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A Message from the Police Chief on Recent Burglaries

Tiburon Residents,

Over the past several months, many of you have reached out about the growing trend of residential burglaries. While this is not unique to our town, it is nonetheless important to all of us in this town. We at the Tiburon Police Department want our community to have updated information, safety tips, and a clear line of communication. This letter is designed to provide that. Events like these rightfully raise concern amongst our community members and can lead to unintentional and, in some cases, intentional proliferation of misinformation. TPD hosted a Town Hall meeting last Thursday night, which was recorded and available for your viewing [on the Town's website](#).



I want to reassure you, our community members, that your Tiburon Police Department is using every resource available to us to both prevent further burglaries and to identify and apprehend those responsible. Along with our efforts, teamwork with our community will supercharge our efforts in addressing this crime trend. [Read the Chief's full letter to the community](#).

Crime Prevention Tips from TPD

We need your help to be successful in our efforts to combat this latest crime trend. Successful crime prevention and mitigation strategies require collaboration with our community. We simply are ineffective without the community's help. Here are some things you can do to help us:

- Consider updating your alarm systems by adding second story motion sensors and glass break sensors on large glass windows and doors.
- Consider installing an audible alarm feature loud enough to not only cause discomfort for those inside and for neighbors to hear.



- Consider installing good security surveillance cameras both inside and outside your home. Ensure that exterior cameras capture footage of the access points to your property to include the street and sidewalk area in front. Register your cameras with the Tiburon Police Department, which makes it easier for our officers to know which houses to go to when investigating these types of crimes in your neighborhood.
- When you leave your home attempt to make it appear occupied by putting lights and televisions on timers.
- When away on vacation, consider a house sitter and/or alert your neighbors or other trusted person to check on the property regularly. Ensure that mail and packages are either postponed or picked up.
- Consider signing up for a Vacation House Check with Tiburon Police Department. Note that due to the volume of these and resource availability, we limited the house checks to a 30-day max per sign up; however, you may sign up more than once nonconsecutively. If you are frequently away from home for prolonged periods of time, you may want to consider private security.
- If you “see something, say something.” Call right away and use 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity, such as cars and/or people that appear to be surveilling homes or people in open-space and greenbelt areas in evening hours. Be prepared to describe the individuals and the suspicious activity. Safety also means reducing the likelihood of an unnecessary police encounter with someone who is not doing anything suspicious or illegal.
- If you would like more information about or wish to start Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood, please contact Police Service Aide, Angie Delnevo, at adelnevo@tiburonpd.org

Vacancies on Town Boards & Commissions

The Town Council is now accepting applications for a variety of volunteer positions on Council-appointed boards and commissions. Terms on the following Town boards and commissions will expire on 2/28/22, and all interested residents are invited to apply.

- **Heritage & Arts Commission (Belvedere residents eligible)**
- **Parks, Open Space & Trails Commission**
- **Planning Commission**



To apply, please submit [a completed application](#) and resume to Town Clerk Lea Stefani at lstefani@townoftiburon.org or Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, CA. Please call (415)435-7377 for more information. The Council will begin interviews of interested applicants in February. **The deadline to apply is February 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

Stay tuned later in 2022 for openings on the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Board of Trustees and the Marin-Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District Board, and an opening for an Artist Laureate.

General Plan Sustainability Element Update

The Town held a workshop on January 25 to explore policies to make Tiburon a more sustainable community. If you missed the workshop, this is your opportunity to provide feedback on the [draft Climate Action Plan](#) and on sustainability issues that should be addressed in the General Plan. [The Sustainability Element survey is available here.](#)



Upcoming Public Works Projects

Two projects to maintain Town-owned infrastructure are underway with completion expected in the coming weeks.

Vistazo West Street Stairway Improvements

The well-utilized stairs and trail that connect Vistazo West Street to Racoon Lane and Esperanza Street are receiving some repairs and improvements which are also underway. Crews have been tasked with replacing missing and rotten boards, reinforcing existing components along the stairway, and installing a bicycle "runnel" to facilitate walking a bicycle up or down the stairway. This area will be open during construction however users are encouraged to use alternate routes as periodic delays in getting through may occur.



Lyford's Stone Tower Repairs

A project to stabilize the sidewalk and rock wall surrounding the lookout area is nearing completion. Last week, crews installed a series of drilled piers and reinforced concrete structures to reinforce the existing areas. Drainage improvements were also incorporated into the project to ensure that the stone tower and lookout remain accessible to users for years to come. The exact construction date of this historic landmark structure is unknown but dates back to at least the 1880s when it served as an office and gate house for Dr. Benjamin Lyford and the first subdivision on the peninsula, known as Lyford's Hygeia.



Broadband Strategic Plan: Stay Tuned for Community Workshops

At the end of last year, the Town Council authorized staff and a consultant to begin work on developing the Tiburon Broadband Strategic Plan. Once complete, the strategic plan will provide recommended funding and implementation strategies for Tiburon to expand broadband services by leveraging existing assets, deploying new infrastructure, and engaging strategic partnerships.



The first thing we did to learn about internet wants and needs in Tiburon was to gather feedback from the community in the form of an online survey. The survey has now closed, and we are happy to report we received over **400 responses** from community members. This is a great result, and thank you to those of you that participated in the survey.

Your chance to participate and provide feedback is not over. In early March, the Town and Magellan Advisors will host two community workshops on the strategic plan. The workshops will be a great place for you to learn about broadband services, ask questions, and to let us know what you would like to see in the plan.

The workshops will be held virtually on Zoom. Stay tuned for an announcement in TiburonTalk, or send an email to Lea Stefani at lstefani@townoftiburon.org to add your email to an interested parties list for updates.

Sign up for AlertMarin

If you live, work, or go to school in Marin County, please sign up for AlertMarin. Emergency officials use the AlertMarin emergency notification system to deliver incident-specific information or potentially life-saving instruction to the precise geographic areas affected. Emergency notifications may include information about natural disasters (tsunami or wildfire), public safety incidents (crimes) that impact your neighborhood, or post-disaster information about seeking shelter or supplies.



[Register now](#) to receive emergency alerts by call, SMS text, or email.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Town Council

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Diversity Inclusion Task Force (A Standing Committee of the Town Council)

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Design Review Board

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Heritage & Arts Commission

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Art Selection Panel (A Standing Committee of the Heritage & Arts Commission)

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Belvedere-Tiburon Disaster Advisory Council

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Board of Trustees

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation ("The Ranch") Committee

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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