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April 26, 2012

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Dairy Knoll at 600 Ned's Way

After two long years of exploration, the Town Council voted last week to award a bid for the construction of a new recreation building at 600 Ned's Way, tentatively named "Dairy Knoll" in homage to the historic use of the site. This step promises to usher in a whole new era of opportunity for recreational programming for peninsula residents of all ages.

For over 35 years now, recreation services have been provided by Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation (Joint Rec), a quasi-independent organization created through a Joint Powers Authority Agreement, a device under state law that allows governments to share services. This arrangement created the basis for very cost-effective delivery of services, as most program costs are recouped through user fees.

Joint Rec operates its programs in a variety of venues including the Belvedere Community Center (the lower portion of their City Hall), Town Hall, the Reed Union School District schools, the tennis courts and Angel Island. Some events take place on the streets, like the annual Art Festival. Joint Rec staff has been creative and resourceful in finding ways to provide diverse programs in often less-than-ideal physical spaces, especially when it comes to programming for kids. In 2010, space issues became more acute when the Reed School advised Joint Rec that the already marginal space it has been using there may no longer be available as rising student enrollment is triggering the need for more classroom space. This led to some creative thinking about Joint Rec programs in general, and the need to find a new home for after-school programs in particular. The idea of a new space for Joint Rec was born!

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Did you Know?



Seasonal Rentals

Thinking of renting out your property on a short-term basis? If so, you should know that the Town requires homeowners to obtain a Seasonal Rental Unit permit.

A seasonal rental is any dwelling unit that is rented on a repeated basis for less than thirty-one (31) consecutive days, or is advertised or marketed on a repeated basis to be rented for any period less than thirty-one (31) days.

Homeowners wishing to rent out their homes for a weekend or a

Dairy Knoll will be a game changer. This Joint Rec "campus" will house the staff and provide three program rooms that can be used separately or in combination, enabling all sorts of events from kids' programs to adult bridge, yoga, dance or classroom-type activities to name just a few. It is likely to be occasionally rented for private parties, too, when not otherwise needed for public use, to provide additional income to help keep Joint Rec services cost-effective for the community. The most important aspect of Dairy Knoll is its proximity to Reed School. Children will be able to walk there (escorted by a Joint Rec staffer) for the after-school programs that are highly valued by children and parents alike. Dairy Knoll will have a 22-car parking lot and a kitchen, too, further expanding its programming capability. Construction should be completed by this time next year.

Local architect and former Mayor, Miles Berger, stepped up to design the 4,800 square foot facility on a pro bono basis and did a beautiful job of imbuing the simple structure with grace and elegance. I also appreciate the great work of our Public Works Director, Nick Nguyen, to get the project to bid, and the guidance and perseverance of our Council Committee for the project, Mayor Jim Fraser and Vice Mayor Emmett O'Donnell. Their collective efforts kept the project moving forward despite several challenges and setbacks.

In closing, I want to issue a particular note of thanks to the City of Belvedere for stepping up to partner with the Town to make this project possible. Without their financial support, it simply would not have been viable. That both Councils, Tiburon and Belvedere, voted unanimously to support and fund it is a message of unity that bodes very well for the future success of Dairy Knoll and expanded recreational opportunities for everyone on our beautiful peninsula.

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Chicken & Bee-Keeping Permit Proposal

As sustainable living trends become increasingly popular, many residents are beginning to see the value in organic gardening, composting, and even raising hens or honeybees on their property for non-commercial purposes. Chicken and honeybee-keeping can be a very rewarding agricultural hobby, and there are a number of

week here and there should apply for both a seasonal rental unit permit and a business license with the Town.

The process is simple; the fees are modest and exist to ensure that uses are compatible with residential neighborhoods. Forms for both the permit and license can be obtained at Town Hall or on the Town's [website](#).

Contact [Laurie Tyler](#), Associate Planner, or mail your questions to the Tiburon Planning Division at 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon CA 94920.



benefits to both of these urban agricultural trends.

For starters, you can enjoy organic eggs, use hens for pest control, and even use their waste as fertilizer in your yard. Some folks use their veggie and fruit scraps to feed their chickens instead of composting them. Bees provide pollination for gardens, the by-product of which is honey (yum!); they also help to re-populate the declining honeybee population, which has negatively impacted agriculture in our state.

Although chicken and bee-keeping can be a rewarding and educational way to show our younger generation about how to live sustainably, if not properly cared for they can result in negative impacts for residential areas. Noise, odors and rodent problems are just a few examples.

Town staff has received numerous inquiries from residents regarding the Town's approval process for keeping chickens (more so than honeybees). It is no surprise that many homeowners already keep chickens and bees, and more recently, a few homeowners have had to legalize their chickens to comply with the Town's zoning regulations. The Town's zoning ordinance requires a homeowner to secure a Conditional Use Permit to establish a chicken or bee-keeping "agricultural use".

Subsequent additional requirements can include design review and building permits depending on the nature of any proposed chicken or bee structures. Some residents have voiced concern over the length and cost of the Town's process, which in turn prompted discussions by the Planning Commission about how to simplify the permit process.

The Planning Commission is now considering a more streamlined (and less expensive) process for maintaining chickens (hens only) and honeybees, subject to certain standards intended to reduce the incidence of neighborhood problems. At its meeting on April 11, 2012, the Planning Commission reviewed a set of proposed standards for urban chicken and honeybee-keeping and asked staff to draft a zoning ordinance amendment that would allow residents of single-family dwellings to keep hens or honeybees, subject to a \$250 ministerial permit process.

Staff anticipates taking a draft zoning ordinance amendment to the Planning Commission in May or June and would appreciate your input. Of course, the ordinance would ultimately require Town Council approval. A public notice will be made available of the specific date and time

in The Ark and on the Town's website. For more information, please [contact me](#) at 435-7397 with your questions and comments.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Laurie Tyler
Associate Planner,
Tiburon Planning Division

Building Code Corner: Building Safety Month



Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign offered by the International Code Council (ICC) in May of each year to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create and maintain safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system. It is divided into four weekly themes, including: Energy & Green Building, Disaster Safety & Mitigation, Fire Safety & Awareness, and Backyard Safety.

Come by the Tiburon Building Division for some free brochures for Building Safety Month, including activity books for the kids (featuring "CODIE" and "CODEtte", pictured here) and other fun stuff, while supplies last. You can also visit the ICC [website](#) for more information.



Summer is almost here - Check the Deck!

Many Town residents live in homes with elevated wooden decks and balconies, and as summer approaches, they will once again be spending more time on them. Unlike most other structural components of the home that are protected from the elements by roofs, siding, or other weather-resistive barriers, decks and balconies bear the full brunt of our winter storms and can often be somewhat worse for wear when summer arrives. In light of this, the Tiburon Building Division highly recommends that you have a licensed structural engineer, general contractor, or structural pest control firm inspect your deck or balcony at

least every other year, especially if it is more than ten years old.

Those areas of particular concern when inspecting a deck or balcony include: guardrails and their attachments to the deck ledger or structure; dry rot or termite damage, which can be checked by probing into the wood structural members with a straight-blade screw driver or similar tool; mechanical connections to the building structure and/or supporting piers; and the condition of the lateral bracing elements such as diagonal "X" bracing or knee bracing. Each of these critical components plays an important part in keeping your family and guests safe when enjoying time on the deck and, in much the same way that we safety check our vehicles each year or before a long road trip, a little preventative maintenance goes a long way. So be sure and check the deck before this year's initial outdoor get together. Please contact the Tiburon Building Division for further questions or concerns.

Remember, if you need any assistance with or have questions about your project, don't hesitate to call 435-7380, [email](#), or visit the Tiburon Building Division. We're here to help.

Sincerely,

Fred Lustenberger
Tiburon Building Official

COMMUNITY EVENTS - MAY 2012

Programs for Seniors

Caregiving - "As Time Goes By"
Wednesday, May 2, 1:30 until 3:30 p.m.
Tiburon Town Hall



"As Time Goes By" is sponsored by the Marin Center for Independent Living. This program was developed in response to requests by older adults who wish to have an honest discussion about aging, healthy caregiving, caring for the care giver and respite care.

The speakers are experts in the field of aging, including Dr. Patrick Arbore from the Institute of Aging in San Francisco, Jeffery Morshead, local author, *Alzheimers, the Long Goodbye*, and representatives from the Marin Center

for Independent Living and Senior Access.

Contact [Kathleen Woodcock](#) at 459-6245, ext. 17 for more information.

**Avoid Elder Financial Abuse
Monday, May 14, 2 p.m.
Belvedere-Tiburon Library**

Tiburon Peninsula Village in association with Marin F.A.S.T. (Financial Abuse Specialist Team) will present a program on financial elder abuse at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library on Monday, May 14 at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public.

The FAST team is a group of professionals and retired professionals who assist the county on these types of cases through community education and volunteer work. This free workshop for seniors and their families features speakers Ann MacArthur, Esq., retired attorney Oak Dowling, a PowerPoint presentation and written materials for attendees to take home with them. Belvedere Police Chief Trish Seyler and Tiburon Police Chief Mike Cronin will be in attendance, as well.

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Our Paths - Our Choices

Contact [Fran Wilson](#) at 789-8945 for more information.

Programs for Families

**Tiburon Salmon Institute - 8th Annual Salmon Release
Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.
Blackie's Pasture**



Come help release 2,000 Chinook salmon fingerlings into the San Francisco Bay on Saturday, May 5 for the 8th annual Salmon "Kiss & Release" event at Blackie's Pasture.

The fun begins at 10 a.m. when the Casa Grande High School truck arrives with the fingerling Chinook Salmon from the Feather River Hatchery. The Casa Grande students will bring the fish to

our waiting youngsters who will carry them to the Bay and start them on their way out to the Pacific Ocean. We will then look forward to their return to Feather River in several years to start the process over.

Join the Tiburon Salmon Institute in association with United Anglers of Casa Grande, Trout Unlimited, the Tiburon Romberg Center, the San Francisco Tyee Club and Foundation, and the California Department of Fish and Game and listen to the local music of Brett Boyd and the Beautiful Losers. Enjoy the barbecue put on by the Tiburon Volunteer Fire Department and participate in a special interactive Native American ceremony to bless the salmon on their journey.

Most of all, come support our children as they help preserve the great salmon migration we enjoy every year. There will be information booths from all our partners on hand to tell you how you can get involved in preserving our San Francisco Bay estuary for future runs of salmon up the many rivers and creeks that flow into this unique salmon habitat.

The fun starts at 10 a.m. in Blackie's Pasture. Hurry, because the salmon will be leaving on the 12:30 outgoing tide! The party will end at 2 p.m. as the salmon make their way to sea.

For more information, call Brooke Halsey, Executive Director, Tiburon Salmon Institute, at 608-6386 (cell) or 435-2397 (office). You can also visit the Salmon Institute [website](#).

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS - MAY 2012

REED REGATTA

Saturday, May 12
5 until 11 p.m.
Blackie's Pasture

WINE FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 12
11 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Pt. Tiburon Plaza

LANDMARKS CONCERT-

Musae - Beat the Drum; Dance and Sing!

Friday, May 18, 8 p.m.
Old St. Hilary's Church

For more information, or to volunteer with one of the sponsoring organizations of these events, contact the the Foundation for Reed Schools (Reed Regatta) at 384-0628, the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (Wine

Festival) at 435-5633, or the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society (Concerts) at 435-1853.

HERITAGE & ARTS COMMISSION EVENTS

Annual Heritage Preservation Award

Honoree: SHIRLEY MITCHELL

Wednesday, May 2
Reception from 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Community Room

Shirley is being honored for her contributions to the historic record of Belvedere and Tiburon through oral histories gathered in the book, "Both Sides of the Track".

A light repast will be served at the reception prior to the formal presentation at the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Contact [Joan Palmero](#) at 435-7373 for more information.

Tiburon Artist Laureate Program



ARTIST LAUREATE WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 19
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Town Hall Community Room

Back by popular demand, Guest Artist Jaleh Etemad will once again lead us in a collage workshop.

Since 1993, Jaleh Etemad's work has been widely exhibited in Bay Area galleries as well as in Hawaii and New Mexico. She has been the recipient of several awards and has exhibited internationally in Paris, Stockholm, and in an online show in Beijing, China.

Jaleh has a wonderful talent for leading us through the layers of creating a one-of-a-kind, unique artistic piece. So start collecting interesting photos and small pieces of this and that and be sure to sign up for this workshop.

For a list of supplies needed for the class, [contact me](#), Mary Musalo, at 435-2775. There is no fee to take the class.

Sincerely,

Mary Musalo

CALL FOR APPLICANTS - TIBURON ARTIST LAUREATE

One of the most interesting and creative positions on the Town Roster is that of Artist Laureate. The Town is actively seeking the next artist to fill this spot that will be vacated in August 2012 by current Artist Laureate Mary Musalo, beloved artist and community supporter.

The visual artist interested in this unique opportunity must be a resident of Tiburon or Belvedere, and be willing to contribute to and serve the community through his/her works. The prestigious post of Artist Laureate is a Town Council-appointed, volunteer position where the successful candidate will serve a term of four years.

Please contact [Joan Palmero](#), Staff Liaison to the Town's Heritage & Arts Commission, for an application packet. Submissions will be accepted until May 21, 2012, and a decision will be made in late August 2012.

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](#).



Council and Commission Meetings



Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (May 2 and 16).

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (May 3 and May 17).

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (May 9 and May 23).

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (May 22).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is May 15).

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

Sincerely,

Town Staff
Town of Tiburon
435-7373

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