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April 30, 2015

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Yellow School Bus Challenge 2.0

School bus passes went on sale this past Monday. We are already up to 924 one-way passes sold. Our goal is 1,200, so we are well on our way, but each additional pass beyond this point is critical in terms of affecting traffic.

Please don't delay! If your children attend a Reed Union school, please purchase your passes [online here](#) today. Encourage others to do the same. Remember, this is all about traffic reduction. The more passes sold, the lower the cost of the program to taxpayers and the greater the benefit in terms of traffic improvement on Tiburon Boulevard. Let's make this work!

Summer Projects

This summer you can expect to see several improvements in the east end of Town. One is the installation of a new crosswalk breaking up the long stretch of Tiburon Boulevard downtown between Beach Road and Main Street. It will run between The Lodge at Tiburon on the north and Union Bank on the south side of the roadway. I say "installation" because it is a brick crossing, in keeping with our downtown motif, which means we have to excavate some roadway and create a concrete bed for the bricks to make it structurally sound for traffic. We will also be making safety improvements to the existing crossing at Ned's Way. The biggest summer project will be the undergrounding of the utility poles from Mar West Street by the Library to the Lyford Drive parking lot, coupled with improvements to the Old Rail Trail. These items will make our Town safer, more functional, and more visually appealing.

Another proposed project will be taken up by the Town Council at its May 6 meeting: the improvement of a portion of Blackie's Pasture. The concept, conceived by Mayor Frank Doyle, is to remake an unused corner of Blackie's, specifically the dusty and gravelly cross-paths area between the restrooms and the creek (just under one acre), and transform

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it by consolidating the paths down to one and creating an open play meadow with a separate but linked picnic area. Three picnic benches are proposed; each would have its own sense of space enhanced by a bit of landscaping (like a tree or two). In deference to both drought and budget constraints, no irrigated turf is proposed. If approved, the plan is to build the project this fall.

Staff News

Tiburon has a new Police Captain. Our former Captain, David Hutton, retired this past December after 33 years of distinguished service. In a ground-breaking and yet perfectly natural and logical step, we have agreed with the City of Belvedere that their Chief of Police, Patricia Seyler, will also serve as Tiburon's Captain. She and our Chief Michael Cronin worked out this arrangement on an experimental basis; it promises to save each community about \$80,000 per year if annualized. We think this step of sharing some leadership offers the perfect compromise of greater efficiency and coordination without sacrificing the desire of each community to retain its own police department or diminishing the level of protection each agency affords its residents.

Our longtime Building Technician, Tarun Sanghvi, has announced his retirement for the end of June after more than 22 years on the job. His doing so results in a complete turnover of the four-person Building Division in less than one year, a consequence of three retirements and one resignation. That is a high rate of change to which we are still adjusting. We wish Tarun all the best and thank him for his truly dedicated and valuable service these many years.

The final note regarding staff concerns me. I recently announced my intent to retire at the end of this calendar year, in December 2015. I took this step many months in advance of my departure because the Town Council, in my discussions with them, asked that I assist in the process of hiring my replacement, a task I am happy to undertake. By year's end I'll have had the privilege of being Town Manager for 9 years! I'll write more about my experience and this transition when that time arrives. It's too early to be saying goodbye just yet!

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Tiburon Welcomes Two More New Employees to Town Hall

First, meet Lea Stefani

Lea Stefani began work as our new Community Development Aide in March. She takes over for Connie Cashman, who sadly passed away earlier this year.

Lea is an Ohio native from the Cincinnati area, where she lived most of her life. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Miami University in Ohio, with an emphasis in biological anthropology and evolutionary biology, including field research with monkeys at the San Diego Zoo.



Since relocating to California, Lea has worked at the Bay Institute Aquarium and, most recently, a law office in Novato where she demonstrated strong skills as an administrative assistant. She also briefly lived in Tiburon and worked at the Tiburon Tavern, where she became familiar with the community and began looking for ways to come back on a full time basis.

In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, reading and exploring more of California. She also is a big fan of the show "Game of Thrones" and is always eager to discuss the latest developments in Westeros.

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

Sincerely,

Dan Watrous
Planning Manager

Meet New Employee, Patti Pickett

The Town of Tiburon was indeed fortunate when long-time resident Patti Pickett was one of over fifty applicants for the position of Office Assistant, the position previously held by Joan Palmero. Her impressive resume catapulted her into the top eight candidates to be interviewed for the position.



After the interviews were concluded, Patti was chosen unanimously by the interview panel to fill the position.

Besides bringing to the position her extensive knowledge of the Town, she also has served on the Heritage and Arts Commission for slightly less than one year, and now serves as the staff liaison to the Commission.

Patti's many years as an office manager made for the perfect combination of skills and experience that has created a seamless transition into the position. Patti began working for the Town on March 23, but has acclimated into the position as if she has been here for years. Besides her excellent qualifications, Patti is a pleasure to work with!

Patti has lived in Old Tiburon since 1978 with her husband Don Pickett. Don served as a member of the Town's Parks and Open Space Commission from 1971-1975. In her off-time, they enjoy swimming, hiking and travel, and Tiburon is at the top of their list for leisure time.

Next time you stop in at Town Hall, please stop by and give Patti a warm welcome.

Sincerely,

Heidi Bigall
Director of Administrative Services

May Is Tick Awareness Month

The best defense against ticks and tick-borne disease is YOU!

Ticks can transmit a variety of diseases such as Lyme disease. Ticks can be found in grassy, brushy or wooded areas, especially along trails. Ticks attach as an animal host passes by.



Protect YOURSELF and YOUR FAMILY by doing the following:

--Wear light colored clothing with long sleeves and long pants while hiking or working in areas where ticks may be present. -

- Tuck your socks over pants.
- Apply repellent on exposed skin to repel ticks.
- Discourage ticks by keeping grass cut around your house.
- Perform regular tick checks while showering.

If found, remove immediately using tweezers and pull straight out to make sure you have removed the head of the tick. Apply antiseptic to the bite site.

If you have been bitten and especially if a red ring develops, see your doctor right away.

Sincerely,

Laura Fennema
Town Representative to the Marin-Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District Board

Come join us for our 100-year anniversary celebration!



On May 30, the Vector District is having an Open House Celebration of 100 years of protecting public health. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

May 14 Is "Bike To Work Day "



Bay Area's Bike to Work Day Turns 21 on May 14

How did you celebrate turning 21? Visions of parties, toasts and more coming to mind?

In the Bay Area, Bike to Work Day will celebrate its 21st birthday on May 14 with a 9-county-wide party on wheels. Now that's what we call a celebration!

Last year, more than 75,000 cyclists stopped at one of our Energizer Stations on Bike to Work Day, with thousands more participating in the event.

Believe it or not, the majority of automobile trips each day are less than two miles long--barely worth the time and fuel it takes to pull into traffic! Given the ever increasing congestion in the Bay Area, bicycling is an easy, efficient and healthy way to get to work, run errands and much more.

Visit our [website](#) to find out how easy it can be to commute by bicycle, pledge to ride your bike on Bike to Work Day, find an Energizer Station near you, and register to win prizes.

Bike to Work is presented by the Metropolitan Transportation

Commission (MTC), 511 and Kaiser Permanente, with additional regional support from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), KPIX5, Clear Channel Outdoor, Canary Foundation Challenge, Bay Area Bike Share, REI and Clif Bar.

Sincerely,

Christy Garland
Employer Services Representative
511 Rideshare
510-273-3628

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Heritage Educator Award Wednesday, May 6 6 - 8 p.m. Tiburon Town Hall

The Tiburon Peninsula Heritage & Arts Commission invites you to the presentation of the first Heritage & Arts Educator Award (2015) honoring Del Mar Middle School teacher, **Aaron Snyder**. There will be a reception upstairs in the Community Room beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a formal presentation by the Town Council at 7:30 p.m.



The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding achievement in education, promote public awareness and heritage and arts in education, and laud exceptional commitment and contributions to the Tiburon community.

Come help celebrate the presentation of this prestigious award to Mr. Snyder.

After graduating with a BA and MA in Art Education from Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Art in 1996, Aaron Snyder moved to California for his first teaching position. Aaron joined the staff at Del Mar in 2000 and enjoys working with students on their art technique and creative process. The Del Mar students Aaron works with have an annual art show at Tiburon Town Hall which is always a fan favorite. Please visit: It runs through May 27, 2015.

RSVP to [Patti Pickett](#) if you'd like to attend.

Sincerely,

Heritage & Arts Commission
Daniel Amir, Chair

Musae And Friends Present: "*Monarch: Songs of Beauty, Transformation and Maternalism*"

Friday, May 8 - 8 p.m.
Old St. Hilary
Landmark
201 Esperanza St.

(Park at Boardwalk
Shopping Center)



The wonderful women of Musae return to Old St. Hilary's on Mother's Day weekend (next Friday) for an extravaganza of song. They will be joined by the men's chorus, *Razaai Continui*, and early music instrumental ensemble, *MUSA*.

The 15 voices of Musae and the 16-voice men's chorus will present songs referencing beauty, transformation and maternalism; *MUSA* will accompany them. The program features works by Bach, Guillaume Dufay, Vytautas Miskinis, Stephen Smith, and Zae Munn.

Ticket prices are \$15 and \$20. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Landmarks Office, Tiburon Town Hall and online at [Brown Paper Tickets](#). If not sold out, tickets will also be available at the door.

Remember, there is no parking at Old St. Hilary's. Please park at the Boardwalk Shopping Center and take a shuttle to the concert. Shuttle service begins at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Landmarks office at 415-435-1853, or visit our [website](#). And please stay tuned for our upcoming concerts at Old St. Hilary Landmark:

Sunday, **June 28**, 2015 at 4 p.m. -- Bossa Zuzu

Sunday, **August 16**, 2015 at 4 p.m. -- New West Guitar Group featuring singer Sara Gazarek

Sunday, **September 13**, 2015 at 4 p.m. -- Avenue Winds

Sincerely,

Dave Gotz,
Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society
Archivist

Salmon "Kiss and Release"

Saturday, May 16
Blackie's Pasture

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

[High tide at 11:30 a.m.]

The Tiburon Salmon Institute invites you to join us for our annual release of baby Chinook Salmon into the San Francisco Bay on May 16, at Blackie's Pasture.

A Native American Blessing Ceremony is conducted before children and families are given small smelt salmon to be carried into the water's edge where they are "Kissed and Released" into the Bay.

We hope they live long lives and come back to spawn in the Feather River where they were born.



Plan on spending the day at Blackie's Pasture from late morning through the afternoon. There will be music, booths, food and refreshments for everyone to enjoy. Come and support our activities of environmental awareness among our youth.

Sincerely,

Tiburon Salmon Institute
3152 Paradise Drive, Tiburon, California
415-435-2397

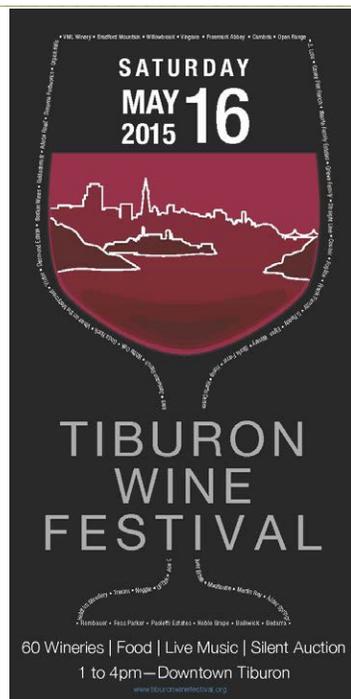
Also on May 16 - Tiburon Wine Festival!

Saturday, May 16
1 - 4 p.m.
Pt. Tiburon Plaza

The Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce presents the ever popular Tiburon Wine Festival on Saturday, May 16, at Pt. Tiburon Plaza.

Buy your tickets [online](#) at before they sell out!

Sincerely,



Melanie Haddad, Executive Director
Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of
Commerce

Audubon Center Announces Chefs for Fourth Annual Supper Club Fundraiser

Saturday, May 30
Richardson Bay Audubon Center
376 Greenwood Beach Road

Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary's annual Supper Club event is hitting its stride with what promises to be another memorable event.



On May 30, guests will gather at this historically significant property fronting on Richardson Bay, to enjoy oysters and a full bar on the beach, a bluegrass band, and a full catered dinner under a tent on the Lyford House lawn.

The event began four years ago with 40 people under a small tent, and has grown into a sought-after Marin County ticket.

This year for the second year in a row, three local award-winning chefs will produce the food for a limited number of guests: **John Cox**, Executive Chef at *Sierra Mar* (Post Ranch Inn), **Justin Everett**, Executive Chef and **Ethan Howard**, Executive Pastry Chef at *Murray Circle* (Cavallo Point). These three chefs have volunteered their time to support the local conservation efforts of Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary. They are worth coming back for. *Cultivar Wines* is generously providing the wine for the event.

Last year, this event raised over \$60,000, and these funds helped to support:

- * Habitat protection and restoration in San Francisco Bay
- * Management and stewardship of the only waterbird sanctuary in San Francisco Bay, right here in Tiburon
- * Education programs that connect low-income and minority youth with nature, ecology, and careers in conservation

Tickets are \$300, and they sell out quickly. If you are interested in attending, please contact [Jordan Wellwood](#), Center Director & San Francisco Bay Program Director, at 415-388-2524 ext. 109.

To learn more about Audubon's statewide and national conservation and education programs, please visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,

Kerry Wilcox
Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary

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](#).



Council and Commission Meetings

Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - May 6 and May 20.

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. - May 7 and May 21.

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - May 13 and May 27.

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town Hall Conference Room) - May 26.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month - Next meeting is May 19 at 6 p.m.

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

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