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The Lyford Parking Project - Safety and Beauty Combined

Council recently gave the green light for staff to proceed with a project that will yield major results for those wanting to improve Tiburon Boulevard just east of Lyford Drive. You may know it as that deep dirt shoulder on the south (water) side of the Boulevard which is home to some 40 parked cars most days. Some parkers are ferry riders, other are headed for the downtown or Reed School. Many are contractors and workers bound for jobs elsewhere on the peninsula; parking there enables them to consolidate into a few vehicles to get to their final destinations in the hills of Belvedere and Tiburon. This parking is useful for the peninsula, but its current configuration leaves a lot to be desired. Its use necessitates forward and backward turning motions across the Boulevard, compromising safety. It is unsightly to many (not all will agree on this point), and the parking space is often inefficiently used.

The Lyford Parking Project aims to tackle all these issues: safety, beauty and efficiency. The plan is to create a long planted median parallel to the Boulevard while tucking two rows of angled parking behind it along a one-way corridor. Cars will enter at one end, and exit at the other. Exiting cars will enter the Boulevard facing forward (rather than backing out onto it). The new planting area, about 410 feet long by four feet wide, will provide a vegetative screen to shield the parking from the roadway and beautify the entrance to the downtown. A retaining wall of tapering height, and roughly parallel to the multi-use path, will support the lot from the south and be planted with vines and otherwise softened with greenery. Although the vast majority of use is during the daytime on weekdays, landscaping along the rear of the lot will buffer neighboring properties from vehicle headlights.

The cost is not inexpensive, about \$885,000, but

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"DID YOU KNOW?"

Library Opens
"Corner Books "

On May 22, Corner Books opened on the Boardwalk in the space formerly occupied by Hearts and Flowers.

The new bookshop is a fund-raising initiative of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation and will offer "gently used" books, CD and DVDs for sale.

Managed by volunteers, Corner Books will be open five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 am until 5 pm. All proceeds will benefit the Library. You may donate books to the

\$314,000 of this is provided by a grant from the Transportation Authority of Marin. Another desired element would be the undergrounding of utility poles that run through the site and beyond, but the Town Council indicated the added expense is likely to be too substantial right now. A final determination on that will be forthcoming in the June budget discussions. One way to approach undergrounding along this stretch is less expensive but will take time: we can amass and use PG&E undergrounding "credits" to do the work or some portion of it. Meanwhile, we intend to install conduit underground as part of this project to ease undergrounding when its time comes around.

Regarding expenses, this project, like all capital projects, is funded through reserves set aside just for this type of purpose. In the next Tiburon Talk, I will address our operating budget for 2010-11, its health and its relationship to reserves and capital project planning.

Meanwhile, I hope you have enjoyed this surprisingly wet spring and that your summer gets off to a great start in June. Friday Nights on Main commences June 11 - don't miss it!

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

TIBURON CLASSIC CAR SHOW: A FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND FAVORITE RETURNS FOR 9TH YEAR

bookshop, and your contributions may be tax deductible. Contact Abbott Chambers at 789-2665, ext 233, to find out more.



9th Annual Classic Car Show

TIBURON CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The Featured Marque
JAGUAR



Saturday, June 19, 2010
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Shoreline Park – Tiburon, California

SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAM
SPEAKER, SLIDES, DRINKS, FOOD & A BIG SURPRISE!

SUNDAY MORNING
DRIVE THROUGH WESTERN MARIN, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH BACK IN TIBURON.
HAVE A FRIEND WITH A GREAT CAR? GET THEM TO SIGN UP!

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

REGISTER ON THE WEB SITE
www.tiburonclassiccarshow.com

Saturday, June 19
Two locations:
Shoreline Park from 11 am - 4 pm
Downtown Main Street from 5 - 9 pm

Ticket price: Free!

For the price of well, nothing, Dads will get to drool over the most rare and beautiful classic cars ever built while taking in the beauty of the most picturesque waterfront community on the San Francisco Bay. The annual Tiburon Classic Car Show is a BEST bet for a fun, family-friendly way to celebrate Father's Day weekend.

After the daytime on the waterfront at Shoreline Park, evening celebrations abound as the event moves a selection of its stellar cars to downtown Main Street.

All attendees will receive fabulous budget-worthy coupons from local merchants (that will be good for that night and into the following week!)

Come drink, eat, shop, celebrate, and ogle over the last remaining 1950's factory team XK D race car -- one of the most rare and extraordinary Jaguars ever built.

Sure beats getting Dad a lame tie again, don't you think?

For more information, contact Tom O'Neill at 297-2615, or tomaoneill@comcast.net; the event website is www.tiburonclassicarshow.org.

See you there!
Tom O'Neill

THE BANNERS ARE BACK!



The "Street Smarts Marin" program is back in full force to educate drivers, cyclists and pedestrians about safe transportation throughout our community. Educational banners are being installed along Tiburon Boulevard, at Town Hall, the Police Department, and at our local schools and neighborhoods to spread the word about safe driving, cycling and walking habits.

This public education program is sponsored by the Transportation Authority of Marin (aka TAM) to raise awareness and to reduce poor behavior by roadway users. The goal is to decrease the number of traffic-related crashes, injuries and possible death. The banners will be posted throughout the summer until school starts in the fall.

If you want to post one of these colorful banners in front of your home, in your neighborhood, or at your business, please contact the Public Works Department at 435-7354. This is truly a worthwhile cause, so let's all get in the groove and drive, walk and cycle just a little more slowly-- Street Smarts Marin!

Matt Swalberg
Engineering Technician
Department of Public Works

HOT SUMMER? COOL CAMPS!



Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation is gearing up for a busy summer of camps and youth activities. From tots to teens, sports to art, there is something for everyone!

Support your community recreation department and have a great summer. We make your life simpler because you know our staff! You know our programs! You know we will have fantastic camps!

Angel Island Camp turns 30 something!

Angel Island Camp is one of Marin County's best known and oldest summer day camps operating since 1977. The four age-specific camper groups (5 to 6, 7 to 8, 9 to 10, 11 to 12) arrive at camp via ferry accompanied by our superior staff. Themed weekly sessions are offered from June 21st to August 6th.

Campus Kids

This is a four-hour-long camp designed to introduce your child (ages: 3 1/2 -5) to a summer camp experience and ease their transition from pre-school to kindergarten. Located on the Reed School campus with a different theme each week and a wide variety of activities, your child will look forward to camp each day. Themed weekly sessions are offered from June 21st to August 13th.

New!

Art & Garden Camps at the Landmarks Art & Garden Center

We are pleased to introduce our week-long gardening & nature inspired art programs for youth grades 1 - 5. There are four different camps to choose from: Budding Artists for Beginners, Budding Artists for Intermediate, Kids in the Garden and Ancient Arts featuring clay and mosaics. Weekly sessions offered June 21st - August 13th.

In addition to our mainstay camps, we offer a variety of specialty camps including Cooking Camps, Chess Camp, Harry Potter Camp, Swim & Tennis Camps, Ballet Classes and much more.

For more information, please visit our website at btsummercamps.com or call 435-4355.

Sincerely,

Sherry Burchert
Recreation Supervisor

TIBURON ART FESTIVAL INVITES APPLICATIONS



The Tiburon Art Festival is accepting applications from artists who would like to exhibit and sell their work in the 2010 festival, scheduled for August 28 and 29 on Ark Row.

For more information, contact the Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Department at 435-4355.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TIBURON SALMON RELEASE

Saturday, May 29, 12 - 4 p.m.
Blackie's Pasture

All volunteers welcome!

Grab a bucket and join the Tiburon Salmon Institute as it releases 3,000 juvenile chinook salmon into the wild this weekend.

People are needed to:

- set up, clean up and break down at the end
- take fish from the truck and place in buckets for children to release
- hang posters for the poster contest in Blackie's Grove
- help with the various environmental booths

For more information, contact Brooke Halsey at 608-6386.

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHTS ON MAIN

**Beginning Friday, June 11
Downtown Main Street from 5 - 9 pm**

Friday, June 11 marks the return of one of our favorite community events. For more information, contact the Chamber at 435-5633, or click on the Chamber's link in our sidebar section above.

TIBURON MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Saturday, June 19 through Saturday, June 26
7:30 p.m. (no performance on Monday)
St. Hilary's Church
761 Hilary Drive, Tiburon**

A European style of chamber music concerts celebrating the 200th birthdays of Chopin and Schumann will be performed by the Tiburon Chamber Players (San Francisco Symphony musicians with Marin County roots) and Marin County pianists Jean Alexis Smith and festival director Paul Smith.

Six fully staged chamber operas in English on the subject of Eating, Drinking and Shopping will be performed by an all Marin cast:

"Triple Sec", by Marc Blitzstein
"The Coffee Cantata", by J.S.Bach
"The Seasonings", by P.D.Q. Bach
Prohibition Songs, "First Love, Last Orders" by Barry Russell
and "Send for Mr. Plim" by Mischa Spoliansky.

Tickets are \$20 each, or three (3) for \$45; Age 18 and under--\$5. Tickets are also available online at www.tiburonmusicfestival.org.

Telephone sales begin June 1. Call 457-5226 for more information.

ARTIST LAUREATE WORKSHOP AFTERGLOW



The May 15 Artist Laureate Workshop at Town Hall was a terrific event and enjoyed by all. Come be a part of these free workshops, sponsored by the Heritage & Arts Commission and directed by Mary Musalo, Tiburon Artist Laureate. You can e-mail her at marymusalo@aol.com for more information about coming events.

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: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. (June 2 and 16).

Design Review Board: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, at 7 p.m. (June 3 and 17).

Planning Commission: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. (June 9 and 23)

Heritage & Arts Commission: 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. (June 22)

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: 3rd Tuesday every other month, at 6 p.m. (next meetng is July 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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Town of Tiburon
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