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Coalition Newsletter

October 20, 2020

Dear Neighbors,

The six months since our last newsletter have been busy and productive ones for our Board and committees, even as we deal with the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. We have held online meetings, trainings, and educational events and, as always, have served as advocates for our residents and neighborhoods.

We hope you will join us for upcoming virtual events on Zoom:

TODAY: October 20 at 7PM for our **1 Hour 2 Get Ready** Zoom presentation (details below under Disaster Preparedness)

November 14 at 10AM for our Pt. San Pedro Road Coalition **Annual Community Meeting** which will be held as a Zoom Webinar (you will receive an invitation to attend in the near future). We are pleased to announce that our speakers will be:

- Marin County District One Supervisor Damon Connolly
- San Rafael's Newly Elected Mayor (TBA after the election!)
- San Rafael's new Fire Chief, Darin White

We hope you find the update below to be informative. As always, for additional information and resources, check out our [Coalition Website](#)! On behalf of our Board of Directors, we wish you and yours all the best on the approaching holidays.

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Loch Lomond Marina

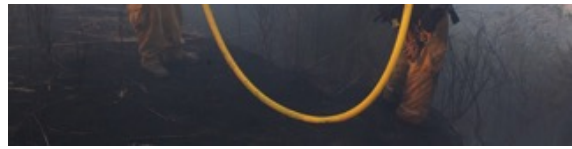
The Loch Lomond Marina Committee meets on a monthly basis with the S.R. Community Development Department Director and representatives of the S.R. Public Work Department regarding the development (or lack thereof) at The Village at Loch Lomond Marina.

A summary of our most recent meeting, conducted by Zoom video conference due to the limitations imposed by the coronavirus restrictions, is posted as a **Loch Lomond Marina Update** on our website. Check it out regularly to learn the most recent news.

There has been little to no progress in this development for some time. The property owner, Marina Village Associates LLC (MVA), has clearly decided that it no longer wants to continue this project. The positive note is that MVA recently successfully negotiated and completed the sale of the marina-related portions of this project to Safe Harbor Marinas (SHM), a large and well-respected nationwide marina owner and operator. The "marina-related portions" includes

- the breakwater
- breakwater connector
- marina
- marina green
- related parking along the marina green/marina
- west jetty/playground
- Loch Lomond Yacht Club building
- boat launch ramp
- east jetty
- yet-to-be-built Harbormaster's Office (between the yacht club building and Andy's Market)
- yet-to-be-built boat repair facility
- boat and vehicle parking area at the west side of the property (excluding Andy's Market parking)

Andy's Market and property is owned by Andy Bachich. The residential portion of this property, known as The Strand, is either owned by the individual property owners or by MVA. The MVA-owned property consists of the undeveloped and unsold residential parcels and the parcel currently occupied by the dry



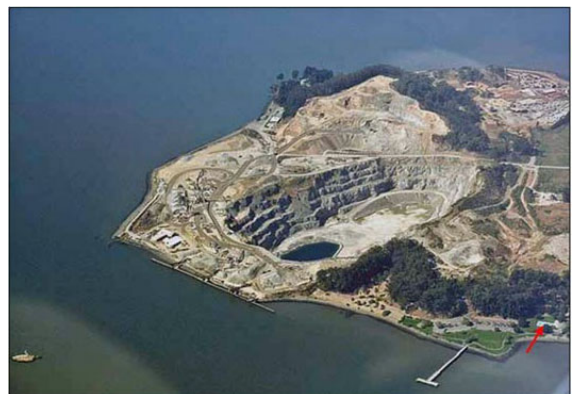
Disaster Preparedness

A "One Hour to Get Ready" Zoom training program will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 PM. More information may be found here: <https://sprcoalition.org/disasterprep/1-hour-2-get-ready-class-10-20-at-7pm/>.

In other committee news: At the August Zoom Meeting with over 30 members in attendance, the committee heard updates on the efforts China Camp is making to mitigate fire danger. The committee is making progress on relocating existing caches of emergency supplies and purchasing additional supplies. The Coalition facilitated the Red Cross securing an agreement with Peacock Golf Club to serve as a refuge center in the event of local or out-of-area evacuations.

In August, a training session was presented by the Red Cross on refuge center management. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 Pandemic required the cancellation of earlier training sessions that required personal contact.

The Disaster Preparation Committee meets regularly. Anyone interested in joining the committee or attending should contact John@Lenser.com. Our goal is to have a representative from each Homeowners Association in our area.



San Rafael Rock Quarry

The San Rafael Rock Quarry has applied to extend their operating permit and reclamation permit for an additional 20 to allow them to

and the parcel currently occupied by the dry cleaners and medical offices. MVA is attempting to sell this property to a developer for completion of the project. Unfortunately, no buyer has been identified and this property continues to lie fallow.



Pt. San Pedro Roadway

The Committee continues to work closely with the City in the oversight of the median maintenance contractor. We have been focusing on operation of the irrigation system to ensure plants are adequately watered and we are able to keep our watering costs within budget.

Graffiti Removal: The Committee has worked with the City and County staff to remove graffiti on Roadway walls.

Roadway Safety: We are engaged in discussions with City Traffic Engineers to address crosswalk safety, including both changes and improvements that can be made quickly and long-term solutions. We are also communicating with County counterparts to address dangerous intersections within the County's jurisdiction.

City Roadway Projects Impacting Coalition Area Residents:

The Coalition has been long-term advocates of improvements to the Third Street and Heatherton Street Intersection. The City with approval of Caltrans adopted the Coalition's recommendation of relocating the south crosswalk to the northside of intersection and retaining both left turn lanes onto Heatherton Street. The City added some new traffic signals with a left turn arrow which has greatly improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety at that intersection.

The City was also installed new pavement

permit for an additional 20 to allow them to continue quarrying until 2044. Our committee will be working diligently to ensure that a thorough review of environmental impacts from quarry operations is conducted. We were disappointed that air monitoring equipment was removed and air monitoring was discontinued even as we experienced record breaking amounts of particulates in the air from wild fires. Residents concerned about long term exposure to emissions from quarry operations can expect that air quality issues will be of utmost concern during the environmental review.

After voicing our objections to the quarry's plan to "process" reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) that has been stored at the quarry, because processing them would violate court orders and the quarry's permit, we were pleased that the quarry scrapped those plans.

The San Rafael Rock Quarry will hold a virtual open house on October 24. Information on how to register is available the Coalition website at:

<https://sprcoalition.org/quarry/s-r-rock-quarrys-annual-community-meeting-zoom/>



Wetlands

In September, we hosted a webinar on the annual migration of Vaux's Swifts Migration to McNear's Brickyard. This unique phenomenon has fascinated area residents and birdwatchers as thousands of these unique birds return annually this time of year to the Brickyard. A recording of this presentation is available on our website at <https://sprcoalition.org/fixed-home-page/wetlands-committee-webinar-on-vauxs-swift/>

marking on the west bound Third Street traffic lanes to help orientate drivers which lanes they need to be in the access the Freeway.

There is a major renovation project occurring on East Francisco Blvd between Medway Road and Grand Avenue. The work involves installing new sewer lines, relocating utility poles, and widening the sidewalk. The project is occurring now and scheduled to be completed in June of 2021, followed by repaving of the East Francisco Blvd. You should expect traffic delays if you use that area.

Bayside Park Renovation: The Committee has been working with County staff to address some residents' concerns about the proposed redesign of Bayside Park features. The County is scheduled to upgrade the Park to meet current accessibility standards. The work is scheduled to be done in the spring/summer period of next year.

The Wetlands section of our Website has recently been updated so with information about our local birdlife. Check it out at <https://sprcoalition.org/wetlands/our-local-birdlife/>

In October, our committee hosted a Zoom event on *Adapting to Floods and Sea Level Rise in the Pt. San Pedro Road Area*. This informative presentation was recorded and can be viewed at <https://sprcoalition.org/roadway/sea-level-rise-impact-on-pt-san-pedro-road/>

Also, there is a treasure trove of information and ideas on Audubon's website for parents who want to engage their kids in learning about birds! Take a look at [Audubon Adventures](#) or the [Audubon Kindergarten Study Guide](#).

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