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## Trestle Trail Project on the Old Rail Trail

All of us who have the good fortune to live in Tiburon, along with those with the good sense to pay us a visit, know that Tiburon offers numerous opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Hiking Old St. Hilary's Open Space Preserve (or other ridgetop open spaces), strolling along the waterfront, or spending time on Angel island all come to mind, but one of my favorite activities in Tiburon is simply traveling the Old Rail Trail which stretches from Blackie's Pasture to Mar West Street near Town Hall.



### Trestle Trail Project

On any given day, and especially on weekends, the Old Rail Trail is filled with residents and visitors enjoying this beautiful waterside path. Whether walking, jogging or biking, it is sometimes easy to forget the significance of the path in Tiburon's history. Well, a group of volunteers want to change that by constructing what will be called "The Trestle Trail".

Between 1884 and 1967, a countless number of trains traveled to and from Tiburon, carrying freight and passengers as far North as Eureka. Heading towards Tiburon, and after exiting a tunnel located near the area now known as Belveron, these trains would travel over a 565-foot wooden trestle before rumbling along Richardson Bay to the terminus of the railroad, which was located where the Railroad Depot Museum (Donahue Building) stands today.

Next time you are driving in or out of Tiburon and are going around the sweeping curve at the intersection of Trestle Glen Avenue, look towards Blackie's Pasture and you will see a dozen old timbers at the end of an earthen berm. These weathered timbers represent all that remains of the majestic trestle which once stood in this location.

The Trestle Trail project involves constructing a 600-foot accessible walkway, leading from the existing Old Rail Trail to the

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end of the berm overlooking the remaining timbers. The design of the walkway will evoke images of the railroad track that once ran along the berm. At the end of the walkway, a 40-foot section of actual railroad track will be built, primarily with material salvaged during the construction of SMART, the commuter rail line that will soon provide passenger service from Santa Rosa to San Rafael.

The fundraising effort for the project has already garnered support from The Town of Tiburon, City of Belvedere, Belvedere Community and Tiburon Peninsula Foundations, and many others. To learn more about the many ways you can become part of making this exciting project a reality, please visit the [website](#).

Sincerely,

Greg Chanis  
Town Manager

## NEWS BRIEFS

### **WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT? Information for Homeowners and Contractors**



The Town's Building Forum on Tuesday, August 23 was well attended by residents, homeowners and other interested parties.

One suggestion that came out of the meeting was to make permit information (i.e., when do I need a permit? and what do I need a permit

for?) more widely available to townspeople. Here is a synopsis of a hand-out we created especially to answer these questions.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED** (Single Family Dwellings)

All new installations listed below require permits. Permits for replacement items, if required, are also indicated.

The following is only a partial list and other items that are not listed may require a permit.

#### **Building permits**

- \* Bathroom remodels
- \* Kitchen remodels
- \* Carports and garages
- \* Patio covers/trellises
- \* Patio enclosures/Sunrooms
- \* Storage sheds
- \* Storage lofts
- \* Decks/porches/landings
- \* Stairs
- \* Retaining walls/garden walls
- \* Fences
- \* Garage conversions to living space
- \* Room additions

- \* Roofing
- \* Doors and windows (added or replaced)
- \* Skylights
- \* In-ground pools/spas
- \* Termite/dry-rot repair
- \* Siding
- \* Antennas/satellite dishes

### **Mechanical permits**

- \* Air conditioning systems
- \* Central vacuum systems
- \* Kitchen hoods
- \* Duct installations
- \* Exhaust fans
- \* Furnaces/heating units
- \* Ventilation systems
- \* Wood/pellet stoves and inserts

### **Plumbing Permits**

- \* Bathtubs/showers, bidets, sinks/lavatory
- \* Gas piping
- \* Irrigation systems
- \* Sewer ejectors/lift pumps
- \* Solar water heating systems
- \* Water heaters (includes tankless)
- \* Water softeners
- \* Sump pumps
- \* Water piping
- \* Radiant floor systems (water heated)
- \* Pools and spa plumbing

### **Electrical permits**

- \* Service/sub panel (added or replaced)
- \* Roof/ground mounted solar systems
- \* Receptacles/branch circuits (added)
- \* Receptacles added for car chargers
- \* Lighting/branch circuits (added)
- \* Bonding paths around swimming pools
- \* All hard-wired appliances, water heaters, pool equipment, air conditioners, space heaters, clothes dryers, garbage disposals, spa/hot tubs, steam room equipment

The following is a list of projects that **do not require a permit:**

- \* Detached play structures that do not exceed 120 square feet in area or greater than 12 feet above grade and do not contain plumbing, electrical, or heating/cooling appliances;
- \* Painting, wall paper, tiling, carpeting, counter tops (that do not include sinks or lavatories), and similar finish work (wood flooring);
- \* Pre-fabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep; and
- \* Swings and other playground equipment

Please Note: Your homeowner's insurance policy may be voided if it is found that work was done without a required permit.

Please feel free to contact the Building Division at 435-7380 for more information.

Sincerely,

Clay Salzman, Building Official  
Department of Community Development

## **CITIZENS' VIEW SECURITY CAMERA PROGRAM**

The Tiburon Police Department is partnering with residents and business owners to help solve crime and keep our community safe.



Registering your business or personal surveillance camera may help deter crime and assist the Police Department in its overall crime prevention strategy.

Help the Tiburon Police protect your community by registering your surveillance cameras with the Citizens' View Security Camera Program. Registration is fast and simple.

### **How does it work?**

The Tiburon Police Department is committed to our partnership with residents and business owners. Many residents and business owners currently operate surveillance systems at their homes and/or businesses. As crimes occur nearby, they are not always aware that their system may have captured information that could help solve the crime. In turn, the police are also not always aware who may have this potentially vital information.

The Tiburon Police Department is asking residents and businesses around the Town to register their privately-owned surveillance camera systems. As the Police Department responds to criminal incidents in our community, they may be able to use the information or footage gathered from the security cameras to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of the criminals involved.

### **What are the benefits of registering your camera?**

The Citizens' View Security Program will help the Police Department to quickly identify nearby cameras that may have captured criminal activity. After registering your camera, you would only be contacted by the Tiburon Police if there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your security camera. Police personnel, if necessary, may request to view your camera footage in order to assist in the investigation.

### **Keep your Town safe!**

If your residence or business has a security camera system, you can help the police investigate and solve crimes by registering your camera [online](#). You can also email [Captain Tricia Seyler](#), or call (415) 789-2801, for more information.

Help make Tiburon an undesirable place for criminals to commit crime and keep your entire community safe!

Sincerely,

Laurie Nielsen  
Tiburon Police Department

## Help Tiburon Take Action on Climate Change



Tiburon and Marin's other municipalities are doing their part to assist California's effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). By meeting the goals in Tiburon's Climate Change Plan, the Town will do its part to address the consequences of unchecked climate change. Because 60% of GHG emissions in Marin come from residential uses, it's important for everyone to pitch in.

To assist in meeting its goals, Tiburon is encouraging residents to participate in the Resilient Neighborhoods Program (RN) that has helped over 250 Marin households reduce 2.85 million pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> throughout the county.

People learn there are simple things they can do to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. One of the easiest, yet most important actions is to make a phone call to either Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), or Marin Clean Energy (MCE). Give them your account number and tell them you want to upgrade to 100% renewable electricity. It takes only 5 minutes and will cost the average homeowner \$5 for MCE and \$17 for PG&E more a month. From then on, every time anyone flips on a light or turns on the TV, the electricity will come from the sun or wind creating no carbon pollution.

The Resilient Neighborhoods Program has been effective because it's done in a team of five or more households. Each household goes on a 'low-carbon' diet to reduce 5,000 pounds (of emissions) in 60 days. Team members attend free, fun, facilitated meetings. They start the program by calculating their household carbon footprint and then take actions to reduce it. The actions involve simple changes--how we get places, how we use energy and water, how much we waste and even what we purchase and eat. The program also includes actions on emergency preparedness and supporting local business and agriculture.

Teams can be made up of neighbors, or a group of congregants in a place of worship. It could be members of a book or service club or co-workers who meet during their lunch hour. The program can also be taken as a class at the Mill Valley Public Library or San Rafael Community Center.

To sign up or learn more, visit the Resilient Neighborhoods [website](#), or contact [Tamra Peters](#). To see how Tiburon's current carbon footprint compares with other Marin municipalities, go to Marin

Sincerely,

Kyra O'Malley, Associate Planner

Town representative to Marin Climate and Energy Partnership

## **RICHARDSON BAY WATERS CLOSED FOR ANNUAL BIRD MIGRATION**



### **Appeal to Local Boating Community**

The Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary is asking the local boating community for their help to protect the tens of thousands of migratory ducks, grebes, loons and shorebirds that use the Bay during winter.

**Sanctuary waters are closed each year to all boat traffic and in-water activities** (including kayaks & stand-up paddleboards **from October 1st through March 31st**. It is important to stay outside of the sanctuary boundaries while on the water.

### **Sanctuary Boundaries**

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

This seasonal closure is unique in San Francisco Bay and provides an important safe space for waterbirds. Just one small boat or paddleboard moving through a flock can cause the needless loss of energy reserves for the birds as they flee.

Some of these species, including Surf Scooters and Lesser Scaup, are known to be declining, and over-winter health can be a critical

factor in determining breeding success for these birds upon the return to their nesting grounds.

### **Enforcement by Marin County Sheriff**

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

### **Waterbird Festival - 2017**

The Center will be holding its 4th Annual Waterbird Festival on January 21, 2017 celebrating the waterbirds of San Francisco Bay. There will be field trips, speakers and exhibits, many of which will be free to the public.

More information is available on our [website](#).

Sincerely,

Kerry Wilcox  
Waterbird Program Manager  
Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **CONCERTS AT OLD ST. HILARY'S LANDMARK Frequent 49 - Wind and Piano Quintet**

**Sunday, October 16, 4 p.m.**

**Old St. Hilary's Landmark**

**201 Esperanza, Tiburon**

Dear Friends and Music Lovers,

This Sunday we have the pleasure of presenting Frequency 49, a world class group of musicians whose woodwinds and piano will be a splendid match for the great acoustics of Old St. Hilary's. They will be presenting exciting contemporary works including a world premiere with the composer in attendance. Come and enjoy this fine music with us.

**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.

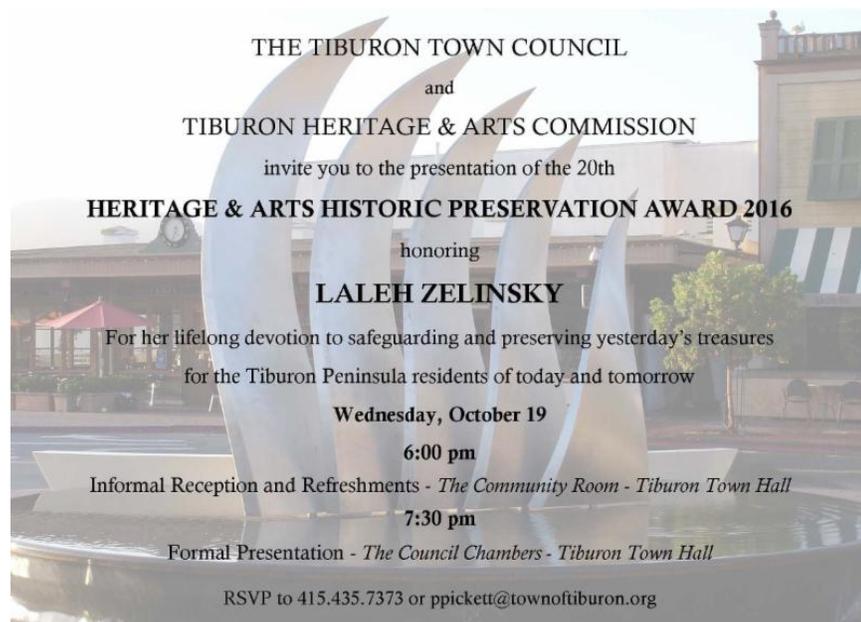
More information is available on our [website](#) or call 415-435-1853.

And don't miss our final concert of the year -- a Holiday performance by the women's vocal ensemble, Musae.

Sincerely,

Dave Gotz  
Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society

## HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD



**Wednesday, October 19**  
**6 p.m. - Community Room**  
**7:30 p.m. - Town Council Chambers**  
**1505 Tiburon Boulevard**  
**Tiburon CA 94920**

The 20th Annual Heritage Preservation Award will be presented to Laleh Zelinsky on October 19 at Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend the reception at 6 p.m., as well as the formal presentation at the Council meeting, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact 415-435-7373.

Sincerely,

Patti Pickett, Staff Liaison  
Heritage & Arts Commission

## Special Fall Events

## **BOO BASH and Movie Night in the Park**

**Saturday, October 22**

**Downtown Main Street 5-7 p.m.**

**and**

**Belvedere Community Park from**

**6-9 p.m.**

Join us for a Trick or Treat parade, starting on Main Street and ending in Belvedere Community Park, for a special Movie Night in the Park.

Bring us your carved pumpkins so that we can line the streets from Tiburon to Belvedere!

For more information, visit The Ranch's [website](#).



## **Tiburon Farmers Market**

**Thursdays through October 27**

**3 - 7 PM Downtown/Main Street**

Take advantage of the final weeks of 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.

## **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. - October

5 and October 19, 2016.

**Design Review Board:** First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. - October 6 and October 20, 2016.

**Planning Commission:** Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - October 12 and October 26, 2016.

**Heritage & Arts Commission:** Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (Town Hall Conference Room) - October 25, 2016.

**Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission:** Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. - November 15, 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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