

THE MORNING AFTER

TOWN OF ROSS NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Corner



Mayor Elizabeth Brekhus

I wanted to take this opportunity to discuss our community vision for the downtown and to encourage Ross residents to support our downtown restaurants and retail spaces. Ross has incredible natural beauty, great old-world charm, and our small downtown

restaurant and retail space contribute to the feeling of a small town from an earlier era. But the restaurants and retail spaces need our help and support or they won't be profitable and we will be left with office space which does not contribute to the community in the same way that restaurants and retail do.

I was delighted to learn that a wine bar will be opening where the Village Store was located and will operate under the name of **6 oz. Wine Bar**. I can't wait to have a great place close by to see neighbors and friends. I hope we can all commit to making it a huge success.

Also, as many of you know, Tony's Tutto's has been acquired by Ross resident Lacey Sher and is launching a grand re-opening. Lacey has been helping Tony for some time and has every intention of carrying

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Tips from Ross PD:

Trending This Month: October is Cybersecurity Month!



Chief Pata

This column is designed to provide quick reminders of things you can do to keep yourself safe. We will also share some crime and safety trends we are seeing in our town and the County of Marin.

Here are some tips to help keep you cyber-safe:

- The IRS, Amazon, PayPal and other companies don't do business via texting. If you get a text message or email that you are unsure about, don't click any links in the message, instead, reach out to the company yourself and verify whether or not they sent you the text message or email.
- If you get an "accidental" text on your phone and the person asks for someone you don't know – Don't offer them any information. This happened to me two weeks ago. The person texted my phone and asked for "Beth." I politely told them they had the wrong person. They then tried to strike up a friendly conversation, told me where they were from and asked where I was from. I responded that "I don't share." I then blocked them. Your location might be the last thing they need to steal your information. This is a form of Phishing, a scheme designed to get your personal information.
- Do a credit check on yourself from time to time with a credit agency to see if there are any accounts you don't recognize. Sometimes you will see addresses that are not yours. That could be a clue that your information might have been compromised. You can get 1 free credit check per year. See information [here](#).
- Don't fall for this scam...someone asks you to buy gift cards to pay for a service, such as a friend in trouble, they need gift cards to pay off a car accident claim, or an attorney. Think about it...who accepts gift cards as payment? This is a huge scam in the US and thousands of people are victimized each year. The caller may even sound like your friend or relative. They may tell you they are at their attorney's office, which is why the number is not familiar to you. The best advice is to hang up, and call your friend or relative on a number you know is valid.

Advice websites:

<https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/news/4-things-you-can-do-keep-yourself-cyber-safe>

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/education/cybersecurity/articles/-/learn/what-is-personal-cybersecurity/>

on his tradition of creating excellent pizzas for the community. I did not think it would be possible for a business to step into this beloved spot and win the hearts of the Ross community, but Tony Tutto's did it and it feels like it anchors the downtown retail scene. Godspeed Lacey!

I suggest residents book their special night out at Marché, which reopened from Marché aux Fleur's grand tradition of delivering incredibly fresh food in a beautiful setting. If you have not tried their buttermilk fried chicken, you are missing out! Consider ordering in and getting gift certificates to this special restaurant.

Any mention of Ross restaurants is incomplete if we don't mention Marco's great Trattoria Fresco. It was a favorite of Sean Penn's when he lived here, and I know former Mayor Beach Kuhl is a big fan as well.

Crown & Crummet has been an incredible addition to our community as a destination restaurant from all over the Bay Area. It is a huge hit with kids and adults alike and has a great presence in the Downtown with its charming décor. While a favorite for special occasions, it is also a great spot for lunch.

These restaurants make our downtown feel vibrant and special. They also enhance the visitors experience to the local stores. Please consider prioritizing them so that they are successful and our downtown remains a fun place for residents to gather.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to the Ross Recreation Department and Town staff including Public Works and the Police Department for their efforts putting on the Town Dinner. It was a magical night.

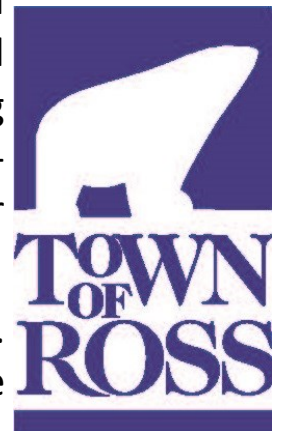
~~Mayor Elizabeth Brekhus

Running for Ross Town Council

Have you ever thought about what makes the Town of Ross run smoothly, when decisions are made to repair vital infrastructure, how town events happen and where your tax dollars are spent? You might want to consider the "who"!

Your Ross Town Council makes these decisions with the best interests of the town at heart. Are you interested in doing more for your town? Consider running for elected office as a candidate for the Ross Town Council. Three town council positions are coming up for election this March 5, 2024. These positions are for a four year service period. The Town Council is a voluntary position and you are expected to spend the time necessary to review council packets, attend regular and special council meetings, visit planning sites, take under advisement recommendations from the Ross Advisory Design Review group and meet with Ross residents about their concerns, plans and ideas.

Important dates for filing your candidacy are approaching. Please click [here](#) for those dates. More information will be available soon on the Town of Ross website.



PLANNING RESULTS

There were no planning items at the
October 12, 2023 Council Meeting.

Fire-Smart Tips from the UC Master Gardeners

OCTOBER: Fire-smart Plant Considerations

There are no fire-resistant plants since all plants can burn. But there are aspects to consider when selecting plants to include in your fire-smart landscape. Plant spacing, size, and maintenance are important considerations.

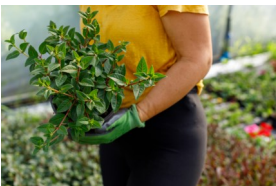
Consider:

- Plants that have a higher moisture content, lower resin or sap content, and less volatile oils.
- Low-growing plants and plants that don't produce excessive amounts of dry, combustible vegetation that can act as fuel for fires.
- California native plants that are well adapted to your climate and ecosystem which will be more likely to thrive without excessive watering and maintenance, reducing fire risk.
- Horizontal and vertical spacing between plants and hardscape features that separate plant groupings to break up the path of fire.

Avoid plants that:

- Tend to build up dead thatch inside or under a green surface layer.
- Produce and shed excessive dead, dry, or fine debris.
- Create fire ladders such as vines or shrubs that grow beneath trees and create vertical pathways for fire to climb.
- Are Invasive.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT UC MARIN MASTER GARDENER WEBSITE. <https://ucanr.edu/ucmarinmgfiresmart>



The Morning After



www.rossrecreation.org

Adult Classes!

Senior Fitness / Strength Training

Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am starting 10/5/23

Monday Drop-in Mah Jongg

Mondays, 11:00am-1:00pm starting 10/23/23

Adult Pickleball

Days and times vary (please check website)

Adult Tennis

Days and times vary (please check website)

Swing Dancing

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, 10/25-11/15

Coming Soon

Wreath Making / Floral Arrangements, Technology, Acrylic Art, and
"Senior" Prom!

Register at rossrecreation.org / (415) 453-6020

A vibrant poster for the "LIVE ON THE COMMON" event. The poster features a collage of colorful images including flowers, musical instruments (guitar, keyboard, drums), and people. The text "LIVE ON THE COMMON" is prominently displayed at the top. Below it, the date "Saturday October 14th" and time "3PM - 7PM" are listed. The poster also includes logos for "ROSS AUXILIARY" and "CIVIC LEADERSHIP". On the right side, the text "FREE MUSIC IN ROSS COMMON" is written vertically. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text "MALPICA AND DJ VICTORIA". The bottom right corner lists additional activities: "Plus: HopMonk Tavern, Homa Los Angeles, Silver Shaved Ice, Clubhouse Caravan, AndrewsCamps, Teen Volleyball" and the website "www.rosspropertyowners.com/events".

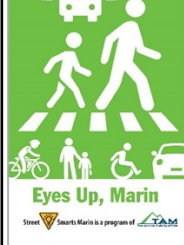


EYES UP, MARIN

Let's Make our Streets
Safer for Everyone!

Street Smarts is a traffic safety program that educates drivers, pedestrians and cyclists about safety issues, including distracted driving. The goal is to encourage people to adopt new attitudes and behaviors that will reduce the number of traffic-related accidents and make streets safer for everyone. From early-October through the end of November, you will again see bright and colorful banners popping up asking people to keep their "Eyes Up" and be alert. These signs will be asking drivers to slow down, watch when turning and look for pedestrians in the crosswalk; bicyclists to yield to pedestrians and to follow the rules of the road; and those walking to pay attention when crossing the street.

The Eyes Up, Marin Campaign is part of the Street Smarts Program and Safe Routes to Schools, locally funded programs of the Transportation Authority of Marin.



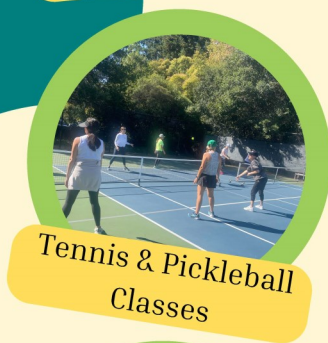
WINTER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Ross Recreation offers programs for all ages, tots to seniors. From Kids Club Afterschool and STEM with Lego's to Pickleball and Fitness for Seniors, Ross Rec has something for everyone.

Sign up for a class today!



Kids Club
Afterschool!



Tennis & Pickleball
Classes



Tots (ages 0-4)
Classes

Ross Town Dinner!



Adult & Senior
Classes

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www.rossrecreation.org

Ross Town Dinner!



Photo courtesy of Christa Johnson

The Town of Ross came together on Friday, 9/22 for the Annual Ross Town Dinner. Set out on the Ross Common Grove, Ross Rec staff coordinated a delightful evening under the lights with music performed by the Cosmo Alleycats and swing dance instruction by Jasmine Worrell Dance. Alongside some incredible tablescapes, party goers laughed, ate, and enjoyed themselves at this beloved town community event. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

ROSS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2023

Oct 14 2:30 pm Live on the Common (2:30pm)

NOVEMBER 2023

Nov 6 7:00 pm Ross Property Owners Association, Town Hall
 Nov 9 6:00 pm Town Council Meeting (Town Hall & Zoom)
 Nov 10 All Day Veterans Day Holiday (Town offices closed)
 Nov 14 7:00 pm Advisory Design Review Group Meeting (Town Hall & Zoom)
 Nov 23 & 24 All Day Thanksgiving Holiday (Town offices closed)

DECEMBER 2023

Dec 2 TBD Winterfest (MAGC)
 Dec 11 7:00 pm Ross Property Owners Association, Town Hall
 Dec 14 6:00 pm Town Council Meeting (Town Hall & Zoom)
 Dec 19 7:00 pm Advisory Design Review Group Meeting (Town Hall & Zoom)
 Dec 25-Jan 1 All Week Winter Holiday (Town offices closed)

JANUARY 2024

Jan 8 7:00 pm Ross Property Owners Association, Town Hall
 Jan 11 6:00 pm Town Council Meeting (Town Hall & Zoom)
 Jan 15 All Day Martin Luther King Holiday (Town offices closed)
 Jan 16 7:00 pm Advisory Design Review Group Meeting (Town Hall & Zoom)

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