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February 21, 2017

Letter from the Town Manager

Dear Tiburon Residents,

On January 21, 2009, on his first full day in office, President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum titled *Transparency and Open Government*.



In part, this memorandum stated government should be both transparent and participatory. Transparent, because transparency promotes accountability by providing information for citizens about what their government is doing, and participatory, as public engagement enhances the government's effectiveness and improves the quality of its decisions. Here at Tiburon Town Hall, we agree with that premise, and in the spirit of increasing both transparency and participation, we want to let you know about a new way to stay in touch with your Town government.

The activities of Town staff are, in part, driven by the decisions made at the regular meetings of the Tiburon Town Council and its appointed Boards and Commissions including the: Planning Commission, Design Review Board, Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission, and the Heritage and Arts Commission. In an effort to better manage the agendas and meetings of these bodies, staff has installed and tested a program called Granicus. This program not only streamlines the entire process of managing the various meetings occurring at Town Hall, it also provides a much improved user interface for the public on the Town's website.

For several years now, residents have had the ability to access audio recordings of meetings that take place at Town Hall by visiting the Town's website. We are pleased to report that in addition to having access to these recordings after the meeting takes place, you are now able to listen to these meetings in real time, as they occur. So next time there is an item on one of the agendas that you are interested in, but simply do not have the time to make the trip to Town Hall, just follow the link below, and if a meeting is in progress, you will be able to access a livestream audio feed from that meeting.

<http://www.townoftiburon.org/266/Agendas-Minutes-2017>

[Marin, 3rd District](#)

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We hope you take advantage of this new feature, and we will continue to look for ways to make your Town government more accessible and responsive.

Sincerely,

Greg Chanis
Town Manager

NEWS BRIEFS

Public Works Update

Green Bike Boxes at Blackfield Drive & Greenwood Beach Road



You may have noticed the green boxes and bike lane markings at the intersection of Tiburon Boulevard and Blackfield Drive. These changes are all part of a larger effort to make the commute to and from Bel Aire School safer for everyone and reflect the Town's effort to reduce vehicle traffic by encouraging alternatives to riding in private cars.

Vehicle Drivers: You are not permitted to drive in bike lanes or the areas painted green on the roadway whether bicycles are present or not. You may cross them (while signaling) to enter a driveway to make a legal turn. At intersections, you must stop behind the green "box".

Bicyclists: When the traffic signal is yellow or red, enter the bike box from the approaching green bike lane. When the light is green, proceed as normal. Please use the bike lanes. We strongly discourage cyclists from cutting through the Cove Shopping Center parking lot; this area is busy and cars are moving multiple directions. In addition, bicycles emerging from the pathway onto Cecilia pose an unnecessary risk. The bicyclists cannot see cars on the street and the drivers of those cars cannot see the bicyclist on the path and far too often, bicyclists fail to stop before entering the crosswalk in the street. This risk is avoided if you follow the bike lanes.

For more information, click [here](#).

Patrick Barnes, PE
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

The Mysterious World of a Business License - New and Renewals

Reminder! Business License Renewals are due no later than February 28, 2017!

Do you need a business license? As the business license administrator at Town Hall, I have been reviewing the details of

the Business License Program and have found that the fine citizens of Tiburon may not even be aware they need one.



Who needs a business license?

- If you have a commercial business located in Tiburon, you will need a business license. In addition, the Planning Department will review the "type of use" for the premises to make sure it falls within the zoning and use regulations for the Town of Tiburon.
- If your business is head-quartered out of town, but you enter Tiburon to do business, you will need a license. This applies to delivery companies, gardeners, cleaning services, service companies and professionals, such as architects. If you are unsure about your category, please check with us.
- If you own a residential long-term rental, such as a stand-alone house, apartment, additional permitted unit, duplex, or apartment building, you will need a license.
- If you have a home based business, whether it is dealing directly with the public, producing goods, offering services, or handling your company books out of your home, you will need a business license**. Even if all of your business is online - if you use your home for business activity, this rule will apply to you. **In addition to a Business License you will need a Home Occupation Permit.
- If you are a general contractor, you will be charged by the Tiburon Building Division for your Business License at the time your building permit is pulled. If you are a sub-contractor you will be covered under the general permit in place for the general contractor.

Who needs a Home Occupation Permit?

- A Home Occupation Permit is needed if you are running your business - in any capacity, including bookkeeping -- out of your home. Even if your businesses mailing address is a PO Box, you still need a license for the physical address in Tiburon. At the time of filling out your business license application, you will also fill out a Home Occupation Permit application. The Planning Division will review the application and send you a letter of acceptance as well as notifying the business license department so the license can be issued. This process takes up to 48 hours.

A business license does not replace: State licenses, Petition of Fictitious Business Names, or Seller's Permit/Resale Numbers - information on where to obtain these is found in our General Information.

The Business License Application, Home Occupation Permit Application, and General Information, including the costs associated with the different types of Licenses shown above are available online at our website: www.townoftiburon.org

Patti Pickett
Business License Administrator

Introducing Liz Kerlake!

The Town welcomed a new employee to ring in the New Year. Local resident Elizabeth (Liz) Kerslake joined the Town as its Community Development Aide on January 2, 2017. She takes over for Lea Stefani, who was appointed as Tiburon Town Clerk late last year.



Liz grew up in Belvedere and Nevada City, graduated from Redwood High School and attended the College of Marin. She has very extensive work experience as a legal secretary, property manager, and administrative support for an educational and medical research firm.

Liz is locally involved and serves on the Board of the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society, among other volunteer pursuits. She and her husband Patrick make their home in Tiburon.

Please drop by and say hello to Liz during your next visit to Town Hall.

Sincerely,

Scott Anderson
Director of Community Development

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chief Francis O'Neill Irish Music Festival 2017



Tiburon, California

Feb. 23rd - Presentation - *The Incredible Life of Francis O'Neill*

Feb. 24th - Traditional Music Concert & Music Around Town

Feb. 25th - Rock'n Irish Music

[Purchase Tickets & More Information:](#)

ONEillirishmusicfestival.org

Hello Irish music fans!

**IT'S WINTER
IT'S RAINING**

**THE HILLS ARE GREEN
IT MUST BE IRELAND AND
TIME FOR IRISH MUSIC!**

**The 3rd annual Chief Francis O'Neill Irish Music Festival
is coming to Tiburon February 23-25!**

If you enjoyed last year, this year is going to be like a step into Ireland. A special new feature is that we are doing two different shows on two nights.

The Irish government officially has designated Francis as "The Man Who Saved Irish Music"! There is a large bronze statue and big concrete memorial wall to honor him in our home village of Tralebane, Ireland, which is a short distance from Bantry, on the big rough Bantry Bay.

Thursday, February 23rd will be a visual and storytelling presentation on the incredible life led by Francis O'Neill. To say that this man led multiple lives is an understatement. Each of the seven different periods of his life are notable onto themselves, but when put together tell a story that is the stuff of epic proportion. (Sam's Anchor Cafe)

Friday, February 24th will feature the best of Irish Traditional Music; pub tunes, humor and storytelling. More than a dozen musicians will dazzle you with tunes from the Francis O'Neill's book, Music of Ireland.

Saturday, February 25th will be an up tempo "stamp-your-feet" Irish rock show; Irish music but with a featured band that will get your feet to stomping.

Friday and Saturday shows will be at the Lodge at Tiburon, 1651 Tiburon Blvd. and the ticket price for each is \$45.00. The shows begin at 7:30PM and run to around 10PM.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

Save the Date! The Library Celebrates 20 Years!

**Community Celebration - Help us Celebrate!
Friday April 21 - Sunday, April 23**

The Belvedere Tiburon Library opened its doors to the community on April 13, 1997.



**Belvedere
Tiburon
Library**

The movement for a Library for the City of Belvedere and the Town of Tiburon started 10 years earlier when a group of local residents from both communities began their discussions. As the word spread, many people joined the effort, and their vision began to become a reality. The Zelinsky family donated the land, a generous and incredible gift which became the perfect location for a library. Community volunteers from both Belvedere and Tiburon raised the money, shepherded the

project through the political process, and oversaw the design and construction.

For the past twenty years, the Library has stood as a testament to how a group of people with a vision can change the world.

Also Celebrating Town Hall's 20th Anniversary!

A month after the library was completed, the Town of Tiburon opened the doors to its new Town Hall right next door, with land also generously donated by the Zelinsky family, thus completing the new Civic complex envisioned and supported by the residents of Tiburon.

A Community Celebration!

Friday Night, April 21: Pop-Up 94920 Presentation*

Saturday Morning/Afternoon, April 22: The Library Rocks for Kids and Teens

Saturday Evening, April 22: Roaring 20's Casino Night Party*

Sunday Afternoon, April 23: Celebration of our Founders and Volunteers

**Tickets go on sale March 1, 2017*

Go to: www.beltiblibrary.org & www.beltiblibfoundation.org/

Concerts at Old St. Hilary's

MUSIC AT OLD ST. HILARY'S

QUARTET SAN FRANCISCO



Non-traditional in their delivery, Quartet San Francisco redefines the sound of chamber music. QSF will feature music from Mongolian folk and Gershwin to the Beatles and Michael Jackson. "When the music says swing, we swing. When the music says groove, we groove."

Sunday, March 12, 2016, 4 p.m.

Old St. Hilary's Landmark, 201 Esperanza, Tiburon

TICKETS

\$20, \$15 for seniors and under 18 (Door: 25 & 20)
Sales at: www.brownpapertickets.com,
Tiburon Town Hall; Landmarks Office & At the Door
www.landmarkssociety.com
415-435-1853

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Please note there is no parking at Old St. Hilary's Landmark.
Free parking and shuttle service is available 30 minutes before the show in front of Rustic Bakery at Boardwalk Shopping Center at, 1550 Tiburon Boulevard.

PRESENTED BY THE LANDMARKS SOCIETY AND TIBURON HERITAGE & ARTS
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More info: www.landmarks-society.org, 415-435-1853

Upcoming Art Exhibits at Town Hall

Join the Artist: Virginia Knepper Doyle
Reception, Talk and Demonstration:
March 11, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Virginia will reveal what inspires her and how she uses natural elements she finds in her garden to create her latest pieces.

Tiburon Town Hall, Upstairs Community Room
1505 Tiburon Boulevard
Saturday, March 11
5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

On view will be paintings, prints and banners (some shown for the first time this evening). Also offered for sale this one evening only: Baskets, boxes of cards, painted socks, and unframed prints.

Please let Virginia know if you or your friends are planning to come: vdoyleandjdoyle@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Tiburon Heritage & Arts Commission

National Organization of Pen Women Exhibit
Tiburon Town Hall: March 1 - April 30
Reception: March 12, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The Heritage and Arts Commission is happy to announce an exhibition by the local branch of the National League of American Pen Women promoting women in the arts. NLAPW is a professional group of women writers, artists, and composers organized in 1897 when women were refused admission into the (then) all-male National Press Club in Washington DC. There are now over 5000 members within 200 branches in 32 State Associations.

The Golden Gate/Marin Art group was organized in 1972. Their branch consists of artist members who exhibit locally, some winning national awards, some in collections around the country.

The group consists of less than 20 women artists who have been funding a scholarship program for the past 15 years, to a Marin high school female who plans to go on to a four year college in visual arts.

The exhibit will consist of several member artists and will rotate through different artworks throughout March and April. It merits repeat visits!

Gardening Talks at Landmarks Art & Garden Center



Marin Master Gardeners will host two talks at the Landmarks Society Art & Garden Center (841 Tiburon Boulevard). The one-hour talks are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Master Gardener Faith Brown at (415)435-5320.

Climate, Climate Change and the Gardener ***Wednesday, March 1, 2017***

Understanding our climate and micro-climates is key to choosing the right plants for our gardens. Learn about the effects of climate on plants and best practices for adapting our gardens to climate change. Speaker Kathy Hunting was trained as an environmental health scientist.

Growing Edibles: Plan to Plot to Plate ***Wednesday, April 5, 2017***

Learn about growing edibles from an experienced Master Gardener: preparing planting beds and containers, selecting plant varieties, including tomatoes, best watering practices, and managing diseases and problems. Speaker Ann-Marie Walker leads a program teaching third and fourth graders about edible gardening.

The Broom Busters Celebrate 20 Years on March 11

Area residents are invited to attend the 20th anniversary celebration of the Broom Busters, Saturday March 11 at 9 a.m. This volunteer group has been pulling French broom and other invasive plants at Old St. Hilary's Open Space since 1997, shortly after the land was designated a county preserve.



Marin County officials will be on hand to celebrate the longevity and success of the Broom Busters, and refreshments will be served. The festivities will be held at the open space gate on Vistazo West, off Lyford Drive. A workday will follow at 10 a.m., and everyone is invited to help pull broom. For more information or to volunteer for future workdays, contact Faith Brown at brownsf@aol.com.

Community Calendar

For the scoop on events and meetings sponsored by local nonprofit community and government organizations on the Tiburon Peninsula, visit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's excellent [community calendar](#).



Council and Commission Meetings

Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - March 1 and 15, 2017.

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. - March 2 and 16, 2017.

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - March 8 and 22, 2017.

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (Town Hall Conference Room) - February 28, 2017.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. - March 21, 2017.

Disaster Advisory Council: Meets quarterly; next meeting TBA.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are held in the Town Council Chambers located at 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon CA 94920.

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