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Fairfax Update

News from around Town...



September 2016

[Council Sept. 7th Meeting- Study Session Downtown Zoning](#)

On Wednesday Sept. 7th the Town Council conducted a Study Session on the proposed draft ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission (PC) regarding zoning in the downtown area. The proposed ordinance would rezone existing Highway Commercial (CH) zones to Central Commercial (CC). At the study session, the Council asked questions, further discussed the issue, and considered public comment.

At the end of the study session, the Council referred additional policy questions to the Planning Commission (PC) for further discussion. The Council also requested that a joint special meeting of the PC and Council be scheduled in 2017 to further discuss the proposed rezoning.

Upcoming Events

September 23rd
Speak Cheesy
Wine and cheese
tasting.
7pm-9pm
Women's Club

September 24th
Last chipper day
9am-3pm
Deer Park Parking Lot

October 1st
Town Center
Workshop
9am-1pm
Women's Club

Thru October
Farmer's Market
4pm to 8pm
Bolas Park

Go to www.townoffairfax.org for background materials on the proposed rezoning for downtown.

[Town Center Workshop Sat. October 1st 9:00am to 1:00pm in Women's Club](#)

This is the second in a series of three workshops for encouraging community participation in the creation of a Town Center Plan. Currently, there is no Town Center Plan.

The goal of this Workshop #2 is to receive the community's input on the possible design concepts for Bolinas Road, the Parkade, and traffic circulation in the Town Center area. Please attend this workshop and bring your ideas for discussion and further exploration.

The *to-be-developed* Town Center Plan is not the Town Center *Element*. The Town Center Plan will basically be a long-term improvement plan for the downtown area.

The Town Center Element is a part of the General Plan and identifies guiding principles for the creation of a Town Center Plan. Background materials from the Town Center Element are available at www.townoffairfax.org.

[On-Line Community Forums Topics](#)

Starting Friday, September 23, an online survey on the Town Center will be available to you at www.townoffairfax.org under Community Forum.

[Chipper Days 2016](#)

The Town of Fairfax and the Ross Valley Fire Department have hosted chipper day collection

Please remember to attend our local market every Wednesday evening thru October. The farmers, food, and arts'n'craft vendors appreciate your support.

[October 7](#)
Artist in Residence Application deadline
[Click here for more info.](#)

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at decentralized sites throughout town. The program has been a great success. The final chipper day is coming up. Take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of brush for free!

Saturday, September 24th 9 am - 3pm
Deer Park parking lot

Instructions for chipping: To prepare for chipper day, please cut your brush to 4 inches in diameter. You may bring brush, bay tree saplings, scotch broom, branches and other yard trimmings. Please, no grass, rocks or fire wood. Brush will be chipped on site and taken for recycling to Marin Resource Recovery Center. Please do your part to clear your property and provide defensible space to protect yourself and your family from wildfire danger.

For more information, contact Maria Baird at (415)456-5652 or mbaird@townoffairfax.org or visit our website at www.townoffairfax.org

[New Benches around Town](#)

New redwood benches have been installed along Center Blvd. The suggestion for adding benches along Center came from the Town's Age Friendly Committee. The intent of the benched is to create "resting" zones for pedestrians such as seniors walking along Center Blvd.



Please contact Maria Baird at
mbaird@townoffairfax.org
if you are interested in sponsorship
opportunities for the benches.

[E Coli Update for Creek by Peri Park](#)

As you may be aware, the Town has been testing the creek for E Coli O157 (toxic strain) since May 2016. The Town and County staff efforts to identify the source did result in the elimination of some possible sources, but we were unable to unequivocally identify the source. Our best guess is that the source is animal feces which can contain this strain of E Coli O157. The creek has tested Negative for E Coli O157 seven (7) out of the past eight (8) weeks with the last positive test occurring five weeks ago (August 15). Due to the low water levels and negative readings, we have discontinued the weekly testing of the creek. However, please remember that all creeks and unmonitored water sources should always be considered to have bacterial contamination.

[Need to Fix Your Sidewalk? The Town can help!](#)

The Town has a program which "waives" the encroachment permit fee (approx. \$500) and provides a 50/50 matching grant of up to \$500

for owners wanting to repair their sidewalk.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, applications are available on-line at www.townoffairfax.org under the "forms/documents" tab or at Town Hall. The funds for the matching grant portion of the program are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Highlights of September 7th Council Meeting

If you would like to see the staff report for any of the following items, please go to www.townoffairfax.org and under the "Government" tab select "Town Council", then select "Meeting Archive" and select the September 7th Council agenda packet.

- Approved contract with California Infrastructure Consultancy for Phase I preliminary engineering, community outreach, environmental, and design work for the replacement of the Azalea Avenue Bridge in an amount not-to-exceed \$430,000 . The project is 100% funded by grants from the Federal Highway Bridge Program and County of Marin Flood District 9.
- Approved the permanent bike rack installation on the corner of Broadway and Bolinas to replace the temporary bike rack. The Town will be splitting the costs of the new racks with the Coffee Roastery. The new racks will be red, double-sided (picture shows style of rack), and the location will now be able to accommodate 32 bikes.



- Authorized the Town Manager to contract for repairs for Meadow Way Bridge in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000.
- Received a report on noise from Peri's Bar. The Planning Commission will be conducting a review of the use permit for Peri's Bar at their October 20th meeting

