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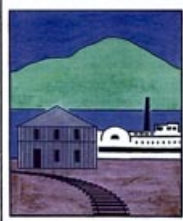
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#### Town Budget - A New Fiscal year Arrives

Each June brings about the end of our fiscal year and the Town Council's adoption of a budget for the new one. Despite a downturn in several sources of revenue this year, most notably sales tax and hotel tax receipts, we are ending the year with a surplus. This is due to constraint in spending, some staff vacancies and better than projected performance on property tax revenue. Per our normal practice, year-end surpluses are squirreled away into Town reserves. We do not carry-forward surpluses to jump-start the next year's budget, as that would be contrary to our policy of using only recurring revenues to pay for recurring expenses. In other words, the annual operating budget is balanced each year with that year's anticipated revenues, not with one-time remainders from prior years. Reserves are used to pay for capital expenditures, but never to the point that would reduce them below 25% of our operating budget. This approach ensures we always maintain a healthy rainy day stash of cash while still accomplishing important repair and improvement projects for the community.

So, on to the next fiscal year: in order to live within our means as described above, this next budget freezes two positions, forgoes cost-of-living increases for employees not covered by multi-year contracts, and each department has reduced its level of expenditure by a minimum of 3%. We are once again projecting a downturn in certain revenues and a flattening of others. Netted out, these measures produce a conservative, balanced budget for 2009-2010.

We also think the state is likely to "borrow" 8% of our property tax revenues, a maneuver to which they are entitled under Proposition 1A, passed in 2004, so long as they repay the funds within three years with interest. This amounts to about \$369,000 for Tiburon. We are in the fortunate position of having reserves to cover this, but for many communities this "borrowing" will strike a severe blow to their already ailing budgets.

In sum, the Town of Tiburon remains a financially sound institution due to its long history of careful budgeting practices and accumulation of healthy reserves. I'd like to thank our Director of Administrative Services, Heidi Bigall, for her budget stewardship throughout the year. She and the whole staff team have done a terrific job of keeping expenditures in check while still delivering quality services to the community.

#### Tiburon Boulevard Improvements

As mentioned in last month's Tib Talk, don't forget that Caltrans will be starting its Tiburon Boulevard project, making repairs and overlaying the asphalt from Highway 101 to Mar West, on Monday, June 22. The work will

The Tiburon Heritage & Arts Commission presents "A Collage of Quilts" by Nancy Reck, June 3 through July 30 at Town Hall.

The artist's reception is Wednesday, June 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery Hours are Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Joan Palmero at 435-7373.

Visit the Heritage & Arts Commission website ([click here](#)).

occur in the evenings to reduce its impact on traffic, but it will still be a challenge to endure.

I also want to acknowledge the difficulties that many of you experienced this week when Caltrans intermittently closed the Boulevard for tree removal this Wednesday and Thursday. There were significant delays causing no small amount of consternation. The Town will continue to work with Caltrans to try to minimize problems when these kinds of projects occur, but the bottom line is that we do not have the authority to control or manage them.

### Friday Nights on Main

This popular weekly event starts up again on June 5 and will run through August 14. Many thanks to the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce for their good work in once again bringing this event to life. Head on down every week to enjoy this wonderful community affair.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

## NEWS BRIEFS

### DOES MY DOG NEED A LICENSE?



In addition to its role as Marin County's animal shelter, the Marin Humane Society provides dog-licensing services for all of Marin County's cities and towns, as well as its unincorporated areas. Dog licenses are required by law for all dogs over the age of four months who live in Marin County.

Why is it important for you to get your dog licensed?

--If your dog gets lost, a license tag on your dog's collar is the fastest way to reunite you and your dog. Even if your dog is microchipped, a license tag is immediately visible and doesn't require a scanning device to read;

--A current license lets people know that your dog has received the required vaccination to protect your dog from rabies;

--The fee you pay for your dog license and license renewal helps support the animal shelter;

--Your dog's license shows that you are a responsible guardian;

--Licensing your dog IS THE LAW in Marin County.

For more information about licensing your pet, call (415) 506-6220, or visit The Marin Humane Society Animal Services web page.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### LANDMARKS DOCENTS NEEDED



The Belvedere Tiburon Landmarks Society is always in need of new



docents. If your passion is local history and you'd like to share that passion with others - THIS is your big break! Docents have the opportunity to work on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at one of four historic spots plus the Landmarks Thrift Shop:

Railroad Ferry Museum  
SS China Cabin  
Art & Garden Center  
Old St. Hilary's  
Landmarks Thrift Shop

The biggest demand right now is the weekends. There is nothing more exciting than sharing history with visitors, kids, adults, and tourists - ALL of whom are there because they want to hear your history and the history of the place. So come out, volunteer, join, and help others. Interested?

Contact the Landmarks Office at 435-1853 or visit the website and use the contact form online at [www.landmarks-society.org](http://www.landmarks-society.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Friday, June 5

Friday Nights on Main begins and runs through August 14.

The Ultimate Street Party! Come join your friends and neighbors for a relaxing evening in downtown Tiburon. Bring a picnic or enjoy dining outdoors at your favorite local restaurant.

For more information on this and other Chamber of Commerce events, click on the "quick link" listed on our sidebar above, or call 435-5633.

## OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Saturday, June 20

Tiburon Classic Car Show  
Shoreline Park from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.  
Visit [www.tiburonclassiccarshow.org](http://www.tiburonclassiccarshow.org) for more information.



### Saturday, August 22 through Sunday, August 23

Tiburon Art Festival  
Ark Row, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.  
Visit [www.tiburon-artfestival.com](http://www.tiburon-artfestival.com) for more information.

## 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 COMMISSION MEETINGS



**Town Council:** Wednesday, June 3 and 17, at 7:30 p.m.

**Design Review Board:** Thursday, June 4 and 18, at 7 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** Wednesday, June 10 and 24, at 7:30 p.m.

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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