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May 29, 2015

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Budget Time

The Town's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, making this the height of budget season. For the last several months Town staff, in particular our Director of Administrative Services Heidi Bigall, have been developing the budget. This process includes conferring with the ad hoc Council budget

committee, which this year is comprised of Vice Mayor Tollini and Councilmember O'Donnell. The draft budget will be presented to the Town Council on June 3 and voted upon on June 17.

As I have previously reported, our finances are on a solid footing. As the economy has recovered, so has our economic health. Our principal indicators, notably sales, property and hotel taxes, have all increased. Actions taken over many years have resulted in reducing, or at least keeping in check, many expenses, especially in that major cost center for local government: personnel. In addition to consolidating positions in some departments, we have lowered the Town's liability for retirement costs by shifting a significant portion of that burden to the employees. We also came into some unexpected revenue through fines imposed upon a very large single family home which has taken over five years to build, although much of that income was spent on outside inspection services or must be placed in restricted funds and a portion of it will be returned to the neighborhood for paving improvements. I am happy to report the Town's reserves are healthy, too.

But, lest we draw conclusions from only half the picture, I want to point out that we also have obligations and anticipated future expenses for which we must plan carefully if we are to maintain our record of cautious budget stewardship. A good example of this is our aging storm drain system, which will need significant investment over the next decade.

Our Town Council is thorough, thoughtful and collaborative

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when it comes to sorting out what are sound investments in the way of Town improvements versus the need to squirrel away funds to meet future needs. I'm sure this budget process will reflect those qualities. While perhaps it goes without saying, it is important to remember that a budget is not just a long tally of dollars and cents in rows and columns, many elements of which seem infinitely mundane like "fleet maintenance" or "office supplies". A budget is an organization's roadmap, and its numbers belie how it is implementing its mission. The Council's important charge is ensuring that the budget reflects the Town's responsibilities and its priorities like public safety, sound infrastructure and responsive service delivery along with improvements like the Dairy Knoll facility and the new picnic area proposed for Blackie's Pasture. Budget documents are really policy documents in action.

If you wish to check out the budget, the summary memo can be found [HERE](#), as well as the full [draft budget](#). Of course you are always invited to attend the Town Council meeting to weigh in on it, or drop me an email and I'll forward it to the Council. They, and I, always appreciate hearing from Tiburon residents about what is on their minds. Budget time is a great time to be heard.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Public Works Corner: Summer Improvement Projects - Prepare for Traffic Delays

There will be a number of projects in construction this summer. The good news is these projects will help maintain our existing infrastructure and make our Town a better place to live. The bad news is projects in the roadway will affect traffic. This year, we are waiting to begin the construction of the most disruptive projects until after school lets out. You should see the signs of construction by mid-June. Please drive slowly in the area of construction traffic and please obey all flagmen and signs. Here are some projects you can expect to see this summer:

Downtown Crosswalk. We are placing a new brick crosswalk across Tiburon Boulevard near the Tiburon Lodge. When this is completed, we will have a crosswalk every 400 feet on Tiburon Blvd from the Library to Shoreline Park. Two-way traffic will be maintained on Tiburon Blvd, but there will be no

center turn lane in the area of the construction. The project needs to be done in phases. Construction will start in mid to late June and will take about 10 weeks.

Utility Undergrounding and Old Rail Trail Rehabilitation.

This project undergrounds utilities from Mar West Street westward on the south side of Tiburon Boulevard. It also rehabilitates the Old Rail Trail from Mar West Street to San Rafael Avenue and adds a new decomposed granite pathway near the Lyford parking lot. Construction will begin mid-June and take about two months for our contractor's work and additional time for work by the various utilities. Portions or all of the Old Rail Trail from San Rafael Avenue to Mar West Street will be closed during the various phases of construction. Expect to see large equipment on the shoulder of Tiburon Boulevard near Mar West Street during construction.

Streets Paving. This project will rehabilitate Lyford Drive from Round Hill Road to Tiburon Boulevard. Traffic on the lower part of Lyford Drive will be delayed. There will also be digout repairs on 30 road segments throughout the Town. Before our work on Lyford Drive, the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) will be replacing the water line in Lyford Drive. Work on this project will start when school lets out and will continue through the summer. This project will greatly affect traffic flow on Lyford Drive. Please drive slowly and expect minor delays.

Stewart Storm Drain Replacement. Many of the Town's storm drains are reaching the end of their service life and will need repair or replacing over the next decade. This summer we will be replacing storm drain pipes on Stewart Drive from Tiburon Boulevard to Sonora Court as well as part way up Silverado Drive. This project will greatly affect traffic flow on Stewart Drive. Please drive slowly and expect minor delays.

We thank you for your patience as we work to preserve our infrastructure and make Tiburon a nicer and safer place to live.

Sincerely,

Patrick Barnes,
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

The Baskets Are Back!

Even though spring has been slow to arrive this year, the flower baskets on Tiburon Boulevard are back and already in full bloom. In fact, we have received numerous comments that they are the prettiest yet!



The baskets became a welcome addition to our downtown area six years ago when the original "three basketeers" - Hazel Carter, Randi Brinkman and Chuck Auerbach - brought forth the idea of a collaboration with the Town for this beautification project. They proposed to privately fundraise for the baskets and manage their purchase, installation and removal each year if the Town would agree to install and manage the drip irrigation they require. We struck this deal and it resulted in beautiful baskets every spring and summer since. Carol Rayner made the first major contribution, agreeing to fund them for five years in memory of her late husband, Arno.

When that generous funding ended, another angel stepped up: Paula Little. Paula has offered to indefinitely fund three-quarters of the cost of the baskets in exchange for the Town funding the remaining one-quarter. Another deal was struck for downtown beautification!

Resident Little, who is well-known for her green thumb and beautiful Japanese gardens at her own home, says that "flowers are a magical way to bring people into town, and a lovely thing for them to see." We couldn't agree more!

Thank you Carol, for your past support, and Paula for taking over as the principal donor. Your generosity and civic-mindedness are a gift to us all! A big thank you as well to Hazel and Randi for continuing to manage this effort. We are all in your debt.

Sincerely,

Town Staff

Green Team Continues Fight Against Invasive Species In Town Open Space

The invasion by French broom (and to a lesser extent Scotch broom) is a vegetative disaster in Marin. The yellow-flowered, fragrant shrubs displace native vegetation, spreading quickly



to form large stands that crowd out native species. Brooms increase the potential for wildfires, as the plants

burn readily and provide a "ladder" to tree canopies. Vast swaths on GGNRA, MMWD and Mt. Tam State Park lands, and Tiburon Open Space parcels are covered by broom.

Please watch this excellent [video](#), created by three Marin high school students, to learn how you can help. The video features interviews with an open space volunteer, the Marin County Fire Chief, local botanist Eva Buxton, and myself.

Sincerely,

Jerry Riessen
Member of the Green Team and Last Chance Open Space
Committee

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday Nights on Main Starts Tonight!

FNOM

friday nights on main 2015

Main Street | Downtown Tiburon

Join us from 6 - 9 pm on these Friday Nights:



May 29 All that Jazz!

We launch the FNOM season with some razzmatazz and All that Jazz! Tanya Scarlett and her A Team bring stylish, fresh jazz, pop and R & B to Main Street.



June 26 A Whale of a Time

Have a whale of a time in downtown Tiburon! Dance to the Cole Tate Band's masterful mix of country, blues, rock & americana. Great activities for kids - including a whale scavenger hunt!



July 31 La Dolce Vita

Main Street will feel like an Italian piazza on a warm summer's night as we celebrate the good life with Italian favorites.



August 28 Sam's 95th!

Tiburon's iconic Sam's Anchor Cafe celebrates its 95th year! It will definitely be the birthday party of the year as the world renowned Carlos Reyes Band's compelling fusion of blues, rock, jazz & latin music will have you dancing in the (Main) Street!



Sept 25 Annual Firemen's Ball

Everybody's favorite dance party! By popular demand, The Fundamentals return to provide their trademark brand of red hot rockin' soul.

for more information: www.tiburonchamber.org

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Waypoint Pizza | Woodlands Market

Come join your friends and neighbors as we
launch another wonderful season of FNOM.

Sincerely,

Melanie Hadad, Executive Director
Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commercer

**Artist Laureate Workshop: *Drawing and Painting
Plants with Helen Muirhead***

**Saturday, June 20 -
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tiburon Town Hall Community Room - 2nd Floor
1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon CA 94920**

Come join us for our next
workshop with renowned local
artist, Helen Muirhead. In the
workshop, we will talk about
plant forms and techniques for
doing botanic studies.

What to Bring - Drawing
materials, water colors, or
colored pencils. Participants can
also bring some plant material
that interests them. No
experience is necessary.

If you'd like to attend, please
send me an [RSVP](#).



Sincerely,
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Bossa Zuzu Returns to Old St. Hilary's

Sunday, June 28 - 4 p.m.
Old St. Hilary Landmark
201 Esperanza St.

**(Park at Boardwalk Shopping
Center)**



Please join us for our next concert at Old St. Hilary's - Bossa Zuzu.

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. You can 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 mark your calendars for these upcoming concerts:

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, Archivist
Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society

You're Invited to the Next Marin Commission on Aging Meeting:

"The Importance of Advanced Decision Making"

Thursday, June 11,
10 - 11 a.m.
Alma Via - Community Room
515 Northgate Drive
San Rafael



Learn how to make your healthcare and life wishes known to family, friends and loved ones.

Find out which documents every person should have in place and be among the first to receive a copy of the new End-of-Life planning tool kit.

For more information about the Marin Commission on Aging, call

415-473-7118 or visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,

Fran Wilson, Tiburon representative
Marin Commission on Aging

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. - June 3 and June 17.

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. - June 4 and June 18.

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - June 10 and June 24.

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town Hall Conference Room) - June 23.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month - Next meeting is July 21 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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