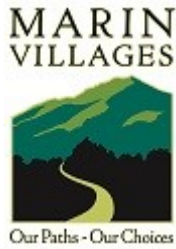


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MARIN VILLAGES



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October 20, 2020

Dear Marin Villages members and volunteers,

COVID-19 UPDATE



Politics and the Pandemic

Whew, it's not only been hot outside, but the intensity of political discourse is heating up considerably as we approach the election. Unfortunately, that also means the rhetoric on the pandemic is getting more confusing and politicized. Statements about what works and what doesn't, what's serious and what isn't, and who is doing the right thing and who isn't have become increasingly divisive and political. Hoping you are not confused by it all, but just in case, Dr. Matt Willis, head of

Marin Public Health recently confirmed Marin's commitment to transparency and science-based decision-making in an IJ Marin Voice article last week. You can read the full article [here](#).

Case Rates and Tier Status in Marin

Earlier in the week, Dr. Willis reviewed the requirements for case rates, test positivity rates, and quartile test positivity rates for each tier status.

Marin County Current Tier Status		Red			
	Tier 1 (Widespread)	Tier 2 (Substantial)	Tier 3 (Moderate)	Tier 4 (Minimal)	Marin County
Adjusted Case Rate per 100,000	> 7	4 to 7	1 to 3.9	< 1	4.0
Overall Test Positivity Rate	> 8%	5% to 8%	2% to 4.9%	< 2%	1.5%
Equity Metric: Quartile Test Positivity Rate	> 8.0%	≤ 8.0%	≤ 5.2%	≤ 2.1%	2.7%

Currently, two of Marin's three measurements qualify for Tier 3 (orange status). For Marin to officially achieve Tier 3 (orange status), two things need to happen: (1) the adjusted case rate must equal or fall below 3.9, and (2) Marin's data must remain within the Tier 3 range for two weeks. If Marin's data continues to improve, we could achieve Tier 3 status as early as October 27. Dr. Willis pointed out that the change in status is only possible if we continue to work as a community to slow the spread of COVID-19. In other words, wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart from others, avoid crowds, focus on outdoor activities rather than indoor and wash your hands frequently!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Rob Snavelly, a Marin Villages volunteer from Twin Cities Village, was recently named Corte Madera Parks & Recreation's 2020 Volunteer of the Year! Congratulations, Rob. We love you and are glad that Corte Madera Parks and Recreation does, too! Pati Stoliar from Age Friendly Corte Madera, and a good friend of Marin Villages, was named Senior Volunteer of the Year as well.

DID YOU SEE OUR AD?

The *Marin IJ* Senior Style section this past Sunday was all about senior services in Marin. Our ad is on page 24. It's part of our fall campaign to build awareness and membership. You can also help us spread the word by telling 10,000 of your closest friends all about us!

THINGS TO DO WHILE SHELTERING IN PLACE

Check out our Things to Do list! Among other suggestions, additions this week include links to a virtual ceramics exhibition here in Marin, music and theater suggestions, learning opportunities, a variety of interesting articles, funny videos, more resources on the issue of racism, and some offline activity. Thanks to everyone who is sending us suggestions for inclusion on this list. You can [access the list here](#), and a copy will also be emailed to all on Wednesday.

MARIN VILLAGES PROGRAMMING

Zoom Presentation on the Frida Kahlo Exhibition at the De Young Museum

Wednesday, October 21, 3:00pm



This is a special docent presentation just for Marin Villages members and volunteers! Kathryn Zupsic, a wonderful docent with the Fine Arts Museums in SF, will speak on Frida Kahlo and the De Young's current exhibition titled *Frida Kahlo, Appearances Can Be Deceiving*. Please RSVP to the office to receive the Zoom link for this presentation.

info@marinvillages.org or (415) 457-4633

LOCAL VILLAGE PROGRAMS

You and Your Library, hosted by San Rafael Village

Friday, October 30, 2:00pm

How many years ago was it you first walked into your local library? Most likely you were holding on to the hand of one of your parents. You've certainly changed, and so has the library! William Calhoun, a librarian at the City of San Rafael Library, will Zoom with Marin Villagers to talk

about all the services available from today's library. He will share how to connect with the library from your home, how to check out books, stream movies, download books onto your e-reader, and more. There will be a time after his presentation to ask questions. Find out how valuable your library can be for you as we navigate today's times. Contact Carole Sherick at csherick@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Medicare and Insurance Changes and Challenges

Wednesday, October 28, 10:30 – 11:45am

Join Age Friendly Corte Madera's Zoom program to learn all about your Medicare choices. Whether you're just getting started or need to consider options during open enrollment, speaker Diana Lopez will be there to help. To sign up for this event and to receive the Zoom link, email agefriendlycortemadera@gmail.com

Learn all about Accessory Dwelling Units from ADU Marin

October 26, October 29, and November 5, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Several new tools are now available for homeowners interested in building an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), also known as a second unit, a granny flat, an in-law unit, or a converted garage. Register for one of these helpful programs to learn more about ADUs and how to create one!

- **October 26** – Belvedere, Tiburon, Sausalito, unincorporated Southern Marin. [Register online here.](#)
- **October 29** – Larkspur, Corte Madera, San Anselmo, unincorporated West Marin. [Register online here.](#)
- **November 5** – Mill Valley, Ross, Fairfax, unincorporated Central Marin. [Register online here.](#)

VOTING IN THE TIME OF COVID



Far and away, the best way to vote during the pandemic is by mail. The Marin County Public Health and Marin County Elections Departments issued a [joint press release](#) confirming this advice on Friday. As pointed out in the press release, “voting by mail limits contact with others outside of a voter's household, and that’s the key to reducing the spread of COVID–19 and flattening the curve.” Ballots must be postmarked by November 3. Best if you mail them early!

The County has also arranged for multiple secure drop boxes where ballots can be deposited instead of at polling places. Two are drive-through drop boxes which allow you to drop off your ballot without having to exit your car. Both of these are at the Civic Center in San Rafael in the archways:

Vera Schultz Drive (North Archway)

Peter Behr Drive (South Archway)

You can [check the location of other drop boxes](#) on the County website. Don’t assume a drop box is official until you have double-checked!

There will also be drop boxes at polling places which will be open October 31 – November 3. The list of polling stations and hours of operation can be found [here](#).

Those who choose to vote in-person must vote at the polling place to which they were assigned (check your voter information/sample ballot guide if you are uncertain). You will be required to practice social distancing and must wear face coverings. If voters don't have personal protective equipment available, the County will provide it. All Elections staff and volunteers will be required to wear face coverings. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entry and exit of all in-person polling places and staff will sanitize equipment regularly.

By now you should have received your vote by mail ballot. If you haven't, contact the County Registrar. (415) 473-6456

CLOSING THOUGHTS

In light of all the rhetoric flying back and forth, and crazy stuff we are dealing with, perhaps these words will be a refreshing change. From the Queen of England's Jubilee celebration a few years back.



Paul McCartney: Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da

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