

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



Ross Property Owners' Association

Newsletter

Town of Ross

September 1, 2009

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION *A Smashing Success*

Roseanna Lourdeaux has earned our thanks and appreciation for chairing our Town's celebration of Independence Day. She did a wonderful job of assembling and directing a committee that put all of the details together. It was a wonderful and festive day on The Common.



Oscar and Winnie Hennessey enjoying the excitement of being in the parade.

The picnic crowd began arriving at 9:30 a.m. to claim one of the lovely, tablecloth covered tables which was decorated with a festive flower arrangement, and shaded by an umbrella.

The **Goat Island Griddle Poppers**, once again, set the celebratory mood with their great music. The downtown area, the Town Hall and bridge, and the Common all sported patriotic themed decorations, lending a holiday feeling to Ross.

Roseanna's committee and helpers were:

Peter Daly & Top Productions – The Ross Common set up.
Diane Rudden – Organizational expertise
Wendy Battey – Parade chairman
Amy Blake and Janell Hobart – Kids Games
Shawn Miller and the Ross Rec Auxiliary – Supplying the drinks and staffing the booth
The Ross Police and Fire Departments – Logistical support and parade participation
Jake Peterson, Ross Fire Dept. – Watermelon giveaway
Tom Byrnes– Ice Cream giveaway
Janell Ciatti and Bob Maccario – Town decorating
BJ Martin – Flower arrangements for the tables
Gary Broad and Linda Lopez – Behind the scenes assistance
Ross Property Owners Assn. – Donating the new bunting, the corn popper + popcorn, and posters
Bill Cahill - Master of Ceremonies
Jenny Marie Stryker - A fabulous rendition of The Star Spangled Banner.
Bob Besgrove - Parade Grand Marshall



Lots of vintage cars, fire and emergency vehicles, and dozens of kids and parents on bicycles participated in the Fourth of July parade from Kentfield down the Ross Common. Mayor Cahill waves to the crowd from his vintage Porsche.

**THE ROSS PROPERTY OWNERS BOARD
WANTS YOU !!!!**

We need/want an additional member to serve as a Member-at-large on the Board of Directors. We have a good time as well as doing a little civic duty. Picture yourself in this “fine looking” group.



**RPOA
Board of Directors
For 2007**

President— Diane Rudden

Vice President—Wendy McPhee

Secretary—Carla Small

Treasurer—Frank Doodha

*Members-at-Large
Lesley Reidy*

Anne Hickey

Each issue we will showcase another...

Townfolk



Postmaster Jane Oliver

What makes 94957 special? There are many reasons, one of them being our Postmaster, Jane Oliver. Don't let her pleasant demeanor fool you, she runs a tight ship!

The always pleasant always smiling Jane was born in Germany, where her father was serving in the

Army. After her father left the military her parents settled in Petaluma where she started school. By fourth grade her parents had divorced and she and her mother moved to Marin. She attended several schools in the county and graduated from San Rafael High School.

Jane attended Chico State for a time and then decided to focus her studies on early childhood development. After transferring to Sonoma State where she completed her studies, she got a job at Marin Primary, where she worked for 11 years. Eventually Jane decided her future should be working with adults in some type of customer service career. After exploring her options for a career in law enforcement (she began training at the San Francisco Police Academy but an injury kept her from continuing), she focused her attention on working with the Postal Service. After a short stint as a letter carrier in Mill Valley she was hired by the Novato Post Office where she worked the night shift. By 2001 she found herself headed to Ross Post Office. When the Postmaster's job became available, Jane took a look at the job applicants and decided that she should throw her hat in to the ring. She was hired and became the 32nd Postmaster of Ross (Yes, they actually keep track!).

On her days off this Napa resident commutes to Sausalito to work at the Marin Mammal Center. For 8 years she has volunteered her time in providing hands on care for Harbor Seals and Sea Lion pups. Its hard work but she finds it both challenging and rewarding.



Did you know....

You are now able to access prior issues of our newsletter along with other information from our website

www.rpoaross.org.

Town of Ross Updated Telephone Directory

Department Name	Primary Call-in Telephone Number	3 Digit Extension
Police Department		
Fire Department		
Town Manager/Administration	415 453-1453	Menu Option 2
Planning Department	415 453-1453	Menu Option 2
Building Department	415 453-1453	Extension 105
Public Works Department	415 453-1453	Menu Option 4
	415 453-1453	Menu Option 3
	415 453-1453	Menu Option 3

Telephone Directory by Employee

Name

Employee Name	Department	Extension
Addicks, Rick (Engineer)	Fire Department	161
Broad, Gary Town Manager	Administration	107
Besgrove, Robert (School Resource Officer)	Police Department	155
Campa, Gianfranco (Police Officer)	Police Department	174
Doughty, Everett "Buzz"(Main. Worker)	Public Works	option 6
Grasser, Tim (Captain)	Fire Department	159
Haggett, Robert (Building Inspector)	Building Department	170
Jamotte, Simone (Bldg. & Pub. Wks. Sec.)	Public Works	106
Jarjoura, Mel (Building Official)	Building Department	119
Lopez, Linda (Admin. Asst.)	Administration/Town Hall	105
Maccario, Robert (Public Works Supervisor)	Public Works	163
McKendry, Kevin (Police Officer)	Police Department	154
Moy, Danny (Police Officer)	Police Department	162
Nelson, Steve (Police Sergeant)	Police Department	153
Nicholas, Kenneth, Jr. (Police Officer)	Police Department	168
Peterson, Jake (Captain)	Police Department	158
Popken, Jim, III (Engineer)	Fire Department	160
Reis, James (Chief of Police)	Police Department	101
Rosecrans, Rick (Engineer)	Fire Department	151
Selfridge, Bruce (Captain)	Fire Department	156
Semonian, Elise (Senior Planner)	Planning Department	121
Stromoski, Paul (Police Officer)	Police Department	175
Tucker, Robert (Police Sergeant)	Police Department	152
Vallee, Thomas (Fire Chief)	Fire Department	157

Ross Town Council

(Phone # or Ext.)

Strauss, Richard	Mayor	165
R. Scot Hunter	Mayor Pro Tempore	990-9911
William R. Cahill	Council Member	464-3665
Christopher Martin	Council Member	215-8411
Michael Skall	Council Member	167
G. Kelley Reid	Town Treasurer	105

*Email access is available through <http://www.townofross.org> contact page.

Public Safety Incident Report

First 6 Months of 2009

JUNE		ROSS POLICE DIVISION			
2009	MONTH	YEAR	ACTIVITY REPORT	MONT	YEAR
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS			CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	H	YEAR
Vehicle vs. Vehicle	1	7	Homicide	0	0
Vehicle vs. Animal	1	2	Suicide	0	0
Vehicle vs. Bicycle	0	2	Robbery	0	0
Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	0	1	Elder / Dependent Abuse	0	0
Vehicle vs. Fixed Object	0	3	Spousal Abuse	0	0
Vehicle vs. Other	0	0	Child Abuse	0	1
Injury Accidents	0	4	Sexual Assaults	0	1
Non-Injury Accidents	2	11	Assault / Battery	2	3
CITATIONS			Obscene/Annoying Calls	2	3
Parking Citations	15	216	CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY		
Moving Citations	10	69	Burglary (Residential)	0	2
ARRESTS			Burglary (Commercial)	3	3
Felony (Adult)	0	0	Burglary (Vehicle)	0	0
Misdemeanor (Adult)	0	7	Vehicle Theft	0	0
Felony (Juvenile)	0	0	Grand Theft	0	5
Misdemeanor (Juvenile)	1	3	Petty Theft	1	5
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY			Vandalism	2	14
Missing Persons	0	7	Trespassing	2	4
Shots Fired	0	0	Prowling	0	0
Malicious Mischief	0	12	CRIMES AGAINST THE STATE		
Medical Aid Calls	6	31	Weapon Violations	1	2
Public Assist	12	47	Narcotic Violations	0	2
9-1-1- Calls	0	23	Driving Under Influence	0	3
Parking Complaints	10	37	Reckless Driving	1	10
Suspicious Circumstances	6	30	Public Intoxication	0	0
Suspicious Subjects	4	41	Disturbing the Peace	5	20
Suspicious Vehicles	3	11	Suspended License	0	0
Assist Fire Department	8	35	Mentally Disturbed	1	2
Alarm Activations	18	143	Bomb Threats	0	0
Outside Agency Assists	15	127	Check/Credit Fraud	2	5
Animal Complaints	2	12	Muni-Code Violations	1	22
Miscellaneous Services	4	37	Road Rage Incidents	1	2
Vehicle Impound / Storage	0	0	Identity Theft	1	2
Lost / Found Property	1	25	Terrorist Threats	0	0
Traffic Hazards	5	13	Domestic Disputes	2	10
Deceased Persons	0	1	Hate Crimes	0	0
Directed Enforcement	24	212	Curfew violations	0	3
Extra Patrol / Vacation Checks	635	3,270	Felony Pursuit / Evading	0	1
Welfare Checks	1	6	Resisting Arrest	0	0
Civil Advice	8	34	Assault / Battery on Officers	0	0
Civil Disputes	0	3	Stalking	0	0
BY: CHIEF J.T. REIS			DATE: 07-02-2009		

DOWNTOWN PLAN CONCEPT

At the July 10, 2009 Council Meeting, the Council approved some components of the downtown plan. This includes a redesign of the Post Office parking lot, located next to the commercial area, narrowing the roadway between the Post Office crossing and Redwood Drive, new entrances to Ross Common opposite the Post Office and at the corner of Redwood Drive, installation of new street trees, landscaping and sidewalks.

The council voted to solicit bids for engineering and design work. The Town has allocated approximately \$250,000.00 for downtown plan improvements.

For more information or questions contact the Town.

Police Officers Association Updates

Officers Paul Stromoski and Kevin McKendry representing the Ross Police Officers Association attended RPOA's May meeting.

Ross Police Officers Association is a non profit organization that contributes 100% of the funds raised to various organizations and activities such as:

- Ross Valley Little League— they sponsor a Little League Team as well as provide assistance during Opening Day.
- Ross School Scholarship Program
- Safe and Sober Graduation Programs— for The Branson School and Redwood High School
- Marine's Toys for Tots
- Ross Comfort Bear Program
- Ross Recreation
- San Rafael Police Santa-Cop Program

THANK YOU to the Town for sending this newsletter to the Town's email recipients. Please join RPOA to receive future newsletters.

ADVISORY DESIGN REVIEW GROUP (ADR)

The ADR began meeting in April 2008 to provide early advisory input to applicants on desired improvements to their property. **Resolution No. 1644** sets forth the Advisory Design Review process. The Town staff believes that the Design Review Group provides a valuable "customer service" role and is also helpful to staff. ADR is a voluntary design review process that is free of charge and gives the applicant and their neighbors the benefit of professional design guidance in an informal setting.

The Volunteer Committee is appointed by the Town Council and is comprised of generous Ross residents that have backgrounds in architecture, landscape design and other comparable fields.

The current committee members are:

Josefa Buckingham
Mark Fritts
Jim Kemp
Noreen Slivon
Dan Winey

The committee alternates are: **Richard Hannum, Christine Ramos, Elaine Schultz**

The meeting time is: the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The meeting agenda is available the Friday prior to the meeting at Town Hall and also on the Town's website www.townofross.org.

To be placed on the agenda, it is required that plans are submitted to The Planning Dept. at least two(2) weeks prior to the ADR meeting.

At the end of each item on the agenda the committee will spend five minutes to summarize their recommendations and make necessary definitive points.

At various times RPOA board members have attended ADR meetings and have the opinion that the group is doing a good job and performing a valuable service.



The Town's new general plan is available at Town Hall for \$25.00 or can be downloaded on your computer from:

http://www.townofross.org/pdf/general_plan/gp-part-i.pdf

DISCO (DISASTER COUNCIL)

Stages a Comeback in Ross

By Michael Skall

That's right folks, it's time to do "The Hustle" and get up to date on "Staying Alive" and be well prepared in the event of an emergency.

DISCO's main mission is to communicate and educate the residents of Ross on how to be prepared for a disaster. DISCO and its members have volunteered to be our town's educators around the ways to prepare yourself even if you live in a "Brick House" or think you can just "Knock on Wood." DISCO members are not responsible for taking care of you in an emergency, but are willing to provide the information necessary to help you better survive an emergency or disaster event.

The DISCO team is comprised of community members from the Town Council, Fire Department, Ross School, RPOA, CERT-trained residents, and other interested community members. DISCO will be reporting quarterly to the Town Council on our progress.

To date, we have been communicating to residents through channels such as email, mail drops, the Ross Town website, as well as GET READY and CERT events. In August, we will be placing flyers in the back to school packets. On October 10, we will be hosting a Disaster Fair in coordination with the Ross School Family Day events. Please try to attend this event as many local and county agencies will be providing valuable information to help all of us prepare for the emergency that is sure to come.

We are currently recruiting neighborhood Block Captains to help get the word out to all residents. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact Fire Chief Tom Vallee. Remember "We are Family," so do your share and learn all you can.

Mark your Calendar...

Sept. 25th the residents of Ross are invited to attend the annual Town dinner.

http://www.townofross.org/pages/about_our_community/town_events.html

ROSS TOWN BANNERS



We are proud of Ross School students whose art adorns the current town banners.

In 2007 the images of summer sunflowers were captured by the following students: Sloan Goldman, Katie Bassin, Kent Harrison, Isabella Reese, Camrin Crotta, Lukas DeWolfe, John David Mancini, Matthew Ross, Grace DeFrino, Anna Martin and Anna VanDorsten.

When school is back in session in the fall of 2009 the art teacher will lead a new group of students in a banner art project. Out of the many beautiful drawings, 12 images will be chosen at random and reproduced on the banners.

Past town banners hanging in the town have been completed by internationally known artist/illustrators Vivienne Flesher and Michael Schwab.

Ross Property Owners' Association-Membership

Membership is open to any member 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.

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Ross, CA 94957

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Summer/Fall

2009

Town Council Meeting

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

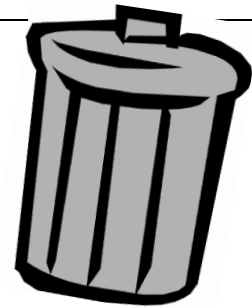
RPOA Meetings

*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*

A Friendly Reminder Con- cerning the Town of Ross Garbage Can Or- dinance....



6.12.140 Receptacle location. No refuse and/or recyclable materials receptacle other than those owned or rented by the town shall be placed or kept in or on any public street, sidewalk, footpath, or any public place whatsoever, but shall be maintained on the premises, out of public view, except as may be provided for removing and emptying by the authorized refuse and recycling agent on the day(s) and in the location designated for collection. (Ord. 526§1 (part), 1994).