

Welcome to your October Newsletter Update!

**You're invited!**

The Trust for Public Land invites one and all to join us on Saturday, October 12 for an open house at the former San Geronimo golf course from 10 am to 2pm.



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## **Community Open House**

Join your neighbors and friends at the former San Geronimo golf course to enjoy local food and music, outdoor activities, hear from experts, and participate in the conversation to reimagine this special place.

*When:* **Saturday, October 12th, 2019**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

*Where:* **San Geronimo Club House**

*What:* **Food, Music, Kid-Friendly Activities, and Expert-Led Discussion**

To learn more, please visit [ReimagineSanGeronimo.com](http://ReimagineSanGeronimo.com)  
Send comments and feedback to [SanGeronimo@tpl.org](mailto:SanGeronimo@tpl.org)

This is a family-friendly opportunity for the community to learn more about the property and the Reimagine San Geronimo visioning process, meet the planning team, and enjoy a day on the land with friends and neighbors. This is not a public meeting – it is an open house designed to build on months of community and stakeholder meetings to date. Visitors are invited to drop in at their convenience to learn from informational boards and subject-matter experts; provide input through interactive activities; tour the property; join a bike ride; enjoy live music and good food; play at the kids' zone; and have a fun, relaxing day outside. Bring your bike, picnic on the property, fly a kite, play catch, socialize - enjoy a day at the park!

In order to create a positive, inclusive environment that feels safe, welcoming and comfortable to all, the following ground rules will apply:

- Third-party displays, demonstrations, and protests are not welcome . . . but constructive dialogue is.
- Blocking or lingering at points of entry is discouraged . . . but joyful exploration and inquiry are encouraged.
- Behavior that intimidates or interferes with the education and enjoyment of others isn't cool . . . but open-minded discussion is.
- Fundraising for other causes is not okay . . . but supporting our food vendors is.

Come have fun outside, connect with the land, and share your ideas for the future of this special place.

### ***Summer site tours***



This summer The Trust for Public Land hosted a series of small group site tours of the property. The interests represented crossed the spectrum from immediate neighbors, fire safety and emergency preparedness, safe routes to school, recreation, education, conservation, regenerative agriculture and community gardening, environmental stewardship, indigenous communities, wastewater recycling, affordable housing, and community organizations. To learn more about the tours and review the informational boards that were on display visit [www.ReimagineSanGeronimo.com](http://www.ReimagineSanGeronimo.com). Our thanks to everyone who participated.

### ***Fire safety***

There has been some confusion about the fire safety aspects of the property. According to the Marin County Fire Department, the property is not positioned to serve as a fire break no matter how it is managed, as fires generally do not travel downhill. The property was not a fire break as a golf course nor is it one now as an open space. You can read more in [this article](#) from the Marin Independent Journal. According to the Fire Department, people should seek to leave the San Geronimo Valley in case of fire or, if that's not possible, can take refuge in the clubhouse parking lot. Fire safety continues to be a central, guiding principle in the Reimagine San Geronimo visioning process and for the property's day-to-day management.

### ***Ballot measure***

A number of people have expressed concern about the impact of the March 2020 ballot measure that targets the property. Its passage would limit uses of the property that are under consideration as part of the Reimagine San Geronimo community process, including a new fire station and revitalized clubhouse. It would not bring golf back but would leave the property in a largely fallow state. The unaffiliated *Committee to Protect, Connect and Restore San Geronimo Valley* was formed recently to ensure that this does not happen. You can learn more at [www.SanGeronimoForAll.com](http://www.SanGeronimoForAll.com).

### ***Property management***



You might have seen some cool trucks on the property recently. They were taking care of downed trees, which had reached the end of their natural life cycle in recent years and/or succumbed to bark beetle. We have been clearing them away when they fall down. For your safety, please avoid any trees marked with hazard tape.