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September 30, 2013

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Community Forum - Q&A Session with Council

It's that time again when the Town Council invites everyone to the annual informal session, known as the Neighborhood Association Summit, to talk about all things related to local government. This year's meeting, though, will have a broader scope

related to the cancellation of our local election.

The Tiburon November election was called off because there was an equal number of candidates as seats or "no contest". That means that Mayor O'Donnell, Vice Mayor Fredericks and Councilmember Fraser will retain their seats for four more years. Filling the two-year balance of the late (and greatly missed) Councilmember Dick Collins' term is new appointee Erin Tollini. Ms. Tollini, now a Planning Commissioner, was the only person to file for that office; she will commence her service on the Council on December 4, 2013.

Although they cancelled the election, the Council wanted to ensure there was still an opportunity for residents to engage in the kind of questioning that typically occurs at candidates' fora (sorry, 12 years of Catholic schooling compels me to use the correct plural of forum). Consequently, the Council decided to use the occasion of the annual summit for this purpose, broadening it into a Community Forum. There will be a box at the entry to the meeting for anyone wishing to submit a written question (including anonymously). Councilmember Jeff Slavitz, who is serving on Council in an interim capacity until December, will moderate the meeting. In addition to Q&A, the session will include updates on Town projects and how things are going overall. Please plan to attend this informal, informative meeting on Tuesday evening, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. It is a great opportunity for give-and-take conversations with Councilmembers in a very relaxed setting, and, hey, we're serving refreshments, too. We hope to see you there.

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Greener Living

And speaking of informative gatherings, consider attending a special one-hour presentation for Tiburon and Belvedere residents by **Zero Waste Marin** tomorrow evening, Tuesday, October 1 (details below). The helpful people mounting this regional effort will explain how we can all optimize recycling opportunities in our homes. If you have ever been confused about what bin to use, composting rules, how to get rid of your old computer or related quandaries, these folks will have the answers for you. Knowing the options makes being green a snap. Refreshments with this meeting, too!

Relinquishment of Tiburon Boulevard?

The question of whether the Town should take ownership, through a process Caltrans calls relinquishment, of Tiburon Boulevard in the downtown only (not the long stretch of the Boulevard to the west) recently came under discussion again. The basis for this consideration is simple: local control. The Town is in the business of managing rights-of-way, yet this critical one is owned by the state and controlled by Caltrans, so everything the Town wishes to do now or might care to do in the future is governed by that agency, not Tiburon. Most of the time we are able to work things out with Caltrans (get permission to do what we wish), but not always, and the transaction invariably takes time and resources to navigate. Caltrans' ownership of the roadway impacted the recently-built Lyford parking lot, adding about one year to the timeline for negotiation of a lease agreement (which includes provisions we do not like, but which Caltrans required) and additional cost for redesign to accommodate Caltrans' changes. Should the Town ever wish to do anything significant with the downtown right-of-way, for instance, create a round-about at Mar West Street by the Library, or reconfigure medians, bike lanes or parking, Caltrans' ownership would likely be a serious impediment if not block such plans altogether.

Ownership carries responsibilities, though, so the flip side of the coin is cost. All Town infrastructure, such as roadways, drainage systems and streetlights, take money to maintain - a case in point is the almost \$1,000,000 the Town just spent repaving Del Mar neighborhood streets. The marginal cost of maintaining the stretch of Tiburon Boulevard under consideration for Town ownership, from Lyford Drive to Main Street, would add about \$125,000 annually to the Town's expenses when one combines the cost of routine maintenance with the periodic expense of repaving and other occasional requirements. This is a small percentage of the Town's budget, but still a meaningful sum to be considered, particularly because adding downtown Tiburon Boulevard to the Town's inventory of locally owned and

managed roadways would be a permanent and irreversible step.

On September 18 the Town Council voted to pursue the issue further by approving payment for a mandatory Caltrans analysis, a prerequisite to any relinquishment, and authorizing enactment of state legislation permitting (but not forcing) the land exchange. The Caltrans analysis will take approximately nine months to complete, and will include a survey of the extensive right-of-way property boundaries. When the Caltrans study and the detailed cost/benefit analysis Council has requested are complete, the Town Council will once again consider the matter and make a final determination whether relinquishment is, or is not, in the Town's best interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peggy Curran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the last name.

Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

ZERØWASTEMARIN

For one hour tomorrow night (perfect for busy residents!) you can find out the answers to your questions about waste reduction and recycling.

Tuesday, October 1, 2013
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Council Chambers

Zero Waste Marin, in partnership with the Town of Tiburon and the City of Belvedere, invites you to a community presentation entitled, "Which Bin do I Use?"

Looking for ways to reduce waste at home and what to do with items like soiled napkins or takeout containers?
Looking for ways to shop smarter?

Local experts from Zero Waste Marin will provide easy tips to help you make smart pre-purchase decisions, save money on your grocery bill, and figure out how to dispose of household items easily.

Come bring your neighbors and learn more. Refreshments

will be provided and attendees will receive a reusable shopping bag from Zero Waste Marin.

Zero Waste Marin is dedicated to helping Marin County reach its goal of Zero Waste by 2025.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).



Del Mar Utility Undergrounding and Paving: Mission Accomplished!



After a long journey which started roughly in 2004, we are delighted to finally announce the completion of all phases of the Del Mar Valley Utility Undergrounding Project, from the trench work and conversion to underground service, to pole removal, to the Town-funded paving. The project was the inspiration of several Del Mar area residents, two of whom sadly are no longer with us. We will forever be reminded of their vision, though, each time we travel through the neighborhood and enjoy the clear aerial views and feel safer due to more reliable underground utility services.

We would like to thank all the project partners, including the Del Mar Valley Homeowners Association and its many supportive members, PG&E, AT&T, Comcast, Bay Pacific Pipelines, Synergy Project Partners, CSW-ST2, and Coastland Engineering, for all the hard work and dedication in bringing the project to fruition.

We, at the Town, are extremely proud of the results and hope that the residents of Del Mar will enjoy their new, enhanced neighborhood for many years to come.

Enjoy these before and after photos below!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Nguyen, P.E.
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer





COMMUNITY EVENTS

Artist Laureate Workshop - A Discussion with Colombian Artist, Angela Gonzalez

**Wednesday, October 9
7 until 8:30 p.m.
Town Hall Community Room**



Jaleh Etemad

Our next workshop is entitled, "A Journey Through Colombian Art". Join Tiburon resident and visual artist Angela Gonzalez as she takes us on a journey through the most representative art from her native Colombia.

During this Artist Talk, Angela will provide insights on key movements and artists that have made Colombian art a favorite with museums and collectors. In addition, she will share some of her latest work which builds on the creativity and innovation of other Colombian artists that came before. You can find out more about Angela at her [website](#).



By Angela Gonzalez

For more information on the Artist Laureate programs, please [contact me](#), or visit my [website](#).

Thank you!
Jaleh Etemad
Tiburon Artist Laureate

Around the World with Rotary!

Saturday, October 26
6 until 9:30 p.m.
St. Stephens Church
Belvedere



Around the World with Rotary, a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere's outreach programs, is coming in October and everyone's invited.

Highlights of the evening will be a travel photo contest, best costume contest, a complimentary drink and a no-host bar and raffle. There will also be a silent auction featuring lunch with notable personalities, international food stations, a dessert buffet, music, dancing and fun galore.

Among the organizations the club supports are 10,000 Degrees, which provides assistance for students who are the first in their families to attend college. We also support Marin Villages; Tiburon's Green Team; Bel Aire School's Liberia project; Books will Bandage; and the Global Book Exchange. So come out and support your favorite charities while having a good time!

Cost is \$50 per person until October 19; walk-ins are \$60. To make a reservation, contact [Laurie Nilsen](#) at 871-6526.

Judy Wilson
Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere

Attention Tiburon Photographers



The 12th Annual Belvedere Community Foundation Online Digital Photography Contest has started. Celebrating the beauty and spirit of our area, the photographs should reflect life on the Tiburon Peninsula.

Register for the contest, submit photos and view the gallery to vote for your favorites--all [online](#).

The contest opened on August 1; the last submission will be accepted on October 31, 2013.

Sincerely,

James Campbell
Belvedere Community Foundation

Council and Commission Meetings

Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (October 2; October 16).

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (October 3; October 17).

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (October 9 cancelled; October 23).

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (October 22).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is November 19).

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

Community Calendar

For the scoop on events and meetings sponsored by local nonprofit community and government organizations on the Tiburon Peninsula, visit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's excellent [community calendar](#).



Sincerely,

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