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September 30, 2015

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Most of you are already aware from our Special Bulletins that there was an armed robbery in Tiburon last week. Due to the importance of this issue to our residents, I have asked Chief of Police Michael Cronin to provide an update on the situation. He also offers steps you can take to improve your safety and that of your family.

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran

Recent Crime

On September 21 a residential robbery occurred on Reed Ranch Road by a masked man armed with a handgun. The following night there was a similar robbery in Sausalito - we believe by the same person. The perpetrator was described as being 5'6" to 5'8", of slight build and possibly Hispanic. Earlier this year there were also several burglaries of homes in the Reedlands and Bel Aire neighborhoods. The burglar was arrested by TPD and remains in custody.

The TPD's investigation into the robbery has now identified an individual we believe may be responsible for our case and the Sausalito robbery. The individual was staying and working in Tiburon on September 21 and 22; we have reliable information that he has now left the area and is in another known California location far from Tiburon. At this point we do not have enough evidence for an arrest, but this development opens new avenues of inquiry we are pursuing.

This past Monday night, I met with members of several homeowners associations to talk about crime in their neighborhoods and what residents and the police can do about it. Since the robbery, TPD has more than doubled the number of officers on duty during periods of the day we believe pose the greatest risk of a reoccurrence, a response we feel is

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appropriate for now. Longer-term strategies will work best with the participation of residents both in the prevention and investigation of crime.

Staying Safe in Tiburon

Prevention is centered on the idea of making your home harder to rob or burglarize. Homes are frequently attacked from the rear, out of sight from the street. Criminals often access the rear of homes through unlocked gates. That was true in the robbery case where the perpetrator then entered the house through an unlocked door.

Alarm systems are an obvious choice for protection and they work best when accompanied by signs on the property announcing their presence. Take a look at yours if you have one. Some alarm systems tie up your phone line to contact your vendor when they activate. If you are home when it goes off, this may prevent you from calling 911 so consider a second line or use your cell phone to call 911 if you have good service from your home.

A potential problem with using a cell phone for an emergency call is where the call actually rings. Depending on the cell site location, some calls get routed to the CHP so pay attention when the call is answered. If someone says "California Highway Patrol - what's your emergency", or something similar, tell them to transfer you to the Tiburon Police Department. The call will then be routed to the Marin County Communications Center which will dispatch the TPD. Be prepared to give your address, too, for unlike a call from a land line, a call from a cell phone does not indicate your home address.

Exterior lighting helps but, to be a good neighbor and reduce light pollution, putting exterior lights on a motion detector is a good idea. The added benefit is that the light may serve to alert your neighbors to a problem and it may deter a would-be burglar.

Neighborhood Watch programs stress that you, and your neighbors, are the most important resource for preventing crime. Almost every crime or criminal is seen by someone but people don't immediately realize that's what they're looking at. You know what's "usual" and what's "unusual" in your neighborhood. You don't have to wait until you see someone with a ski mask and a pry bar going into your neighbor's yard to call the police. We don't mind being called and we'd much rather check something out tonight that turns out to be nothing than investigate a burglary or robbery tomorrow.

Please remember that there are only a handful of police working at any one time, making the likelihood of them stumbling onto a crime in progress in a marked patrol car remote. If you're uncomfortable calling 911 because you're not sure it's a bona fide emergency, call us on 415-789-2800. We'd rather take a call that's been delayed a few seconds than not get it all.

Home video security systems are also an effective measure, both for prevention and investigation. Even if you are not the victim, police often get useful images if your cameras happen to capture images on the street or sidewalk. We will be initiating a program over the next few weeks asking residents with video systems to register them with the Police Department. Following a crime, this will help us to quickly check nearby systems for evidence. Video captured by a homeowner's system last spring was the critical break in our investigation of several burglaries here and elsewhere in Marin.

A somewhat cheaper option than a video system is something called a "game camera". These are battery operated "stand alone" systems packaged in a watertight container. They are no bigger than a shoe box and are motion-activated. They can be set to capture still images or video and store them on an SD card. Game cameras can be moved easily, don't require an electrician and operate for months on one set of batteries. They are available from sporting goods stores for as little as \$60 or \$70.

Our own Automated License Plate Reader System is being checked but it may not yield anything if the owner of the car has no criminal history. Meanwhile, it has helped us determine the comings and goings of the person of interest in the robbery. Once we identify a suspect, it will help our case if we have camera evidence that demonstrates he was on the peninsula.

So please: lock your gates and, most importantly, any doors to your home. If you see anything suspicious, don't hesitate to call the Police Department or 911. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

Michael Cronin,
Chief of Police

NEWS BRIEFS

RICHARDSON BAY WATERS CLOSE FOR ANNUAL BIRD MIGRATION



Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary waters close to motorized and human-powered boats starting October 1. Annual closure from October 1 through March 31 protects important migratory bird species that use the bay for over-wintering. View a public service video [here](#).

The annual closure is mandated by an ordinance of Marin County's Richardson Bay Regional Agency. **No boats or watercraft--including non-motorized boats such as kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and sailboats--are allowed** in sanctuary waters during this critical season for migratory birds. Violators may be fined by the Marin County Sheriff's Department.

Approximately 900 acres of bay waters are covered by the ordinance, extending south from the edge of the Cove housing complex to the tip of Strawberry Point, east to Belvedere and north to Blackie's Pasture. Audubon manages this area as a wildlife sanctuary, primarily focused on waterbirds. The sanctuary boundaries are designated by buoys and three permanent, marked pilings (black triangles on map above).

End of Season Celebration

Mark your calendars, too, to celebrate the waterbirds of San Francisco Bay. Audubon Center will be holding its 3rd Annual Waterbird Festival on February 6, 2016. There will be field trips, speakers and exhibits, many of which will be free to the public.

About Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary

The Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary is located in Marin County. Primarily a Sanctuary providing habitat for migratory waterbirds and other wildlife, it also engages the community through conservation, restoration and education. More information is available on our [website](#).

Sincerely,

Kerry Wilcox, Waterbird Program Manager
Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary
kwilcox@audubon.org
415-388-2524

COMMUNITY EVENTS



M A R I N C O U N T Y
SUPERVISOR
KATE SEARS

SEA LEVEL RISE: A Community Conversation

Thursday, October 8 - 5:30 p.m.
Mill Valley Community Center
180 Camino Alto
Mill Valley, CA 94941

You're invited to a community conversation on sea level rise and adaptation strategies in Marin on October 8.

The virtual reality "OWL" sea level rise pilot project has come to a close and the "OWLS" (optical viewers along the Mill Valley-Sausalito multi-use path) have flown away. The OWLS were there for four months and recorded almost 4,000 visitors, many of them under 15 years old.

A majority of respondents said they are concerned about flooding, climate change and sea level rise, and want to get involved.

Marin, our community engagement is impressive. Now that the pilot project on the multi-use path is over, you're invited to take the next step: a community conversation about what we learned and what's ahead.



We will discuss the Here-Now-Us "OWL" project, and explore ways to tackle solutions to sea level rise together, as a community. There are limited spaces available, so [RSVP](#) for the event today!

Sincerely,

Leslie Alden,
Aide to Supervisor Sears
415-473-7331

**Legislative
Update for 2016**

**Thursday, October 8
- 10 a.m.**

**San Geronimo
Community Center
6350 Sir Francis
Drake Boulevard
San Geronimo, CA 94963**



You're invited to a community forum with featured presenter, **State Senator Michael McGuire**, to hear about his vision and commitment to the concerns of older adults in our district. You can ask questions and find out how to actively participate in the legislative process, as well as find out about pending laws concerning senior issues.

The presentation will be followed by the Commission business meeting at 11:15 a.m. You are welcome to attend this public meeting, as well.

For more information, or to find out more about the Marin County Commission on Aging, call 415-473-7118, or visit the [website](#).

Sincerely,

Fran Wilson, Tiburon representative to the
Marin County Commission on Aging



Division of Social Services, Aging and Adult Services

TIBURON HALF MARATHON & 5K THIS WEEKEND



**Sunday, October 4 -
Tiburon Boulevard & Beach Road**

7 a.m. Start for Half Marathon

7:30 a.m. Start for 5K

8 a.m. 1/2 Mile Race for Kids

The Tiburon Half Marathon enters its third year, and its second year of sponsorship by Fitbit.

The event benefits the recreation programs of Belvedere and Tiburon, and Paul Newman's The Painted Turtle camp, part of Newman's Serious Fun Network that provides camps and programs for children with serious illnesses.

Expect some partial street closure in downtown Tiburon. On the Strawberry portion of the route, traffic will be slowed periodically over several hours, depending on the pace of the runners. There will be amplified announcements in the early morning, and music to cheer on the runners. The event will conclude by mid-day.

For more information, or to register for the race, visit the race [website](#). Come join the fun!

Sincerely,

Cathleen Andreucci, Director, The Ranch
Jason Jacobson, Event Organizer, Titanium Racing, Inc.

CONCERTS AT OLD ST. HILARY: Joe Warner Trio



Sunday, October 11, 4 p.m.
Old St. Hilary Landmark
201 Esperanza, Tiburon

**Park at Boardwalk Shopping Center and take the shuttle
30 minutes before the concert.**

The San Francisco-based Joe Warner Trio, featuring bassist and composer Marcus Shelby, will highlight the evolution of jazz piano music of the last 100 years. Expect to hear familiar and beloved pieces and many more that will become new favorites. Visit their [website](#) for a sample.

Tickets are available [online](#) at Brown Paper Bags, the Landmarks' office (415-435-1853), or Tiburon Town Hall. Prices are \$20, \$15 for seniors and those under 18; limited tickets at the door.

Presented by the Landmarks Society and the Tiburon Heritage & Arts Commission, with generous support from Bank of Marin.

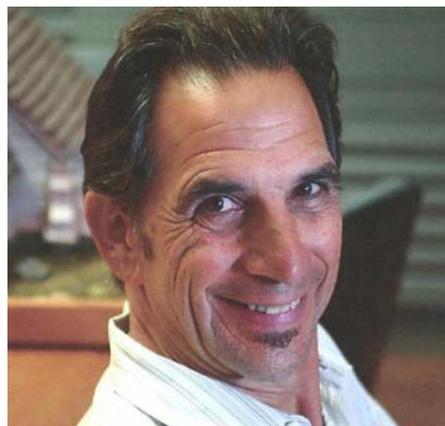
Sincerely,

Dave Gotz
Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society

TOWN HONORS DAVE GOTZ WITH HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD

Wednesday, October 21,
7:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers
1505 Tiburon Boulevard

The Town will honor Landmarks Archivist Dave Gotz with the 19th Annual Heritage Preservation Award at the Town Council meeting on October 21 at 7:30 p.m.



In the time Gotz has served Marin IJ Photo by Frankie Frost 8/9/15 the Town, he has uncovered a treasure of historical information, preserved documents, photos and artifacts, created art displays and original historical films, all of which provide us with a window to our remarkable history.

Please join us on October 21, as the Heritage & Arts Commission makes its formal presentation to Dave at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sincerely,

Town Staff

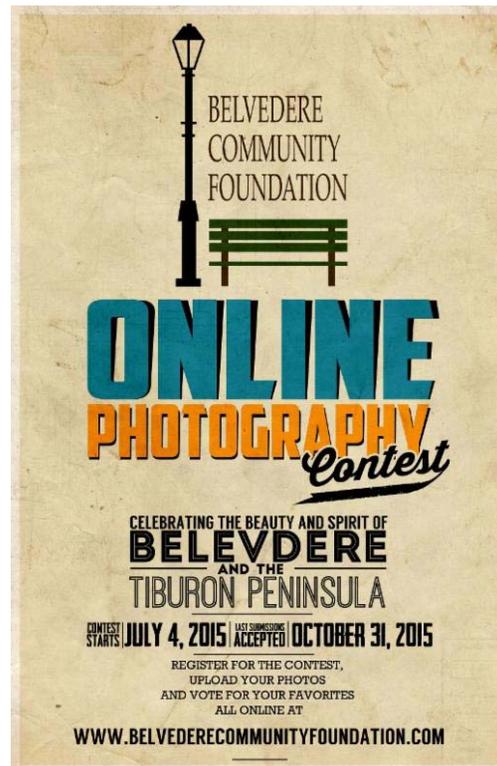
14th Annual Photography Contest

Belvedere Community Foundation Sponsors Online Digital Photography Contest

There's still time to enter!
We will accept entries for
this year's contest until
October 31, 2015.

Submit your work in one
of these categories:

- 1) Tiburon Peninsula Architecture
- 2) Tiburon Peninsula Events
- 3) Peninsula Wildlife
- 4) Views of the Tiburon and Belvedere Peninsula
- 5) People of the Tiburon Peninsula
- 6) Life in Tiburon and Belvedere (Entrants age 5 to 18)



There will be a People's Choice Award given to one photo in the contest. Any registered person can vote for what is, in their opinion, the best photo in each category.

Each winner will be acknowledged at the final awards event to be held at Belvedere City Hall on November 12.

Register [here](#).

Sincerely,

James Campbell,
415-309-0619

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. - October 7 meeting is cancelled; October 21.

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. - October 8 and October 22.

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - October 14 and October 28.

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town Hall Conference Room) - October 27.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. - next meeting is November 17.

Disaster Advisory Council: meets Quarterly at 4 p.m. - next meeting is Tuesday, October 20.

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

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