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July 25, 2008

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



**Streetlights**

By now you may have noticed the new streetlights gracing Tiburon Boulevard from Mar West (by the Library) down to Main Street. The fixtures, which were installed using the existing poles to substantially reduce costs, are designed to cast light downward rather than in all directions. We know Tiburon residents value their night views, and the new downlighting minimizes light pollution and glare while still providing needed illumination for the streets and sidewalks. They look pretty good, too!

Many thanks to the Town Council Public Works sub-committee, Vice Mayor Alice Fredericks and Councilmember Miles Berger, for their support and guidance throughout this effort. Thanks also to Public Works Director Nick Nguyen for helping us find and install lights that were technically compatible with the existing poles and met all of Caltrans' rigorous engineering requirements. One last word on streetlights: the lights on Main Street and Ark Row will remain unchanged. Their more old-fashioned, Victorian look is appropriate and light pollution less an issue along those quaint streets.



**Second Annual Tiburon Art Festival**

There's more about the festival later in this issue of Tiburon Talk, but I want to put in a personal "plug" for this very special event. Still in its infancy, this production is particularly well suited to our community. Unlike many art festivals, this one has real class and character - at once sophisticated and casual. As a juried show, the art is first rate. Most art festivals allow anyone willing to pay a booth fee to present their wares, and the result is a hodge-podge with a lot of, well, "junk" is a polite word for it, mixed in with genuine arts and crafts. Not only does having a jury of highly qualified curators mean only exceptional art is selected, the very fact of a juried show alone greatly improves the pool of artists from which the jury makes its selection. This is because many serious artists don't want to present their fine art in a booth where the next booth over is selling the artistic equivalent of a

County of Marin,  
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Dumping is Illegal -  
Help us Keep our  
Town Clean!



During the past year, the Department of Public Works has noticed a rash of illegal dumping in the Town's open spaces, parks, and medians. The debris tends to be vegetative matter and soil which leads us to believe that it comes from landscapers working within our community. Perhaps competition has forced some to cut costs by eliminating hauling expenses or it's just sheer ignorance. Regardless, we would like to remind everyone that it is illegal to dump debris of any kind onto Town property.

We are seeking your help to curb this activity. If you notice anyone engaged in what might be illegal dumping, please contact our Police Department at

popsicle-stick-and-glue project. Serious fine artists take their art seriously, and often prefer to show their work only with other artists of similar caliber and to an audience that expects the same. This all adds up to some very fine work, indeed.

In addition to the art itself, this year's festival will offer wine, live music, and some fun things for children accompanying their parents on the outing, all surrounded by the charming setting that is Ark Row. So mark your calendars for Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, the 24th, and plan to have a lovely experience checking out what 60 select artists have to offer. You won't be disappointed.

### **Municipal Budget**

July signals the beginning of the Town's new fiscal year. As Director of Administrative Services Heidi Bigall describes in the following article, we are happy to report that the Town Council once again adopted a balanced budget despite tight economic times. Heidi has successfully overseen the lengthy and detailed budget development process for many years. She is a tremendous resource for me as Manager and for the Town Council in her impressive command not only of the budget numbers themselves, but of all the building blocks it takes to create them. Budgets are, after all, a compilation of projections, especially on the revenue side of the equation. Heidi bases her estimates on detailed historical analyses, not just the past few years' performance. It is her savvy that makes the budget a reliable predictor which, when coupled with healthy reserves, lets the Town move forward with important efforts, like its aggressive street paving program, with confidence that we won't find ourselves awash in red ink. Thank you, Heidi!

Sincerely,  
Peggy Curran  
Town Manager

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### **Town Budget On Time and In the Black**



On June 18, 2008, the Tiburon Town Council adopted a \$16.8 million Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The budget serves as the financial plan for the Town as well as a policy document for implementing the Town Council's goals and objectives. The Town's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The two major components of the overall budget are the Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program.

The Operating Budget, which includes all programs involved in running the day-to-day operations of the

789-2801 to report it. Together we can keep our community clean.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Nguyen  
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

Town (personnel, supplies, services and minor capital equipment), projects a modest operating surplus of \$13,574. Operating expenditures are budgeted at \$8,909,080 which represents a 1.6% increase (\$135,748) over the prior fiscal year. Operating Revenues are estimated at \$8,922,654 which is a .23% increase (\$20,000) over Fiscal Year 2007-08.

The operating surplus is smaller in FY 2008-09 due to the impact of the current economy on locally generated revenue sources. In particular, the slowdown in the real estate market will affect property taxes, property transfer taxes and building permit activity. In addition, the State of California is grappling with a projected \$16 billion deficit which is likely to have an effect on revenues the Town receives from the State. Though the State's budget deadline has come and gone, the Town may not know for several months if and how the State will try to balance its budget on the backs of local government. In anticipation of this possibility, the Town Council reduced projected operating revenues by approximately \$200,000.

The Capital Improvement Program calls for slightly over \$6.5 million in expenditures, of which \$1.4 million is earmarked for street improvements (paving, guardrails, and traffic circulation improvements). Based on Council policy, the Town is continuing its accelerated effort on street rehabilitation projects and anticipates completing the reconstruction of the Town's "failed streets" (those with unacceptably low pavement quality) next year.

The Capital Improvement Program also calls for \$250,000 to commence work on the multi-year drainage improvement plan and \$4.9 million in community projects such as undergrounding of utilities (paid with special district funds and dependent on a successful resolution of pending litigation), pedestrian path and lane improvements, design drawings for a new Public Works Corporation Yard and renovation of the Cypress Hollow and Zelinsky playground structures.

The Municipal Budget Plan is the result of a collaborative effort. Town staff has worked diligently over the past several months to develop a balanced spending plan. The Town Council and Town Manager continually strive to operate in a financially cautious manner, holding expenditures in check even during times of significant revenue increases. This philosophy has allowed the Town to accumulate approximately \$8.4 million in General Fund Reserves. These reserves provide a cushion should the Town ever find itself unable to balance its budget, and it also allows the Town to maintain its most important asset - its

infrastructure - without seeking special tax measures from its citizenry. We are indeed in a fortunate position and one that few other local agencies can claim.

Heidi Bigall  
Director of Administrative Services

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Two new Officers join Tib PD



Zachary Jacobsen was born in Orange, Florida and moved to Laramie, Wyoming at an early age. He attended the University of Wyoming before entering the US Army where he continued his education. He served with distinction in a number of assignments in the continental US, Alaska and Iraq before being honorably discharged as a sergeant in 2007. Zach continues to serve in the United States Army Reserve. He resides in Sonoma County with his wife, Lisa who was raised in Marin County. Zach is a 2008 graduate of the Santa Rosa Regional Justice Training Center. He joined the Tiburon Police Department in January of this year.



Eric Engstrom is a native of Marin. During his childhood he moved to Sonoma County where he attended high school and junior college. Eric worked in retail sales for a time before accepting a position at Hewlett-Packard. For the past several years, he has worked in his family's business, Mill Valley Refuse Service. Today he makes his home in Sonoma County with his wife and sons. Eric is a 2008 graduate of the Santa Rosa Regional Justice Training Center. He joined the Tiburon Police Department in January of this year.

Please help me welcome these officers to the Town.

Michael Cronin  
Chief of Police

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## STREET CLOSURES & DETOURS

### **TREE WORK ON TIBURON BOULEVARD - SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 NOON**



CAL/TRANS is removing some dead trees for safety purposes on August 9. Westbound (outbound) traffic will be detoured at Stewart Drive over Hacienda Drive down to Tiburon



Boulevard via Trestle Glen. The eastbound (inbound) lane will be open. The California Highway Patrol will be on hand to direct traffic. Please allow extra travel time to reach your

destination.

**ART FESTIVAL - UPPER MAIN STREET - FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 12:00 P.M. UNTIL SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Upper Main will be closed; however, Corinthian Island traffic will be able to use both Bellevue and Eastview Avenues to enter and exit for the duration of this event.

**LABOR DAY PARADE - CLOSURE AT MAR WEST STREET - SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 AT 1:00 P.M.**

The parade starts at the corner of Mar West Street and Tiburon Boulevard, proceeds to Main Street, and ends in Belvedere Park (via Beach Road). Staging for the parade takes place on Lagoon Road. Streets will re-open by 4:00 p.m.

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## Correction

In last month's issue we ran an article by Town Historian Bran Fanning entitled, "What's in a Name?" Regrettably, it contained an error in one of the names.

David (not George) Teather was the Town's first (and only, so far) Poet Laureate. His wife, Louise, was the first Town Historian. Teather Park (on Beach Road, behind the tennis courts) is named for David & Louise Teather.



For more more information on Tiburon's history, visit the Heritage & Arts Commission blog at [www.ci.tiburon.ca.us](http://www.ci.tiburon.ca.us).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tiburon Art Festival Almost Here



The aforementioned art festival is just around the corner, August 23 & 24. This year, over 60 artists will be displaying and selling their paintings, photography, sculpture, jewelry, glass and wood. Most are from Northern California and many are from Belvedere and Tiburon. It is amazing what talent we have in our own town!

There will be music, drinks and family entertainment. Bring the kids to have some fun face painting, and maybe even doing some art of their own. Of course, all of our restaurants and shops will be open and prepared to receive a very special crowd.

It takes a lot of hands to put on a Festival so give us a call if you are willing to help. Call Cathleen (435-4355) or Carolyn (435-2351) and let us know when you are available and we'll find something fun for you to do.

Remember, Ark Row will be closed to traffic from noon on Friday, August 22 through 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 24.

We look forward to seeing you this year at the festival...

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### Labor Day Parade: Join the fun as a Parade Marshal or float decorator !



On Sunday, August 31, at 2:30 p.m., starting near the Belvedere-Tiburon Library at the corner of Tiburon Boulevard and Mar West Street, and ending at the Belvedere Park for the final Concert in the Park of the season, this home-town parade boasts five live bands and a fantastic variety of music, antique cars, creative floats and entries from your favorite organizations. Bring the family and enjoy the fun!

Volunteers are still needed! If you are available on the day of the parade, or in the weeks before the parade, we need both adult and teen volunteers to be parade marshals, decorate floats, and hand out supplies. Contact volunteer coordinator Joan Barth at [JoanBarth@aol.com](mailto:JoanBarth@aol.com) for more information. This is a great way for your teen to earn community service hours for school.

Another way to get involved is to sponsor an incredible "ballon vest" and add more color and excitement to the event. You can also advertise your business (by wearing a T-shirt or a sign while walking in the parade). Contact Joan Palmero for details at [jpalmero@ci.tiburon.ca.us](mailto:jpalmero@ci.tiburon.ca.us) or 435-7373.

Get involved! If your organization would like to join the parade, or if you have an antique car you want to show off, contact parade chair Marissa Miller for an entry form at [mill\\_marissa@yahoo.com](mailto:mill_marissa@yahoo.com) or call her at 225-1431.

Make a Splash! Make a Statement! Join the Fun!

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### Other Community Events

## Friday Nights on Main--Only three more nights in August

Come on down to Main Street and join the fun every Friday night through August 15th. Virtually all of the restaurants are participating this year, offering outdoor (and indoor) food and drink. The live music tradition continues, too. Hours are 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday Nights on Main will make one final appearance with "Oktoberfest," on September 26, 2008.

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## 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 Commission Meetings



**Town Council:** August 6 and August 20 at 7:30 p.m.

**Design Review Board:** August 7 and August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** August 13 and August 27 at 7:30 p.m.

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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