earthquake, flood or wildland fire. The program is presented in a 3-day format of one 3 hour session and two 6 hour sessions (including a lunch break). The class sessions for 2010 are: July 8, 10, 17 and October 14, 16, 23.

For information about the program, contact:
Mario Juarez, Firefighter/Engineer
Ross Fire Department
(415) 453-1453 ext. 180

MOSQUITOES ARE ARRIVING



The warmer weather is facilitating the hatching of the first crop of mosquitoes. They are coming from the small and large bodies of standing water on our properties. Eliminate water that has collected over the winter in containers and tree holes and check the filters in ponds and pools for proper function. The next generation of mosquitoes will hatch from eggs laid in these bodies of water this spring/summer if it is available.

The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District, MSMVCD, has a unit responsible for the prevention, elimination or control of mosquitoes and other arthropods known to carry infectious diseases or present a public nuisance.

Their services include: mosquito control, mosquito fish, problems with yellow jackets and rodents. For service requests, call 1-800-231-3236. For more info, go to www.msosquito.com.

AT THE ROSS P.O. ... MORE BUSINESS MEANS MORE REVENUE MEANS MORE STAFF

Jane Oliver, the Ross Postmaster since 2001, attended the January 2010 Ross Property Owners Association annual meeting and shared her concerns regarding staffing and revenue at the Ross Post Office.

The USPS determines staffing by the quantity of mail in and mail out of letters and parcels as well as stamps and postal supplies purchases. Each week approximately 50,000 letters and 40,000 flats are put in post office boxes as well as the distribution of 400 – 500 parcels.

The Ross Post Office is currently staffed at 1 Postmaster and 3 clerks, but should be staffed at 1 Postmaster and 4 clerks. This has created an additional burden on staff responsibilities which include not only selling stamps and mailing parcels, but the breaking down and boxing mail for dispatch, sorting and distributing mail for 1360 boxes, renting post office boxes, providing passport services and assisting customers. It often involves heavy lifting (up to 70 pounds).

More post office business means more revenue means more staff. Please mail your letters and parcels and purchase other postal supplies at the Ross Post Office.

In closing, Jane kindly requested using your post office box number on your mail, and . . . please check at the desk should you lose your keys.

RPOA NEWS BRIEFS

The Annual Meeting was held February 8, 2010 in the Town Hall. Election of officers was the order of the day. The officers are listed in the "Directors for 2010 Box". Thanks and appreciation to the members of the Board who have agreed to rededicate their efforts on behalf of the Association for the coming year.

ART HOUSES – We are pleased that our efforts at collecting money for the Ritter Center project resulted in raising the \$2500 needed to combine with Kentfield Rehab Hospital's \$2500 to sponsor an Art House. The RPOA Board voted to contribute \$200, as did the Town, to reach the goal. "Our" Art House is on display on Ross Common, adjacent to the Post Office. Information about the artist, Joe Brubaker, and the auction is available at the "house".

MEMBERSHIP – Total membership subscription as of March 1, is 215. There are 30 new members in this total, which means there are many old members who we are expecting to hear from.

REMEMBER TO MAIL YOUR DUES

Note: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STILL HAS ONE VACANCY TO FILL

ROSS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSN. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010

Diane Rudden
President
Box 179

Anne Hickey
Vice-President
Box 216

Wendy McPhee
Secretary
Box 1074

Frank Doodha
Treasurer
Box 1409

Charlotte Levin
Member-at-Large
Box 631

Additional Board Vacancy
please inquire

www.rpoaross.org

RPOA Meetings:
2nd Monday of the
month, 7:15, Town Hall.

ROSS POLICE DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT — 2009 cumulative (excerpt)

| <u>TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</u> | | <u>Suspicious Situations</u> | | <u>CRIMES AGAINST THE STATE</u> | |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|----|
| Injury Accidents | 5 | Assist Fire Department | 87 | Driving Under Influence | 11 |
| Non-Injury Accidents | 36 | Alarm Activations | 262 | Reckless Driving | 14 |
| <u>CITATIONS</u> | | Animal Complaints | 36 | Disturbing the Peace | 39 |
| Parking Citations | 443 | Lost / Found Property | 49 | Check/Credit Fraud | 5 |
| Moving Citations | 122 | Extra Patrol / Vacation Checks | 6,982 | Muni-Code Violations | 48 |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY</u> | | Welfare Checks | 16 | Domestic Disputes | 19 |
| Missing Persons | 15 | <u>CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY</u> | | Curfew violations | 3 |
| Malicious Mischief | 28 | Burglary | 11 | BY: CHIEF J.T. REIS | |
| Medical Aid Calls | 70 | Grand Theft | 7 | | |
| Public Assist | 111 | Petty Theft | 11 | | |
| 9-1-1- Calls | 49 | Vandalism | 21 | | |
| Parking Complaints | 100 | Trespassing | 6 | | |
| | | Prowling | 5 | | |



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



FAREWELL DON & DENISE

DATE CHANGE

The new date for the party at
the Ross Fire House
is April 30.

RSVP:
rossevents@gmail.com



REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held the 2nd Thursday of the
month in the Town Hall

RPOA MEETINGS

Held at 7:15 p.m. on the
Monday preceding the Town
Council Meeting in the Town Hall

TOWN'S E-MAIL

To join the Town's mailing list
and receive Town notices,
contact Linda Lopez
llopez@townofross.org

ELECTION DAY TUESDAY JUNE 8, 2010.

Don't forget to vote by mail or on June 8.

ROSS TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES:

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www.RPOAross.org