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September 30, 2014

## A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



The Town Council recently enacted three ordinances aimed at protecting the Town's character, the environment and public health. A quick summary:

- 1. Plastic Bags** The first of these is a ban on single-use plastic bags. Everyone is aware of the tremendous litter problem created by plastic bags; they defy decomposition and travel long distances on air and water currents, harming wildlife and generally despoiling our environment. The Council has taken action to prohibit our local markets and pharmacy from using these bags at the check-out counter (plastic produce bags are still permissible). These merchants may provide paper bags with or without a fee, but are encouraged to urge customers to bring their own reusable bags. Many municipalities are adopting this restriction which, over time, should reduce our waste stream and move us closer to the Marin County goal of "Zero Waste" by 2025.
- 2. E-Cigarettes** Another piece of legislation added e-cigarettes to those products regulated under the Town's smoking restriction ordinance. E-cigarettes are the relatively new nicotine-delivery devices that do not produce smoke but rather a vapor with as yet unclear health effects. They are difficult to distinguish from cigarettes at a glance as they mimic the look, including the lighted tip, of a cigarette. Many consider these a ploy (where there's smoke ...) to entice new and particularly young smokers with flavors such as cherry, vanilla and concoctions like "pina colada" (I had to assert I was over 18 to get that information from one of the many websites offering these products). When the ordinance becomes effective on October 17, 2014, "vaping", the term for using an e-cig, will be prohibited in the same locations as smoking. The sole exception will be in rental homes where smoking is currently prohibited. In that instance, vaping will not be prohibited until October 17, 2015. This one-year grace period should ease the transition for anyone currently using e-cigarettes as part of a smoking cessation program.
- 3. Marijuana Dispensaries** Last, but certainly not least,

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the Council has now banned all marijuana dispensaries from Town. This prohibition extends not just to the sale of medical marijuana, which is currently permitted under state law, but, proactively, includes the sale of marijuana for any purpose should recreational or other uses become legal in California in years to come. This action is to safeguard the small town character of Tiburon from the problems so often attendant with marijuana dispensaries. This does not mean medical marijuana cannot be consumed in Tiburon (although consumption must comply with the Town's smoking restrictions, if that is the mode of ingestion). It simply means a resident will have to obtain this product from a dispensary elsewhere in Marin or the greater Bay Area.

## Medians - Almost Complete

Quite a few readers responded to the September 19 Special Bulletin about median-related traffic; thank you for that. Some of you had reassuring things to say, but most gave me a piece of their mind a little less reassuringly... It was valuable feedback, and I appreciate everyone who took the time to share his or her thoughts.

One aspect of the median planting I failed to mention was water use. Several of you questioned the wisdom of creating a new planted area during a drought. This is a legitimate concern, of course. The plants chosen for the median are both drought tolerant and low maintenance. Drip irrigation, the most water-efficient kind, has been installed, but that is primarily to get the plants well established. We are also using sophisticated modern irrigation sensors, now required by MMWD, which minimize water use. I wish we could use non-potable, reclaimed water from the wastewater treatment plant at Blackie's Pasture, but it is too distant and, more to the point, the plant lacks sufficient water to sell us. I'm happy to report we do use that source for irrigating our largest expanse of lawn, that most thirsty of plant materials, at McKegney Green. We do care about these things!

While we all need to be responsible water consumers, I do question the premise that the reality of periodic droughts should dictate that we never again turn concrete into greenery. Even if we were not experiencing dry times now, they could be around the corner. Any corner. I think we need to be judicious and water-wise, for sure. We are trying to be both of those things with this project. As green spaces go, these narrow yet highly prominent bands of green will benefit the maximum number of people we can "touch" with our efforts, for who does not drive by these medians from time to time if not almost daily? That is a lot of bang for our water buck.

We expect the medians to be completed by the end of next week. Some work that is particularly impactful to the intersections (laying the cobble that will go at the tapered ends of each median) will be conducted this Saturday, so please anticipate delays associated with that effort. Then, we'll be done!

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Tiburon Welcomes New Building Official, Clay Salzman



Tiburon welcomed another new employee this month.

Building Official Clay Salzman has been working with the Town as a consultant for several months and has now joined the Town

Hall staff. He takes over for Fred Lustenberger, who left in July after more than four years employment with the Town.

Clay brings a breadth of experience to his job at the Town. He has worked for the California Department of General Services, several consulting firms, the City of Oakland, Town of Danville, and El Dorado County.

Along the way, Clay accumulated certifications in a variety of building disciplines and experience in building inspections and code accreditation. He has worked on a wide range of projects in California and elsewhere, including the Apple Campus 2 in Cupertino.

Most recently, Clay was employed by 4 Leaf Consulting, where he worked for the Cities of Dublin, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto and San Mateo prior to coming to Tiburon.

Clay resides in Marin County. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, boating and flying, and has always harbored a desire to get his pilot's license. He also enjoys his time with his wife Ingeborg and his stepdaughter.

The next time you're near Town Hall, please drop in and say "hello" to Clay Salzman, our newest Town employee!

Sincerely,

Dan Watrous

Planning Manager

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Tiburon Half Marathon & 5K Race is this Sunday

The Tiburon Half Marathon, organized by The Ranch (Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation) and Titanium Racing, returns to Tiburon this Sunday, October 5. The race, in its second year, starts on Juanita Lane, loops around the Strawberry Peninsula, and ends at the Boardwalk Shopping Center.



"Fitbit" is the event sponsor; Fitbit is a developer of wireless technology that tracks personal health and fitness data. A portion of the proceeds goes to benefit Heartland Hospice, as well as The Ranch.

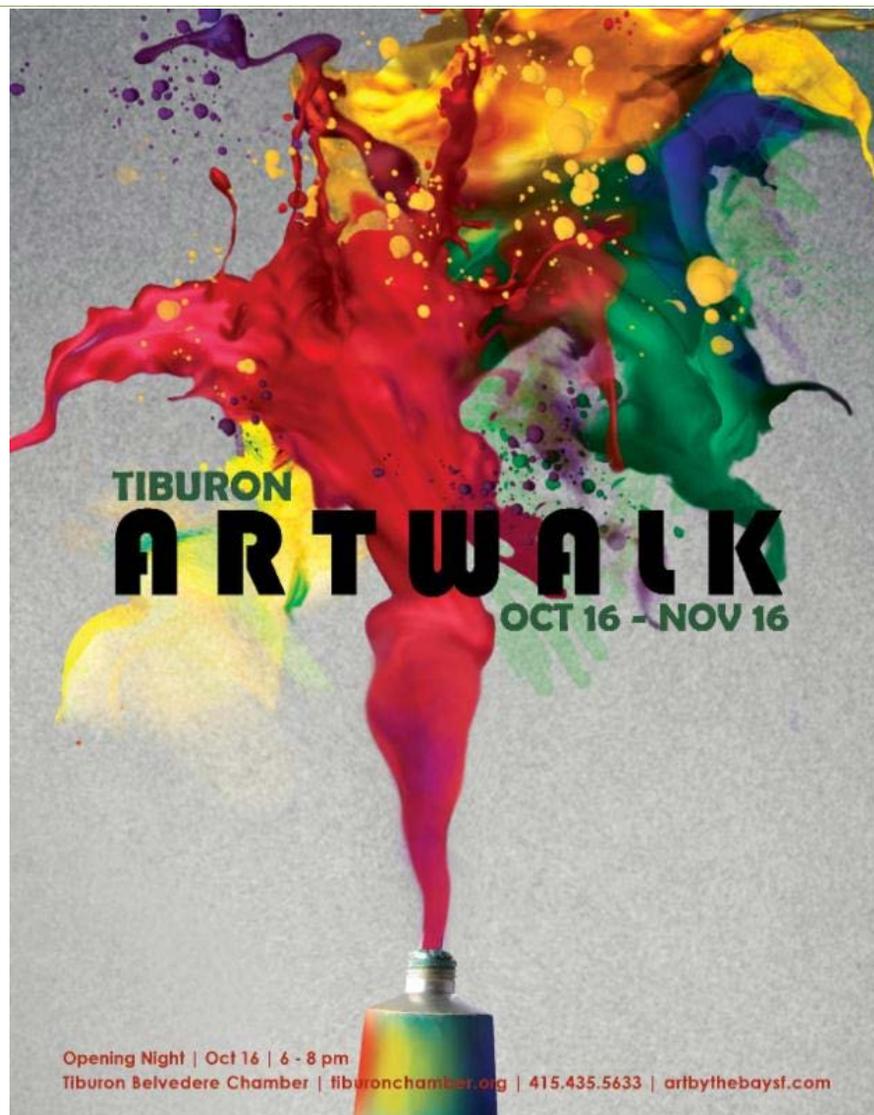
In addition to the half marathon, there is also a 5K race. There are four race categories designed to accommodate runners of all ages and abilities.

Registration ends today, so if you are interested in joining the fun, visit the race [website](#), or call me at 435-4355.

Sincerely,

Cathleen Andreucci, Executive Director  
The Ranch

### New Art Walk Event Brings Artwork Downtown



Tiburon is becoming an art destination! We are pleased to tell you about the following events:

**Tiburon Art Walk**  
**October 16 - November 16**  
**Downtown Tiburon**

An exciting new event is coming to our downtown businesses, from Main Street to Ark Row (and beyond). Over 30 critically-acclaimed artists will display their work in over 28 locations, and each of their paintings has been thoughtfully paired with a Tiburon shop or business (also Town Hall and the Library).

Tiburon Art Walk will run in conjunction with Art by the Bay (see more on this below), from October 16 through November 16.

At the opening night "launch party" on October 16, come meet the Tiburon Art Walk artists and find out where you can view their work. This special evening will give you the opportunity to mingle with the artists as the "progressive" party takes over downtown Tiburon, with most venues hosting a reception for their featured artist.

For a complete list of participating artists and locations, visit the Art Walk [page](#) on the Chamber of Commerce's [website](#).

Media contacts for the Tiburon Art Walk are Chamber of Commerce Director [Melanie Haddad](#), and [Lyndasue Johnson](#) of Bradley Real Estate.

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**Art by the Bay  
October 16 - November 16  
Shoreline Park and Other Locations**

Following the success of last year's show, Art by the Bay is returning to Tiburon for a month-long display of outdoor public artwork. Eight large sculptures will be placed on Shoreline Park near the ferry plaza, one will be located near the library, and one will be near Blackie's Pasture.

Featuring five internationally known artists, Art by the Bay will run from October 16 to November 16. The installation is called "Ornamenting Landscape" and its mission is to enhance the local beauty and topography of Tiburon. The Drever Family Foundation is once again underwriting the event.

Visit the Art by the Bay [website](#) to find out more about the viewing locations, the artists and their work.

## Earthquake Preparedness: There's Still Time to "Get Ready"

The recent Napa earthquake alerted us again to the need to be prepared. You and your family members can attend one of these local classes, in October:

**Get Ready!**

Wednesday October 8, 3pm - 5pm  
Tiburon Police Station, 1155 Tiburon Boulevard

**Get Ready BYOD (D is for Dinner)**

Thursday October 16, 5pm - 7pm  
Tiburon Police Station, 1155 Tiburon Boulevard

**SPECIAL EVENT at the Fire House\***

Get Ready Disaster Dinner  
Thursday October 9, 5pm - 8pm  
Tiburon Fire Station, 1679 Tiburon Boulevard

\*Bring your own emergency food supplies and have dinner at the fire station while learning how to prepare for, survive through and recover from disaster. Please call 435-7200 to reserve a place for this event. Space is limited.

For more information on the Get Ready program, contact me at

435-7386. You can also download the Get Ready manual [here](#).

Sincerely,

Laurie K. Nilsen,  
Emergency Services Coordinator  
City of Belvedere and Town of Tiburon

## Annual Belvedere Community Foundation Photography Contest



### 13TH ANNUAL online PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Celebrating the Beauty and Spirit of  
Belvedere and the Tiburon Peninsula

Photo Contest starts June 20, 2014

All photos must reflect life on the Tiburon Peninsula

Last submissions accepted October 31st.

**ENTER NOW**

[www.BelvedereCommunityFoundation.com](http://www.BelvedereCommunityFoundation.com)



Register for the contest, Submit Photos, View the Gallery  
& Vote for your favorites -- all online



[Click here](#)

## Council and Commission Meetings

**Town Council:** First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. -  
October 1 and October 15

**Design Review Board:** First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. -  
October 2 and October 16

**Planning Commission:** Second and fourth Wednesdays at  
7:30 p.m. - October 8 (meeting cancelled) and October 22

**Heritage & Arts Commission:** Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town  
Hall Conference Room) - October 28

**Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission:** Third Tuesday  
every other month - Next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on  
November 18

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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