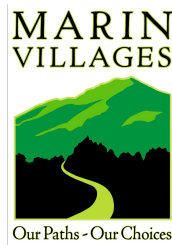


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MARIN VILLAGES WEEKLY UPDATE

February 23, 2021

Dear Marin Villages members and volunteers,

Is it tempting fate to say how glad we are not to be living in Texas?

COVID-19 UPDATE



Are you one of the 49,000+ people in Marin who have received at least one vaccination shot, or the 22,000+ who have received two vaccination shots against COVID-19? We certainly hope so! The County and Marin healthcare providers have made a concerted effort to vaccinate adults 75 and over and are now beginning to offer appointments to those 65 and older. Early access to the vaccines is one of the benefits of being older. Lots better than a discount at the movies or the ferry to SF!

Despite confusing information on availability and unfortunate difficulties with scheduling, vaccinations are continuing in Marin, as well as in surrounding areas. Alas, weather delayed some vaccine deliveries to the County at the end of last week, requiring some rescheduling of previously scheduled appointments and delays in new scheduling through Marin Public Health. Different healthcare providers (MarinHealth, Sutter, Kaiser, Medical One, Marin Community Clinics) may also have been temporarily affected. Near term, Rite Aid and CVS appointments were also affected. But, “scheduling delayed” doesn’t mean “scheduling over.” Check the [County Public Health website](#) for the latest information. It is the most consistently reliable source for

information on when and where vaccines are available and how to schedule.

If you haven't yet been able to get an appointment, keep trying! If you get discouraged or need assistance, Marin Villages volunteers may be able to help. Check with the office. (415) 457-4633 or info@marinvillages.com

Are you concerned about whether there are risks to getting vaccinated? Check out [this handy document](#) from Marin Public Health that provides really helpful factual, data-driven information and debunks some myths you might have heard floating around in the community.

Don't forget: Wearing masks, social distancing, avoiding indoor gatherings and washing your hands remain important whether or not you are vaccinated! We are not at herd immunity yet.

MARIN VILLAGES PROGRAMS

SAVE THE DATE

Scams and Other Nefarious Doings!

Friday, March 12, 3:00pm



Members of the Marin Financial Abuse Specialist Team will join us for a program on the latest fraud schemes and scams we need to be alert to. Human nature being what it is, there's always someone nefarious out there trying to cheat. Come learn what to watch out for! RSVP to the office at (415) 457-4633 or info@marinvillages.org. Or use [this URL](#) to register directly.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Age-Friendly Marin Forum: *The Age-Friendly Movement—Building on Your Values and Vision for Your Life*

Wednesday, February 24, 10:30 – 11:45am

Age-friendly communities can be a great place to grow up and to grow old. Learn about recent planning at the state, county, and local levels and how your values and interests in how and where you want to live are guiding these plans. Learn how you can inform and participate in the development of your age-friendly community. Speakers include Sara

Robinson, Age Forward coordinator, County of Marin, and Age-Friendly San Anselmo chair; Sybill Boutilier, Age-Friendly Sausalito; Sparkie Spaeth, Age-Friendly San Rafael Steering Committee and Marin Villages board member. Here is the Zoom link to join the presentation.

[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 863 7219 8902

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PG&E Virtual Safety Town Hall

Wednesday March 3, 12:00 – 1:30pm



This will be an interactive, regionally focused safety town hall. PG&E reps will discuss plans for reducing wildfire risks in Marin and Sonoma. Topics include wildfire prevention plans, an overview of 2020 public safety power shutoffs, and local vegetation management efforts. Information on how to access online or by phone [can be found here](#).

Safe and Healthy Living at Home for Older Adults

Thursday, March 4, 10:00 – 11:00am

This program precedes the monthly Marin Commission on Aging meeting. Topics include fall-prevention home modifications and programs, fire-safety measures you can implement at home, and programs offered by various agencies to help improve in home safety and energy efficiency. To join, use the information below.

[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 852 664 1821

Dial in number (669) 900-6833

WHAT'S UP AT THE OFFICE?



Starting March 1, Matthew Dawe will be joining us as a new employee with the title Volunteer Manager. More about Matthew when he arrives, but in the meantime a big round of applause for BJ who has juggled volunteer and member coordination and office operations since early January. We all multi-task these days to some degree, but BJ's juggling efforts were phenomenal!

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Here are a few other reasons than access to vaccinations to be glad one is older!



I'm Glad I'm Not Young Anymore

Cherie Sorokin, President
Marco Maina, Executive Director



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