

San Rafael • September 2013

## FOCUS ON HOMELESSNESS MONTH

The City of San Rafael partners with the County of Marin and local social service providers in addressing issues related to homelessness. The City has adopted and is implementing a [multi-pronged action plan](#) about homelessness in our downtown. During the month of September, we encourage the community to attend these informational events to increase understanding of this complex issue as well as to appreciate the range of local community partners that are working on solutions.

Date	Sponsor(s)	FREE Events	Location and contact information
Sept. 6 10 to 5pm	<a href="#">Fortnight Collective</a>	<b>ArtBreak - free art making</b> Opportunity for families and all community members to make art that could also tie to the topic of home and homelessness	Court Street Plaza  www.artbreakday.com
Sept. 12 6 to 8pm	<a href="#">City of San Rafael</a> and multiple partners	<b>Official launch of Downtown Streets Team &amp; Resource Event- meet service providers &amp; learn about how community members can help alleviate homelessness</b> Meet the organizations that serve the community including the Downtown Streets Team, Ambassadors of Hope & Opportunity (Youth), Homeward Bound, Home4All, Ritter Center & St. Vincent's. Interested community members can tour St. Vincent's and Ritter Center.	Fourth and A Street (during the Downtown Farmer's Market Festival) Contact: <a href="mailto:andrea.gilles@cityofsanrafael.org">andrea.gilles@cityofsanrafael.org</a> 415-485-3383
Sept. 16 11 to 4pm	<a href="#">Marin Recovery Project</a> , County HHS and multiple partners	<b>"It Happens": Annual Celebration of Sobriety Festival</b> Live music, fair and information booths	Marin County Fairgrounds www.MarinRecoveryProject.org 415-473-6409 (County)
Sept. 17 9am	<a href="#">County of Marin</a>	<b>Home for all: The Marin County Continuum of Care 10 Year Plan to Prevent &amp; End Homelessness</b> This Marin County Board of Supervisors meeting will include a review of the updated strategic plan to address homelessness (including new "point-in-time" count data about homeless persons in the County).	Marin County Supervisors' Chambers Room 330, Civic Center 10 Year Plan Contact: <a href="mailto:JSatterfield@marincounty.org">JSatterfield@marincounty.org</a> 415-473-3501
Sept. 18 6:30 to 8:30pm	County HHS, Mental Health & Substance Use Services Division	<b>Community Meeting about Mental Health Spending</b> Community discussion about upcoming County expenditure plan for Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63); one of multiple meetings in the County	San Rafael Community Center, 618 B Street, San Rafael  <a href="mailto:kclarke@marincounty.org">kclarke@marincounty.org</a> 415-473-7465
Sept. 22 11:30 to 2:30pm	<a href="#">Osher Marin Jewish Community Center</a>	<b>Sukkot Harvest Festival</b> Festival with themes and resources relating to shelter and agriculture	200 North San Pedro Road  415-444-8000
Oct. 3 7pm	<a href="#">City of San Rafael</a>	<b>San Rafael's Citizen Advisory Committee on Economic Development and Affordable Housing</b> Quarterly public meeting of the group that monitors the progress of the City's action plan on homelessness.	San Rafael Community Center, 618 B Street, San Rafael  Contact <a href="mailto:andrea.gilles@cityofsanrafael.org">andrea.gilles@cityofsanrafael.org</a> 415-485-3383