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To the City Council and Planning Commission,

Re: The amended housing element plan, and specifically the site identified as Site 12 on the plan map, which is located on Prospect Ave.

This information is provided for the upcoming Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 25th.

I am a neighbor who lives at 111-113 Prospect Ave, immediately next to this purported site.

It is my understanding from the prior owners of this once lot/site,(i.e, owners of 115-117 Prospect Ave), that this site does not exist any more. The assessor's records may not even be updated yet as 115-117 Prospect Ave was sold just 2 years ago and a new owner has recently completed a renovation.(You may want to check with them to obtain current information).

The history of this property at 115-117 Prospect Ave is that it was once owned as a group of 3 separate lots, one buildable lot (where the residence still is) and also two very small ancillary lots. These two ancillary lots were so small as to be sites on which structures could not be built.

However, (germane to the issue of Site 12 on the map), prior to the sale of 115-117 to the current owners, the seller consolidated (and recorded) the 3 lots into one lot and Site 12 ceased to exist. As such, it should not be identified as a separate site, much less a buildable one.

I send this information to you and those with powers over the selection process to rectify the housing element plan and to request you remove it as a buildable site. Upon viewing the site it will be obvious that it cannot support a building and I would ask that someone do just that, examine the site.

Thank you for your accommodating this request.

Sincerely,

Steve Gertz
111 Prospect Ave
Sausalito

On Feb 21, 2025, at 3:01 PM, City of Sausalito <currents@sausalito.gov> wrote:

News from the City of Sausalito

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Stories for the Week of February 21, 2025

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City Council Expected to Adopt Amended 2023-31 Housing Element

Council in Session



The City Council in session on February 4, 2025

The [City Council](#) will hold a special meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25 to adopt amendments to the City's **2023-31 Housing Element**. At the meeting, the Council will also provide direction to staff on the ballot measures that will be necessary to allow development on many of the sites identified in the Amended Housing Element.

In addition to considering input from the public, the Council will consider recommendations from the [Planning Commission](#) to reduce the number of units

allocated to two sites that have generated significant public interest:

- Reduce the allocation for the MLK property at 610 Coloma Street to 80 units (site 84).
- Reduce the allocation for the Alta Mira property at 125 Bulkley to 51 units (site 202).

The [meeting agenda](#) includes supporting documents and written public comment received to date.

Following adoption of the Amended Housing Element, which may include additional modifications at the direction of the Council, the meeting will move on to the logistics of placing two measures on the ballot for a Special Municipal Election on June 3, 2025.

The two ballot measures are necessary due to City ordinances [1128](#) and [1022](#), which require voter approval to permit the development of housing on more than 15 of the sites included in the Amended Housing Element. The City has a March 7 deadline to submit ballot measures to the County if there is to be a special election on June 3.

The public is encouraged to attend the February 25 meeting in person or virtually and contribute feedback on the Amended Housing Element. Written public comment can be submitted to cityclerk@sausalito.gov.

[VIEW THE AGENDA WITH LINKS TO MEETING DOCUMENTS](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DRAFT AMENDED 2023-31 HOUSING ELEMENT](#)

Resident Season Tables for Jazz and Blues on Sale February 26

Jazz and Blues by the Bay



Attendees at a Jazz and Blues by the Bay concert in June 2024

Season tables for this year's **Jazz and Blues by the Bay** summer concert series will go on sale to residents of the 94965 ZIP code at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26 via the Parks and Recreation Department [online reservation system](#).

Resident season tables are priced at \$650 for the 14-concert series in Gabrielson Park. Approximately 15 tables remain available for booking as of February 20. The limited availability is due to previously purchased event sponsorships that include tables. Each table seats six people.

For assistance, please call (415) 289-4152 or email recreation@sausalito.gov.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT JAZZ AND BLUES BY THE BAY](#)

News from the City, County, and State

Water Main Cleaning. The [Marin Municipal Water District](#) (aka Marin Water) will clean a segment of Sausalito's water main from Tuesday, February 25 through Thursday, February 27. Each year, Marin Water endeavors to clean 20% of its 109-mile pipeline network, which serves more than 190,000 customers.

Also known as "flushing," water main cleaning is required by the State of California. The process involves the targeted release of pressurized water through select hydrants to scour pipes and remove built-up sediment.

Cleaning is conducted by water district employees, who remove debris, install storm drain covers, and deploy dechlorination tablets prior to the flushing process to manage the discharge.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT WATER MAIN CLEANING](#)

Gas Main Upgrade. Construction is scheduled to begin Monday, February 24 for a PG&E project to replace approximately 300 feet of gas main in the vicinity of 2300 Bridgeway and 220 Woodward Avenue. The three-week project is expected to be completed by March 14.

The first phase of work along Bridgeway will require a northbound lane closure on weekdays from February 24 to March 5. Weather permitting, work along Woodward Avenue will begin on March 6 and continue through March 14.

As always, please take special care in and around construction zones, whether you are driving, walking, or cycling.

[VIEW A MAP SHOWING THE APPROXIMATE AREA OF CONSTRUCTION](#)

Summer Camps. [Mt. Tam Adventures](#) and [Sausalito Parks and Recreation](#) are bringing back their popular summer day camps for kids for a 17th year. Three camps will be offered this summer:

- Lego Creations Camp (ages 5-12)
Five weekly sessions: June 16-20, June 23-27, July 14-18, August 4-8,

and August 11-15.

- Nerf Blasters Camp (Ages 8-12)
Two weekly sessions: June 23-27, August 11-15
- Fun Flag Football Camp (Ages 8-12)
Two weekly sessions: June 16-20, August 4-8

More information about camps, including schedules and activities, can be found on the [Summer Camps](#) page on the Parks and Rec website.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT SUMMER CAMPS FROM SAUSALITO PARKS AND REC](#)

LA Fires: Lessons for Marin. Marin residents now have access to the [video recording](#) of a February 10 webinar featuring a panel of local fire experts sharing insights on the recent fires in Los Angeles and the lessons we can apply in Marin. Hosted by [Fire Safe Marin](#), the 60-minute program focused on ways we can adapt, prepare, and protect our communities from disaster.

[WATCH THE VIDEO RECORDING ABOUT WILDFIRE LESSONS FOR MARIN](#)

Countywide Transportation Plan. The Transit Authority of Marin (TAM) has released the final draft of its [Countywide Transportation Plan 2050](#) (CTP), a vision of a transportation system that is safer, more equitable, and more sustainable than the one we have today in Marin County.

Strategies for local communities like Sausalito include: fix it first, easy and safe, school travel, safe travel for all, accessible and walkable communities, and equity community investments. In addition to the 100-page [full report](#), a 20-page [executive summary](#) is available for review.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN](#)

Earthquake Preparedness. Are you ready for a major earthquake? This month, take the time to strengthen your home, workplace, and community by following these four essential steps to earthquake preparedness:

- *Step 1: Secure Your Space*
Identify potential hazards in your home or office and secure moveable items. A simple action like moving a heavy object from a high shelf to a lower, safer location can prevent injury and damage.
- *Step 2: Plan to Be Safe*

Develop a disaster plan, including how to communicate with loved ones during an emergency. Establish a meeting place and ensure everyone knows what to do when the shaking starts.

- *Step 3: Organize Disaster Supplies*

Prepare an emergency kit with essential supplies such as water, food, medications, and first aid. Store these items in accessible locations at home, work, and in your car.

- *Step 4: Minimize Financial Hardship*

Secure important documents, strengthen your property, and consider earthquake insurance to protect yourself from financial strain after a disaster.

More information about preparing yourself and your family is available from the [California Earthquake Authority](#) and [Earthquake Warning California](#).

LEARN MORE ABOUT EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

Yard Sale Booths. Seller booths for the Parks and Recreation Department's 2025 City Wide Yard Sale are currently on sale to Sausalito residents. The cost of a seller booth at the April 12 event ranges from \$15 to \$30. Instructions on booking a booth and a map of sites can be found on the [yard sale website](#). Booth sales to non-residents will begin at 11:00 a.m. on March 5.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CITY WIDE YARD SALE

In the News. Listed below are links to articles about Sausalito and Marin City that recently appeared in local, regional, and national news outlets.

- [George Russell: Sausalito Marin City School District teachers are frustrated](#) (Marin IJ)
- [Marin City sports field eyed for rehabilitation](#) (Marin IJ)
- [Griot Theater Company Presents August Wilson's Work at Annual Oratorical Featuring Black Authors](#) (Post News Group)

SEARCH GOOGLE NEWS FOR RECENT STORIES ABOUT SAUSALITO AND MARIN CITY

Yesterday's News. This section provides a look back in time to stories from the Sausalito Library's digital archive of Sausalito newspapers.

- [Jew Gow as a Rent Collector](#) (Sausalito News, 1904)

[Fire Hazards Need Action, Not Talk, to Cut Down Insurance](#) (Sausalito News, 1930)

- [City Opens War on Homosexuals](#) (Sausalito News, 1959)

SEARCH THE LIBRARY'S ARCHIVE OF SAUSALITO NEWSPAPERS

City Council Actions on February 18

The [City Council](#) held a regular meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall on **Tuesday, February 18**. Below is a brief summary of actions taken at the meeting.

For staff reports, meeting documents, and written public comment, please refer to the [meeting agenda](#). An archived [video recording](#) of the meeting is also available.

Special Presentations:

- **1A.** Received a special presentation by Supervisor Stephanie Moulton Peters.
- **1B.** Received a special presentation by the Southern Marin Fire District.

Consent Calendar:

- **3A.** Adopted the meeting minutes from February 4, 2025.
- **3B.** Approved a proclamation for 2025 Women in Construction Week.
- **3C.** Adopted Sausalito's Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan.
- **3D.** Approved an encroachment agreement for exterior improvements in the public right of way at 207 Woodward Avenue.
- **3E.** Approved landscaping improvements in the public right-of-way at 388-390 Sausalito Boulevard.
- **3F.** Authorized the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Miller Pacific Engineering Group to develop the Geologic Hazard Monitoring Plan in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 from Measure L funds.
- **3G.** Authorized the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with CSWST2 for the development of the Storm Drain Assessment Study in an amount not to exceed \$188,764 from the General Fund.
- **3H.** Authorized the City Manager to execute a management and disbursement agreement between the City of Sausalito and the Downtown Sausalito Business Improvement District Association.

3I. Authorized the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Kimber Companies for property management services in an amount not to exceed \$102,000.

Business Items:

- **5A.** Provided direction on amending the mid-year FY 2024-25 operating budget.
- **5B.** Introduced by title and waived the first reading of ordinance No. 02-2025, amending section 15.04.060 to prescribe speed limits within the City of Sausalito.

Items Postponed:

- **4A.** Consider the appeal of a Planning Commission resolution approving a hotel and restaurant at 715 Bridgeway in the former Wells Fargo building.
- **5C.** Introduce by title and waive first reading of ordinance No. 03-2025 of the Sausalito Municipal Code regarding formula retail establishments and land uses in commercial districts.

For specific direction to City staff, please consult the [video recording](#) of the meeting or the approved minutes when they are posted to the meeting archives following the next regular Council meeting on Tuesday, March 4. A special meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, February 25 (see below).

[VIEW THE AGENDA FROM THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18](#)

Special Council Meeting on February 25

A special meeting of the [City Council](#) will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on **Tuesday, February 25**. The open session is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m.

Members of the public can attend the meeting in person or via Zoom. Information about providing public comment at the meeting can be found on the City Council [meetings and agendas](#) page. Public comment can also be submitted via email to cityclerk@sausalito.gov.

Please consult the [meeting agenda](#) for supporting documents and additional items.

Business Items:

- **1A.** Public hearing on certification of Amended 2023-2031 Housing Element Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adoption of CEQA findings, statement of overriding considerations, mitigation monitoring and reporting, and approval of Amended 2023-2031 Housing Element.
- **1B.** Discussion and direction regarding a special election and proposed initiative ordinance amending Ordinance 1022 and amending the City zoning map to authorize development of housing on specific commercial properties to permit the development of housing as set forth in the City's adopted Sixth Cycle Amended Housing Element, to be voted upon at a Special Municipal Election to be held on June 3, 2025.
- **1C.** Discussion and direction regarding submitting to Sausalito voters an initiative ordinance amending Ordinance 1128 and amending the City zoning map to authorize development of housing on the MLK property, to be voted on at a Special Municipal Election on June 3, 2025.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, March 4.

[VIEW THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 25](#)

Upcoming Local Events

Sale at Friends Bookstore. The [Friends of the Sausalito Library](#) is holding a big sale at the [Friends Bookstore](#) on the upper level of Sausalito City Hall during [regular open hours](#) from **Saturday, February 22** to Monday, March 3. Everything in the store will be 50% off, with the exception of DVDs and cookbooks, which are 75% off. Hours are noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE](#)

Community Meeting. The Sausalito Police Department will host a community meeting from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 24** about the military equipment it possesses that fall under [Assembly Bill 481](#). More details about the meeting, which will be held in the meeting room of [Fire Station 1](#) at 333 Johnson Street, can be found on the [flyer](#) for the event. For accommodations or questions, please contact Brandon Rodgers at (415) 289-4170 or brodgers@sausalito.gov.

[VIEW THE FLYER FOR THE COMMUNITY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 24](#)

What Canoes Can Teach Us. [Spaulding Marine Center](#) will host a conversation with Jason Rucker of the Haida Canoe Revitalization Group from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 25**. Rucker will talk about the group's efforts to reconnect today's canoe carvers to the ancestral master carvers. Please [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend this free program. Spaulding Marine Center is located at [600 Gate 5 Road](#) in the Marinship district.

[RSVP FOR WHAT CANOES CAN TEACH US ON FEBRUARY 25](#)

She Did That. The [Marin City Library](#) will present a screening of [She Did That](#) (2019, 71 minutes) at 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 25**. The documentary film offers a peek inside the lives of four Black women who are raising the glass ceiling for future generations. No RSVP necessary. Following the screening, there will be a brief discussion to share insights and inspiration. The Marin City Library is located at [164 Donahue Street](#) in the Gateway Shopping Center.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MARIN CITY LIBRARY](#)

Bay Area Fine Arts and Crafts. The upcoming exhibit at [Sausalito Center for the Arts](#) (SCA) will be a showcase of the fluid boundary between arts and crafts and fine art. The exhibit opens on **Wednesday, February 26** and continues through April 6. Work will be on display in the following categories: ceramic, glass, woodwork, metalwork, fiber, textile, paper, jewelry, photography, and painting. An opening reception will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday March 1. SCA is located at 750 Bridgeway in downtown Sausalito.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BAY AREA FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT](#)

Heat Pump Water Heaters. Do you need to replace your gas water heater soon? In this free webinar presented by the [County of Marin Sustainability Team](#) from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 26**, you'll learn why switching to an efficient electric-powered heat pump for water heating can help save energy, improve indoor air quality, and become more environmentally friendly. Please [RSVP](#) for access information.

[RSVP FOR THE WEBINAR ON HEAT PUMP WATER HEATERS](#)

Author Event. [Sausalito Books by the Bay](#) will host an author event with Bay Area sports writer Dave Albee at 6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, February 27**. Albee's first book is *The Last One Out of Town Turn Off the Lights*, the true story of how a school district consolidation changes the fate and fortunes of

two rural Maine high schools. Sponsored by Literacy by the Bay, the program is open to everyone. Sausalito Books by the Bay is located at [100 Bay Street](#).

[VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS AT BOOKS BY THE BAY](#)

Mardi Gras Party. The Marin City Community Services District will host its second annual Mardi Gras Party at the [Manzanita Recreation Center](#) from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on **Friday, February 28**. Attendees will enjoy zydeco music, New Orleans-style food, a slice of king cake, and the opportunity to mingle with friends and neighbors. The event is free, but guests are encouraged to make a donation to help cover costs. Any questions about the event can be directed to (415) 332-1441.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MARIN CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT](#)

Author Event. [Sausalito Books by the Bay](#) will host an author event with [Diana R. Chambers](#), author of *The Secret War of Julia Child* at 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday, March 1**. Before she mastered the art of French cooking, Julia Child served in the OSS during WWII doing espionage for "Wild Bill" Donovan. Sponsored by Literacy by the Bay and presented in partnership with [Sisters in Crime Norcal](#), this free program is open to everyone. Sausalito Books by the Bay is located at [100 Bay Street](#).

[VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS AT BOOKS BY THE BAY](#)

Reopening Celebration. [MC Arts Gallery](#) will celebrate its reopening at a new location in the Marin Gateway Shopping Center from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, March 2**. The event will feature performers, tasty treats, and an opportunity to learn more about the classes and other community programs offered by MC Arts. [Donations](#) will be gratefully accepted before, during, and after this free event. Any questions can be directed to Oshalla Dee Marcus at (415) 299-7571.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT MARIN CITY ARTS AND CULTURE](#)

Leadership Workshop. The [Sausalito Library](#) will present a free workshop conducted by executive coach [Nene Burns](#) in the Edgewater Room at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, March 3**. At the workshop, Burns will share perspective-building concepts and practical tools that can help us weather the challenges that get in the way of achieving our goals. Please [register in advance](#) if you plan to attend.

RSVP FOR THE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP ON MARCH 3

Author Event. Sausalito Books by the Bay will host an in-conversation event with Jennifer Lang at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 5**. Lang's new memoir is [Landed: A yogi's memoir in pieces & poses](#). The author is a Californian transplant living in Tel Aviv and the founder of Israel Writers Studio. Sponsored by Literacy by the Bay, the program is open to everyone. Sausalito Books by the Bay is located at [100 Bay Street](#).

VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAUSALITO BOOKS BY THE BAY

Indie Filmmaking 101. The Sausalito Library will welcome independent filmmaker John Schlag for an after-hours program inside the library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on **Friday, March 7**. At this free event, Schlag will discuss his journey to filmmaking, show some of his short films on the library's big screen, and share stories about his creative process. Please [register in advance](#) if you plan to attend.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND RSVP

Walking Tour. The [Sausalito Historical Society](#) will hold its next Sausalito history walking tour at 10:30 a.m. on **Saturday, March 8**. Participants will experience the rich tapestry of our local history on a docent-led, 75-to-90-minute tour that delves into Sausalito's intriguing past beyond its current reputation as a tourist destination. The tour meets at the [Ice House Museum](#) at Bridgeway and Bay Street in downtown Sausalito. [Tickets](#) are \$10 each and can be purchased in advance via the SHS website. Tours are typically offered on the second and fourth Saturday of each month and are limited to 10 people.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DOWNTOWN SAUSALITO WALKING TOURS

Scholarship Opportunity. The Sausalito Woman's Club Scholarship Recognition Fund is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-26 academic year. Completed applications are **due by March 10**. To qualify, applicants must be permanent residents living within the Sausalito Marin City School District who are planning to initiate or continue their education at an accredited college, graduate school, vocational school, or art school. Applications are available through the [SWC Scholarship Recognition](#) website. For additional information, please contact swcsrfApplications@gmail.com.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SWC SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION FUND

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