

Storm Weather Information

The National Weather Service and Pacific Gas & Electric continue to forecast rain, heavy at times with the potential for thunderstorms, and wind gusts for the North Bay including Sausalito over the next few days. The rain is expected to come in two waves. The first is rainfall amounts of up to one and three-quarters inches total Friday and Friday night with wind gusts as high as 40 MPH. Rainfall amounts may locally exceed the forecast totals where thunderstorms or other intense rainfall cells occur. A slight break is forecast on Saturday for rain showers (although thunderstorms remain possible) and then a second, likely smaller event on Sunday with an 80% chance of rain of up to three-quarters of an inch and the continued possibility of thunderstorms. Forecast tides are well below maximums, so only potential local flooding is expected unless barometric pressures drop significantly.

As always during the winter, sand and bags are available for filling at the City Corporation Yard (530 Nevada) and MLK Park (off Coloma). Please ensure that leaves on your property are placed in covered yard waste containers. Yard waste that blows into the street can clog storm drain inlets and create local flooding. This weather is a perfect opportunity to look out for your neighbors who may be away or less capable of ensuring that their gutters, drains and leaves are cleared. Should you require assistance during the business day, feel free to call the Sausalito Department of Public Works at 415-289-4113 (Loren Umbertis, Maintenance Division Manager, lumbertis@ci.sausalito.ca.us), 415-289-4106 (Katie Laufman, Administrative Aide, klaufman@ci.sausalito.ca.us), 415-289-4192 (Patrick Guasco, Sanitary Sewer System Coordinator, pguasco@ci.sausalito.ca.us), or 415-289-4176 (Jonathon Goldman, Director of Public Works and City Engineer, jgoldman@ci.sausalito.ca.us).

In any emergency, please call 9-1-1 from any phone and public safety officers will be dispatched to your aid and call out Public Works or other resources as warranted. **If you smell natural gas, see downed powerlines, or suspect another emergency situation (e.g., a sewage overflow), leave the area immediately and then call 9-1-1.**

If the matter is not an emergency, and it is during non-business hours, call 415-289-4170 and public safety personnel will assist, including calling out Public Works or other resources as they are available. If you lose electric power, please call PG&E's 24-hour Customer Service Line: 800-PGE-5000 or its 24-hour Power Outage Line: 800-PGE-5002. PG&E also maintains an outage website with information regarding current conditions as well as advice about preparing for outages:

<http://www.pge.com/en/myhome/outages/index.page#>

Preparedness is always in order for winter weather and many other events that can adversely affect health and property. The City's website provides many information resources for use in getting ready for the many forms of disaster and near-disaster that living in Sausalito can expose us to:

<http://www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/index.aspx?page=667>.

A second edition of the Sausalito Currents will be forwarded later today or early tomorrow, which will include the Sausalito City Council agenda, Library Program updates, and events happening in your community.