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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



More on the Light Brown Apple Moth

The proposed aerial spraying of the light brown apple moth (often referred to as the LBAM) has been on a lot of minds lately. If you have been following this in the papers, you know that this little pest is native to Australia and is indiscriminating in its choice of vegetative foods: more that 2,000 plant species are known to be susceptible to it including ornamentals, food crops and California native plants.

To combat the LBAM, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has proposed a variety of methods, but the one that has many people concerned is the proposed aerial application of a pheromone compound. While technically classified as a pesticide because it has the potential to collapse a population of pests, pheromones do not kill the moths but instead disturb their mating process by mimicking the scent by which male months find females. Concern appears to be centered not so much on the pheromone itself, but the other inert ingredients that might be included in the spray or its delivery mechanism.

At the core of the LBAM controversy is the vast quantity of often contradictory information on whether the proposed aerial spraying poses a health or environmental hazard. The CDFA says it is safe; others dispute this assertion. While this sorts out, the Tiburon Town Council has joined the growing list of Marin and Bay Area communities calling for a moratorium on spraying unless and until the spraying is determined to be both safe and necessary. Marin Assembly member Jared Huffman is also involved in this process. His bill, AB 2765, would require publication of all ingredients in any spray, at least one public hearing to consider alternatives and certification of safety prior to spraying. This type of intervention to ensure safety is most viable at the state level, since spraying will ultimately be a state decision. Marin Supervisor Charles McGlashan is also tracking this issue closely on behalf of the county.

Learn about Marin Clean Energy

Detours and Road Closures

May 7, 2008 - Paradise Drive between Mar West and Centro East (closed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.)

May 8, 2008 - Paradise Drive between Centro East and Mar Centro (closed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.)

Detours will be provided.

May 8, 2008 - Esperanza Street between St. Hilary Church and Mar West Street (closed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.)
Emergency access only.

Call 435-7354 for more information.

On May 7, the Tiburon Town Council will hear a presentation from the Marin County Sustainability Director and others about a major renewable energy initiative under consideration by the County and all the incorporated cities within it. The proposal is called Marin Clean Energy (MCE). The very short story: it would create, under a provision in state law designed for this purpose, a local consortium for the purchase of renewable sources of electricity which, in turn, would be distributed through the existing PG&E network. The concept is to push Marin into a substantially higher renewable or 'green' energy profile than it would otherwise assume over the coming decades.

The Tiburon Town Council will need to decide later this year, probably in the fall, if the Town should join this effort. The May 7th presentation is designed to provide everyone with a greater understanding of the benefits and potential risks of the program for the community.

In addition to attending the presentation, interested parties will find a wealth of information at the Marin Clean Energy Website: www.marincleanenergy.info. For general info, download the MCE Brochure; for answers to some of the questions that have been floating around this topic for the last year, download the FAQ Handbook. For even more detail (for the policy wonks among you), download sections of the Business Plan, Renewable Resource Supply Plan, and the Peer Review. All are available on the County's website.

Tiburon Art Festival Returns

Last year, the Tiburon Art Festival made its debut on historic Ark Row, and what a great success it was! Juried by Kenneth Baker of The SF Chronicle and Lynn Orr, European Art curator for the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, it presented outstanding artwork for sale in a festive and charming atmosphere. This year, it is co-sponsored jointly by the Chamber of Commerce and the Bel-Tib Joint Recreation Committee, a great collaboration. I believe it is going to be even better than last year, so I encourage you to mark your calendars for the weekend of August 23 and 24. Read more about this year's festival in this issue of Tiburon Talk.

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran
Town Manager

Green Building: A Timely Topic



Green Building is a very popular concept right now, as concerns over global climate change, greenhouse gas emissions, carbon footprints, melting glaciers and ice caps are frequently heard in the news. More



and more local communities are adopting green building programs, and the Town of Tiburon is no

exception.

Earlier this year, the Town appointed a subcommittee of Town Council and Planning Commission members to provide policy direction to Town Staff in developing an appropriate green building program for Tiburon. While the program is still under development, the primary elements are likely to consist of the following:

Residential Construction

Green building standards for residential construction would be based on the Build-it Green green points rating system. This rating system has been adopted by the cities of Novato, San Rafael, and Larkspur in Marin County, and by numerous other local governments throughout the Bay Area. It establishes a standardized rating system for calculating how "green" a project is. Communities establish the total points required to be met by project type. New single family homes and total remodels would need to achieve higher green point totals than small additions. The Build-it Green point system is popular because it allows great flexibility for homeowners and builders in the construction materials and methods used to achieve the necessary green points.

Non-Residential Construction

Green building standards for commercial and other non-residential construction would be based on the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED[®]) Green Building Rating Systems, which provide different levels of green achievement such as certified, silver, gold and platinum. LEED certification is a more involved and demanding process, so larger commercial and other non-residential buildings would have higher standards of green achievement than smaller buildings.

Construction & Demolition Materials Recycling

The Town will likely upgrade its construction and demolition recycling requirements, which were established several years ago. This program ensures that when buildings are demolished, those materials that can be recycled are recycled rather than buried in a landfill.

Town of Tiburon Projects

The Town Council feels very strongly that the Town should take a leadership role and set examples by "greening" its own civic projects. Solar panels installed on the Town Hall roof a few years ago are one example. A new Public Works Corporation Yard, still in

the early planning stages, offers another opportunity for the Town to lead by example and be a model of green building technology.

Energy Efficiency in Larger Homes

The Town Council recently adopted enhanced energy efficiency standards in large homes. Any home larger than 3,500 square feet (no matter how large) must now use no more energy than a 3,500 square foot home. This requirement follows identical measures adopted by the County of Marin and the cities of San Rafael and Mill Valley.

Marin Climate & Energy Partnership (MCEP)

Tiburon is an active member of this joint effort of Marin municipalities and the County of Marin to establish and implement local climate action plans and goals. The mission of MCEP is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote long-term climate protection through the planning process, encourage "climate-friendly" goods and services, establishing Marin as a center for greenhouse gas-reducing technologies, and developing innovating financing strategies to promote greenhouse gas reduction strategies and technologies. Each party to this effort is analyzing its own community operations and characteristics to focus on the most effective and appropriate measures that can be taken locally to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In the long run, efforts by local government are only a small part of the larger picture of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and slowing global climate change. Every individual can make a difference by contributing to the effort. Fortunately, there is a tremendous amount of information available to the general public, in literature and on the internet, which can help us all be a little "greener".

Scott Anderson
Director of Community Development

NEWS BRIEFS

Town Receives Grant Funding to Improve Steps, Lanes & Paths



Thanks to the efforts of Town Engineer Nick Nguyen and Associate Planner Scott Phillips (shown at left), the County of Marin has awarded the Town \$350,000 in federal grant money from the non-motorized transportation pilot program (NMTTP) to improve steps, lanes and paths. Marin County is only one of four

communities nationwide that was selected for this pilot program, the purpose of which is to increase the use of bicycling and walking for everyday transportation and decrease motor vehicle usage. The other communities are Columbia, Missouri, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, and Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.

Staff has targeted several well-used Tiburon paths for this project: a) Raccoon Lane between Centro West and Mar West, b) Cayford Drive, and c) the steps and path connecting Jefferson Drive to Reed Ranch Road. The improvements are scheduled to be completed by September 2009.

For more information, contact Scott Phillips, Assistant Planner, sphillips@ci.tiburon.ca.us, or 435-7385.

Fire Season is coming--protect your home and property with vegetation management

Protect your home and property with vegetation management and creating a "defensible space."

Fire districts define this as the area that is the first 100 feet from your home. This is where you should modify the landscaping to give your house the best chance to survive on its own--and greatly improve the odds for firefighters who are defending your neighborhood.

The Tiburon Fire District performs annual vegetation management inspections. For more information or to schedule an assessment, please call Jessica Power at 435-7200 or e-mail her at jpower@tiburonfire.org.

Vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions

There are currently several vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions--Planning Commission (one vacancy), Design Review Board (one vacancy), the Belvedere-Tiburon Jt. Recreation Committee (two vacancies), and the new POST (Parks, Open Space and Trails) Commission. The POST commission will combine the duties of the Parks & Open Space Commission and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

To find out more about these vacancies, contact Town Clerk Diane Crane Iacopi at dcrane@ci.tiburon.ca.us, or call her at 435-7377.

To download an application, visit the town's website at www.ci.tiburon.ca.us, click on "Useful Forms," and look for the application to serve on a board or commission.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calling All Artists!

Artists, don't miss your chance to be awarded a coveted place in one of the Bay Area's most distinguished art gatherings and to offer your work to the discriminating buyers of Marin and its surrounding counties.



Preparations are now underway for the 2nd Annual Tiburon Art Festival, to be held August 23-24, 2008 on historic Ark Row. This year's event promises to be bigger, better and bolder than ever.

The Festival is pleased to announce it has joined forces with two noted Bay Area curators, providing our artists an opportunity to be juried by high profile experts and ensuring the Festival continues to distinguish itself as an art event of the highest caliber. Work will be judged by Philip Linhares, Chief Curator of Art at the Oakland Museum of California, and Alison Gass, Assistant Curator of Painting and Sculpture at SF MOMA. Gass has been curator for extraordinary events such as "New Work: Lucy McKenzie", a group exhibition on the theme of light in contemporary art, and this year's SECA Art Exhibition award. Linhares is currently working on exhibition projects which include a Greater Los Angeles painting survey and a retrospective of the installations and sculpture of Los Angeles artist, Michael C. McMillen.

Categories for the Festival include painting, sculpture, wood, glass, jewelry and photography. The jury will make its selections the weekend of June 27-30 at the Belvedere Community Center. Details are available on the website and on the application.

Applications for artists are available now:

- Apply on-line at www.tiburon-artfestival.com
- Pick one up at the Tiburon Town Hall
- Call (415) 435-4355 or 435-2351 to request one in the mail.

Volunteers are needed now and throughout the summer. Please contact one of the event co-chairs, Cathleen Andreucci (director@btrecreation.org) or Carolyn Wendler (carewendler@hotmail.com) to offer your services and get involved.

Other Community Events

Peter Berg Memorial Kite Day - Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at South Knoll Park. Bring your kites, a blanket and a picnic for the whole family to enjoy this celebration. Kite Day is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere, the Salmon Institute, and the Parks & Open Space Commission. It is free and open to the public.

Contact George Landau (george@georgelandau.com) or Margo Zender (margozen@comcast.net) for more information.

Tiburon Wine Festival - Silver Anniversary

This event on Saturday, May 17 is sold out! Congratulations to the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce on another successful event.

Salmon "Kiss" and Release - Sunday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Blackie's Pasture. For more information, visit the website at www.tiburonsalmoninstitute.com.

Tiburon Homeowner's Summit with the Town Council - Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall. All homeowners and their board representatives are welcome to attend. Contact dcrane@ci.tiburon.ca.us for more information.

Also on June 14 - The Tiburon Classic Car Show returns to Shoreline Park from 11:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Classic Car Show Committee and the Rotary Club of Tiburon Belvedere, the fees paid by the exhibitors this year will go to support Rotoplast International. Come and see some great antique cars and support a good cause! For more information, or to enter a car, call 435-3414.

"Friday Nights on Main" begins on June 20. Once again the downtown will buzz with locals and visitors gathering on Main Street on Friday nights from June 20th through August 15th, except for Independence Day, the 4th of July. Virtually all of the restaurants will be participating this year, offering outdoor (and indoor) food and drink. The live music tradition will continue, too.

Bel-Tib Library Community Calendar

For the scoop on events and meetings sponsored by local not-for-profit community and government organizations on the Tiburon peninsula, visit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's excellent [community calendar](#).



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council and Committee Meetings



Town Council: May 7 and May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Design Review Board: May 15 at 7:00 p.m. (May 1st meeting cancelled)

Planning Commission: May 28 at 7:30 p.m. (May 14th

meeting cancelled)

All meetings listed are in the Council Chambers at Tiburon
Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard.

Sincerely,

Town Staff
Town of Tiburon

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