



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.

The organization's mission as it appears in the By-laws 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.

www.RPOAross.org

RPOA's 2019 Projects

Thank you once again for your generous donations to RPOA this year! Here are photos showing you the RPOA projects in 2019:

1. The hanging flowers in front of the downtown park were purchased by the RPOA and are watered by volunteer Sally Newson.



2. The RPOA paid for half the cost (\$20,000) of installing three new light poles in downtown. At right is a photo of the new light pole for the parking lot next to the Post Office.



3. The RPOA is contributing a small amount (\$5,000) to the renovation of Natalie Coffin Park towards a historic plaque, a bike rack and hopefully a new drinking fountain.



We have many other projects ahead to benefit the Town of Ross. All of this is only possible because of your help! Thank you again!



Undergrounding the Utilities in Ross

The devastating fires of the past few years have caused many residents in Ross to ask what is involved in getting our utilities buried underground.

Fortunately there is a program in California that enables communities to band together and, in concert with the Town, finance these projects over 30 years. **These are owner-financed projects; there are no state or municipal funds available to pay for undergrounding.**

The program, called a 20B district, has been used in our neighboring communities of Tiburon and Belvedere over the past ten years. Belvedere has successfully underground approximately 95% of their overhead wires.

The Town has been working on a policy to guide the formation of undergrounding districts. There have been three Town Council meetings which included this subject on the agenda in the past 18 months.



At the next Council meeting in November, the Council expects to vote on the final policy.

A proposed district comprised of Glenwood Ave, Lagunitas Road, Fernhill Ave and Norwood Ave is currently in the first phase of formation. An initial group reached out to neighbors over a year and a half ago and learned there was strong interest.

They then worked with the Town to follow all the necessary steps to initiate a petition. The Town requires that at least 65% of neighbors in the district boundary sign the petition. Additionally, there is engineering work that needs to be done both before and after the petition. Over 65% of neighbors in the Glenwood District have now signed the petition.

A few other Ross neighborhoods are also looking at what it takes to form a district on their street. Once the Town finalizes the policy, they will also be publishing FAQs with detailed answers to the many questions residents have.

We'll be watching the progress of the Glenwood District as they pioneer this effort in Ross.



Free First Aid Class at Ross School on Saturday, Nov. 16th

The RPOA looks forward to working with the Marin Medical Reserve Corps on the presentation of "First Aid for Disaster Response" at the Ross School Gym scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 16th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First Aid for Disaster Response (FADR)

Life Saving Skills you'll use when emergency professionals can't get there
Marin Medical Reserve Corps
Marin Medical Reserve Corps Foundation

Saturday, November 16, 2019 , 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ross School Gymnasium, 9 Lagunitas Road, Ross
Pre-registration **required** by November 11 (25 spots ONLY)

To register, please contact Jeff Koblick: jeffkoblick@icloud.com

Learn how to:

- **Recognize a basic life threat**
- **Clear and protect an airway**
- **Stop severe bleeding; includes principles and practice of tourniquet application**
- **Apply a splint and sling**
- **Safely lift and carry a victim**

This four-hour, skill-building workshop trains participants to recognize life threats rapidly, protect an airway and stop bleeding.

Although designed for non-medical volunteers, many MDs, RNs and EMTs have attended the workshop and evaluated it as a timely and valuable update in knowledge and skills.

Marin Medical Reserve Corps MDs, RNs and EMTs lead the training and provide individual coaching. Marin County Department of Health & Human Services will provide Continuing Education Credits to MMRC RNs and EMTs who complete the class.

"I feel more confident I can help, after taking this class." -- FADR Participant

The focus is to build skills to help save a life in the first few minutes to hours after a major disaster, when 911 crews likely won't be able to help everybody that needs help.

The class is very interactive in design: short lectures, demonstrations, ample time to practice skills, expert presenters and coaches to guide your practice, use first aid supplies you normally can find at home.

**2019 RPOA
MEMBERS (\$35- \$99)
BEARS (\$100 TO \$199 CONTRIBUTION INDICATED IN CAPS)
SUPER BEARS (\$200 OR MORE CONTRIBUTION INDICATED IN CAPS**)**

<u>SUPER BEARS</u>	<u>BEARS (Continued)</u>	<u>BEARS (Continued)</u>	<u>MEMBERS (Continued)</u>	<u>MEMBERS (Continued)</u>
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RPOA Bears and Super Bears Make a Difference

*Becoming a member of the Ross Property Owners' Association is as easy as giving \$35 for an annual membership. Even at this level the dollars add up and allow the RPOA to support many of the efforts that go toward making our Town so unique. When bigger projects like additional light poles in the Commons or helping to renovate the Three Bear Hut come up, the RPOA is able to make a difference because of the wonderful generosity of those members who give more. To become a Bear, members are encouraged to give \$100 or more. To become a Super Bear, members give \$200 or more. Almost 80% of the money raised each year by the RPOA comes from these more generous contributions. These members have shown us all what giving back to community can do in shaping its character. **Please consider giving what you can and come to one of our monthly meetings to find out more about the roll the RPOA plays in the Town of Ross.***

Help Ross School Foundation by dining at Gott's

Gott's Roadside restaurant, located at Bon Air Shopping Center, is generously donating a portion of **all sales** on Monday November 4 to the Ross School Endowment. 100% of all money raised during this day will go into the Endowment fund which was established by members of our community to support Ross School educational initiatives for years to come. Please tell all of your friends and neighbors to join us at Gott's and support our school!





THE VILLAGE CORNER IS OPEN!



A modern spin on the American corner convenience store, the Village Corner is a new “grab & go” market in downtown Ross located in the previous Alain Pinel space across the parking lot from the Post Office and across the street from Ross School. The Village Corner offers fresh juices, breakfast and lunch items from Taste Café in Fairfax, drip coffee and tea, a variety of farmer’s market-style snacks, Whalebird Kombucha, Equator Coffee nitro cold brew on tap, and ice cream novelties from Negranti Creamery and Tara Organics.

The Village Corner is the newest addition with a focus on revitalizing Ross’ downtown, increasing retail options, and building a more engaging landscape for residents to shop and dine. Planning is underway for a street patio/parklet in front of the market that would include shade trees, seating, bike racks, planters, and more to provide a community gathering area for all.

The proprietor of the Village Corner is Sally Newson, a 15-year previous resident of Ross who also owns and manages Mind Tank Work Club, a co-working and meeting space next to Marche Aux Fleurs in the Ross Garage building, as well as Mind Tank HQ, which offers five private office communities throughout Marin County (two in Ross, three in the Larkspur Landing area).

“I have fond memories of taking my kids to Eddie’s after school for treats and wanted to recreate that experience for the Ross School kids,” said Newson. “I also enjoy eating healthy and discovering quality local products, such as at farmer’s markets, so part of the fun of the Village Corner is curating the types of products that are appreciated.” One example is the Negranti Creamery ice cream sandwiches and cups, which Newson discovered while visiting Paso Robles recently. Made from sheep’s milk from the family’s ranch, the ice cream is lower in fat and calories with more protein, calcium and vitamins. Newson special-orders weekly, choosing the cookie/ice cream combinations.



The feedback from the Town, young and old, has been extremely positive. “It seems everyone who walks in the door gets a big smile on their face and says how happy they are that we are open. We have many wonderful new shops and dining options in Ross now, such as Tony Tutto’s and coming soon Crown & Crumpet, which will be a breakfast and lunch café. It’s exciting to see Ross become a vibrant downtown again, and more to come!”

Visions for Marin: The Legacy of Caroline Sealy Livermore

In December, the BayWood Artists will join with the Marin Art and Garden Center to commemorate the life of conservationist Caroline Sealy Livermore. In celebration of her life, the Artists will be painting at many of the locations preserved by Caroline's work.

In the 1930's, Caroline brought together groups of Marin County women who shared an interest in their environment. Through their efforts, the Marin Art and Garden Center was created on this uniquely beautiful property. Caroline had the vision and foresight to initiate the preservation of many other special places

in Marin including Samuel P. Taylor State Park, Tomales Bay State Park, Mount Tamalpais, Stinson Beach, Marin Headlands, Angel Island, The Lyford Mansion, Richardson Bay Sanctuary, Audubon Canyon Ranch and Point Reyes National Seashore. In her lifetime she helped found the Marin Conservation League, the Marin Audubon Society, Angel Island and Point Reyes National Seashore Associations. Much of the beauty we see every day around us in Marin County is preserved for all time by the work of Caroline Livermore.

The BayWood Artists will show, and offer for sale, their original works of art at the Studio located in the Marin Art and Garden Center. Half of the proceeds will go to the Center to help fund their ongoing programs. Please save the dates and join us at this exciting event. The BayWood Artists group is a unique and diversified combination of professional artists who share a passion for saving and preserving our San Francisco Bay Area environment.

The BayWood Artists are Christin Coy, Laura Culver, Jon Francis, Robert Frank, Sherrill Miller, Zenaida Mott, Lissa Nicolaus, Robert Gantt Steele and guest artists Jean Sanchirico and Elaine West.

Visit us at baywoodartists.org

Marin Art & Garden Center

30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Ross, CA 94947 / 415-455-5260

SAVE THE DATES:

December 13-15, 2019





ROSS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
 P.O. BOX 747
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OUR NEXT MEETING IS:
Monday, November 11, 2019
Please join us at 7:15 PM
Ross Town Hall

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.

Dues: Members: \$35
 Bears: \$100-\$199
 Super Bears: \$200 and more

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

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



2019 RPOA BOARD

(Left to right)
 Mike Gillfillan, Iris Winey,
 Jeff Koblick, Marcia Skall,
 John Kieckhefer
 [Not pictured is Anne Hickey]

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



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