



# Casa Nova • Golden Hinde • Homestead Terrace • Kruger Pines • Venetia Oaks

April 2026

## Earth Day Marin 2026!

**WHEN:** 4/26/26 at noon. Event duration: 3 hrs.

**WHERE:** Mill Valley Community Center, 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley

**WHAT:** Join us at Earth Day Marin 2026, our popular environmental celebration on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 12 to 3pm, at the Mill Valley Community Center in Marin County.

Earth Day Marin is a free community event for people of all ages, with informative booths, fun activities, art, music, games and talks in a beautiful outdoor setting. We expect this to be Marin's largest Earth Day event!

Visit **50 booths** hosted by **green businesses, environmental and community groups** to help build a more just and sustainable world. You will learn about these climate actions: protect nature, support climate justice and more!

Earth Day Marin is produced by Green Change with support from the County of Marin, City of Mill Valley, Sustainable Marin and many more partners.



## Glass vs Plastic

Bottled water did not appear until the 18th century when glass bottling grew rapidly as major bottling companies in the United States were established.

In U.S. grocery stores, as late as the 1970s and '80s, soft drinks came packaged exclusively in glass bottles. These bottles could then be returned to supermarkets for recycling for a few cents.

There is already a strong and growing global interest in **returning to using this recyclable glass bottling system**. The recycled glass market is projected to grow significantly as a result.



In 2016, more than 480 billion

plastic drinking water bottles were sold worldwide, 60% higher than a decade earlier. 97% of all water sold globally is packaged in plastic bottles.

It is worth noting that drinking water from plastic bottles means we are probably drinking microplastics too ...



## 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,

Tashi Dhundup: [dhundup@marinhousing.org](mailto:dhundup@marinhousing.org).

### Your Housing Director,

Michelle Pupiro: [mpupiro@marinhousing.org](mailto:mpupiro@marinhousing.org)

### 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).

## Management Notes/ Reminders

### Social events

MHA is looking for fun, social activity ideas. Do you have an idea for a fun activity that we could do in the community room? Please send suggestions to [csmith@marinhousing.org](mailto:csmith@marinhousing.org).

### Suspicious activity

Report suspicious activity to the police department. If you see something that is concerning to you, please not only report it to Marin Housing, but also to your local Sheriff's office, or in Novato, to the Novato police department. Novato Police Department has an online report that you can easily complete if you do not want to call.

### Rent payment

Would you like to pay your rent online? Please set up automatic payments through your rent café portal. Reach

out to Tashi for assistance!

### Pets

All dogs must be on a leash at all times while on MHA property. Please remember to pick up after your dog. While in common areas, your dog must be under control at all times. Dogs should not be barking in the common area.

### Washer/ dryers

Having issues with the washers or dryers? All issues with the washing machine and or dryer should be reported directly to "Wash." Instructions on how to report issues are on the washing machines and dryers. Please make sure to include the machine numbers.

## Save on Your PG&E Bill With the CARE Program

PG&E offers the **California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program**, which provides a **monthly discount of about 20% or more on gas and electricity bills** for eligible households.

**Ways to qualify for CARE:** You may qualify if **you or someone in your household: Meets the program's household income guidelines, or Participates in certain public assistance programs** such as: Medi-Cal / Medicaid CalFresh (SNAP), WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), SSI (Supplemental Security Income), CalWORKs (TANF), National School Lunch Program, LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program).

**Check your PG&E bill** to see if the **CARE discount** is already listed. If you do not see it, **contact PG&E to confirm your enrollment** or apply.

Base Services Charges are set to increase. Enrolling in the CARE program will lower this charge. Enrolling in CARE can also help lower your monthly energy costs, so be sure to check your bill in order to receive this important discount!

Visit [pge.com/care](http://pge.com/care) Call PG&E at **1-866-743-2273**

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## Common Seasonal Allergy Triggers

If you sneeze and cough during certain times of the year, you may have seasonal allergies. However, occasional allergies aren't something you just have to live with. In many areas of the United States, spring allergies begin in February and last until the early summer. Tree pollination begins earliest in the year followed by grass pollination later in the spring and summer and ragweed in the late summer and fall.

Mild winter temperatures can cause plants to pollinate early. You can choose to keep them out of your home and decorate with artificial versions instead. A rainy spring can also promote rapid plant growth and lead to an increase in mold, causing symptoms to last well into the fall.

## Seasonal Allergy Management and Treatment

If you feel like you're always getting sick, with a cough or head congestion, it's time to see an allergist. You may think you're sure pollen is causing your suffering, but other substances may be involved as well.

More than two-thirds of spring allergy sufferers actually have year-round symptoms. Your best resource for finding what's causing your suffering and stopping it, not just treating the symptoms, is an allergist who will help you avoid your triggers!



## Connecting Communities Project at Marin Housing Authority

Deploying Digital Devices to Casa Nova continued in March and will resume throughout the month of April. Sorry about the delay! Purchasing processes and equipment set up require many pieces falling into place correctly. Many tasks must be completed behind the scenes first before we can make residential appointments.

Did you know that you can use the HelpDesk Chatbot (Digibot) to help you get technical support on your own? You can even use it to Submit a HelpDesk Support Ticket to us (click the Talk to a human button). Look for the Chatbot icon in the lower right corner of the HelpDesk to give it a try!



## What Is Digital Marin?

Digital Marin is a cross-sector collaborative. We are working toward a future where everyone in Marin has access to internet that is:

- Available
- Affordable
- Reliable
- Resilient
- Safe

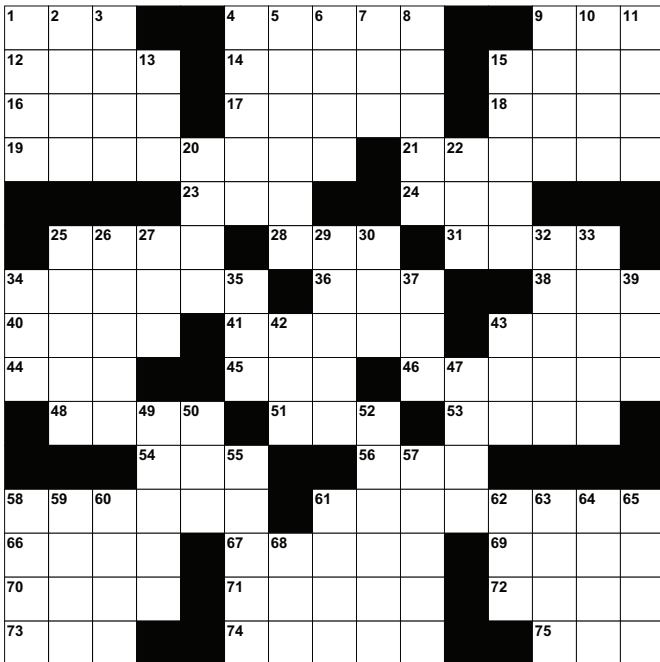
Our goals for Marin County residents:

- High-quality broadband available to everyone
- Everyone can take advantage of all online opportunities
- High rate of digital adoption that benefits everyone
- Marin has a community driven organization with a mission to deliver broadband for all

# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April</h1>			1 Venetia Oaks: Food Pantry, 9:00am-10:00am	2 Kruger Pines: Yoga. 1-2pm Kruger Pines: Art Expression. 3:30-5pm	3	4
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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Crowd
4. Weight device
9. Quip
12. Opera solo
14. Book by Homer
15. Three
16. Harvest
17. Scorch
18. Shield
19. Reciprocal of the sine
21. Subject of "Clue"
23. Boxer Muhammad
24. Grow older
25. Cover a present
28. Central daylight time
31. Preliminary or qualifying race, for the purpose of being in the final race
34. Torsos
36. In what manner
38. What a cow chews
40. Opinion sampler
41. South American animal
43. Paralyzed fear
44. Wing
45. Wild ox
46. Relating to a choir
48. Ogled
51. Trudge
53. Time periods
54. Designated segment of a relay race completed by one runner
56. Rowing device
58. "\_\_\_ a Mockingbird" (2 wds.)
61. In a jumping event the run-up phase

66. Desert condition
67. Fertile desert area
69. Sore
70. Foot contest
71. Locale
72. Turn in the air
73. Antlered animal
74. Deer
75. Southwestern Native American tribe

### DOWN

1. Artist Chagall
2. Brand of sandwich cookie
3. Prejudice
4. Strong rope fiber
5. Doctor's office
6. Am not
7. Fall back
8. Swelling
9. Crossed lines
10. Helper
11. Movie \_\_\_
13. Imitate
15. Lucky number
20. Captain (abbr.)
22. Good grief!
25. Complete
26. Event in which four runners each run one of four designated distances
27. American sign language
29. Capital of Bangladesh
30. Turkey
32. Sporty car brand
33. Sandwich meats
34. Certified public accountant
35. Cunning
37. Western Athletic Conference
39. Dekaliter (abbr.)
42. One complete circuit of a track
43. Pro
47. Frau's husband
49. Suppress
50. Eastern state
52. Use of illegal performance enhancing substances
55. Polish
57. Recesses
58. Weed in a wheat field
59. Voiced
60. Final increase in speed that comes at the end of a running event
61. At sea
62. Klutz
63. Organization concerned with civil liberties (abbr.)
64. Voucher for a small debt
65. Publicity
68. Feign

