



# RPOA news

A publication of the Ross Property Owners' Association, representing Ross Residents since 1961.

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### Mission

The Ross Property Owners' Association (RPOA) has represented Ross Residents since 1961. 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 pm 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.

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### Beach Kuhl, Man of Mystery

Town Council Member Beach Kuhl has been a Ross resident for 42 years. He has been on the Town Council since 2012 and served as Mayor in 2013. His children attended Ross School and Beach was active in Ross Recreation which was only the beginning of his sustained interest in community affairs. Beach and his lovely wife Janey have been married forever.



They enjoy their Lagunitas Club affiliation as well as summers in Tahoe. Beach is a trial attorney in San Francisco and has served as a temporary judge and mediator. Now for the Man of Mystery. Did you know he provides commentary on tour trains for the San Francisco Zoo and on occasion has been seen in the City plucking away on a banjo celebrating the best in jazz? Ross is blessed with an eclectic family of residents and Beach Kuhl represents what is the best in our community. The RPOA board has been fortunate to have Beach attend our monthly meetings for the last three years.

### ANSWERS TO SOME QUESTIONS YOU'VE BEEN ASKING

**NOISE** — Power-driven machinery or equipment for yardwork (such as electric leaf blowers and power mowers) – Use hours are Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm; Saturday property owners only 9:30 am to 4 pm. In addition, gardeners may use power mowers between 9:30 am and 4 pm on Saturdays.

On Sundays and holidays no power-driven machinery or equipment for yardwork is allowed.

**GASOLINE LEAF BLOWERS** – Not allowed except by a permit from the Public Works Department. If have a permit, hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday.

**CONSTRUCTION** – Allowed Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm; and not allowed on Saturday, Sunday and holidays except: work performed solely by the property owner is allowed Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm; and work done solely in the interior of a building which does not create any noise that is audible at the exterior of the building.

**BARKING DOGS** – Last resort, after speaking to owner; barking of a duration of ½ hour or longer may be reported to Public Safety. If you have a noise complaint, please report it to the Police Department at (415) 453-2727.

#### MAINTENANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

Owners and occupants of property are required to maintain the section of right-of-way from the property line to the edge of the road pavement. This includes removal of leaves and weeds which are to be disposed of away from the site (not in the street).

**GARBAGE CANS** – After garbage pickup, cans are to be returned inside the property line and placed out of sight.

**STREETLIGHT OUTAGE** – To report an outage call Ross Public Works at 415- 453-1453 ext. 106. They will need the "K" number which is on the pole and the exact location of the pole (street name and nearest house number). Public works then reports to PG&E.



### **RPOA, TOWN OF ROSS AND MAGC WORK TOGETHER TO LANDSCAPE THE PARCEL OF LAND AT LAGUNITAS AND SIR FRANCIS DRAKE**



The RPOA, in conjunction with the Town of Ross and the Marin Art and Garden Center is working to improve the small parcel of land across Lagunitas Road from the Town Hall. This parcel has had a somewhat mysterious history since it was gifted to the Town at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The majority of the land is owned by the Town with the southern boundary owned by Marin Art and Garden Center. This small plot is often overlooked as the Town Hall sits prominently on the other side of the street. There are some wonderful trees which were uncovered to provide the entrance to Ross with a more attractive and balanced appeal.



The scope of work that the RPOA has already done includes clearing bushes and small trees thus improving the health and visibility of the larger specimens. Ultimately, the RPOA aims to enhance the natural environment of this highly visible area that has been somewhat neglected in recent years. We welcome your input on the next phase of this landscaping project.



### **Revival of the Three Bear Hut!**

It is heartwarming to hear of plans to restore the stone picnic house by the Phoenix Lake parking lot, now known as the Three Bear Hut. For many years our children have played there, and it seems so sad it's not possible now due to its present condition.



A recent Historic Resource Evaluation has found that the picnic shelter is eligible to be listed on the California Register of Historic Places on two counts: 1) it is a historic structure built in 1935-36 by the Civilian Conservation Corp as part of the New Deal program which rebuilt infrastructure; 2) designed in the so-called "Park Rustic" style, it is based on a standardized prototype called the "rock-type" shelter developed by the National Park Service. In fact, it is the only one in Marin County.

We look forward to seeing this project move ahead and once more to have a historic place to gather at Natalie Greene Coffin Park.

**Ross Post Master Roosevelt Sargent** recently met with the RPOA and made the following suggestions for residents to help the Post Office increase efficiency:

- \* For packages, if your street address is listed, also always list your P.O. Box somewhere in the address line.
- \* Do not add your P.O Box number at end of the Ross zip code. Use 94957 only.
- \* Pick up your mail daily and let the Post Office know when you are going on vacation.
- \* Cancel catalogs that you don't need by calling their 800 number or by cancelling online. There is also an iPhone App called "PaperKarma" that makes canceling catalogs easy.

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at: [rpoaross@gmail.com](mailto:rpoaross@gmail.com)**



**Broom Excitement Ignites Ross Population!!**

Just as fear led us to look with dread on the dry and dead trees and the brush accumulation throughout town, the rains came and washed it away!

One of the biggest culprits providing fuel for a fire is broom. (There are several kinds.) Now, thanks to the rain, we have a wonderful opportunity to pull it. Here is a video that explains it:

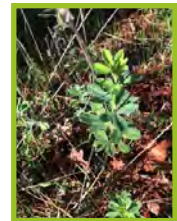
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBcvDd2go1Q>.

When the soil is dry it's very hard to pull, but once saturated the task is easy.

If you cut it, it will come back stronger. There are tools, as seen in the video, which are very effective for pulling the larger plants. Jackson's Hardware in San Rafael has a special weekend price of \$19 to rent them. You may be able to borrow them from MMWD.

If you can get rid of invasive broom on your property you may actually see a return of wild flowers and other native plants. When on the trails of Mt. Tam it is truly a kindness to pull what you see. One Tam has several volunteer days when you can pull broom on the mountain with a group. Go to [onetam.org](http://onetam.org) to find the dates. It's a nice way to explore the different areas of Tam and do something good for the mountain we love.

The photos show a mature flowering broom plant and a new seedling. It apparently takes two years before the seedling will bear seed pods.



**RPOA and Advisory Design Review Committee (ADR)**

**work together to design and install new Kiosks and Bike Racks**



Ross residents can look forward to seeing two new Community Boards/ Kiosks and bike racks in town in the near future, compliments of RPOA.

The RPOA approached the ADR to design the new kiosks and select bike racks. Dan Winey and Joey Buckingham came forward to assist, and designed, what will be our new Community Boards/Kiosks. With the approval of Heidi Scoble, Planning Manager for the Town of Ross, they talked about what would be appropriate. The new Community Boards will be made of natural cedar with copper roofs and all hand hammered copper letters. They will include additional copper details. One of the Community Boards will be placed at the Post Office

*replacing the board that is there now.* Dan Winey volunteered to oversee the building of the Community Boards by a craftsman in Oregon.

Dan, Joey and Heidi looked at dozens of different bike rack designs, talked about location and height and selected a few different ones to present to RPOA. RPOA selected a bike rack of simple design made of steel with a baked on black finish, which includes a traditional detail at the top.

The RPOA wants to thank the ADR, Dan Winey, Joey Buckingham, and Heidi Scoble for their time and involvement in these projects, for the benefit of Ross.

**TOWN OF ROSS [Important Phone Numbers]**

**EMERGENCY 9-1-1**

- Police Department.....415-453-2727
- Police Department Business Calls.....415-453-1453  
...[option 2]
- Fire Department Business Calls.....415-258-4686
- Build/Public Works.....415-453-1453, option 4
- Administration.....415-453-1453, x105
- Town Manager.....415-453-1453, x107

**Other Important Phone Numbers**

- Poison Control.....800-222-1222
- Marin County Sheriff's Dept.....415-479-2311
- Pacific Gas & Electric.....800-743-5000
- American Red Cross (Bay Area).....415-721-2365
- Marin Humane Society.....415-883-4621
- CalTrans Highway Conditions.....800-427-7623
- Ross School.....415-457-2705
- Branson School.....415-454-3612
- Get Ready.....415-485-3131
- Community Emergency Response Training (CERT).....415-927-5077

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Thanks to your RPOA membership fees, the RPOA is able to do projects such as designing and building new kiosk bulletin boards, buying and installing bike racks, landscaping the lot at the entrance of town and installing holiday decorations on 4th of July and Christmas.

**THE RPOA BOARD THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### **THE MARIN ART & GARDEN CENTER FALL SEASON A SUCCESS**

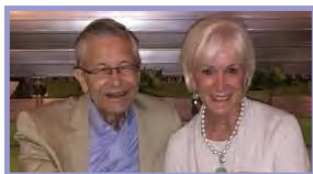
The Marin Art & Garden Center, has presented a new series of programs and events as follows:

- (1) We celebrated the MAGC Edible Garden with a Harvest Dinner organized with the Ross Auxiliary to raise funds to care for this beautiful teaching space.
- (2) Open House at The Studio in late October, to enjoy an exhibition of botanical art.
- (3) An exhibition about the history of the Marin Art & Garden



Fair, created by our friends at the Moya Library/Ross Historical Society.

- (4) Hundreds of school children from throughout Marin County participated in field trip programs led by Marin Master Gardeners at MAGC this season.
- (5) Our partnership with the Bay Area Discovery Museum provided a new after school "outdoor explorers" program which will continue in a school break camp this winter.
- (6) Pixie Park and Laurel House Antiques are open all year
- (7) The Ross Valley Players' productions continue to great hilarity and applause. For more information see [www.magc.org](http://www.magc.org)



### **Honoring our Ross Volunteers - Frank & Diane Doodha**

The town of Ross has been lucky to have Diane and Frank Doodha as residents for the last 40 years. Frank, upon retirement as President of McGuire Company in SF, turned his talents to Marin & Ross serving on both corporate and non-profit boards. Frank served as Treasurer of the Ross Property Owners Association (RPOA) for 10 years developing the membership and managing the finances. Frank served on the Ross School Board Financial Advisory Committee and took great pleasure in his role as a Judge in the annual Margie Burke Speech Tournament held at Ross School.

Diane has served as Executive Director and Board Member on numerous national, state and local non-profit organizations. Her first Ross volunteer involvement was as a member of the Ross Recreation Auxiliary and she remembers fondly the Winter Dinners, Tennis Tournaments and preparation of the Ross Directory. Her current roll as President of the Marin Art and Garden Center has involved a major restructuring of the organization, bringing it back from the brink of bankruptcy to a resumption of its role as a nature, art and cultural sanctuary for our community.

***MANY THANKS TO ALL OF THE ROSS VOLUNTEERS LIKE THE DOODHA'S  
WHO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SO GREAT!***



ROSS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 747  
ROSS, CA 94957

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### 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 town matters.

We hope you will support the Association this year and help to insure that the RPOA continues its great tradition of service to the community.

General Membership Dues: \$25.00; Friends of the Ross Bear: \$100.00 or more (any amount over \$25.00 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 pm on the Monday preceding the Town Council Meeting in the Town Hall

#### TOWN'S EMAIL

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](http://www.RPOAross.org)



#### 2016 RPOA BOARD

(Left to right)  
Diana Hammer, Jeff Koblick,  
Diane Rudden, John Kieckhefer,  
Anne Hickey, and  
Iris Winey (not shown)

#### Ross Post Office Box Holders:

Many of you have contacted the RPOA about problems related to the U.S. Post Office. We have communicated these problems to the Postmaster.

Should you continue to have problems, please contact Rep. Jared Huffman's office at 415-258-9657 or email [Michelle.Garcilazo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Michelle.Garcilazo@mail.house.gov). They have been very helpful and want to hear from you directly.



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