

SAN RAFAEL

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



WELCOME

It's made it, designed to introduce you to the vibrant community that is Downtown San Rafael. Whether you have your own business or are an entrepreneur, you will find a city that has something for everyone with many interesting events and activities, both day and night.

Marin County's oldest city, San Rafael is a family-friendly city, an artistic city, a green city, and a beautiful city of beautiful parks and historic buildings with residents who are very involved in the life of the community. We have world class restaurants and unique owner-operated businesses that give our town its charming character. From the weekly Farmers' Market with fresh organic produce where neighbors meet for food, entertainment and family fun, to the internationally-recognized Rafael Film Center for Independent Film, you will find all the services necessary to live the good life! The Downtown Business District welcomes you to San Rafael. Enjoy your visit! © 2008 B.I.D.

MAP KEY

- P PARKING LOTS
- P LONG TERM AVAILABLE
- B BIKE PARKING
- O ONE WAY STREETS
- G GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT

INFORMATION

Business Improvement District: 415.720.5591
 www.downtownsanrafael.org
 City: 415.485.3383
 www.sanrafaelcity.org
 San Rafael Chamber of Commerce: 415.454.4163
 www.sanrafaelchamber.org
 Marin County Visitors Bureau: 415.925.2060
 www.visitmarin.org

DOWNTOWN SAN RAFAEL EVENTS

- Downtown Farmers' Market**
April through September / Fourth Street (Thursday Evenings)
415.492.8007 / www.downtownsanrafael.org
- Alice in Wonderland Spring Festival**
March / Public Cultural Center
415.485.3328 / www.fildculturalcenter.org
- Greg Bonelli's My Madness Classic Car Parade & Rockin' Street Dance**
April / Fourth Street
415.720.5591 / www.downtownsanrafael.org
- Youth in Arts**
Italian Street Painting Festival
June / A Street at Fifth Avenue
415.457.4878 / www.youthinarts.org
- Carreras de San Rafael**
August / Fourth Street
415.485.3465 / www.carrerasdesanrafael.com
- San Rafael Food & Wine Festival**
August / Public Cultural Center
800.310.6565 / www.sanrafaelfestival.com
- Great American Blues & BBQ**
September / Fourth Street
415.383.3470 / www.trampopent.com
- Marin Valley Film Festival**
The Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center
October / 1118 Fourth Street
415.383.5255 / www.marinvalliefilmfestival.org
- Trick or Treat on Fourth Street**
October / Fourth Street
415.720.5591 / www.downtownsanrafael.org
- Marin's Cloricos**
Glenn Funguin Harvest
October / Public Cultural Center
415.485.3328 / www.fildculturalcenter.org
- Parade of Lights & Winter Wonderland**
November / Day after Thanksgiving
800.310.6565 / www.sanrafaelfestival.com
- Victorian Holiday and Dickens Celebration**
December / Public Cultural Center
415.485.3328 / www.fildculturalcenter.org
- Teddy Bear Tea**
December / Public Cultural Center
415.485.3328 / www.fildculturalcenter.org

HISTORIC SAN RAFAEL

San Rafael's community life began with the arrival of the Franciscan padres and in 1823 it became the first town in California's chain of twenty-one Franciscan missions. San Rafael's historical pioneer residents were involved in the settlement across the entire from bridge of the history of San Rafael. They are a part of the history of the city and the Marin Historical Society, the San Rafael Cultural Affairs Commission and the Downtown Art Center.

San Rafael Theatre, 1118 Fourth Street, originally the home of the San Rafael Theatre, was built in 1897 for the home of the Marin County Theatre, a community reorganized.

1180 Fourth, The Second Empire style Mahon House was the focal point of social life in San Rafael. Completed in 1914, this Mahon House, a single building was originally designed as a grocery store.

1010 B Street, The Non-Church Albert Building is of major historical importance. Built around 1920, it was first a shoe office building featuring an elevator with an art deco design.

Information taken from "Walking Through San Rafael" by the Downtown Business District of Commerce which includes much more of interest in San Rafael.



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