



San Anselmo News

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Memorial Park Work Party

Many, many thanks to the members of the San Anselmo Baseball Association for their hard work on Saturday, May 3, in Memorial Park.

Scott Weeks, Mark Machado, Kurt Ryan, Marcus Yamane, Steve Reinertsen, Rich Freidman and Randy Teppen spent the whole day in the park, doing a host of landscape and maintenance work. This multi-talented group of people used their many skills to make an incredible difference in the park, particularly along the western edge of the park that backs up to San Francisco Blvd.

Thanks also to Sr. Maintenance Worker Rick Franco who coordinated the work party and took the time to speak with all the neighbors about the project.

Their work resulted in 80 yards of garden debris, enough to fill four huge dumpsters! Sincere thanks to each and every one of you for the gift of your time and energy.

Cherry Tree Spraying

As you may know, the cherry trees on San Anselmo are unfortunately infested with an insect called “scales.” The trees were treated once for the scales in late April, but another treatment was required to completely rid the trees of the pest.

The Town’s policy for pest management requires that we post the application of any pest control substance 24 hours in advance. The notification of the second treatment was posted on Thursday, May 8 and it was done on Friday, May 9.

Sunnyside Nursery advises that the treatment for scales is a non-toxic oil spray called paraffinic oil. The oil coats the tree and smothers the scale. The spray is non-toxic.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Supervisor at 258-4601.

Last Call for Sandbag Pickup

One dumpster remains on San Anselmo Avenue for any remaining sandbags. The dumpster is located at 305 San Anselmo Avenue (the U. S. Bank building). It will be picked up on May 15. Thank you to everybody who brought their sandbags to the dumpsters so promptly. The cleanup was very successful and Town staff appreciates your cooperation.

Thanks also to Marin Sanitary Service for providing the dumpsters!

MMWD Project on San Anselmo Avenue

The Marin Municipal Water District is listening to the community and adjusting the schedule of the downtown water main replacement project in order to address concerns. After consulting with San Anselmo residents, merchants, and Town officials, MMWD has decided to postpone until 2009 the downtown San Anselmo pipeline replacement project.

The San Anselmo Avenue pipeline replacement project (between Ross and San Rafael Avenues) was originally scheduled for night construction this June and July. The construction dates for 2009 will be determined early in the new calendar year. Delaying the project will give MMWD additional time to notify those who live and work in the downtown area about the project, its impacts, and the mitigation measures we can take to minimize the impacts.

MMWD still plans to move ahead with a separate San Anselmo pipeline replacement project also scheduled for summer 2008. This project involves pipelines on Nokomis, Madrone, and Sycamore Avenues. Construction there will occur on weekdays during normal business hours (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) from mid-June until the end of August. To ensure the safety of the public and the workers, each street will be closed to traffic when work is being done on that street. We will post signs regarding road closures and detours during the construction period.

During non-work hours all streets will be completely open with a temporary pavement on the surface. Both the contractor and MMWD will make every effort to minimize traffic disruptions during construction and to ensure public health and safety. MMWD will provide more details about the construction schedule, work staging, traffic, and parking impacts as we approach the start date. At the end of each work day the contractor will leave the road fully accessible.

MMWD will provide regular construction updates on our website, www.marinwater.org.

Bike To Work Day

Thursday, May 15, is Bike to Work Day, the Bay Area's 14th annual celebration promoting bicycling for health, fun and transportation.

In San Anselmo, Bike to Work Day energizer stations will be located at Coffee Roasters, 635 San Anselmo Avenue from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and Sir Francis Drake High School, 1327 Sir Francis Drake Blvd from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The Marin County Bicycle Coalition has several ways to get people in Marin excited about riding their bikes and to inform riders about bicycling's benefits for personal health, traffic reduction, and our environment. Check out their website at <http://www.marinbike.org/Events/BTWD/2008/Index.shtml>

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