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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Dairy Knoll Needs You!

Perhaps you have seen the sign out at Blackie's Pasture - the one sporting a cow proclaiming that Dairy Knoll is coming soon - and I hope you have seen the cow-themed mailer sent to your home by our Peninsula Recreation folks. So what's up with the cows and why is Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation asking for

financial support?

Readers of this newsletter will know that the Town, with financial support from Belvedere, is constructing a new home for Joint Rec up on Ned's Way, a short distance above the police building. It was christened "Dairy Knoll" by the Town Council in homage to the site's dairy history (hence the cows). The new space, which will house the Joint Rec staff and a kitchen, will offer three separate program rooms which can be combined into one large room for special events. It portends an expansion of the great enrichment programs we have come to expect from Joint Rec. The location offers proximity to Reed School, creating a new opportunity for before and after school programs for our burgeoning school-age population. The space is not just for kids, though. Adult programming is expected to grow extensively beyond current offerings. Our peninsula has a substantial older population, and special emphasis will be placed by Joint Rec on meeting the needs of this demographic. The space will likely be available for rent for private parties, too, (think birthdays, retirements or bar mitzvahs) to help cover the costs of the facility.

While the Town and City are paying for construction, Joint Rec will run the building and is expected to continue its history of functioning in a cost-covering manner (keeping our local taxes down in the process). Initial move-in expenses include furnishings and equipment; Joint Rec also hopes to create a nest egg to cover operating expenses over the next year or two until it can expand programming sufficient to cover these ongoing costs on a permanent

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basis. Thus was born the appeal for funds you received in the mail. Joint Rec hopes to raise \$150,000 or more, and is already well on its way with a \$50,000 matching grant from the Belvedere Community Foundation and another from the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation for \$15,000. Individual contributions have been coming in, too, since the appeal was issued.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible gift for this community effort to help expand and sustain life-enriching programs for the young and young-at-heart of our peninsula, it's easy: just [click here](#) for the Joint Rec site and make a donation through the Marin Community Foundation, which generously offered to manage the gifting process at no cost. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy in early summer. Consider joining this exciting effort with a contribution big or little, and definitely plan to make it part of your life experience once the doors are open.

New Website

Just recently the Town quietly launched a new website. It is a substantial departure from our old site in several important ways. In addition to being a lot prettier (it showcases some wonderful photos of our beautiful Town), this WordPress system is more easily navigated and is far easier to modify than its predecessor, enabling staff to more readily expand information and keep it current. It is designed to serve as a site for both visitors and residents. There are two "tabs" on the top bar of the homepage. Click the "resident" tab, and you will be transported to all things governmental such as Town Council agendas and staff reports, forms, documents, applications, the municipal code, archives of this newsletter and much more. The "visitor" tab is all about guiding those coming to the area to our restaurants, hotels and shops.

In addition to being more "visual" by accommodating videos, maps and expanded graphics, as well as integrating with social media, one of the key elements of the new www.townoftiburon.org is its feature article approach. The concept is to provide articles on topics of interest to both residents and visitors about life on our beautiful peninsula. In fact, if you have an idea for an article or other content, don't hesitate to get in touch. Some will be "evergreen", which is to say their content will be valuable indefinitely, and others will be topical and timely, like an article about an upcoming special event like Friday Nights on Main. The articles make the site interesting and also drive up "hits" on the site. If you want to check out the homepage, [click here](#). Be sure to visit both "sides" of the site - visitor and resident.

We are excited about the new website and think it is head and shoulders above most municipal sites, but it remains a work in progress and still has some rough edges that need

smoothing. We hope you will enjoy it and, most of all, find it meets your needs whether that is to find a new shop downtown, check out what the Council is up to or apply to be on the Design Review Board. Our plan is to keep making it better, easier to navigate and more information-rich over time. Please bear with us as we work out the bugs and fill in the gaps.

Cleaner 101 Corridor

A word of thanks to our super County Supervisor, Kate Sears. Her office has been working with residents and pushing Caltrans to make Highway 101 through southern Marin cleaner and less weedy. While trash is a never-ending problem out there, the more observant among you will have noticed that lately it has gotten a lot better. I'd like to thank Supervisor Sears and her staff for their efforts to keep Marin beautiful. By organizing residents in a multi-faceted program called CleanStreetsMarin, they have really made a difference. If you want to get more information or get involved, please call the Supervisor's office at 415-473-7331.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

"The Gauntlet" Revisited



Three years ago I wrote an article about the Tiburon Police Department's enforcement of traffic laws on Tiburon Boulevard. It was an attempt to debunk the enduring myth of predatory, or at least overzealous, traffic enforcement, but I still hear about "The Gauntlet" so I am writing once again.

The old myth has its origins back in the 70's and 80's and, like many stories, it has some basis in the truth. Tiburon's Main Street was once a very active social scene. The crowd was young; a lot of them drove drunk and they weren't hard to spot weaving their way out of town. Other Marin towns had their own "gauntlets": Bridgeway in Sausalito, Miller Avenue in Mill Valley, Magnolia in Larkspur and in particular, Redwood Highway in Novato.

In Tiburon, a newer version of the old myth includes the security cameras we installed several years ago, despite the fact that the cameras have nothing to do with traffic enforcement. The cameras snap a single image of the back of passing vehicles, capturing the rear license plate and a partial glimpse of the car itself. Because it takes one still photo, the cameras do not convey any information about the vehicle's speed or how it is being operated, nor does it capture an image of the driver or passengers. In other words, it is of no value, nor was it intended to be, for traffic enforcement. The cameras alert us to stolen vehicles and are very useful for forensic investigation of crimes, particularly if we know the window of time in which the crime likely occurred.

As a young Deputy Sheriff in the mid-seventies, I worked in the jail and it wasn't uncommon to see 30 or 40 people booked for DUI on a Friday or Saturday night. There were plenty of drunk drivers and plenty of accidents. The Tiburon PD was well represented at the jail booking desk. It wasn't uncommon for TPD to book anywhere up to six drunk drivers a weekend. 150 or more DUI arrests a year was the norm for the department then. That's no longer true today and it hasn't been for a long time.

A lot has changed since then. DUI laws were amended to impose harsher penalties, including time in state prison for some multiple offenders, reducing the number of people who choose to drink and drive. Another significant change occurred in the DA's office. The practice of negotiating pleas to lesser offenses went away. Today, drunk drivers either plead guilty or go to trial unless there is a serious defect in the case.

A more significant change occurred in Marin's demographics. Nationwide, people between the ages of 20-35 account for about two-thirds of DUI arrests. In 1980, that age group represented a quarter of Marin's population. Today it makes up only about 14%. The result was a drop in the number of drunk drivers and a drop in our DUI-related accident rate. A change in enforcement focus followed, and DUI arrests declined steadily.

In the first decade of the new century, TPD averaged just under one DUI arrest a week. That declined to one every nine days in the five years between 2006 and 2011. In 2012, the Tiburon Police Department arrested 27 drunk drivers.

Today, Tiburon PD continues to emphasize traffic safety but we do most of our enforcement during the daytime because of high traffic volume and a growing school population.

Deterrence is the most cost effective strategy. We focus on being a visible reminder to obey traffic laws and drive safely. That's why you see an officer at Blackie's Pasture

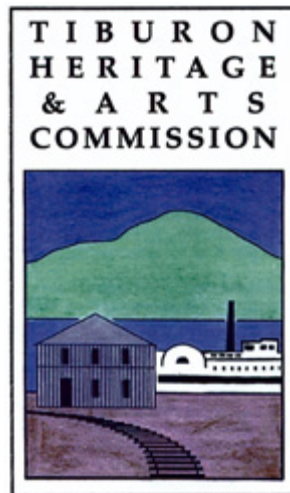
every so often. On some days 20,000 cars pass that point. The officer's presence there gets a lot of attention and influences a lot of drivers which is one reason why our accident rate is so low.

Last year, we stopped just over 1,500 motorists for various violations and we issued citations to 325 of them. That works out to less than one citation for every 20,000 vehicle trips, less than one citation per day, and one drunk driving arrest for about every 270,000 trips. Not much of a gauntlet when you think about it.

Sincerely,

Michael Cronin
Chief of Police

HERITAGE & ARTS COMMISSION



Art Shows at Town Hall

Del Mar Art Students' Annual Exhibition

April 1 through May 30
Town Hall Community Room

**Reception: Wednesday, April 3
6 - 8 p.m. Public Welcome!**

This exhibit features the work of Del Mar students under the tutelage of much loved Art Teacher Aaron Snyder. Guided by Snyder, the students first decide on a theme for their work. This year the theme is

"Call of the Wild". Aspects of the theme--plants, marine life and animals-- will be rendered through wood block and silk screen techniques.

This is the fourth year for the popular Del Mar student exhibit. The Heritage & Arts Commission commits gallery space to the exhibit every March or April. The students are glad to have their work shown in a public space and any money that is made from the sale of the pieces is donated by the students to the Reed School Foundation. Heritage & Arts also donates its 25% of the proceeds to the Foundation.

Town Hall shows are available for viewing Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

ARTIST LAUREATE CORNER

Artist Laureate Workshop: Guest Artist Annalies Atchely

Saturday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Tiburon Town Hall
Community Room, 2nd Floor
1505 Tiburon Boulevard



This month's workshop is being taught by Annalies Atchely, long-time resident, artist and teacher in Tiburon and Belvedere. Our topic is, "Collage a Postcard for the Mom in your Family".

We will provide all the necessary materials, including the postcards. You may bring your own findings or memorabilia small enough to collage on your postcard (4"x6").

As you know, Mother's Day is coming up so let us get to work. The young teenagers in your family are welcome to participate.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

History Comes Alive on the Streets of Tiburon's Hygeia -- Walk Your History 2013

Sunday, April 21, 9:30 a.m.

Meet at Ferry Plaza in Downtown Tiburon

Come join us for another Walk Your History Tour on the Tiburon Peninsula!

Walk Your History, a special biennial community celebration, is a FREE event designed to educate the community about the fascinating history of Belvedere and Tiburon. Over 800

people attended the 2011 Walk Your History event, and this year's event is expected to bring out even more!

Over 50 volunteer and Living History docents will bring history to life on the walk to Lyford's "Hygeia", the land of health. The walk up Paradise Drive, past the Lyford Stone Tower, and on to Mar West and Lyford Cove, will be dotted with costumed characters from the early 1900s and feature the historic home "The Castle". Walkers will enter the homes and gardens of historic houses, enjoying astounding views along the way.

The self-guided walk begins and ends at the Ferry Plaza where participants can enjoy gourmet coffee and healthy treats in the morning, and then delicious BBQ lunches at noon, while listening to music and taking in the views.

Sponsors ("History Makers") for this event include the City of Belvedere, the Town of Tiburon, Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society, Tiburon Peninsula Foundation, Belvedere Community Foundation, and Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation.

Polish up your walking shoes and save the date! Bring the kids. Bring the dog!

For more information, visit our [website](#), send an [email](#), or call 847-4209.

Sincerely,

Leslie Doyle,
Executive Director (with Alan Brune)
Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society

Belvedere Concerts in the Park Summer 2013

The 2013 Concert Series is in the planning stages. We have started a newsletter to alert interested residents of the upcoming events, the performers, and the dates of the Belvedere Concerts in the Park.

If you would like to stay informed of the Concerts in the Park, please visit our [website](#) for information, to submit a recommendation, or to keep your family up to date on these wonderful events.

Thank you.

Jeffrey D. Stein
Concerts Committee

Council and Commission Meetings

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

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

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

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

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third
Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is May
21).

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 non-profit community and
government organizations on the Tiburon
Peninsula, visit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's
excellent [community calendar](#).



Sincerely,

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