



San Anselmo News

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Town Council Meeting Notes

At the meeting of Tuesday, May 13, the Town Council took the following actions:

- Approved in concept the recommendation of the Ross Valley Fire Board to include the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District as a full member in the Ross Valley Fire Service with current members San Anselmo and Fairfax. Currently, Sleepy Hollow contracts separately with San Anselmo for fire protection services. The provisions of the membership would include a cost sharing formula of 52.9% (San Anselmo), 30.4% (Fairfax) and 16.7% (Sleepy Hollow.) The governing board would be made up of six members, two from each organization. The next step is to prepare a Joint Powers Agreement, with the goal to have the new organization in place by September 30, 2008.
- Introduced an ordinance increasing the compensation of Town Councilmembers from \$99 per month to \$300 per month, to be effective after the November 2009 election, per California law. The second reading and consideration of approval of the ordinance will be scheduled for the meeting of Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 7 p.m.
- Introduced an ordinance amending the current zoning rules to establish development standards for a combined Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and Lot Coverage for single family residential dwellings located below the 150 mean sea level elevation.

The proposed ordinance is intended to combine the Town's current rules regarding lot coverage with a new floor area ratio (FAR) which would set a maximum house size. FAR rules already exist in the hillside areas of San Anselmo (defined as being at the elevation of 150 feet and above).

Lot coverage is the percentage of a given lot that is covered by a structure. Currently, the Town's maximum lot coverage rule is 35%. This is the maximum amount of the lot that can be covered by structures.

Floor Area Ratio is the percentage of the square footage of a structure to the square footage of an entire lot. The recommendation is to combine the current lot coverage requirement with a new floor area ratio requirement, thus setting a maximum house size.

The FAR ordinance will be on the Town Council agenda of Tuesday, May 27, for a second reading and consideration of approval.

- Continued the consideration of flatland design review for the project at 10 Foss Avenue, directing that the applicant develop a landscaping plan and review with neighbors. This project will be heard again on Tuesday, May 27.

Weed Abatement

Weed season is here and the weeds are once again happily taking over our medians and parks.

The Town's Public Works crew, with the aid of outside contractors and dedicated volunteers, are working very hard to knock down the weeds quickly this year. Per the direction of the Town Council, we use no herbicides in the control of these weeds, in consideration of keeping our community healthy and safe.

The crew has done a great job this year keeping up with the weeds. Many thanks to Dave Craig, Rick Franco, A.J. Shaw, Justin Stephenson and Howard Hobie.

Library Book Discussion

The Library Book Group will meet on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The group will be discussing "The Patron Saint of Liars" by Ann Patchett. All who are interested are invited to attend.

Note: This is a change of date to the third Tuesday of the month.

Get Ready Ross Valley

The Recreation Department is offering GET READY ROSS VALLEY classes in conjunction with the Ross Valley Fire Department on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 21st, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Thursday, June 26th, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, July 30th, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

This two-hour class will give you the information you need to ensure that you and your family are prepared to care for yourselves in a disaster. For more information, call 257-0809.

The Beatles Tribute

The San Anselmo Arts Commission will sponsor a Beatles Tribute on Saturday, July 12, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Creek Park. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The Commission urges people to come early to get the better seating for this popular event!

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