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June 30, 2015

## A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



### Green Team at Work

Have you seen "Green Team" signs here and there on Tiburon Boulevard and wondered what that's about? What you are seeing is evidence of the Tiburon Peninsula Green Team at work. They are a group of volunteers - Jim Wood, Janice Anderson-Gram, Jerry Riessen, Vera Gertler and Cheryl

Woodford - dedicated to making the whole peninsula, and particularly Tiburon Boulevard, more clean, trim and beautiful. Their motto is "We Dig Where We Live", and that is what they do, both literally and figuratively.

The Green Team dons gloves and vests and sets about weed-whacking and trimming overgrown areas along our miles of public roadside, leaving behind tidy piles which are then picked up by our Public Works crews or Caltrans. Their dedication to making our peninsula more beautiful is truly remarkable. They don't just clamor for things to get better; they undertake the work themselves and raise funds to supplement their own labor with hired help. They also plant areas here and there, including the patch of public property opposite Town Hall between Cove Road and the Bayside Nursery, where earlier this year they installed slips of drought-tolerant succulents from one of their own gardens to spruce things up.

I've been mightily impressed with and thankful for the work of the Green Team. I urge you to check out their [website](#) to learn more about their projects and perhaps consider donating some funds or volunteering a little time to help them in their mission. It's a chance to show them you, too, really dig where you live.

### Summer in Tiburon

Town government, like most things, has its seasons and cycles. While we are busy all year long and the unexpected

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pops up on its own schedule, we have some regular items on our calendar. The Town Council's annual retreat, its most free-wheeling discussion of the year about ambitions for the Town and priorities, usually occurs in March. The budget is a big task; its preparation and consideration consume a lot of time from March through May, with adoption in June.

Summer might look like a slow period. Certainly, from outward appearances, our Town quiets down from June to August. Many families go away on vacations during the school break, and the overall pace feels more leisurely. This is not the case at Town Hall, though. Summer is typically our busiest season for the building permit process. This year we have had to bring on outside assistance to keep up with the demand for inspections and maintain our desired level of service. This is the high season for public works projects, too, as we attempt to schedule the most disruptive projects while school is out and traffic volumes are lower. Paving projects are best accomplished in warmer weather, so there again we are pushed into summer months. Many projects cannot be completed during the fairly short time school is out of session, so they persist into the warm, dry months of early fall. Come winter, we prepare for and cope with rainstorms (which we long for this year) and work to design and bid out the projects to be built in the following summer.

I hope your summer fulfills your highest hopes - be that for leisure or excitement, heightened productivity, new adventures or long afternoon naps. That is the promise of summer after all: that we have a bit more latitude to have fun, tackle a long overdue project or just ease up a tad from the pressures the rest of the calendar so often imposes.

May your Independence Day celebration, here in the "land of the free", be safe and fun this July 4th.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Public Works Corner: What is the Town Doing about the Drought?

California is in the grip of a severe drought and Governor Brown has asked all public agencies to conserve water. Here are some steps the Town is taking:

- We had a water audit done by the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) of our landscaping and we passed with flying colors.
- We have sought out leaks in our irrigation systems and repaired leaks at Shoreline Park and Town Hall.
- Shoreline Park is the only major turf area that uses potable water (McKegney Green and South of Knoll Park use reclaimed and recycled water.) We have turned back irrigation at Shoreline Park and are looking to install a smart meter.

For more information about what you can do to conserve water, go to the MMWD [website](#).

If you have any questions about the Town's projects, please give me a call at 435-7380.

Sincerely,

Patrick Barnes,  
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

## Next Monthly Emergency Siren Test Is This Saturday, July 4

The Tiburon Peninsula Office of Emergency Services conducted a test of the emergency siren system on Saturday, June 6. From this date forward, **the siren will be tested regularly on the first Saturday of every month at noon.** The sirens will sound for approximately three minutes. The next test is scheduled for **Saturday, July 4, 2015.**



When the sirens sound, residents should tune in to the Belvedere/Tiburon emergency radio station at 840 AM for more information.

A telephone notification alerting residents to the siren test will be sent on the afternoon preceding the test to all residential telephones on the peninsula. Those people who have signed up for "Alert Marin" will receive the same message via telephone, text and email. The notification will serve two purposes: It will warn residents of the siren test and exercise a valuable mass communication tool.

If you have not yet signed up your household to receive emergency notifications through the Alert Marin program, go to the [website](#) to register your home phone, cell phone numbers and email addresses. In the event of a disaster, you'll be notified on all of them. If you don't, then the only message you will receive will be on your home phone. If you

need assistance or have questions about this program, please call me at (415) 435-7386.

Please take this opportunity to practice your response during an earthquake and review your preparedness.

You might ask yourself these questions:

- If this were a real earthquake, would I be prepared to shelter in place for 5-7 days?
- Do I have the necessary supplies and a good plan in place for my family and myself?
- How will I communicate if local phones aren't working?
- What if I'm away from home when an earthquake strikes and roads and bridges are impassable?

If you can't answer these questions, free Get Ready classes are available to help you prepare. Visit our [website](#) for a current class schedule and to sign up for a class.

Sincerely,

Laurie K. Nilsen  
Tiburon Peninsula Office of Emergency Services

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Marin Commission on Aging Addresses Disaster Preparedness

**Thursday, July 9, 10-11 a.m.**

**Marguerita Johnson Senior  
Center  
640 Drake Avenue  
Marin City, CA 94965**



"Support a Marin-Ready Neighborhood"

By attending this presentation, participants will:

- Learn about current best practices for community emergency preparedness, especially for vulnerable populations
- Appreciate the importance and need for community planning
- Find out how to get involved in disaster preparedness efforts in your own community.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting!

Sincerely,

Fran Wilson,  
Tiburon Representative

Marin Commission on Aging

## The Summer Fun Continues Downtown...

**Next Up:  
Friday, July 31  
6 - 9 p.m.**

Our next Friday Nights on Main is La Dolce Vita!

Main Street will become an Italian Piazza and we will celebrate the good life, Tiburon style.

Be sure to bring your out-of-towners and join your friends and neighbors for the next wonderful evening in downtown Tiburon.

Sincerely,

Melanie Haddad, Executive Director  
Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

# 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](http://www.tiburonchamber.org)

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## 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. - July 1 and July 15.

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

**Planning Commission:** Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - July 8 and July 22.

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

**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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