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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Expanding Smoke-free Spaces

It's the middle of summer, a time to open windows wide and enjoy the fresh Tiburon air wafting through our homes. But what if that air is scented not with local flora but reeks of cigarette smoke from a neighboring apartment instead? More importantly, what if that air coming through the window or seeping through the walls

and floorboards is more than an annoyance and is actually bad for your health?

We all know that smoking is an unhealthy habit, but the dangerous effects of second-hand smoke, and the pernicious manner in which it travels and affects those proximate to it, have become better understood only in the last few decades. It was with these concerns in mind that, earlier this month, the Town Council adopted the strongest municipal non-smoking regulations in Marin County.

For many years now the Town has prohibited smoking in restaurants, bars, places of employment and enclosed common areas of condominiums and apartment complexes. So how does the new law differ? Protected areas have been expanded and now include:

- All public parks and open space lands under the Town's control
- All hotel and motel rooms
- All commercial outdoor eating areas
- All special events on Town property
- All apartment complexes with four or more units, except in limited areas which landlords may optionally designate as smoking areas; there is a three-year transition period for the new prohibition to apply to most existing tenants

DID YOU KNOW?



Green Waste/Food Waste

Did you know that you can add food waste to your Green Can (formerly reserved for just yard waste)?

In 2010, Mill Valley Refuse Service added this new service to its weekly pickup on the Tiburon Peninsula.

Food scraps and food-soiled paper (paper napkins, paper plates, take-out boxes, etc.) can be combined with your yard and garden waste.

There are a few exceptions, however:

- All areas within 25 feet of entrances to public buildings or the opening to a multi-unit residence where smoking is prohibited.

The new law does not regulate smoking inside single family homes or individual condominium units, private vehicles (unless parked in an area where smoking is prohibited) or on public streets and sidewalks unless they fall into another category of prohibition such as during a special event or too close to a public building such as the Library.

The Town Council was enthusiastic in its unanimous approval of these measures, noting its satisfaction in being able to take affirmative steps to improve the quality, and quite possibly even the duration, of residents' lives. The Town received almost no objection to the new provisions and quite a bit of support emerged from affected residents, apartment building owners and businesses. And if you think about it, it makes sense: for an apartment building owner, smoking presents a fire hazard and tends to degrade the interior of a unit as smoke permeates carpets, curtains and walls. For restaurant owners with outdoor dining, it is preferable to have an absolute ban than to arbitrate between smoking and non-smoking customers who may be seated at adjacent outdoor tables.

If you would like more information on the new law, it is posted on our website. There is also excellent information and programs available to help those who would like to kick the smoking habit at www.smokefreemarin.com. After all, the purpose of the new ordinance is not to punish but to protect. We want all residents to enjoy a healthier environment as a consequence of this action.

In addition to thanking the whole Town Council for its leadership on this issue, I would like to single out the committee that led the effort, Councilmember Alice Fredericks and Vice Mayor Jim Fraser, as well as staff members Scott Anderson and Ann Danforth. Together their sound thinking and diligence resulted in a healthy new direction for our community of which we can all be proud.

Renewing Tiburon Boulevard Downtown

Many of you were vexed and perplexed when Caltrans repaved the length of Tiburon Boulevard two years ago but stopped short at Mar West by the Library. As you probably know, Caltrans owns and controls Tiburon Boulevard, and the Town does not have the ability to direct its activities. I am happy to report that our Public Works Director, Nick Nguyen, has been successful in orchestrating a return of Caltrans to take the job all the way to Paradise Drive. The work is expected to commence in August. The initial grinding (removing the top of the existing surface) for the overlay will be at night, between the hours of 7 p.m. and

Do NOT put waxed paper, milk cartons, liquids, styrofoam, glass, metals, or plastic bags in with your yard waste.

NEVER put animal waste, cat litter, diapers, or other contaminants in the Green Cans.

Why compost? It preserves the life of Marin's only landfill by diverting a major component of our waste stream, and helps reduce the production of methane gas in the landfill.

It can also save you money by allowing you to reduce the size of your regular trash can from a 32-gallon can to a 20-gallon can.

For more information, visit the [Mill Valley Refuse Service website here](#).

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Keep your questions coming!

Send them to [Diane Crane Iacopi, Town Clerk](#).

11 p.m., for approximately 5 days. The work will be somewhat disruptive to traffic but lanes in both directions should be open at all times. The entire project is expected to take five to six weeks.

For more information, call Caltrans. The contact is Chris Blunk, 415-257-4844.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Upcoming Water District Work



Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) has scheduled pipeline replacement work starting at the end of July, in four locations:

- Paradise Drive (west of Seafirth)
- Hilary Drive (east of Avenida Miraflores)
- Centro West (near Esperanza)
- Raccoon Lane

The pipeline replacement project is to ensure the integrity of the District's water distribution system and adequate flow for fire protection.

During construction, please be aware of heavy equipment and construction personnel, and follow the instructions of the contractor's flagmen and signs. Hours of work will be

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The work is expected to be completed by October 14, barring any weather delays.

For more information, call Dick Paulson, Senior Construction Inspector, at 945-1569.

Tiburon Police Department -- You Can Be Proud of Your Local Law Enforcement Personnel



There are many reasons to take pride in your local Tiburon Police Department. Here are a few recent items of note:

Life saver - Officer Rob Dehner was honored by the Town Council recently for his life-saving efforts on July 1, 2011, when a service technician received a life threatening electrical shock while installing an appliance in a local residence. The shock rendered the man unconscious. A resident called 911 and Officer Dehner was the first to arrive. At that point the man was not breathing and had no pulse. At considerable risk, Officer Dehner pulled the man away from the appliance and began CPR. Tiburon Fire Department paramedics arrived and used their defibrillator to revive the man. He was transported to MGH where he made a full recovery. The MGH ER doctor and Fire Chief Richard Pearce both credit Dehner for saving the man's life by promptly beginning CPR in the critical minutes before the arrival of the fire department with their advanced life saving equipment. Mayor Jeff Slavitz presented Officer Dehner with a commendation from the Town Council on July 20, 2011.



Officer Rob Dehner



Captain David Hutton

Long-term commitment to the community - Captain David Hutton was also recognized by the Town Council at the July 20 meeting for his 30 years of service in the Tiburon Police Department. Captain Hutton began his career as a police officer with the Town of Tiburon on July 1, 1981 and has served with distinction in a variety of assignments rising through the ranks to Captain in 2005, and for a period of time in 2006 and 2007, when he served as interim Police Chief. Dave was commended for his high standard of conduct and commitment to the

principles of community policing in meeting the goals of the Town Council. Dave's service to the community includes fourteen years in Little League as a coach and a commissioner. There are almost as many people who know him as "Coach" as those who know him as "Captain".

Newest officer on the force - Officer Justin Kurland was introduced to the community at the July 20 Council meeting. Justin is the latest officer to be hired by the department. He took up his duties on June 15. Justin was born at Marin General Hospital and grew up in Mill Valley. He attended high school in San Francisco and received a BA from UC Santa Barbara. Justin spent several years in private business before attending the Santa Rosa Law Enforcement Academy in 2010 and joining the Tiburon Police Department's Reserves. Justin is an active member of Rotary, an avid motorcycle enthusiast and former volunteer high school lacrosse coach.



Congratulations to the officers above, and to all the men and women of the Tiburon Police Department for a job well done.

Do you have questions or issues for the Police Department?

Please feel free to call us on our non-emergency line at **789-2801** between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. For emergencies, call 911 on your landline phone, or 789-2800 on your cell phone.

Michael Cronin,
Chief of Police

Building Code Corner: Thinking of Going Tankless?



units they replace.

The Building Division often receives inquiries from residents regarding the replacement of their old storage-tank water heaters with tankless units. Most are aware of the benefits of going tankless, but many are not familiar with some of the drawbacks. While tankless water heaters are more compact and use less energy as compared with conventional storage-tank units, they may not be as cost effective or perform as well as the

Conventional water heaters use a gas-fired burner (or an electric element) to heat a water tank to the desired temperature, usually 110 - 140 degrees F. This temperature is maintained in the tank at all times regardless of the actual amount of hot water used, and if all of the hot water is used up due to heavy demand, it may take hours for the hot water to be replaced. Tankless water heaters, however, have no reservoir and heat the water only when it is needed. This saves energy because there is no need to keep a tank full of water heated at all times, and the supply of hot water is virtually inexhaustible, which is something to consider if you have a large family.

According to Consumer Reports, tankless water heaters are 22 percent more efficient than storage tank models, but they often deliver inconsistent water temperatures, have higher up-front costs (when installing the unit), and require more frequent maintenance and servicing than conventional units, which can negate the energy savings over time. And replacing a storage-tank unit with a tankless model more often than not requires that the existing gas line be upsized and the installation of a new electrical receptacle outlet near the unit. Additionally, existing hot water recirculation systems, which allow for quicker hot water delivery to faucets and are common on larger homes, will not work with tankless units.



Whether you choose to go tankless or not for your next water heater replacement project, please remember to visit the Tiburon Building Division and obtain a plumbing permit first. You'll be glad you did.

Fred Lustenberger
Tiburon Building Official

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Downtown Events

Friday Nights on Main

6 until 9 p.m.

July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; and

September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Main Street, Downtown

Come downtown for one more Friday night in July (tonight), and then again in September (August is "dark"). Join your friends and neighbors and stroll and shop, or dine al fresco at one of your favorite restaurants.

For more information, contact the Tiburon Peninsula [Chamber of Commerce](#) (435-5633).



Art Festival

*11 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27 and 28
Ark Row, Downtown*

The 5th Annual Tiburon Art Festival returns to Ark Row, featuring 64 juried artists, live music, family entertainment and activities.

Special Feature -- Plein Aire Competition

Local artists are invited to paint "in the open air" on Saturday, August 27th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Jurors will choose 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for cash prizes. The artwork will be displayed on Saturday, from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. It will be available for purchase in a silent auction on Ark Row.

This is a rare opportunity to purchase paintings of local scenes from local artists at very reasonable rates.

Artist application and full details on the competition are available on the Tiburon Art Festival [website](#), or call Cathleen Andreucci at 435-4355.

End of Summer Events

Tiburon/Belvedere Main Street Parade

*Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, September 4
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*

The 2011 Main Street Parade will be more fun than ever!

This year's theme is, "Life on the Bay". Consider creating a themed float that represents what "Life on the Bay" means to you. Get a group together of neighbors, teams, clubs, a neighborhood, family and friends and come join the fun!

For more details and an application, visit the Bel-Tib Joint Recreation website, www.btrecreation.org, call 435-4355, or e-mail [Sherry Burchert](mailto:Sherry.Burchert).

Blackie's Hay Day

Saturday, September 24, 2011
Blackie's Pasture
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hosted by Bookmarks to benefit the children and teen programs of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, this local "country fair" offers numerous children's activities, including pony rides, a petting zoo, climbing walls, train rides and jumpies, as well as live entertainment and fresh food.

General Admission is \$10. Children under two are free. For information and tickets, visit the [Blackie's Hay Day website here](#).

New this Year!
Picnic on the Green

Saturday, October 1
McKegney Green
12 - 3 p.m.

Come join your friends and neighbors at a town-wide picnic at McKegney Green. Food and beverages will be available, in addition to whatever you bring, and there will be entertainment provided by local musicians. It's a family-friendly affair for all to enjoy.

Contact Councilmember Alice Fredericks (789-5166) if you or your neighborhood association would like to be part of the planning for this event.

Tiburon Artist Laureate Programs



Artalk
Tuesday, September 20
7 p.m., Town Hall Lobby

Our discussion topic will be Pablo Picasso. Visit the terrific exhibition at the de Young and share your thoughts with us. Here is all the info, and I will see you in September.

The de Young hosts an extraordinary exhibition of more than 100 masterpieces by Spanish artist Pablo Picasso entitled, "Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musée National Picasso, Paris" from June 11, 2011 through October 9, 2011.

This once-in-a-lifetime exhibition, made possible only because of the temporary closure of the Musée Picasso until

2012 for extensive renovations, comprises paintings, sculptures, drawings, and prints drawn from every phase of the artist's career.

The works on view demonstrate the wide range of artistic styles and forms that the artist mastered, including "Celestina" (1904), from the artist's Blue Period.

For information on upcoming artist laureate programs, feel free to [contact me](#).

Sincerely,

Mary Musalo
Tiburon Artist Laureate

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](#).



Council and Commission Meetings



Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - (August 3 and August 17).

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. - (August 4 and August 18).

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - (August 10 and August 24).

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (August 23).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room (the next meeting is September 20).

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed above are in the Council Chambers at Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard.

Sincerely,

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