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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Retreat - to Advance

Last week was our annual "Council-Staff Retreat". Sixteen of us convened in a meeting room in The Lodge at Tiburon to talk about the past year's achievements and, most importantly, about the year ahead. These retreats pose a wonderful opportunity for staff; the setting is informal and the agenda is wide open for everyone to participate. The give-and-take conversation helps staff understand the Town Council's perspective in a way that regular Town Council meetings typically do not permit. Here are a few highlights:

Financial overview: Director of Administrative Services Heidi Bigall described the Town's financial outlook. We anticipate a surplus (revenues exceeding expenditures, plus some one-time income) of \$933,000 for this fiscal year, but surpluses are expected to decline in future years if the economy remains sluggish. She noted that the robust housing market of recent years had a significant impact on property tax revenue, which represents approximately 45% (\$3M) of the Town's general fund operating revenues. A sustained slow-down in the real estate market could be of significant concern. The state budget crisis will also affect the Town negatively: we project a \$200,000 take-back from the state, a number that could easily change for the worse. The bottom-line: using conservative revenue estimates and caution with expenditures, we project ending next year with a very small surplus. The real bottom line: we need to be careful, but we are doing fine and are much better off than

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Recycle Your E-Waste



MVRS now offers curbside pickup of computers and other e-waste.

The rules are simple: Call the office to schedule a pickup (457-0760), then place the computers or computer monitors, printers, and TV's at the curb. Cell phones and batteries should be placed in sealed, plastic bags before you place them at the curb.

the vast majority of California communities.

Upcoming projects: In addition to the normal activities here at Town Hall and a continuation of our aggressive pavement program for local streets, a sampling of projects on the horizon includes:

- creating "green building standards" for new construction
- implementing the first phase of the many improvements identified in the Storm Drain Master Plan
- changing the Municipal Code to address overnight parking problems on Tiburon Blvd. and crack down on "abandoned" vehicles
- improving the unattractive parking situation on the south side of Tiburon Boulevard east of Lyford Drive
- upgrading technology to increase the effectiveness of our Emergency Operations Center at the Police Station

Some other things we learned from the retreat: the Town Council wants to see this newsletter, Tiburon Talk, more widely distributed - particularly to maximize its utility in emergencies. They also hope to see a Recreation Master Plan come into shape in the second half of next year to answer questions about what services and facilities the community wants and expects from the Town. The Council reaffirmed its passion (one I deeply share) for excellent customer service for Town residents. They also share my view that we have an outstanding Town Staff. All in all, it was a great retreat that set a tone of enthusiasm and partnership as we look to the future of the Town.

Tiburon Boulevard - More Beautiful by the Day

Have you ever wondered how the Town manages to have such lovely medians gracing Tiburon Boulevard? The answer is the **Beautify Tiburon Boulevard Committee**. This group of volunteers raises funds to make the main passage through Town truly special. Recently they replaced, added and transplanted about 100 plants on the medians. They had existing plants trimmed, fertilized and made ready for their spring time growth spurt. (The roses on the medians are about to burst into bloom, making the medians into a gorgeous gateway to the Peninsula.) Their plan is to add additional river rocks to the medians over the summer to replace the rocks that have "gone missing". Come fall, they intend to add hundreds of bulbs to the medians. In addition, working together with Tiburon Public Works, the Committee continues to explore creative ways to "green-up" the concrete medians near The Cove.

If you appreciate this wonderful work, [consider giving a](#)

Remember to call 457-0760 to schedule your e-waste pick-up and to learn more.

donation to the Committee. They will put it to great use to enhance the Town. Donations are tax-deductible and may be sent to P.O. Box 808, Tiburon, 94920.

And on the subject of beautification, if you want to enjoy a morning of fresh air and the satisfaction of ridding Tiburon Boulevard of litter and weeds, consider signing up for an outing with **Peninsula Pride**, the ad hoc group formed by veteran weed-puller Jim Wood (whose name you may recognize from The Ark and Marin Magazine). Every so often Jim organizes a group to "just get out and do it." His next outing: Saturday, April 19th, convening at Blackie's Pasture parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Spend a few hours making things more beautiful and then enjoy lunch and a cold drink courtesy of Shark's Deli. My husband and I did it one Saturday, and it was great fun. If you are interested, e-mail Jim at tiburonjimwood@yahoo.com. You won't regret it.

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran
Town Manager

"Dear Mom and Dad, I never got the chance to tell you---"



The most common cause of death for teens in the United States is traffic accidents. A combination of inexperience and risk-taking leads to potentially dangerous situations. Drivers under 21 are involved in twice the rate of alcohol related traffic fatalities as the general population. This isn't new information nor is it a new trend. Sadly, it has been the case

for years.

When I attended high school in Marin back in the 1960's, driver's education students had to watch a film called "Signal 30". The title is a police code for a traffic fatality. The film featured grisly color photographs of victims in fatal traffic collisions. The idea was to scare us 15- and 16-year olds into driving slow and sober. I don't recall that it was particularly effective. Before I graduated, at least one of my classmates would die in an alcohol related car crash.

This year, Tiburon PD's Officer Jerry Wachowiak joined other police officers, firefighters, parents, educators and students at Redwood High School to present a program

called "Every 15 Minutes". The program is funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety for use in California high schools to combat the problem of teen drinking and driving.

On the first day, the program school is immersed in a scripted recreation of the aftermath of a fatal traffic collision. An accident is staged on campus and police and fire personnel arrive; the "injured" are treated, the "dead" removed, the "suspects" are arrested, and the families, friends and classmates of the victims are notified.

In the evening, participating students work on a program to present to the student body on day two. Some of them, the ones that were "killed", write farewell letters to their parents. The letters all begin the same way:

"Dear Mom and Dad,
Every fifteen minutes someone dies as the result of an alcohol related collision. Today, I died, and I never got the chance to tell you---"

One the second day, the program concludes with a student assembly where the "dead" silently greet the students as they prepare to watch the program. The students present a skit dramatizing a teenage "keg party" where one of the teenagers ends up getting drunk, driving away from the party and killing an innocent person in an auto accident.

Another student volunteers to read his/her letter written the previous night. Then the participating parents talk to the audience about the simulated death notification they received the night before. The parents describe the feeling of losing their child at the hands of a drunk driver. The simple act of verbalizing the mere thought of losing a child is frequently very emotional.

If one is available, a local citizen, either a victim or offender, tells of the drunk driving fatality in which they were involved.

The program ends when the students make a pledge not to drink and drive and encourage the remaining student audience to make this same promise.

Unique in its design and powerful in its impact, "Every 15 Minutes" is an experience that reminds us all of the dangers associated with driving while impaired. For a few moments, participants and the audience share a glimpse of the expanding circle of grief and pain that follows this most preventable of tragedies.

I don't know if "Every 15 Minutes" is better than "Signal 30" or even if it works at all. I hope so. For me, involving

parents in the program makes a difference.

If you're a parent, be involved every day. After all, you literally hold the keys. Make sure your child knows the risks before you hand them over.

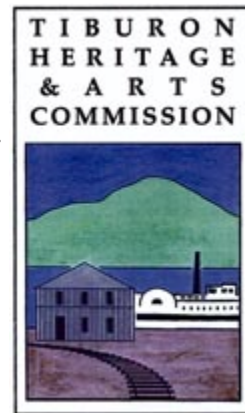
Several Tiburon parents participated in this year's presentation and we are sincerely grateful for their support.

Michael Cronin
Chief of Police

NEWS BRIEFS

Reminder: Town Seeks Artist Laureate

The Town's Heritage & Arts Commission is seeking a visual artist to fill the position of Artist Laureate. The 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 Artist Laureate will serve for a term of four years.



Please call Joan Palmero at 435-7373 for an application and description, or e-mail her at jpalmero@ci.tiburon.ca.us

Submissions will be accepted until May 1, 2008 and a selection will be made by Summer 2008. You may be just the person to fulfill the potential of this prestigious position!

Vacancies on Belvedere-Tiburon Jt. Recreation Committee

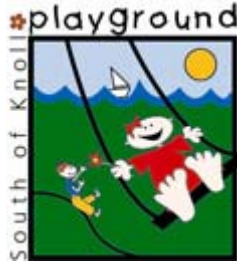
There are currently two vacancies on the Belvedere-Tiburon Jt. Recreation Committee. The 7-member Committee meets monthly and is made up of both Tiburon and Belvedere residents, as well as a representative from Reed Union School District. The current openings are for residents of Tiburon.

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.

Parents, put your kid's handprint at South Knoll Park!



In its efforts to raise the funds necessary to continue the renovation of Zelinsky Playground at South Knoll Park, the Playground Renovation Committee is sponsoring Tile Making Workshops at Tiburon Town Hall tomorrow, March 29 and Sunday, March 30.

The workshops will take place in two-hour segments from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

During the two-hour workshops, you will create a tile featuring the handprint of your child (or other person you choose) by applying paint and transferring it to a clay tile that will become part of a new wall honoring the donors to the renovation of the Zelinsky Playground.

The tile workshops are open to those who have already purchased a handprint tile between 2007 and the present, as well as those wishing to purchase tiles at the workshops. The tiles are 6x6 inches and cost \$250. They can be inscribed simply with a name or with other decorations, as well. Donations of any amount will also be gratefully received and are tax deductible.

Please contact Kaili Pelzer at 435-4306 or at fkplezer@comcast.net to indicate your preference of a handprint or name tile and to schedule a workshop time.

Thanks for your support!

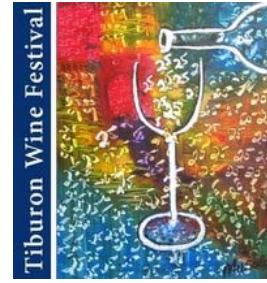
The South of Knoll Renovation Committee:
Pam Bonnie, Derice Tao, Felicia Goldstein, Sunny Lyrek, Claire-Marie Laidley, Kaili Pelzer

For more information, visit our website at www.southofknollparktiburon.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

25th Annual Tiburon Wine Festival coming on Saturday, May 17, 2008

It's the **Silver Anniversary** of the Tiburon Wine Festival on Saturday, May 17 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Pt. Tiburon Plaza. This year, the event will feature 65 wineries, 20 restaurant and food booths, and a fabulous silent auction. In addition, come enjoy the Latin Funk Rock grooves of "Bautista."



Tickets are \$55 and can only be purchased in advance (it is already 50% sold out). For tickets, call the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce at 435-5633. For more information, visit the festival website at www.tiburonwinefestival.com.

Give Blood/Get Gear



you.

Donate blood during the Tiburon Fire Department Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 2, and get a \$15 Sports Basement Coupon redeemable at Sports Basement's Bay Area locations. Donors should be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds. Eat, drink lots of water or juice and bring a photo ID with

Please call 435-7200 to schedule your appointment; walk-ins are also welcome! the location is Tiburon Fire Department Engine Room, 1679 Tiburon Boulevard, and the times are 3:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Other Events

Artist's Reception for Rick White - Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The title of the show is "Boatslip Abstracts and other Places."

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.

Also on June 14 - The Tiburon Classic Car Show returns to Shoreline Park from 11:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Classic Car Show Committee and the Rotary Club of Tiburon Belvedere, the fees paid by the exhibitors this year will go to support Rotoplast International. Come and see some great antique cars and support a good cause! For more information, or to enter a car, call 435-3414.

"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: April 2 and April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Design Review Board: April 3 and April 17 at 7:00 PM.

Planning Commission: April 9 and April 23 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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