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Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM)

As you probably know, this pest is poised to threaten a wide variety of crops in California and beyond. Town staff attended a recent public hearing on the subject held by Assembly Member Jared Huffman at the Civic Center, and there will be additional opportunities for everyone to learn more about planned eradication efforts, specifically the potential spraying of a pheromone (which is not a pesticide but disrupts mating) in Tiburon and Belvedere. Bottom line: everyone wants to see the least impactful approach used with spraying conducted only as a last resort and only after safety questions have been answered satisfactorily. Fortunately, spraying is not proposed until August, so there is some time to sort out options and learn more. Our County Supervisor and current President of the Board of Supervisors, Charles McGlashan, is also involved, taking steps to ensure the County is fully informed and that we act in a unified manner so as to strengthen our voice in this state-determined issue.

Smoke and Fire

The dramatic scene of orange flame and black smoke this last week, when the Belvedere-Tiburon Child Care Center was gutted by fire, was a stark reminder of just how quickly disaster can strike. I want to congratulate and thank the staff of the Center who acted so swiftly to evacuate some 60 children to safety, and the Tiburon Fire District firefighters who contained and snuffed out the

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New Face at Town Hall



The Town welcomes its newest employee, George Dailey, who has been hired by the Town as its Building Inspector. Mr. Dailey takes over for Kirk Lindgren,

blaze. We, as a community, were very lucky to be in such capable and responsible hands in a perilous moment.

Multi-Use Path

By now I'm sure almost everyone has had the chance to experience the recently upgraded Multi-Use Path. I think you'll agree the new surfaces and teak benches really make a difference. We have been awaiting two additional elements to finish it off: signage and landscaping. I am happy to report that this week new signage is being installed, along with a small amount of striping on the path (no center stripe) designed to slow bicyclists at critical locations. The signage has been developed in concert with the Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee whose goal for the MUP is to reduce conflicts between users and enhance the overall experience of walking or riding the path.

A minimalist approach and natural look was the concept for MUP signage. Orientation signs at either end of the path welcome visitors and set out path etiquette. Along the path itself, rustic, routed wooden posts, which will soon weather to a soft grey, support signs that mark half-mile intervals and repeat the message of courtesy. Finally, there are also two very useful signposts showing visitors where the path continues when crossing San Rafael Avenue. We have observed that many users fail to stay on the path at this juncture and get onto the street by mistake. You may have seen them--folks with rental bikes looking at a laminated map, looking around, and looking lost.

Do we really need etiquette rules? Well, yes. The popularity of the MUP and its multi-purpose nature create clashes between users, especially on warm, sunny weekends. By establishing some basic rules, such as keeping to the right, maintaining safe speed, keeping pets on short leashes and so forth, the hope is that a common understanding of proper use will emerge and conflicts will be reduced. While we cannot legislate courtesy or common sense, setting forth the standard of appropriate behavior should help.

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran
Town Manager

NEWS BRIEFS

[MVRS expands Household Hazardous Waste
Pickup to include e-waste](#)

who left the Town to take a building inspection position with the City of Mill Valley. Mr. Dailey comes to the Town with a wealth of experience in other California communities, including the City of Seaside and City of Kerman. He is a licensed contractor who has owned and operated his own construction firm, Dailey Construction Company, since 1974. Mr. Dailey also taught Building Trades courses at the high school level for several years. Expect to see Mr. Dailey driving the building inspection pick-up throughout Town while making his inspections.

Detour on Tiburon Boulevard
Wednesday, March 5 from 10 AM-1 PM

Due to the trimming of vegetation encroaching on the travel way,

Mill Valley Refuse Service offers all of its customers FREE curbside pickup of many household hazardous wastes. The list of items has always included household batteries (no car batteries), latex paint (no oil-based paints), motor oil and oil filters. In the November 30 issue of *Tiburon Talk*, we reported that Mill Valley Refuse Service was working to expand this list to include e-waste and would provide us with guidelines for pickup.

In January 2008, the County of Marin approved MVRS for curbside pickup of computers and computer monitors, printers, portable TV's (extra charge for TV's that need two men to lift), cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs under 4 feet in length, and non-empty aerosol cans (you may put the empty ones in your recycle cart).

The rules for curb-side storage are simple: computers, monitors and printers can just be left at the curb; batteries, bulbs, cell phones should be sealed in plastic or paper bags; paint must be in sealed containers **with original labels**; oil should be in sealed containers and oil filters in sealed, ziplock plastic bags.

Customers must call the MVRS office in advance to schedule a pickup (457-9760). There is no limit on the number of times you may use this service during the year. Sorry, this is limited to residential customers and is not available to businesses.

Visit the MVRS website at www.millvalleyrefuseservice.com to read more.

There is also a FREE drop-off site for MVRS customers of other household hazardous waste products not listed above (examples are oil-based paints, pesticides, swimming pool chemicals, VCR's, answering machines and radios). It is located behind the Marin Recycling Center at 565 Jacoby Street in San Rafael. A photo ID is required to verify where you live. Businesses must make an appointment to drop off waste products but residents may go at any time during business hours. For more information, call 485-6806; businesses should call 485-5648.

Thank you, Mill Valley Refuse Service!

New Retaining Wall South of McKegney Green



Maggiora & Ghilotti is slated to begin replacement of the deteriorated wood retaining wall just south of McKegney Green on the multi-use path (MUP)

CALTRANS has notified us that westbound traffic on Highway 131 (Tiburon Blvd.) across from McCart Court will be diverted north onto Rock Hill Drive, then west on Hilary Drive, south on Avenida Miraflores, returning to Tiburon Blvd.

adjacent to the South Knoll playground. The new wall will use the same material as the recently installed retaining walls that border the MUP and will extend the 4-foot decomposed granite path on the west side of the MUP from where the MMWD project left off. Please note: the path will not be closed during construction, but people are urged to use caution when coming near the construction site and use the shoreline path if possible. Work will begin around March 10th and should take about 3 weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Public Works appreciates your understanding and cooperation during this project.

Door-to-Door Solicitors



Almost everyone has answered their doorbell at one time or another only to be met by someone either seeking a donation for some cause or selling a product.

Most solicitors represent worthy causes; some are simply marketing a product. A very, very few are employing a ruse in order to rob your home.

Communities are not allowed to ban solicitors but they are permitted to enact ordinances to regulate them and determine whether they are legitimate or not.

The Town of Tiburon has such an ordinance and it requires solicitors to obtain a permit from the police department and a business license from the town before conducting any solicitation. Permits can be denied to solicitors with criminal convictions or for dishonest or inaccurate statements on the application. The ordinance applies equally to all solicitors whether they are for profit or non-profit and whether they are selling a product or simply seeking donations.

Solicitors who obtain a permit must carry it with them. They are permitted to solicit only between 8:00 AM and 9:00 PM and must refrain from soliciting at any residence displaying a sign saying "No Solicitors", or words to that effect. If a solicitor comes to your residence, ask for their permit. It will look like the one below:

Tiburon Police Department	
Permit to Solicit Door to Door	
(In accordance to Tiburon Muni Code 25.2)	
Name _____	
Company _____	
Valid Dates _____ To _____	
Authorized by:	
Michael J. Cronin	
Chief of Police	

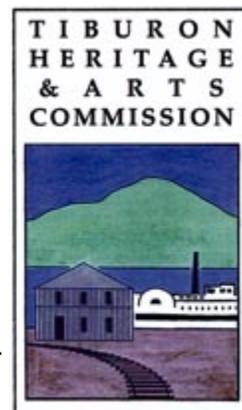
If they don't have a permit, please call the police department at 789-2800.

Remember, this ordinance was enacted to protect you. No legitimate solicitor will have a problem complying with it. For it to work we need your help.

Michael Cronin
Chief of Police

Town Seeks Artist Laureate

The Town's Heritage & Arts Commission has an opening for the prestigious position of Artist Laureate. The position was most recently held by the late Jimmy Liu.

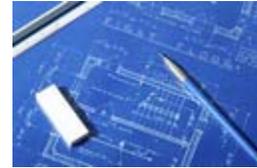


The visual artist interested in this unique opportunity must be a resident of Tiburon or Belvedere, and be willing to contribute to the community through his or her works. The Laureate will serve for a term of four years. Submissions will be accepted until May 1, 2008 and selection will be made by summer 2008.

For more information, call staff liaison Joan Palmero at 435-7373, or e-mail her at jpalmero@ci.tiburon.ca.us.

Appeal of Kol Shofar Synagogue Expansion Design to be Heard by Town Council

The Town Council will hear an appeal of the Design Review Board's November 15, 2007 decision to approve the design for the Congregation Kol Shofar Synagogue expansion. The approved plans include construction of a multi-purpose room, classroom addition and other site improvements which the DRB determined were consistent with the plans approved by the Council under a conditional use permit earlier in the year.



This application has no bearing on the ongoing litigation filed by the Tiburon Neighborhood Coalition contesting the approval of the use permit for the Kol Shofar expansion.

The hearing was continued from February 6 to allow for more time to view the story poles for the project. The new hearing date is Wednesday, March 5, 2008. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Council Chambers of Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard.

Please Don't Feed the Animals!



Did you know that feeding of wildlife is prohibited under Tiburon's Animal Control Ordinance? Section 20-2.226 prohibits feeding deer and antelope, and other wild animals such as coyotes, mountain lions, foxes, bobcats, raccoons, skunks, opossums and turkeys.

Most people enjoy the presence of wildlife in their neighborhoods. Feeding wildlife, though, does them no favors biologically and it tends to attract other wildlife which, in turn, compounds problems. Be a good neighbor to your human, as well as to your "furry" friends, and please don't feed the animals!

If you are a lover of wildlife, Marin has some excellent organizations that deal with wildlife issues. The Marin Humane Society's website has an entire section devoted to wildlife (www.marinhumanesociety.org). The other organization that specializes in wildlife education and rehabilitation is called WildCare (www.wildcarebayarea.org). Both organizations seek volunteers to help with their programs.

Vacancy on Belvedere-Tiburon Jt. Recreation Committee

There is currently a vacancy on the Belvedere-Tiburon Jt. Recreation Committee. The 7-member Committee meets monthly and is made up of both Tiburon and Belvedere residents, as well as a representative from Reed Union School District. The current vacancy is for a Tiburon resident.

To find out more about the programs and services offered by the committee, visit their website at www.btrecreation.org.

To apply to fill the vacancy, visit the town's website at www.ci.tiburon.ca.us, click on "Useful Forms," and look for the application to serve on a board or commission.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tiburon International Film Festival provides Special Rates for Local Viewers



The Tiburon International Film Festival (TIFF) recently announced a special pass for Belvedere and Tiburon residents only. This Resident's Pass, normally selling for \$500, is being discounted to \$200 for the 2008 season festival only.

For more information about this special pass, call 381-4123 or stop by the Film Festival office located at 1680 Tiburon Boulevard between now and the opening of the Film Festival on March 13. The festival will run from 13th to the 21st.

TIFF is also seeking volunteers to participate in this year's events. Visit the website for more information and program listings at www.tiburonfilmfestival.org.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Artist's Reception, for Suzanne Riley - Friday, March 14, 2008 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Tiburon Town Hall.

Tiburon Wine Festival - Saturday, May 17, 2008, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Pt. Tiburon Plaza. This festival always sells out so get your tickets soon by calling 435-5633.

Tiburon Homeowner's Summit with the Town Council - Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall. All homeowners and their board representatives are welcome to attend.

"Friday Nights on Main" begins June 27. We'll write more about this later.

Bel-Tib Library Community Calendar

For the scoop on events and meetings sponsored by local not-for-profit community and government organizations on the Tiburon peninsula, visit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's excellent [community calendar](#).



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council and Committee Meetings



Town Council: March 5 and March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Design Review Board: March 6 and March 20 at 7:00 PM.

Planning Commission: March 12 and March 26 at 7:30 PM.

All meetings listed are in the Council Chambers at Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard.

Sincerely,

Town Staff
Town of Tiburon

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