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June 30, 2014

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Town Budget

Once again the Town finds itself on a solid financial footing at the beginning of its new fiscal year. On June 18, the Town Council adopted a balanced budget with total appropriations of \$13,600,000. All major revenue sources - property, sales and hotel taxes - are trending upward and outpacing modest growth in expenses. The

main expense for any service organization like the Town is personnel. It takes people to keep the Town safe, clean, well-tended and offering high levels of customer service. About 57% of the Town's operating budget is for personnel, primarily salary and benefits.

This year's budget includes more funding for Old Rail Trail and open space maintenance; substantial, but not quite complete, funds to green the Tiburon Boulevard medians out by Blackfield Drive (fundraising continues to close the remaining gap); undergrounding of the utility poles between Mar West and the Lyford Parking Lot; Old Rail Trail path improvements; and a variety of smaller projects along with our annual streets and drainage infrastructure projects.

An important value to the Town Council and budget staff is maintaining and growing significant reserves for "unfunded liabilities". That primarily means stashing away funds for unknown but anticipated increases in expenses like pension and medical costs. Council also sets aside funds for future significant expenses like eventually replacing the building at the Town's Corporation Yard (nearing the end of its useful life). We do our best to anticipate and squirrel away funds for everything we think may lie ahead.

The Town also has a policy to maintain a special "rainy day" reserve equaling at least 25% of its operating budget, one it has honored every year, even during the downturn. It would take a true catastrophe or Act of God for us to ever consider dipping into that fund.

Cautious budgeting by our current leaders, coupled with wise

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decisions of Councils past (and a bit of luck), have kept our budget safely in the black. May it ever be thus.

Tiburon's 50 Anniversary

What a party! Given the turnout of some 5,000, I am sure many of you were there to celebrate the Town's milestone anniversary on May 30. We were blessed with good weather despite threatening wind and fog earlier in the day, and the whole experience was an uplifting, fun and memorable occasion. We have received nothing but accolades for the whole affair, which leaves me deeply grateful for the committee that organized the event. Beginning last September, they put in hundreds of hours to make it all come together. The Event Committee was comprised of volunteers BB Bernheim, Janice Anderson-Gram, Leslie Doyle, Terry Hennessy, Dave Gotz, Jeff Slavitz, Abbi Fox and Judy Wilson. Mayor Alice Fredericks chaired the committee, and Councilmember Emmett O'Donnell headed up the private fundraising that complemented the Town's budget for the celebration. Police Captain Dave Hutton and I were the staff members of the group. That Committee did us proud! The same can be said of the Police and Public Works Department members who were out in force all night identifying and solving problems, in most cases before they ever became manifest. They did a superb job. There were no incidents, traffic moved smoothly, and they even stuck around long after midnight to ensure things were presentable in the morning.

I also want to thank our marvelous event sponsors, whose generosity elevated the celebration to "grand" with fabulous bands and fireworks. Sorry for the longish list, but I don't want to leave anyone off: Laleh Zelinsky, AC Ventures/Argo, Belvedere Land Company, Mill Valley Refuse Service, the Tiburon Chamber of Commerce, Tiburon Classic Car Show, Sam's Anchor Café, Gary and Cathy Spratling, Chong Cook, W.K. McLellan, Pacific Union, The Ark Newspaper, Sweet Things, Bank of Marin, Maggiora & Ghilotti, The Candy Store on Main, Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks, Barbara Meislin, Harvey Rogers, Janet Williamson, Joan Bergsund, Joy Kuhn McCabe and every member of our Town Council: Alice Fredericks, Frank Doyle, Emmett O'Donnell, Jim Fraser and Erin Tollini. I so appreciate their community spirit and how they helped make Tiburon's 50th a truly memorable occasion.

Correction

One final note. The Marin Independent Journal stated that legislation recently signed into law by Governor Brown, AB 747, "places Tiburon Boulevard under the town of Tiburon's control, removing it from the state's jurisdiction." This is incorrect. The new law is merely enabling in nature. It permits the downtown portion of the Boulevard to move from state hands to Tiburon's ownership if, and only if, the Town and Caltrans agree to that change sometime in the future. The Town is in the process of evaluating whether ownership of the roadway (again, downtown only) would be in its interest. This is a lengthy process that includes a nearly year-long study by Caltrans which is not expected to be completed until sometime in 2015. Please be assured there will be much more information and dialogue on

this topic before any conclusions are reached.

In closing, I hope your Independence Day celebration this July 4 is safe and fun-filled. And please don't forget to spend a few moments this Friday reflecting upon our democracy and the freedom we enjoy. We have many flaws as a nation, but as the turmoil in today's world starkly highlights: we are incredibly lucky to be living in this time and place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peggy Curran". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Tiburon Flood Insurance Informational Meeting and FEMA's San Francisco Bay Coastal Study

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Tiburon Town Hall

1505 Tiburon Boulevard

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been conducting a San Francisco Bay Coastal Study in order to revise its flood rate maps with respect to portions of the Bay Area. This study constitutes a very detailed mapping of the portions of the Bay Area subject to coastal or Bay-influenced flooding (wind-enhanced tides, wave runup, etc.) as opposed to more traditional flooding from streams.

FEMA recently released Preliminary Flood Rate Insurance Maps (FIRMs) resulting from the Coastal Study. It is anticipated that the revised maps will be made final by FEMA later this year and become effective in spring of 2015.

Flood zone boundary lines appear to have changed relatively little on the preliminary maps. However, the maps would raise the "base flood elevation" by one foot in most of the downtown commercial area, and by anywhere from 1 to 6 feet in areas fronting the Bay. Potentially affected areas include but are not limited to the entire downtown area and Bayside parcels on Greenwood Beach Road, Mar East Street (potentially all even-numbered addresses from 2100-2352), Old Landing Road (even-numbered addresses from 16-36 inclusive), Paradise Drive (potentially all even-numbered addresses between 2000 to 2380, as well as several scattered addresses in the 3600, 4200, 4400, and 5000 blocks), Ranch Road (even-numbered addresses), San Rafael Avenue, and several addresses on Seafirth Place and Seafirth Road. The base flood elevation increase could pose obstacles for persons wishing to build new

homes or perform substantial remodels on existing dwellings in the affected areas.

The Town has mailed a notice to property owners potentially affected by the preliminary revised maps. The notice contains links to mapping data, resources, and contact persons and can be accessed at the following websites: [FEMA Map Service Center](#) and [MarinMap](#).

For flood insurance information, you can visit the FEMA Flood Insurance [page](#), or call the toll-free customer service phone number (888) 379-9531.

FEMA Presentation in Tiburon

A representative of FEMA will make a special presentation to the **Tiburon Town Council on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** Please join us then.

Sincerely,

Scott Anderson
Director of Community Development

Tiburon Housing Element Meetings

**Wednesday, July 23, 2014 and
Wednesday, August 6, 2014
7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Council Chambers
1505 Tiburon Boulevard**

Public hearings to consider the adoption of the Tiburon Housing Element will be held at the July 23, 2014 Planning Commission meeting, and at the Town Council meeting on August 6.

The Housing Element provides extensive information on housing conditions and trends, future housing needs and opportunities, and sets forth goals, policies, and programs for implementation. The last update was in 2012.

A link to the draft Housing Element, as well as other information, is available on the Town's [website](#), under "Resident News".

If you can't attend either of these meetings, send your written comments to Planning Manager [Dan Watrous](#) by July 23.

Sincerely,
Town Staff

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer and Fall Celebrations on Main Street

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friday nights on main 2014
Main Street | Downtown Tiburon

Party Tiburon Style!
 fun for the whole family | live music | dancing | wine & dine al fresco
 late ferry service to/from San Francisco
 Join us from 6 - 9pm on these Friday nights:

May 30 Tiburon Turns 50! 	June 27 Circus Adventure Puppet Show 	July 25 La Dolce Vita 	August 29 Main Street USA 	Sept 19 Annual Firemen's Ball 	Sept 26 Oktoberfest
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for more information visit: www.tiburonchamber.org

Thanks to our additional Sponsors: Town of Tiburon | Bank of Marin | Waypoint Pizza | The Ranch

Friday Nights
6 to 9 p.m.
Downtown Main Street

Next Up:
July 25 - A Night in Venice
A tribute to Italy's most romantic city with Italian music and strolling opera singers.

August 29 - Main Street USA

A salute to Disney, with some of your favorite characters in attendance plus music of the Kyle Martin Band (playing contemporary and classic rock favorites).

September 19 - Annual Firemen's Ball

Everybody's favorite dance party!

September 26 - Oktoberfest

Raise a glass (or stein) of German beer, while enjoying the music of The Karl Lebherz Band and traditional German dancing.

For more information, visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,

Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Concerts at Old St. Hilary's

Quartet San Francisco

Friday, July 25 - 8:00 p.m.

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

Please walk or take the shuttle from the Boardwalk Shopping Center 30 minutes before showtime. There is no parking at Old St. Hilary's Landmark.

Led by violinist Jeremy Cohen, this popular group will play music from their newest CD which had two Grammy nominations for composers Gordon Goodwin and Vince Mendoza, as well as pieces from their other Grammy-nominated CDs including Tangos, some Brubeck and their blend of American modern-themed and original chamber music. Check out their [website](#) to learn more.

The concert is presented by the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society and Heritage & Arts Commission.

Tickets are \$15 and \$20. You can purchase them in advance at the Landmarks Office, Tiburon Town Hall, and [Brown Paper Bag](#) Tickets. If not sold out in advance, tickets will also be sold at the door, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Belvede-Tiburon [Landmarks Society](#) at 435-1853.

Council and Commission Meetings

Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (July 2 and July 16).

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (July 3 is cancelled: July 17).

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (July 9 is cancelled; July 23).

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (July 22).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is July 15).

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

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](#).



Sincerely,

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