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January 2026

Holiday Light Spectacular!

Experience the wonder of winter like never before at the **Holiday Light Spectacular!** Your family, friends, and loved ones will enjoy a magical evening filled with dazzling light displays, twinkling pathways, great photo ops, and joyful surprises around every corner.

This is a free event.

4:00pm to 9:00pm daily, rain or shine, until January 4, 2026

**Marin County Civic Center** will feature nightly:

- Illuminated North, South and Middle Arches.
- An illuminated 4th Floor Dome at Marin County Free Library. Visit during business hours, 9am-6pm. Monday - Friday.



Repair Fair Coming Up!

Zero Waste Marin is working with non-profit Reuse Alliance to bring their free Repair Fairs to Marin County! In 2025, Zero Waste Marin worked with Reuse Alliance to host 10 Repair Fairs across all of Marin County. More are coming up!

What is a Repair Fair?

Repair Fairs are free events where community members can bring an item (lamp, bike, clothes, small appliances, etc.) for free repair. Rather than leaving and retuning later to pick up their item, attendees sit with a Repair Coach who explains their approach to fixing the item. The Coach and attendee work collaboratively to try to fix the item. Repair Fairs keep useful items out of the landfill and spread knowledge and love of reuse and repair!



How Do I Register an Item to Be Fixed?

Pre-register the items that you would like to have fixed at the Repair Fair; you can do so by finding the event you want to attend at: [www.reusealliance.org/rf-reg](http://www.reusealliance.org/rf-reg). Forget to pre-register? They also take walk-ins!

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 10th, 2026, 1pm – 4pm  
**WHERE:** San Rafael Community Center, 618 B St, San Rafael



The campaign for a federal holiday in Dr King’s honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later on January 20, 1986. Official observance in each state’s law as well as federal law occurred in 2000.



## Your MHA Contacts

Please reach out to Carrie Smith with any questions: [csmith@marinhousing.org](mailto:csmith@marinhousing.org). Carrie is your MHA Housing Representative.

## Your Program Specialist,

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## Your Housing Director,

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## Annual

**Recertifications:** We are here to help you complete your Annual Recertifications and interim changes when needed.

For forms and assistance, please reach out to Carrie Smith [csmith@marinhousing.org](mailto:csmith@marinhousing.org) or to Tashi Dhundup [tdhundup@marinhousing.org](mailto:tdhundup@marinhousing.org).

## Protect Yourself Against the Flu!

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Some people are at higher risk for severe illness and complications.

Protect Yourself From the Flu:

- Get a flu vaccination every year: please visit your local pharmacy or doctor's office and schedule a flu shot!
- Stop the spread of germs every day, by washing your hands, cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and more prevention activities.
- If you get sick, ask your health care provider if antiviral medication is right for you.

People 65 years and older are at higher risk of serious flu complications.



## All Eyes on the Rose Parade!

Millions of people will take part in the New Year's Day tradition of watching the Rose Parade. Broadcast live from Pasadena, the event awes viewers with its elaborate floats. Many of those are engineering marvels; even more amazing is that every inch of every float must be covered with flowers or other organic material such as leaves, seeds and bark.



### Classic Rock Thursdays With Madcap Labs, Live at Trek Wines

Groove to classic rock, jazz, and a few of our very own Pokémon tunes. Plus, enjoy beer, wine, cider, and flatbreads at this **FREE all-ages show**.

Gold record winner Ed Goldfarb is a longtime collaborator with Francis Ford Coppola, was Music Director for Beach Blanket Babylon, and is the music composer of Pokémon the Series. Natahan Hong and Lucas Holmes are popular Marin School of the Arts music graduates.

**WHERE:** Trek Wine, 1026 Machin Avenue, Novato  
**WHEN:** January 1, 2026, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



### Chipotle Veggie Chili

Warm yourself from the inside with a steaming bowl of spicy chili.

#### Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon plus 1/8 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper, divided
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 can (14 ounces) diced fire-roasted tomatoes
- 1 can (14 ounces) red beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (14 ounces) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 1 can (7 ounces) chipotles in adobo sauce
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) sweet corn with liquid
- 2 limes, juiced

#### Directions:

In large Dutch oven or stockpot, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Stir and cook 5 minutes until onion is translucent. Add garlic and bell pepper; stir and cook 8 minutes until vegetables are soft.

Add tomatoes, beans, broth, chipotles and corn. Season with remaining salt and pepper. Simmer 25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until chili has thickened.

Squeeze lime juice into pot and stir. If desired, serve with garnishes such as guacamole, sour cream, jalapeño slices and fresh cilantro.



### Protect Your Privacy Online

Data Privacy Day on Jan. 28 reminds us how important it is to keep our personal information secure, especially in this digital age. Use these tips to protect your data online:

- On all your devices, keep apps and software up-to-date.
- Use long, unique passwords for different accounts. Change them occasionally, or whenever there’s a security breach.
- Enable multi-factor authentication for important accounts like banking and social media.
- Turn off location and activity tracking on mobile apps, and regularly clear cookies on your browser.

## January 2026

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday   |
|--|--------|---------|--|--|--------|--|
| <i>January</i>   |        |         |  | New Year's Day 1<br>All MHA Offices Are Closed                               | 2      | 3<br>CN= Casa Nova<br>GH= Golden Hinde<br>KP= Kruger Pines<br>VO= Venetia Oaks |
| 4<br>Kruger Pines: Food Pantry.<br>9:30-10:30am<br>Homestead Terrace: Food Pantry.<br>10:00-11:00am                                | 5      | 6       | 7<br>Venetia Oaks: Food Pantry,<br>9:00-10:00am  | 8<br>Kruger Pines: Yoga.<br>1-2pm Kruger Pines: Art Expression.<br>3:30-5pm  | 9      | 10   |
| 11<br>Kruger Pines: Food Pantry.<br>9:30-10:30am<br>Homestead Terrace: Food Pantry.<br>10:00-11:00am                               | 12     | 13      | 14<br>Venetia Oaks: Food Pantry,<br>9:00-10:00am | 15<br>Kruger Pines: Yoga.<br>1-2pm Kruger Pines: Art Expression.<br>3:30-5pm | 16     | 17   |
| 18<br>MHA Offices Closed for MLK Day; Kruger Pines: Food Pantry.<br>9:30-10:30am; Homestead Terrace: Food Pantry.<br>10:00-11:00am | 19     | 20      | 21<br>Venetia Oaks: Food Pantry,<br>9:00-10:00am | 22<br>Kruger Pines: Yoga.<br>1-2pm Kruger Pines: Art Expression.<br>3:30-5pm | 23     | 24   |
| 25<br>Kruger Pines: Food Pantry.<br>9:30-10:30am<br>Homestead Terrace: Food Pantry.<br>10:00-11:00am                               | 26     | 27      | 28<br>Venetia Oaks: Food Pantry,<br>9:00-10:00am | 29<br>Kruger Pines: Yoga.<br>1-2pm Kruger Pines: Art Expression.<br>3:30-5pm | 30     | 31   |

# "This Month In History"

## JANUARY

**1908:** Illuminated by 100 lightbulbs, the New Year's ball drops in New York City's Times Square for the first time. There have been seven different Times Square balls since, with the current design bedazzled with over 32,000 LEDs.

**1915:** Rocky Mountain National Park is established in Colorado, ensuring the region's environment, habitat and wildlife stay protected.

**1929:** The Seeing Eye, a training school for dog guides, opens in Nashville. The organization was originally founded to breed and train dogs for visually impaired World War I veterans.

**1933:** Work begins on the Golden Gate Bridge. The famous San Francisco Bay bridge was completed four years later.

**1942:** Twenty-six countries sign the Declaration of the United Nations, reaffirming their opposition to the Axis powers of World War II.

**1960:** Senator John F. Kennedy announces his intent to gain the Democratic presidential nomination. Voters later elected him as the nation's 35th president.

**1984:** The U.S. Supreme Court rules that recording TV programs on home VCRs does not violate copyright laws.

**1994:** At 14 years old, Peter Leko becomes the youngest grandmaster in chess. Abhimanyu Mishra, who obtained the title at age 12, is the current record holder.

**2007:** Apple introduces the first iPhone, which features a 3.5-inch touchscreen, built-in microphone and headset controls.