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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.

FROM THE DESK OF FIRE CHIEF TOM VALLEE

NEW WARNING SIREN

The new emergency warning siren is now in service. In the event of an emergency situation (i.e. Flooding, major wildfire, dam failure or any other emergency event), the emergency siren will be activated. The siren signal sounds like an air raid siren and sounds continuously for three (3) minutes.

In the wintertime, the activation of the alert siren means that flooding is imminent or happening. Move your family, animals and vehicles to higher ground immediately.

In the summertime, the activation of the alert system is likely going to be for an urban interface fire event. If needed, you will be advised by the Marin Alert Notification phone system (MEANS) or by the Police Department going door to door on the need to evacuate.

The old horn warning system will only be used as a back-up system in the event of a siren failure. The new siren alert system will be tested on the first Saturday of each month at twelve noon for thirty (30) seconds.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM

Carbon monoxide alarms are required as of July 1, 2011 in all single family residences. For apartments and other multi-family occupancies, the carbon monoxide alarms will be required as of July 1, 2012. REMEMBER – CARBON MONOXIDE IS A SILENT KILLER. YOU CANNOT TASTE, SEE OR SMELL IT!

TIP: Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors are available as a battery operated unit, a plug into an electric outlet with a battery backup unit, or can be hard wired into the home. The first two units can be relatively inexpensive and are available at the local home stores and online.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends a CO detector on every floor of your home. A detector should be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door. Installation locations vary by manufacturer. Read the installation manual for the detector before installing it.

FIRE SEASON IS OFFICIALLY HERE

Fire season is officially here. Have you prepared your property to be fire safe? Please help your fire department and the Ross community by clearing your property of weeds and vegetation. Defensible space around a house on a hillside is a minimum of one hundred feet. Please clear your roofs and gutters of flammable materials. Limb trees back from your home. Right of ways need to be clear so that we can access your property in the event of an emergency. The Ross Fire department is always available to do a site visit. Please call 453-1453 if you would like us to visit your site, or visit your firesafemarin.org for more information.

TOWN REPRESENTATIVES & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the August Town Council Meeting Mayor Carla Small announced the chairmen of the Town Council standing committees, the community members representing the Town on various commissions, and Town liaisons.

THE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Protection– Council Member Scot Hunter
Public Works– Council Member Rick Strauss
General Government– Council Member Chris Martin
Finance– Mayor Pro Tempore Rupert Russell

Community volunteers who generously give their time to represent the Town on a variety of COMMISSIONS

Tom Gaffney— Marin Emergency Radio Agency Board
Bruce Hart– Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Board of Directors
Iris Winey– Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Control District Board of TRUSTEES
Teri Dowling– Marin County Commission on Aging
Roseanna Lourdeaux– Chief of Protocol for the Town

COUNCIL LIAISONS

Scot Hunter– Ross Property Owners' Association Board of Directors
Chris Martin– Ross Valley Sanitary District

MRS. JESSICA HART

RESPECTED ROSS RESIDENT

A predominant theme in Mrs. Jessica Hart's reflections of life in Ross is her love of nature. Having had a summer home in Duxbury, Massachusetts when first married, Mr. and Mrs. George Hart were drawn to our splendid natural area for their summer home when they lived in San Francisco. After six years of bi-seasonal life, in 1955 they moved permanently to their home in Ross. Here they happily raised two children; four grandchildren continue the legacy of relishing family life here as well.

Exuding wisdom, civility, a sense of "noblesse oblige", and joie de vivre, Mrs. Hart exemplifies the characteristics of an ebullient and respected human being. As a Ross resident she savors the solace and slow pace that our pastoral setting affords. It is this

rare element of a town that she hopes her grandchildren will experience in their future.

When asked what specific positive aspects of our town that she appreciates she extolled the simplicity, the lack of formal concrete sidewalks, the old trees, and houses that fit in with our countryside setting. Identifying the most damaging change in Ross she expressed with great sadness the lack of family values, specifically not teaching children to respect others. She also doesn't believe that "bigger is better".

How fortunate we are to have Mrs. Jessica Hart as a classic and special Ross resident.

ROSS FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Under blue skies and warm weather, Ross celebrated the 4th with a parade, picnic lunch, and games for children.

Ross fire engines, with sirens blaring, led the parade followed by Council members tossing sweet treats to residents and visitors who enjoyed a Scottish bagpiper, Uncle Sam, vintage and classic cars, WWII armored tanks, goats, dogs, and young equestrians. Children on decorated bikes added to the patriotic theme.

The picnickers, serenaded by the Goat Island Griddlepoppers, enjoyed lunching at decorated tables on the Common while some enjoyed their lunch on blankets. Watermelon was provided by the Ross Fire Department.

Following lunch, the young ones participated in old-fashioned races and games.

Shaded by the Redwood tree on the Common, historic pictures of Ross from the collection of the Moya Library and Ross Historical Society were on view and Board Trustees were on hand to answer questions. It was also an opportunity for everyone to peruse and purchase the beautiful book about our town of Ross. "Ross, The People, The Places, The History".

A grateful "Thank you!" to Chief of Protocol Roseanna Lourdeaux and her committee for a memorable day!!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS & HELPERS:

Cynthia Wollam / parade organizer; BJ Martin / table flower arrangements; Jennifer and Peter Daly / tables, chairs, umbrellas; Ross Fire Department / watermelon; Goat Island Griddlepoppers / music; Miles Popplewell / bagpipes; Katie Baughman / National Anthem; Ed Dong / children's old fashioned races and games.



MERCHANTS' HIGHLIGHTS



BREAKING AWAY BICYCLES

7 Ross Common

Owner Donna Doran and business partner Rich Gutierrez, have owned our town bicycle shop since 2005. With the motto, "Buy the bike, buy the shop!" outstanding professional service accompanies every bicycle purchase. Our local store is the best of the best! "Breaking Away" sells road, mountain and hybrid bikes, rents mountain and hybrid bicycles, carries clothing and accessory merchandise, and, as stated before, provides exemplary service.

The store, located at 7 Ross Common, is open seven days a week: Monday-Friday from 10:00-6:00, Saturday from 8:30-6:00, and Sunday from 9:30-5:00.

Purchasing from "Breaking Away Bicycles," "Buying Local" provides us with an exceptional deal!

MC23

23 Ross Common

MC23 Hair Salon attains its clients' satisfied feelings by creating superb looks. With attention to form, function and health of hair, Christy Stutsman and Melanie Colavito, owners of the salon, beget this excitement with styles from classic to edgy. Cuts, color and reconstructive treatments are their specialty.

Men, women and children are welcome. The establishment also features upscale hair products such as the Kerastase line and Keratin.

Located at 23 Ross Common, the salon is open by appointment Tuesdays through Saturday from 10:00 to 8:00. Contact them by phone: 524-8851, or website: www.mc23salon.com

TEENAGE HUMANITARIAN - MARTIN MANCINI



"COGNIST", a name based in the Latin root for cognition or knowledge, is the humanitarian project being developed by one of our outstanding teenage residents. Martin Mancini believes that poor children can and should experience superior education, as he feels he has gratefully and fortunately received. His mission is to create a website that is a library of curricula that any student can view through the internet.

Setting this up includes a division of COGNIST filming teachers. Through a social media site these teachers will have a profile listing their

curricula. Students can upload these videos through a cloud platform.

Martin attended Ross School, St. Marks and is currently a junior at The Bay School in San Francisco. A scholar-athlete with a benevolent and reflective personality, Martin thanks his parents for role-modeling an ethos of philanthropy and kindness.

Asked the question, "What do you love about Ross," Martin extolled Ross' natural beauty and his appreciation of residents who devote some time to "doing good" for others. He hopes that the sense of "entitlement" that some here feel, as well as the cruelty that is not merited, will lessen.

His vision includes a wish for other philanthropists to provide computers to poor students. Should anyone wish to participate in Martin's project his e-mail is: martinmancini7@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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| ROSS TOWN DINNER | Friday, September 30. |
| MAGC FARMERS' MARKET | Every Thursday, 3:00-7:00 pm until the end of September |
| MAGC BARN THEATRE | "Don't Dress For Dinner" Thursdays-Sundays, Septemer 16 - October 16 "To Kill A Mockingbird" Thursdays-Sundays, November 11 - December 11 |
| ROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY | First Friday of the month: 11:00 – 12:00 noon September 16th: MAGC CEO Chris Kelly presents: <i>The State of the Center</i> October 7th: Luther Burbank Presentation November 4: Documentary Film, "Marin Mind/scapes" LIVERMORE PAVILION |



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ROSS PROPERTY OWNER'S 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 matter of the town.

We hope you will support the Association this year and help to insure 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 is tax deductible).

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

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 email list and receive Town notices, contact Linda Lopez: llopez@townofross.org



Please visit RPOA's website to view this newsletter and for more information about our organization:
www.RPOAross.org

RPOA NEWS Briefs

- Police Chief Erick Masterson attended our May board meeting and shared some of his priorities with us: traffic and parking issues, sharing resources with other police departments, and upgrading training for our police force among others. In addition, he also mentioned the possibility of a bike patrol. He is looking forward to meeting and learning about issues which are of importance to the community. You can reach him at emasterson@townofross.org, 453-1453 ext. 101, or perhaps having a morning cup of tea at the Cafe on The Common.
- We are pleased that Scot Hunter will continue as the Town Council's liaison to our monthly board meetings.
- We need/want an additional member to serve as a Member-at-Large. We have a good time as well as doing a little civic duty. Please contact any of the Board members if you might be interested.



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