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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Budget is Balanced

It's that time of year again when the budget for the new fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30, comes before the Town Council for review and approval; it will be on their June 6 agenda. The proposed budget is balanced and projects a modest surplus. As discussed before in this

newsletter, I'm happy to report positive growth in key revenues. Property tax will rise with the state's across-the-board revaluation of property (the Prop 13-derived annual 2% increase that was effectively suspended for the past several years). Sales tax is expected to retain the gains it made this year. Transient occupancy tax (hotel tax) is also projected to outperform the revenue that was budgeted last year. This is all good news about our local economy.

On the expenditure side, there are no proposed changes in staffing or service levels. The budget includes salary increases up to 2.5% for staff. For most employees, this is the first increase since 2008 and less than the average 4% organization-wide decrease in salaries that occurred two years ago as part of the Town's pension reform efforts. That this is possible is truly a sign that we have turned a corner.

Of note in this budget are capital expenditures, as several projects in the works for years have come to the fore. These include the Dairy Knoll Recreation Center on Ned's Way, and the Lyford Parking Lot (paving, undergrounding of utilities and landscaping the dirt shoulder on Tiburon Boulevard just east of Lyford Drive). Now that trenching for undergrounding utilities in the Del Mar area is almost complete, the long delayed paving of streets in that neighborhood is also in the line-up of projects for FY 2012-2013. Despite the significant one-time impacts these projects have on Town funds, reserves remain in solid shape: \$8 million dollars in general fund reserves and another \$4 million in restricted reserves (funds dedicated to specific purposes) will remain after these

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and other projects are fully funded.

In sum, I'm delighted to be able to say our fiscal house is in very good order. We have solid reserves, no municipal debt and, most importantly, a strong financial position going forward thanks to a long history of conservative budget management along with recent changes made to the structure of the budget for long-term liabilities. I note, too, that exploration of additional changes to pension liabilities continues apace; I'll discuss that further in another Tiburon Talk soon.

My thanks go to our Town Council Budget Committee, Mayor Jim Fraser and Councilmember Alice Fredericks, for their excellent counsel throughout the budget preparation process. I also have boundless appreciation for our budget guru, Heidi Bigall, for her remarkable financial stewardship all year long. Finally, I wish to commend the wonderful staff who serve the Town so well and have worked with us so constructively for years now on negotiations that have mostly been all about concessions. They have been willing partners in the significant restructuring that has led us to the sound positioning we now enjoy.

Golden Gate Bridge Anniversary

What a 75th! The Golden Gate Bridge celebration last Sunday in Shoreline Park brought a huge crowd (several thousand people!) to witness the fireworks extravaganza and enjoy the amenities arranged by three tireless volunteers who spearheaded the local event: Janice Anderson-Gram, Judy Wilson and Abbi Fox. They and their Rotary allies created a great ambiance for attendees. It really was a treat to see that many people delighting in the wonder of Tiburon Peninsula views and our downtown charm.

Happiness Quotient: High!

We were delighted to learn that Tiburon recently ranked fifth in a search for the "15 Happiest Seaside Towns" in America. [Coastal Living Magazine](#) conducted the analysis, which included a variety of criteria including sunny days, education levels, low crime, health and commute times. The ranking was reported in USA Today and other papers, so it seems to have developed some traction. We all know this is a great place to live and work. Now it is apparently official.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

Tiburon to Honor the Late Sam Chapman, Hometown Hero

During the first week of June, Tiburon will honor Bay Area Hall of Famer Samuel Blake Chapman (1916-2006) with two events centered around the unveiling of a monument to honor the former Cal star running back, Philadelphia Athletics outfielder, and perhaps the greatest athlete ever to come out of Marin County.



- On Wednesday, June 6, Mayor Fraser will present a proclamation declaring Sam a "Hometown Hero" at the Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- On Friday, June 8, the unveiling of the Sam Chapman Memorial on Pt. Tiburon Plaza will take place starting at 6 p.m. with a parade down Tiburon Boulevard led by members of the University of California Berkeley Band.

Sam was born in Tiburon on April 11, 1916, to Katherine and Charles Chapman. His father was the postmaster and ran a general store on Main Street downtown. Showing baseball promise at an early age, playing in the sand lots of the Tiburon railyard, Sam went on to become captain of the varsity baseball team at Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley, as well as lettering in four other sports. At UC Berkeley, Sam was known as the "Tiburon Terror" as his football abilities matched his baseball prowess. As one of the star players on the team, he helped carry the Cal team to victory at the Rose Bowl in 1938.

Recruited by both professional baseball and football teams, Sam chose baseball and was signed to the Philadelphia Athletics by the legendary Connie Mack. He played 11 seasons for the team, breaking in 1942 to join the Navy where he served as a pilot and flight instructor for three years. Returning to the A's in 1946, Sam hit three home runs in a single game against Boston and was named to the All Star team. After a year in Cleveland in 1951, Sam returned to the west coast to join the Oakland Oaks for his final three seasons, ending his pro career in 1954.

In 1987, Sam Chapman was named to the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame and later was elected to the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society Wall of Fame. Sam appeared

many times over the years to throw out the first pitch for the Tiburon Peninsula Little League season opener.

Former Tiburon Fire Chief, the late Frank Buscher, actively lobbied to have a monument to Sam Chapman erected in downtown Tiburon. The monument to be dedicated on June 8 is largely the result of Chief Buscher's tireless efforts.

For more information about these events, contact [Dave Gotz](#), Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society archivist, at 435-5490, or [Joan Palmero](#), Town staff liaison, at 435-7373.

Moving Toward Zero Waste - Tiburon's Climate Action Plan

Last year the Town adopted a Climate Action Plan, which outlines ways for both the Town and its residents to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and their impact on the environment. A key focus of the Climate Action Plan is moving toward "Zero Waste", a catch phrase we will be hearing more about in the coming months and years. This paradigm shift rethinks the definition of garbage, treating virtually all materials as potential resources instead of items to discard.



The Town is a member of the Marin Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (a mouthful--referred to here as the JPA), which works with private waste haulers and waste facility operators to implement recycling programs and achieve state-mandated targets for waste diversion rates. In 2011, the JPA established a goal of achieving 80% waste reduction by 2012 and Zero Waste by 2025. Marin is almost there on the first target: the current diversion rate is approximately 77%. This means that a significant majority of residents, businesses and local governments are already doing a great job of reusing, recycling and composting instead of sending everything to our landfills.

You may be asking, "How can we ever achieve ZERO waste? Can we really get to a point where we don't throw anything in the trash?" It may seem like a far-fetched concept, but over time and through changes in our everyday practices, there is every reason to believe we can reach or at least get very close to that goal.

Zero Waste requires altering consumption patterns, more carefully managing purchases (such as avoiding over-packaging), and maximizing the reuse of materials at every stage. In essence, this means being more thoughtful about

what we purchase and how it can be reused or transformed (as in kitchen waste to compost) into another useful product rather than simply carted off to a landfill.

One way the Town is moving toward its Zero Waste goal is with a new Construction and Demolition Ordinance, which was adopted by the Town Council this past month. The ordinance requires building projects over a certain square-foot threshold to recycle or divert a specific percentage of waste building materials to a certified recycling facility.

Getting to Zero Waste will not be about ordinances or restrictions; it will be about everyday changes in our practices. Here are some of just a few ways to help the cause:

- When shopping, bring your own reusable bags. Fewer paper and plastic bags being used means less waste going to the landfills. Think beyond the grocery store and bring reusable bags on other shopping errands as well.
- Educate yourself on the benefits and implementation of composting, if you have a yard, or properly separating compostable kitchen waste within your curbside trash if you don't. You'd be surprised how those food scraps can really improve your landscape.
- Recycle, recycle, and recycle! If you're not sure if an item is recyclable, or where you can recycle a specific item, find out by looking it up at this website: www.marinrecycles.org. You may be surprised to find out just how much can be recycled and reused, and how many local resources are right at your fingertips.

Getting to Zero Waste will take some time, and changing habits can be a challenge, but improving environmental quality, a value held high in Marin in particular, is worth the effort. Remember to reduce, reuse and recycle. See how close you can get to Zero Waste in your home!

Sincerely,

Laurie Tyler
Associate Planner,
Tiburon Planning Division

Building Code Corner: Recycling and Diversion of Construction and Demolition Waste

The Town Council recently approved the new Recycling and Diversion of Construction and Demolition Waste, or C&D, Ordinance, which becomes effective June 1, 2012. The



ordinance establishes some new rules and guidelines regarding the ways in which waste from construction projects is managed. In a nutshell, a new process has been created that will require contractors and owner-builders to submit a "C&D Diversion Report" at the time they apply for a building permit. The report will contain an estimate of how much waste material will be generated by the proposed project and where the waste will be transported, or how it will be "diverted" on site by one or more methods.

Although most larger projects will be required to comply with the new ordinance, many smaller projects and those fitting into certain categories are exempt including: deconstruction projects; work that does not require a building permit; alterations to existing structures affecting less than 500 square feet of floor area; reroofing projects; work for which only a plumbing, electrical or mechanical permit is required; voluntary residential seismic retrofit projects; shelving; installation of prefabricated patio enclosures and covers; swimming pools and spas (with some exceptions); and installation of accessories such as signs or antennas.

The new ordinance is not overly complicated and will help the Town meet its Climate Action Plan. The Building Division will be glad to review the new rules with you, help you determine if, and to what extent, your project will be affected, and assist you in completing the required forms and achieving compliance.

On a similar note, please remember that only two debris box companies are currently permitted to operate in the Town of Tiburon: Grange and Mill Valley Refuse Service. Use of any other debris box company is a violation of the Town's Municipal Code and can result in fines and other consequences. Please contact the Town's Administrative Services Director at 435-7379 for questions or comments on this requirement.

Sincerely,

Fred Lustenberger
Building Official

Internet, Email and Telephone Scams

Just about everyone with a computer has some experience with internet or email scams. Some are pretty easy to spot, like the "Nigerian" scams that always have something to do with getting you to help transfer immense sums of money from some country in exchange for a percentage. Another is



the lottery scam where you get an email or a phone call telling you that you're a winner in a drawing, but you have to make a deposit on the taxes you owe on the winnings.

Most people recognize these as cons and dismiss them without a second thought, but there are some more sophisticated scams that can be very convincing. One is an email or a phone call from "officials" of a foreign country or another state or city, who inform you that a relative, your nephew perhaps, has been involved in an incident somewhere and is in police custody or being treated for injuries in a hospital. They know his name and maybe those of his siblings or parents. The "official" says he needs money right now for bail or medical expenses. You're hooked because they know your nephew's name. A few days later you learn that your nephew is fine and hasn't been in custody or in a hospital anywhere.

Another one is the email you get from a friend--it has their name and email address on it so it has to be legitimate, right? They're in Miami or somewhere and they've been the victims of thieves. They've lost everything. They need you to send some money via Western Union. It'll have to be sent to "Mr. Jones" - he's the nice guy who is helping them out because Western Union won't give the money to your friend since he has no identification. A few days later you receive another email from your friend, this time a real one, telling you someone hacked his email account and sent everyone in his address book the plea for money.

Most of these scams have been around for years but the internet has made it possible for criminals to reach far more people than ever before very easily and it's a rich source of personal information that can be used to convince you to part with your money.

If you get a phone call or an email request for money from a friend, think about it for a few minutes before you head off to Western Union. Try to call your friend or your relative or someone close to them before you send any money. Ask for a call back phone number and specific information from any "official" about the location where your relative is being detained or the name of the hospital where they are being treated.

If you have **even the slightest doubt**, call the Tiburon Police Department at 789-2800. We're always here and we're willing to help you. In most cases we can use our resources to quickly determine whether a plea for money is legitimate or not.

If you call us first we have a good chance of preventing you from being ripped off. If you call us after you've sent the

money, we can almost never get it back.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Cronin,
Chief of Police

COMMUNITY EVENTS - JUNE 2012

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 2
11 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Bel-Tib Library, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard

Come view the plans for the proposed library expansion, ask questions, and talk with the architects and Library Agency trustees and staff. Bring the whole family and have a Library tour.

TIBURON TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Tuesday, June 5
5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (two presentations)
Strawberry Recreation District
118 East Strawberry Drive,
Mill Valley (1st floor meeting room)



You've talked, we've listened! After conducting dozens of interviews and on-line surveys, Marin Transit now requests your comments on the draft alternative transportation plan for a better transit network on the peninsula.

Come to the public meetings listed above, or visit our booth at Friday Nights on Main on June 22.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 16
11 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Shoreline Park



A summer favorite returns on Father's Day weekend. Bring your Dad and car aficionado friends for a fun stroll along the waterfront.

For more information, contact Tom O'Neill at 332-7800, or visit the website, www.tiburonclassiccarshow.org.

FRIDAY NIGHTS ON MAIN

Friday, June 22
6 until 9 p.m.
Main Street



Friday Nights on Main (FNOM) returns to downtown Tiburon on Friday, June 22. Join your friends and neighbors for a picnic, or dine al fresco at one of your favorite downtown restaurants. FNOM continues throughout the summer and will wrap up on September 14.

For more information, contact the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce at 435-5633.

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: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (June 6 and 20).

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (June 7 and June 21).

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (June 13 and June 27).

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (June 26).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is July 16).

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

Sincerely,

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