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**FIRE DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE**



**Marin Clean Energy - Please attend the October 6th informational meeting!**

A movement has been underway for several years now aimed at increasing the amount of electrical power Marin County receives from renewable "green" resources. Since 2002, State law permits local governments to procure electricity on behalf of customers within their jurisdictions, and the County and the eleven incorporated cities and towns within Marin have been investigating doing just that in order to improve the renewable profile of Marin's electricity and help stabilize rates over time.

Here's how it would work: Marin County and participating municipalities would enter into a Joint Powers Authority to operate Marin Clean Energy (MCE). This separate legal entity would have the ability to enter into contracts to purchase renewably generated electricity from independent producers. This power would be distributed by PG&E, which would provide the balance of electricity needed and continue to own and operate the distribution network of power lines. PG&E would also continue to provide billing and customer service.

Customers in participating municipalities, and the unincorporated areas of the County, would have the ability to subscribe to power from MCE or could "opt out" and stick with PG&E for all their power.

Customers opting for MCE could choose between two levels of participation: "light green" or "deep green". Initially, "light green" would provide twice as much renewable energy as customers currently receive, increasing to approximately 50% within five years, at rates equal to or less than PG&E's, with rates projected to decrease over time. Those selecting the "deep green" option would agree to pay 8-10% extra to receive 100% renewable power.



Marin Clean Energy is based on a fairly complicated business plan that makes



On Sunday, October 5, the Tiburon Fire Protection District will be having an Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the station located at 1679 Tiburon Boulevard.

This is a popular event, especially for kids. There will be station tours, games, information tables, and a BBQ. Bring the whole family and tour your local fire station! Call Jessica Power at 435-7200 for more information.

For a list of other events taking place around town on October 5, look under "Other Community Events" below.

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many assumptions about the availability and reliability of both renewable and non-renewable (primarily natural gas) resources into the future. The plan has already received great scrutiny, and that scrutiny is ongoing. All of the entities that would be a party to MCE want to have the highest possible level of certainty that the predicted outcome of greener and, eventually, rate-stabilized power is achieved and that all possible downsides have been anticipated and addressed in advance.

The Joint Powers Authority will only happen if the County and a critical mass of cities and towns join together. The decision to join, or not, will be before each of those jurisdictions in the coming months.

The Tiburon Town Council is scheduled to make its own determination in November. Toward that end, a special MCE community meeting will be held in the Tiburon Town Council Chambers on October 6 for both Tiburon and Belvedere. A presentation will be made by representatives of Marin Clean Energy and PG&E, and attendees will have the opportunity to submit their own written questions directly to these representatives. Experts in the energy field will also be on hand to answer questions.

I strongly urge residents to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about MCE and the options we face as a community. You can also read all about the proposal at the MCE website: [www.marincleanenergy.info](http://www.marincleanenergy.info).



### State Budget - Town Budget

No doubt readers have followed the saga of the State budget, which was finally adopted a record 85 days past its deadline. While many local agencies will be hard hit by the State's budget-balancing decisions, Tiburon has emerged unscathed for this fiscal year.

This is because the cuts came in areas outside of our services: Active redevelopment agencies (ours is dormant) were hard hit, as were social services and many other categories of spending.

On the local revenue side, we do not anticipate a dip in property tax receipts - Tiburon's bread-and-butter income source - over last year. Of course, this could still occur, especially since it appears we have not yet seen the bottom of the housing crisis and its concomitant impact on tax valuations and the volume of real estate transactions in town. We are seeing a slowdown of projects coming

through the design review process, which will eventually have a downward effect on permit fee revenue.

In terms of investment, the implosion on Wall Street has not had a significant effect on us, either. Town funds are safely invested in a very large public agency investment pool entitled LAIF, the Local Agency Investment Fund. While these days no investment instrument seems entirely safe, this remains a very cautious means of caretaking the Town's reserves.

Our Town Council takes its financial responsibilities seriously and insists upon ongoing budgetary constraint. This conservative approach, which is shared by Town staff, has served the Town very well in both good and trying times. In this particularly uncertain economic climate, we will remain extra vigilant to keep spending in check and restrain our expectations of future revenues.



### **Oktoberfest Friday Night: Break out the lederhosen and head downtown!**

Tonight, September 26, the annual Oktoberfest in downtown Tiburon will conclude the 2008 Friday Nights on Main series. The calendar has turned a page to autumn, so it's time to celebrate the season with bands, beer and bratwurst, and maybe even a little dancing in the street. **Plus, this Oktoberfest will have a special feature from 6 to 7 p.m.--a Tiburon Town Council table.** Bring your questions, comments and issues with you and chat with Mayor Jeff Slavitz and Town Councilmember Miles Berger. Your elected officials want to hear from you, so stop by to share what's on your mind or to just say "Hi."

Sincerely,  
Peggy Curran  
Town Manager

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARS: MAKE SURE THAT YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**



Monday, October 20, is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming Presidential Election this November 4, 2008.

Here's how to register:

- 1) By mail: Pick up a Voter Registration

form at Town Hall, the Post Office or Library, or at the Registrar of Voters' office, Room 121, Marin County Civic Center;

2) On-line at several sites, including the California Secretary of State, [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov), the League of Women Voters, [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org), and Rock the Vote, [www.rockthevote.org](http://www.rockthevote.org)

3) At the Department of Motor Vehicles, if you are applying for or renewing your driver's license.

You can request a ballot and vote by mail for this election only, OR permanently ("Permanent Vote-By-Mail Voter.") Forms are available at the locations listed above.

For more information, call 499-6456, or go to [www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org)

Diane Crane Iacopi  
Town Clerk

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## IMPROVEMENTS FOR PINE TERRACE PATH



The long-awaited improvements to the Pine Terrace path that runs between Tiburon Boulevard and the Multi-Use Path (MUP) near Del Mar School will be underway within the next two weeks. The project will cap off two years' worth of improvements to, and a substantial investment in, the Town's Multi-Use Path (MUP).

The improved pathways will provide enhanced access to and from the MUP and Tiburon Boulevard. The project consists of upgrading a path on the west side of Pine Terrace that pedestrians have "pioneered" in the past and currently use to reach McKegey Green. The dirt path will be replaced with a decomposed granite surface. This is the path that connects users to the bus stop on Tiburon Boulevard. Another existing path to the east of this area will be re-graded and paved to make it accessible to the disabled.

The entire project should take about six weeks. The westside path will be constructed first, followed by the repaving of the eastside path. The MUP will be open at all times, but a portion of it will be cordoned off for construction.

Pedestrian safety and traffic control are paramount during the construction of these pathway improvements. The Town asks for the vigilance of parents sending their children off to school, bicyclists, and other users of the MUP to be very careful around the construction zone.



Although safety precaution measures will be in place, we ask that people use extreme care while near the construction zone. As they say, "it's better to be safe than sorry!"

If you have any questions, call the Public Works Department at 435-7373.

Nicholas Nguyen  
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BLACKIE'S HAY DAY IS THIS SUNDAY



Blackie's Hay Day, the popular family event, takes place this Sunday, September 28, at Blackie's Pasture from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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 Children and Youth Programs.

Come and join the fun for the whole family: There are games and races, food stands, a petting zoo, and many other attractions. Last year more than 1,000 people attended Blackie's Hay Day; we expect this year's event will be just as successful.

Parking will be on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the day. Please plan to walk or car pool to the event.

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## OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

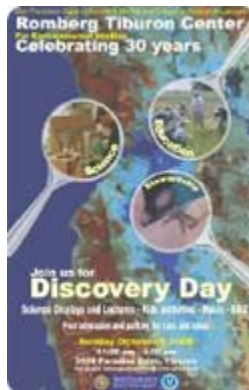


### **RCP "Tiburon Mile" Open Water Swim**

Sunday, October 5, 2008 will mark the ninth year for this Tiburon event. Founded in 1999 by local resident and Marin County native Robert Placak, the RCP Tiburon Mile has become one of the premier international open water swim events. On October 5, hundreds of swimmers will once again come to town to brave the waters of Raccoon Strait.

This year's meet will include athletes from the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and swimmers from countries all over the world, including Russia, Australia, South Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Canada.

Come as a spectator or register for the event at [rcptiburonmile.com](http://rcptiburonmile.com). Registration closes on October 1, 2008. The meet starts at 9 a.m. and will be followed by an awards ceremony and entertainment at Shoreline Park.



### **Romberg Tiburon Center "Discovery Day" Open House**

Also on October 5, Discovery Day, a free festival of educational fun that includes marine animal touch tanks, scientific exhibits, live music, art, and more, will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Now an annual event, the Discovery Day open house offers the public a unique opportunity to spend the day behind the scenes learning about the activities that take place at the Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase, along with t-shirts. Free bicycle parking will be provided by the Marin Bicycle Coalition.

The Romberg Center (as it is known to locals), is located at 3152 Paradise Drive. For more information, email [rtcinfo@sfsu.edu](mailto:rtcinfo@sfsu.edu).

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## 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, October 1 and 15 at 7:30 p.m.

**Design Review Board:** Thursday, October 2 and 16 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** Wednesday, October 8 and 22 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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