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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Easier E-Waste Disposal:

Many of us struggle to find a convenient and environmentally appropriate way to dispose of household 'e-waste' such as unwanted printers, televisions or computers. Heretofore, one has had to haul these materials to San Rafael to the County's trash station or to keep an eye out for the occasional drop-off day.

In an effort to make it easier to do the right thing, the Town asked Mill Valley Refuse Service, Tiburon's trash hauler, what they could do to solve the problem. Since they already pick up latex paint, motor oil, oil filters and household batteries, we thought they might be able to expand their service to include e-waste. MVRS responded that they are not permitted to haul this type of waste in the heavily regulated environment in which they function, but promised to see if a permit could be obtained.

Their diligence has paid off: MVRS has now obtained the necessary permission and starting January 2008 will provide FREE CURBSIDE PICK-UP of computers, computer monitors, portable TVs, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs less than 4' in length and non-empty aerosol cans. Residential customers (no businesses, please) will be able to call 457-9760 to schedule a pick-up. There will be a small charge only if the items are too large to be lifted by one person (like a large TV).

MVRS is still working with the County on the development

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of packaging guidelines for the materials (so that they can safely sit on the curb until pick-up). They will publish these guidelines shortly, and we will repeat the information in a future issue of Tiburon Talk.

I want to issue a big "thank you" to Mill Valley Refuse Service for their positive response to our request and to Councilmember Alice Fredericks who initially brought the idea to our attention and urged us to explore the possibilities.

No December Issue: There will not be a December issue of Tiburon Talk, but we will return to our monthly schedule (or more frequently if circumstances warrant) in January. Thanks to all of you for the feedback on our initial issues... we appreciate it!

Here's wishing you and your circle of family and friends a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Peggy Curran
Tiburon Town Manager

NEWS BRIEFS

Coming Soon! Reed Ranch Road Acceleration Lane

This traffic safety improvement project, designed to make left turns onto Tiburon Blvd. safer, has been in the making for many years. Public Works is excited to announce that after finally gaining a CALTRANS encroachment permit, the project has been awarded to Ghilotti Brothers, Inc.; work should begin within one month. The improvements will include the installation of an acceleration lane for east-bound motorists turning left onto Tiburon Blvd from Reed Ranch Road by eliminating portions of the center median. New landscaping and traffic control signs will be installed when the work is complete.



We will announce the exact dates of construction once they are determined through signage in the vicinity of the improvements. Although it should not take long to construct and there will not be any road closures, please anticipate traffic delays and adjust your driving routines accordingly. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Getting the Word Out - Reverse 911



The recent firestorms that destroyed so many homes in Southern California have made all of us think about our own situation here on the peninsula. The combination of events there nearly created the "perfect firestorm": high winds dropped humidity down near zero, fanned flames and prevented tanker aircraft from flying. The sheer number of fires rapidly depleted resources.

When it became clear that some of the fires could not be contained, local officials had little choice but to evacuate entire communities. The task then became one of rapid notification.

In San Diego County, a system commonly known as "Reverse 911" was in place. The system uses the 911 address data base and allows officials to send a prerecorded phone message to every residential and business telephone in a specified geographical area. Depending on the number of calls to be made, the capacity of the system and the length of the message, thousands of calls can be made in minutes. In San Diego, the system enabled emergency services personnel to warn tens of thousands of people quickly and undoubtedly saved lives.

We have a similar capability here in Marin. The Marin County Office of Emergency Services (OES) has acquired a system called The Emergency Notification System or "TENS" which is available for use by all Marin municipalities. In the event of an emergency and working with OES, Tiburon's emergency response personnel can record a message and have it distributed to every residence and business in Tiburon in a matter of minutes. TENS can reach up to 19,000 homes and businesses an hour. That means that every home and business in Tiburon could be called in about fifteen minutes. The system has the ability to target whole towns or specific neighborhoods. It is available 24/7 and OES personnel can activate it from remote locations if necessary. TENS can be used in any kind of emergency.

There is one note of caution. The system will not call you if you are relying solely on a cellular phone or if you are using Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). Those numbers are not in the data base TENS uses. If you are in that situation, you may wish to ask a neighbor with a land line to contact you should a message come through.

Michael Cronin
Chief of Police

Roll up Your Sleeves for "Penninsula Pride"

Do litter and weeds along the road annoy the heck out of you? Here's a way to take action.



Ark Columnist Jim Wood is organizing a weed and litter abatement crew called "Peninsula Pride." A first assignment of the newly-formed group will occur next Saturday, December 8th. All interested in joining the "Peninsula Pride" effort should meet in Blackie's pasture parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. This first task will involve clearing weeds and litter from the CALTRANS right-of-way along Tiburon Boulevard (Highway 131), including the guardrails above Blackie's Pasture and McKegney Green. CALTRANS has approved this project as an Adopt-a-Highway effort and orange vests, trash bags, litter pickers and hard hats will be provided. The Town of Tiburon Public Works staff will pick up the filled trash bags on Monday morning. The assignment will last until 11:30 a.m. at which time "Peninsula Pride" will adjourn to a local tavern for lunch (optional).

Those willing and able (some, but not all, aspects of this assignment will be rather rigorous) to participate should e-mail their intentions to tiburonjimwood@yahoo.com. Unfortunately, due to CALTRANS regulations (and they have lots of them!), children under 12 years of age cannot participate. So sign up: you'll get some fresh air and exercise while making our peninsula an even more beautiful place.

Del Mar Undergrounding Update



We often get calls from Del Mar residents about the status of the undergrounding project for their neighborhood. Unfortunately, the project remains delayed by litigation, as it has been for the past two years.

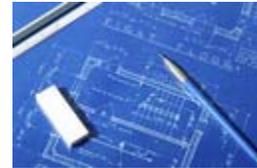
Those who have been following this project will remember that the undergrounding is actually to be financed by two assessment districts. The owners of two properties filed suit against the original district. Both the Marin Superior Court and the California Court of Appeal dismissed this suit, finding that the plaintiffs had failed to follow the required procedure. The California Supreme Court has agreed to review this narrow issue on appeal; all parties have submitted their legal briefs, but we do not yet have a court date. The bonds for this district have been sold, which is why property owners are already paying assessments even though the project is not yet under construction. These

payments are necessary to repay the bond holders; the proceeds of the bond sale for the first assessment remain dedicated to the undergrounding project.

The second assessment district was challenged by the same plaintiffs, joined by the owners of 18 other properties. The Marin Superior Court rejected all but one of these claims. The Town and the plaintiffs agreed to dismiss the remaining claim to expedite review of the rejected claims by the Court of Appeal. The appeal process for this case is just beginning and could take another year, more or less. The bottom line is that resolution of these cases could take some time, thus the project remains on hold for the present.

Kol Shofar Synagogue Expansion Design Approved

The Design Review Board approved the design for the Congregation Kol Shofar synagogue expansion at its meeting on November 15, 2007. The approved plans call for a complete renovation of the existing synagogue building, an 8,420 square foot multi-purpose building addition, a 3,920 square foot classroom addition, additional parking and improved landscaping and pedestrian access throughout the site.



The Tiburon Neighborhood Coalition has filed an appeal of the Design Review Board's approval. The appeal will be heard shortly after the New Year.

Harbor Light Building Proposed to Be Replaced



The "Harbor Light" building, located at 20-22 Main Street, would be demolished and replaced with a new commercial building of similar size, according to an application recently filed by the building's owner, Zelinsky Properties. The Art Deco-style building, currently vacant due to its unsafe condition, was used as a saloon or bar since beyond living memory, until it was converted to retail and office use in about 1993. Local wags say even Prohibition did not faze the liquor-dispensing from the Harbor Light.

Are You Preventing Water Pollution?

Did you know you should wash your car



on a dirt or gravel surface which will absorb the soapy water and preclude it running into the street, gutter, or storm drain? Soap, even the biodegradeable form, is harmful to aquatic life.

Did you know you should recycle your medications at your pharmacy and not flush down the commode or throw into the garbage? Water treatment plants are designed to decompose organic material in sewage and disinfect the treated water. Many pharmaceuticals pass through the system unchanged and then enter a water source and natural habitat for marine life. The food chain is infected and we as consumers are at risk. It should be noted that medications in a septic tank can interrupt the biological breakdown process. Check with your pharmacist or go to Walgreens at 227 Shoreline Highway, Mill Valley for disposal. New locations are being developed.

Did you know that you shouldn't burn colored or glossy papers, e.g. gift wrap, magazines, or comics? They contain heavy metals such as lead and chromium which are frequently detected in urban runoff.

For more tips and information, try the MCSTOPPP (Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program) or Our Water Our World web sites: www.mcstoppp.org or www.ourwaterourworld.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 1 - Landmarks Society Holiday Art & Craft Fair, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Art and Garden Cottage, 841 Tiburon Boulevard.

Friday, December 7 - Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, Downtown Fountain Plaza, 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce - come for carolers and festivities.

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: Dec.5 at 7:30 PM.

Design Review Board: Dec. 6 and

Dec. 20 at 7:00 PM.

Planning Commission: Dec. 12 at 7:30 PM.

All meetings listed are at Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Blvd.

PLEASE NOTE: The December 19 Town Council meeting and the December 26 Planning Commission meeting are cancelled due to the Holidays.

Town Hall will be closed from December 24 through January 1, 2008. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Town Staff
Town of Tiburon

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