

Ross Property Owner's Association is dedicated to providing funds and services for the benefit of the general and school community of the Town of Ross



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Newsletter

Town of Ross

December 2009



RITTER CENTER ART HOUSES PROJECT

Ritter Center – the San Rafael nonprofit organization which helps the homeless in Marin, is launching a public art campaign that enlists Marin artists to decorate miniature houses – smaller than a child's playhouse – that will be displayed throughout Marin and then auctioned off in May 2010. The funds raised will expand Ritter's services and heighten focus on eradicating homelessness in Marin.

The Town of Ross and the Kentfield Rehab Hospital are partnering to sponsor an Art House for the Ritter Center. \$2500.00 is Ross' share of the \$5000.00 required to qualify as a sponsor. Let's show Marin that Ross cares. We need 100% resident participation to reach our goal. Make checks out to **Ritter Center** and mail to P.O. Box 747, Ross, CA 94957 by December 31, 2009. The RPOA is assisting in the collection of the donations. We will also be collecting donations in miniature houses on the Post Office porch.

Please feel free to contact RPOA President, Diane Rudden at 459-4634 with any questions.

ANNUAL TOWN DINNER

September 25, 2009

600 people turned out for the dinner on Ross Common. **Roseanna Lourdeaux** organized the event and was assisted by **Ann Peterson** and Ross School liaison, **Ann Kaufman**. **Peter Daly** and **Top Productions** did the set up of the over the street lighting, tables and chairs. The Ross Police Department ably handled the street closure and traffic diversion so that the street could be used to set up tables. The music was provided by **Classical to Go**.



Ross Property Owners' Association-Membership

Membership is open to ALL RESIDENTS of the Ross community, including those living in Kentfield within the Ross School border. We encourage all to attend the once-a-month meeting to voice your opinion on matters of the town.

We hope you will support the Association this year and help to ensure the RPOA can continue its great tradition of service to the community.

General Membership Dues: \$25 . Friends of the Ross Bear: \$100 or more (Any amount over \$25.00 is tax deductible.)

Please make your check payable to the Ross Property Owners Association and mail to RPOA, P.O. Box 747, Ross, CA, 94957.

RPOA Board of Directors For 2009

President— **Diane Rudden**

Vice President, Secretary— **Wendy McPhee**

Treasurer— **Frank Doodha**

Members-at-Large
Lesley Reidy

Anne Hickey

Charlotte Levin

RPOA NEWS

Great news! **Charlotte Levin**, long time Ross resident, has joined the Board of Directors as of November 2009. She will be a Member-at-Large and assist with newsletter production.

The Holiday decorations which will be in the town center area and on some bridges are the work of the RPOA with the necessary and greatly appreciated assistance of Robert and Buzz from Public Works.

There are still Board positions open. Board membership is an easy way to become involved in Town affairs with minimum time required.

309 households are members of RPOA. Not quite half of the town but getting there.

THANK YOU Councilman **Michael Skall** for attending our monthly Board meetings as the Town council's representative to the RPOA.

The Town is currently looking for several more Block Captains for our Disaster Council (DISCO).

Contact Fire Chief Tom Vallee at (415) 453-1453 ext. 157 for more information

How you can help the Fire Department in an emergency!

Simple things that help in the event you have an emergency.

There are a few simple things that Ross residents can do that make it easier for emergency services to aid you in the event of an emergency:

1. Have your house numbers clearly posted. Numbers should be at least 4 inches tall on a contrasting background. Numbers should be visible in both directions from the roadway.
2. If you have a gate, install a Knox Box lock. The Knox lock allows fire and police personnel quick access to your property in the event of an emergency.
3. If you have an emergency dial 911. Be prepared to give the dispatcher clear information regarding your emergency, your location, the nature of the emergency, and any other pertinent information. Stay on the line until the dispatcher lets you go.
4. Maintain your driveways so that emergency vehicles can access your property. Fire apparatus requires a greater width and height than you might expect.
5. Have you signed up for the Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS). There is an application on the Town website under Community Preparedness. This system allows personnel to activate an emergency notification system that will dial your home phone, cell phone, PDA, or email with emergency information.
6. Take a CERT class. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Training. These classes will help you prepare to help yourself and your neighbors in the event of an emergency. Cert training schedules are available at www.townofross.org.
7. Be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. Remember to prepare for your pets. Stockpile water, food, medications, flashlights, blankets, and an emergency radio.

Your fire and police personnel are here to help you in any way that we can. Please don't hesitate to call us with concerns or questions.

Thanks,
Tom Vallee
Fire Chief

Season of Sharing...

The Alain Pinel Real Estate offices throughout Marin County are drop off points for donations of food, warm coats and blankets for Ritter House.

The local office is located at 3 Ross Common, Ross.

For addition information please contact Diana Hammer at 259-7007



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Late Fall 2009

Town Council Meeting

*Regularly held the second Thursday of
the month in the Town Hall*

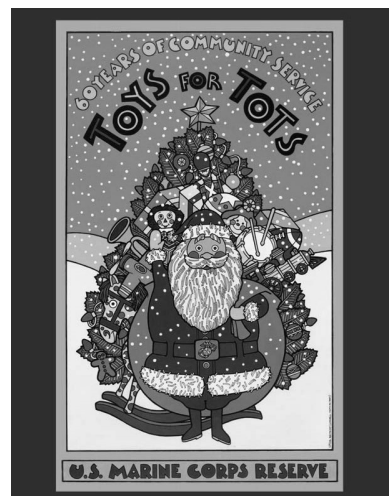
RPOA Meetings

*Regularly held on the Monday before
the Town Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.
in the Town Hall*

Town's email

*to receive The Morning After and other town
information contact: Linda Lopez at
llopez@townofross.org*

TOYS FOR TOTS



The Ross Fire Department is proud to be collecting new unwrapped toys for the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. Toys can be dropped off at the Ross fire station located at 33 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Please drop off your donation prior to December 18th, 2008.