#### Town of Tiburon Newsletter | June 2019 Edition



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## A Word from the Town Manager

With temperatures in the 80's and 90's for a few days, and the end of school just around the corner, I think it is fair to say summer is on everyone's mind. I'm sure many of you are busy preparing your family's summer plans or kids' camp schedules, and the thought of planning for the next school year is likely not at the top of your priority list. However, I am writing to remind you that school bus passes for the next year are now on sale, and ask you to take a few moments and purchase your passes now, as some routes are already filling up.



As many of you know, the Town, along with our partners in Belvedere and the Reed Union School District, have been operating the Yellow Bus Challenge Program (YBCP) for five years now. This program is widely credited with significantly reducing traffic on Tiburon Boulevard during school bell times. We are proud, not only of YBCP's success, but also that it has provided the stimulus for a broader discussion about yellow school bus programs county-wide. We are pleased to report this conversation is beginning to produce real results. Due to the success of our program, and our advocacy on this issue, the Transportation Authority of Marin has agreed to allocate a portion of the recently approved Measure AA funding to yellow bus programs county-wide, including ours

In the current year, we implemented several changes in an effort to improve the program, including:

- Implementation of a driver incentive program to reward drivers that demonstrate excellent work attendance.
- All new buses for our program starting in October/November 2018, with the goal
  of reducing delays related to mechanical breakdowns, and increasing rider safety
  as the new buses are equipped with seat belts for every child.

These investments in our program are paying off, as the number of service delays and cancellations we experienced this year were over 60% less than the prior year.

Looking ahead to the upcoming school year, we are working hard with Marin Transit and our service provider First Student, to implement additional changes that will make the service even more reliable, user-friendly, and efficient. Improvements we are making to

the program include:

- Providing additional funding for the Driver Incentive Program.
- Instituting a payment plan option for the purchase of bus passes.
- Replacing our existing "Find My Bus" mobile app with a more sophisticated and
  intuitive app from First Student called "First View". Information on this new app,
  and instructions on how to download and use it, will be provided to pass-holders
  prior to the beginning of the school year in August.

We are happy to report that passes for the upcoming school year will remain unchanged from the current year and are priced at \$315 per one-way pass and went on sale on May 20. Several of the routes are close to selling out, so if you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to purchase your passes for the new school year.

#### Purchase Your Bus Passes for 2019-20 Here

Pass sales are predicted to cover only half of the cost of running the buses. So even if you do not use the program, but absolutely love the positive effect it has on traffic reduction, you can support the effort by making a tax-deductible donation to help the program succeed. You can donate by credit card by clicking the button below.

### Donate to the Yellow Bus Challenge Program

If you would prefer to donate by check, please make it payable to **Traffic Relief JPA**, and send it to the following address:

Tiburon Peninsula Traffic Relief JPA
Tiburon Town Hall
1505 Tiburon Boulevard
Tiburon, CA 94920

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support of this important program, and hope you all enjoy these final few days of the school year before beginning your summer adventures.

Sincerely,

Greg Chanis Town Manager



## **Upcoming Road Closures**

Tiburon Public Works is in full summer maintenance season, working to keep our streets, parks and facilities in excellent condition for all to enjoy.

The Town of Tiburon, and other neighboring agencies, have roadwork planned that may impact traffic in Town.

This work has been planned to take place while local schools are on summer break to minimize those traffic impacts. Most work will take place from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Click the button below for specific closures and roads affected.

Please drive safely. Construction activity close to the road can be very distracting. You should always:

- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway. Signs and work zone flaggers save lives.
- Merge early.
- Avoid distractions. Do not change the radio station or use your mobile phone in the work zone. Keep an eye out for workers and equipment.
- Don't speed. This is the #1 contributing factor to work zone crashes.
- · Allow ample space between your vehicle and the car in front of you.
- Be patient. The work zone crew members are working to improve your community.

More Info: Upcoming Road Closures

# Tiburon Chipper Day at Blackie's Pasture

The Tiburon Fire Protection District, Tiburon Volunteer Fire Department and the Tiburon Public Works Deparatment are co-sponsoring a Chipper Event on July 13 (8AM - 4PM) at Blackie's Pasture.

Residents can bring their vegetation cuttings and "slash" to Blackie's Pasture to be piled for chipper removal courtesy of Tiburon Public Works staff & equipment.



Vehicles are to dump the cuttings in the assigned area with direction from the Tiburon Volunteer Fire Department members and only need to indicate the address from where the cut vegetation was removed. This information is used to track compliance efforts and target tonnage removal.

In an effort to meet the Marin County Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan's goal to remove overgrowth and create Defensible Space for residents of the Peninsula, this event serves to continue to make our area better protected against wildfire.

For more information on this event, visit www.tiburonfire.org or call (415) 435-7207.

#### PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs - Will you be ready?

PG&E is implementing additional precautionary measures to help reduce the risk of wildfires. If extreme fire danger conditions threaten a portion of the electric system serving a community, PG&E feels it may be necessary to turn off the electricity in the interest of public safety.

Prior to turning off electricity, PG&E will send notifications to customers so the shutoffs will not be a surprise. Last year during times of high fire threat, many areas experienced Public Safety Power Shutoffs, which in some cases resulted in multiple days without electricity.



Are you prepared to be without power for several days? Do you know how to open your garage door manually? Do you have good kits that have non perishable foods, light sources such as flashlights and battery operated

lanterns? Do you have medical devices that require electricity?

For information on how to build a kit, make a plan, and what local resources are available on our Peninsula, attend the next **Get Ready 94920** class on **June 27**, **2019 (3PM - 5PM) at the Tiburon Police Department**. To sign up, call Laurie Nilsen at (415)789-2805.

Additional information on the PG&E Power Safety Shutoff is available here.

# Vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions

The Town is accepting applications and letters of interest from Tiburon residents that would like to serve their community. If you have ever desired to play a part in local decision making, or are passionate about local issues, consider applying for one of the following vacancies:



#### Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Board of Trustees

Deadline to Apply: June 20, 2019 at 5 PM

Design Review Board

Deadline to Apply: July 9, 2019 at 5PM

Heritage & Arts Commission

Deadline to Apply: Until filled

Interested applicants should provide letters of interest, resumes and <u>applications</u> outlining their qualifications and reasons for interest in the position.

Please send application packages to:
Lea Stefani
Tiburon Town Hall
1505 Tiburon Boulevard
Tiburon, CA 94920
Istefani@townoftiburon.org

## Citizens' View Security Camera Program

The Town of Tiburon has a voluntary security camera registration program.

If you have a security camera, particularly one that captures the street or sidewalk near your residents, you can help us protect your neighborhood.



You can register your security camera with the Tiburon Police Department, and let us look at your recordings if a crime occurs in your neighborhood. Tiburon Police and many other local law enforcement agencies have been able to solve crimes based on images captured by privately owned security cameras.

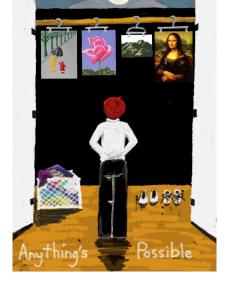
Click Here to Register

The Tiburon Heritage & Arts Commission is seeking entries from local artists who have been hiding their creative talents. This is your opportunity to receive the recognition you deserve!

Selected artwork will be part of an exhibit and a reception held in the Tiburon Town Hall Gallery.

For more information on how to apply, contact Patti Pickett at (415)435-7373 or ppickett@townoftiburon.org.

The deadline to apply is July 15, 2019. The exhibition will be shown at Town Hall in September and October of 2019.



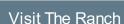
First time only showings please. The application is available here.

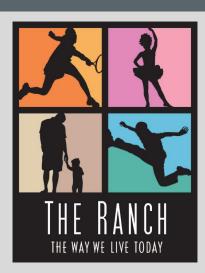
## Upcoming Events & Activities on the Peninsula

# Sign up for classes & fun events at the Ranch

The Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation Department ("The Ranch") offers year round classes, activities, summer camps and events for community members of all ages.

Sign up for a board game league, fitness class, language lesson, or one of the many community-wide annual events organized by the Ranch today!





For *all* the scoop on fun events and upcoming meetings on the Tiburon Peninsula, check out any of the following community events calendars:







Bel-Tib Library Community
Calendar

Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar destination: Tiburon Events Calendar

## **Upcoming Council & Commission Meetings**

### **Town Council**

Next Special Meeting: June 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM (Joint Meeting with Heritage & Arts)

Next Regular Meeting: June 19, 2019 at 7:30 PM

### Planning Commission

Next Meeting: June 26, 2019 at 7:30 PM

## **Design Review Board**

Next Meeting: June 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM

## Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission

Next Meeting: July 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM

## Heritage & Arts Commission

Next Special Meeting: June 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM (Joint Meeting with the Town

Council)

Next Regular Meeting: June 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM

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