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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Tiburon Talk - it's been a year!

The inaugural issue of Tiburon Talk was in September of 2007. As September is upon us, this issue concludes the first full-year cycle since we started this monthly (sans December) e-newsletter. We have enjoyed having this tool with which to regularly communicate with Tiburon residents and other interested parties. The feedback has been very positive, with many of you citing your enthusiasm for the information, especially for our occasional "Special Bulletins" on urgent safety issues like sewage spills in the Bay. I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have e-mailed back to us either with kudos for the newsletter or with questions or complaints. It is all good if we are improving communication in both directions. I encourage you, too, to let us know if there are ways we can improve "Tib Talk", as we call it around here. I also have a request: If you have friends or neighbors whom you think would benefit from receiving Tiburon Talk but haven't signed up, please forward this newsletter to them or ask them to check us out at the Town's website www.ci.tiburon.ca.us. Subscribing couldn't be easier: all we need is an e-mail address and bingo, a new subscriber is born. Please do spread the word!

Neighborhood Associations

A year ago I sent a letter (snail mail) to our Homeowners and Neighborhood Associations mailing list indicating my willingness to attend the association annual meetings to talk about Town business and answer questions. I received some takers, but fewer than I expected. I want to reiterate the offer: if you have an HOA or Neighborhood Association and think it would be useful for me to attend a meeting, I would be more than happy to do so. I have found this to be a great way to get to know residents and to hear, first hand and personally, what is on people's minds about Town issues. Chief of Police Michael Cronin is also available for this outreach. If this interests you, I can be reached at my e-mail address: pcurran@ci.tiburon.ca.us. I know I'll appreciate the opportunity and I promise not to monopolize the

refreshments.

Golf Tournament

As you will read about in this issue, this year's Golf Tournament benefits Bel-Tib Joint Recreation efforts--those folks who work hard all year long to bring quality programming to the community. It is not too late: sign up at www.btrecreation.com to indulge your inner Tiger while helping a good cause.

The event is a reminder of how nice it is to live in a special place with a small town feeling despite our proximity to the larger metropolis.

Finally, I want to congratulate the organizers of the 2nd annual Tiburon Art Festival, which took place this past weekend: Cathleen Andreucci, on behalf of Bel-Tib Joint Recreation, and Carolyn Wendler for the Chamber of Commerce. They, along with many volunteers, did an outstanding job putting on a first class event. Way to go!

Sincerely,
Peggy Curran
Town Manager

NEWS BRIEFS

Town updates its Traffic Ordinance - What it means to you

On August 20, 2008, the Tiburon Town Council adopted a new ordinance pertaining to motor vehicles and traffic. Here's what it means to you, the everyday citizen.

Background

Title VI, Chapter 23 of the Tiburon Municipal Code governs motor vehicles and traffic in the Town. The Town Council approved its last comprehensive update of Chapter 23 in 1996. The Council amended the chapter in 1999 to regulate rollerblades, skateboards and similar devices, and in 2001 to prohibit overnight parking of oversized vehicles.

With the passage of time, Town staff noted several new problems that warranted amendments to Chapter 23:

- 1) The expanding variety and popularity of wheeled recreational devices and resultant conflicts with other users and risks to public and private property;
- 2) Vehicles parking overnight in the Blackie's Pasture Park parking lot;
- 3) Vehicles, non-motorized containers, and equipment left overnight on Tiburon Boulevard and in residential

neighborhoods; and
4) Difficulty enforcing the existing Municipal Code Section 23-32, regulating storage of vehicles on streets.

Changes to the Code

1) Skateboards, scooters and similar devices. The new ordinance expands its application to skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates, pocket bikes, or any motorized or non-motorized coaster, bicycle, toy vehicle, or similar device. It will allow the Town Manager to prohibit these devices, by posting a sign, anywhere she finds them to be unsafe or inappropriate. The ordinance specifically identifies Shoreline Park and the Fountain Plaza as areas where these devices are unsafe or inappropriate.

2. Overnight parking restrictions. The new ordinance prohibits parking of vehicles in Blackie's Pasture between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. without Town permission. It also prohibits overnight parking on Tiburon Boulevard, where posted, and on certain streets in residential areas.

3. Placing of dumpsters, debris boxes, and similar containers. The new ordinance will prohibit placement of dumpsters, debris boxes, and similar containers in Blackie's Pasture and Richardson Bay Lineal Park, on Tiburon Boulevard, and on streets in residential areas without Town permission. Call the Tiburon Public Works Department (435-7354) for information on how to obtain a permit.

4. Storage of vehicles on public streets. At present, the Town Code requires motorists parking on public streets to move their vehicles by at least one car length every three days. This regulation has proved ineffective to achieve the section's goal of prohibiting the use of the public streets for long-term vehicle storage. Accordingly, the new ordinance has increased this distance to 1000 feet.

Effective Date

The new ordinance goes into effect on September 20, 2008.

For questions concerning enforcement, contact the Tiburon Police Department at 789-2801.

Ann R. Danforth
Town Attorney

Michael J. Cronin
Chief of Police

[Police Department Tips for Back to School](#)

Safety



No Stopping on Pine Terrace

The safety of our children is among the Police Department's highest priority. We make an effort to station officers near schools at the start and end of every school day. We also endeavor to identify engineering solutions like signage, crosswalks and traffic safety devices to make the trip to and from school as safe

as possible.

This year we have implemented a significant change on Pine Terrace, the small cul de sac on the west side of the intersection of Tiburon Boulevard directly opposite Avenida Miraflores, the street that passes in front of the school. Stopping on Pine Terrace to drop off or pick up passengers is now prohibited.

In the past, many parents have dropped their children off on Pine Terrace immediately inside the cul de sac. The short sight lines and resulting congestion in the Tiburon Boulevard intersection created a hazard we hope to abate with this new restriction.

Parents are encouraged to turn onto Avenida Miraflores, proceed up to Hilary Drive and either drop off the children there or directly in front of Del Mar school, where ample parking allows for a safe exit from a vehicle and a short walk to school. It may take a few more minutes but it is a small price to pay for a child's safety.

A police officer will be assigned to Pine Terrace in the morning for the first few days of school to assure compliance with the "No Stopping" rule. Warnings will be issued for the time being but repeat offenders will be cited.

Seat Belts (Yes!) and Cell Phones (Hands Free!)

During the first few weeks of school, we will be closely monitoring traffic for seat belt and cell phone violations. Failing to securely seat belt a child is a risk no parent should ever take, and we will be citing violators.

The new cellular phone law has been in effect since July. Until recently we have observed a "grace period" for violators of the new law, simply warning violators. At the start of school, with the increased risk to children posed by distracted drivers on cell phones, we will begin citing violators.

Michael J. Cronin
Chief of Police

Belvedere Golf Tournament



It's not too late to sign up! See our ad below; register at www.btrecreation.com.

Blackie's Hay Day seeks Volunteers



Blackie's Hay Day, a popular family event that takes place this year on Sunday, September 28th, at Blackie's Pasture, is looking for volunteers to help set up and run the event.

Designed for children of all ages, Blackie's Hay Day is reminiscent of an old fashioned country fair. It is a benefit for the Belvedere-Tiburon Library. Members of Bookmarks, a volunteer group that supports youth programs at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, need 100 people to help with the family games and races, sell activity tickets, staff the food stands, and organize parking, among many other opportunities. Last year more than 1,000 people attended Blackie's Hay Day; we are hoping this year's event will be just as successful.

Volunteers are needed for two shifts-8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, or noon until 4 p.m. on the day of the event. Help is also needed for set-up the day before the event. This is a fun opportunity for students to earn service hours. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an e-mail to shilpert@aol.com or call Sharon Hilpert at (415) 435-8344.

Thank you for your support!

Sharon Hilpert and Tracy Cunningham for the Bookmarks

Other Community Events

Friday Nights on Main--One More Opportunity

Friday Nights on Main will make one final appearance with "Oktoberfest," on September 26, 2008.

Come down to Main Street and join the fun. Beer (of course!) and music will complete this year's event. The

hours are 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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: September 3 meeting is cancelled; September 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Design Review Board: September 4 and September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission: September 10 and September 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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