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## Community Forum on Building Permit Process

### The End of Summer

It is hard to believe how fast the weeks are speeding by. With school scheduled to start in just a few days and our sunsets beginning to come noticeably earlier, the end of Summer is certainly in sight. As we transition from camps and carefree summer vacations to



schoolbooks and bus schedules, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to an upcoming Town event and update you on the Tiburon Farmers Market.

### Community Forum on the Building Permit Process

Whether you are a Tiburon homeowner, a contractor doing business in Tiburon or an architect working with clients in Tiburon, we recognize the process of planning for and completing construction projects can be complicated, and at times confusing. Please join us on **Tuesday, August 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** at Tiburon Town Hall for a Community Forum focused on the Town of Tiburon's Building Permit process.

Over the past 2 years, there have been many changes in the Town's Building Division, including a complete turnover in staff and the introduction of new technologies to streamline the permit process. Our goal is to make the process as efficient, consistent and transparent as possible, while still fulfilling our legal obligation to ensure that work undertaken in Tiburon complies with all applicable codes and regulations for the safety of residents and others.

We believe the changes we have made are making the process easier, but we want to hear what you think. Holli Thier, a Tiburon resident and President of the Thier Group, an award winning consulting and construction management company, has graciously offered to facilitate the conversation.

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So please join us at Town Hall on **August 23, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, and share with us your thoughts, concerns and constructive suggestions for improvement. If you cannot make it on the 23rd, but would like to share your thoughts with us, please feel free to email [Scott Anderson](#).

We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd, or hearing from you via email.

### **Tiburon Farmers Market**

We are excited about how well the Tiburon Farmers Market has been doing and hope you have made it a regular part of your Thursday afternoon routine. We have experienced steady attendance, which has attracted a diverse group of vendors offering a nice mix of fresh fruits and veggies along with a host of delicious prepared foods. For those of you who have not had an opportunity to experience the market, it will be continuing every Thursday, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. until October 27.

This week, the market coincides with the first day of school in the Reed Union School District. Come celebrate the first day back to school by bringing the whole family down to Main Street to join the fun, and to pick up some healthy, delicious food for dinner. While you are there, stop by the Chamber of Commerce booth at either 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. to see a food demo from one of our fine local chefs!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Greg Chanis  
Town Manager

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

### **SCHOOL IS STARTING: DRIVE SAFELY, PLEASE!**

School is starting again so it's a good time for a reminder about safe driving. During the school year, the Police Department pays particular attention to the areas around school sites and we are more aggressive about enforcement than we typically are.



We will be very happy if we never have to write anyone a citation because that means no one was endangered by a careless act. To prevent these dangerous situations, our Department would like to bring some of the more common problems to your attention.

**1. Distracted driving** is at the top of the list, the most common example being cell phone use while driving. Talking on cell phones is a distraction but as long as it is "hands free" and the driver is

over 18, it's not a violation.

**2. Texting is a violation** for everyone and carries a fine including penalty assessments and fees totaling about \$140. It doesn't result in a "point" on your driving record but you may be cited for the more serious violation of Unsafe Speed depending on the circumstances. Section 22350 of the California Vehicle Code (called "Unsafe Speed") is applied in circumstances where the driver is operating a motor vehicle at a speed unsafe for the surrounding conditions. For instance, if you're texting, or even reading your email while driving, particularly where children are present, your safe speed is 0 mph so you may be cited for this section. Fines range from \$360-\$500.

**3.** Another problem is **overtaking a school bus** that is loading or unloading children. If the bus is stopped and the red stop sign is displayed, cars in both directions must stop and remain stopped until the sign is retracted by the bus driver.

The only exception to this is on portions of the roadway where the lanes are divided like they are on Tiburon Boulevard west of Blackie's Pasture and some downtown portions between Main Street and Mar West. Cars on the opposite side of the divider do not have to stop but should be especially alert. Fines for this violation are in excess of \$690. We had a lot of complaints about this last year and will be focusing more attention on it this year.

**4.** Other problems we see are parents in cars **blocking the driveways** of residences **near schools** when picking up or dropping off their kids.

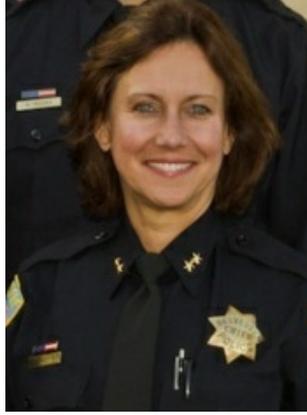
**5.** Up next are those who **double or even triple park** allowing children to enter the roadway between cars.

**6. Jaywalking** is another issue and a bad habit to teach children.

The common excuse for any of these behaviors is usually something about getting to school on time. We know that's important, but we don't think anyone believes it is more important than the safety of your child, or someone else's child.

Most of these problems can be addressed by leaving a little earlier or, better yet, by putting your child on a school bus.

School buses are the safest way to get kids to school. The buses will be much more reliable this year thanks to the introduction of new technology and other improvements that have been made over the Summer. The cost is half what it used to be and a real bargain when compared to the hassle of driving, particularly if it results in a traffic fine.



Sincerely,  
Chief Mike Cronin, Tiburon Police Department and  
Chief Trish Seyler, Belvedere Police Department

### **PUBLIC WORKS CORNER: Another Road Project!**

Thank you all for your cooperation during the slurry seal project this summer. A special shout out to the folks on Mateo Drive for working with us when their street was delayed one day.



### **Blackfield Drive Crossing - Improvements for Bikes and Pedestrians**

Soon, we will begin a project to enhance the bicycle and pedestrian crossing at Blackfield Drive and Tiburon Boulevard. We initially intended to complete this project during the summer break holiday, but delays in getting our Caltrans permit have made that impossible. However, this is an important project for the safety of school children and we are moving forward despite the less than ideal schedule.

We anticipate construction will begin around the **beginning of September**. There will be some traffic delays.

To ameliorate traffic disruptions, major traffic control (such as lane closures on Tiburon Boulevard) will be restricted to the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The work is expected to take approximately one month to complete.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we work to make this intersection safer for our children.

Sincerely,

Patrick Barnes  
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

## CONCERTS AT OLD ST. HILARY'S LANDMARK -

Hiroya Tsukamoto

**Sunday, August 21, 4:00 PM**

**201 Esperanza, Tiburon**

A one of a kind composer, guitarist and singer-songwriter from Kyoto, Japan presents a hypnotic blend of folk, jazz and world music.

"His music is earthy, organic and an amalgam of elements imported from diverse genres. Hiroya Tsukamoto plays with fluid mastery, pristine tone, and great warmth."



Watch a captivating performance by Hiroya on [his website](#).

**Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for under-18 and seniors).** Advance purchase is available at the Landmarks Office, Tiburon Town Hall, and Brown Paper [Tickets](#). Tickets are also available at the door if not sold out in advance, starting at 3:30 p.m.

**There is no parking at Old St. Hilary's.** Please park at the Boardwalk Shopping Center, 1550 Tiburon Blvd. and take a shuttle to the concert. Shuttle service begins at 3:30 p.m.

More information is available on our [website](#) or call 415-435-1853.

Sincerely,

Dave Gotz

Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society

## FRIDAY NIGHTS ON MAIN - Two Nights Left!



**August 26, 6-9 p.m. Neon Velvet on Main**

The ultimate modern rock dance band.

**September 30, 6-9 p.m.**

**Firefighter's Diamond Jubilee**

Celebrate 75 years of service to our town with a great street party.

For more information, call the Tiburon Chamber at 415-435-5633, or visit our [website](#). We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Melanie Haddad, Executive Director  
Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

## And Don't Miss The Return of Some of Our Favorite Fall Events

### **Belvedere-Tiburon Labor Day Parade**

**Sunday, September 4**

**1 PM Lineup / 2 PM Parade**

Join us for the 2016 Annual Labor Day Parade! This year's theme is *Under the Sea*.

Our hometown parade boasts live bands with a variety of music, antique cars and creative floats, and entries from your favorite local organizations.

Bring the family and enjoy the fun! The parade route starts at the corner of Tiburon Boulevard and Lagoon Road and continues down Main Street and Beach Road, ending at Belvedere Land Company Park between the San Francisco Yacht Club and the Belvedere Land Company.

For more information about the parade and how to get involved and volunteer, please visit The Ranch's [website](#) or call 415-435-4355.

### **Blackie's Hay Day**

**Saturday, September 24, 10 AM - 4 PM**

**Blackie's Pasture**



Get your Blackie's Hay Day [tickets](#) now and support the children and teen programs at the Library.

Blackie's Hay Day is great fun for families with kids. It's an old-fashioned country fair held every year in the Fall at Blackie's Pasture. Come out and enjoy some wonderful activities, rides, entertainment and food!

The event is organized by the Bookmarks volunteers.

### **Tiburon Taps Beer Festival**

**Saturday, September 24, 1 - 4 PM**

**Shoreline Park**

Join us for the third annual Tiburon Taps Beer Festival, in our new location at beautiful Shoreline Park.

[Tickets](#) are on sale now: General Admission is \$45 and Designated Driver is \$20. Proceeds support the recreation programs and scholarships for The Ranch.

## Belvedere-Tiburon Golf Tournament

**Thursday, September 15 at San Geronimo Golf Club**



Register at our [website](#) under "Events", and get in Free to Tiburon Taps Beer Festival on Saturday, September 24!

All proceeds benefit The Ranch and the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society.

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## Tiburon Farmers Market

**Thursdays through October 27  
3 - 7 PM Downtown/Main Street**

For most of us, Summer means shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables, and dining al fresco. You can do all of these things at the Tiburon's Farmers Market on Thursday afternoons through October 27.



Main Street is closed to traffic from 3 to 7 p.m., and the street is filled with a variety of vendors offering farm fresh produce, delicious prepared foods and handmade arts and crafts. Bring your shopping bag and we'll see you at the market!

Coming soon! A Project Envisioned by Tiburon Artist Laureate Jaleh Etemad As Her Gift to the Community

"I REMEMBER  
WHEN..."  
Photographs with  
Meaning

## and Special Memories of the Tiburon Peninsula History

Throughout her four-year term, Tiburon Artist Laureate Jaleh Etemad has contributed her time and energy with special workshops, free art classes and presentations. She now caps her tenure with a project of great merit to our Town - An artistic representation of oral history, gleaned through personal interviews with 36 Tiburon residents who have helped to shape, steer, and witness time passing in the Town of Tiburon.



Photo by Diane Smith

Jaleh asked these residents for memories that were significant to the town in some way; things they value in retrospect, or things that have been lost from the "old days". Their most striking and intimate memories have been combined with photos of the person in their environment to produce a rich and entertaining story. The exhibit will hang from September 1 - October 29, 2016.

**A Public Reception is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, from 4-7 p.m. at the Tiburon Town Council Chambers.**

Please join Jaleh for this unique celebration. For more information, contact 415-435-7373.

Sincerely,

Patti Pickett, Staff Liaison  
Heritage & Arts Commission

## 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. - August 3 and August 17, 2016.

**Design Review Board:** First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. - August 4 and August 18, 2016.

**Planning Commission:** Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30

p.m. - August 10 and August 24, 2016.

***Heritage & Arts Commission:*** Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
(Town Hall Conference Room) - August 23, 2016.

***Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission:*** Third Tuesday  
every other month at 6 p.m. - September 20, 2016.

***Disaster Advisory Council:*** Quarterly meetings at 4 p.m. The  
next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

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

***Tiburon Talk***

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