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Tiburon Downtown: Use It, Enjoy It, Help It Thrive

Some good things are on the horizon for downtown Tiburon. One is the product of some energetic citizens who thought a beautification effort was due. Their plan: hang baskets of colorful flowers from the light poles in the medians along Tiburon Boulevard between Mar West and Main Street. To get things rolling, Hazel Carter-Hattem, Randi Brinkman and Chuck Auerbach (the Basketeers, I call them) contacted Town Hall to see if a coordinated effort could be undertaken to bring their idea to life. They volunteered to raise funds for the flower baskets, which would remain up from April to November and be replaced each year, if the Town would assist with installation, modify existing irrigation systems to keep them watered and cooperate on a private contract for maintenance.



3rd District

Facts About Marin Clean Energy



"DID YOU KNOW?"

Local laws:
How are they
adopted and where
to find them

The Town's website
is a great place to
obtain information
about Town
ordinances and
regulations (such as
the "leash law"
described in the
article by Capt.
Hutton).

When the Town
Council adopts an
ordinance, it first
holds a public
hearing. If there
are no
recommended
changes by the
Council, the
ordinance is
adopted at a
subsequent meeting
and becomes law 30
days after adoption.

All ordinances are
then codified in the

We readily agreed to do our part and the Basketeers quickly raised funds for the popular project. They enlisted the Tiburon Fire District to help hang the plants, with Tiburon Public Works staff modifying the irrigation systems and overseeing the whole project. Then to top it off, a great thing happened: an article on the subject in The Ark caught the attention of Tiburon residents Arno and Carol Rayner, who stepped forward with a commitment to pay for the next five years worth of baskets. I love it when one good deed inspires another! Some of the baskets are already gracing the Boulevard, with more to come in about one month. They look modest now, but will soon be in full bloom. Very special thanks for this effort are in order for the Basketeers, Arno and Carol Rayner, Joel Brewer and Dennis Trumble of Tiburon Public Works, and Rich Pearce and the Tiburon Fire District. They made it happen.

Another effort to help our downtown comes from the Chamber of Commerce and its Economic Development Committee, spearheaded by Stephanie Ziegler, the owner of Pilates Studio Tiburon. The volunteer committee is planning a promotional campaign to aid local businesses, many of which are struggling to make it through this tough economy. Shop Tiburon is their theme, one you've heard me talk about on several occasions.

Tiburon Municipal Code which can be found on-line at ci.tiburon.ca.us (follow the drop-down "Government" menu and click on "Muni Code").

The Code is divided into Titles, Chapters, and Sections. One way to search for what you are looking for is by using a " key word".

Recent ordinances adopted by the Council in March that went into effect in April are:

--Chapter 16 - Tiburon Zoning Ordinance (amendments and reformatting)

--Chapter 19 - Encroachment permits on Town property and rights-of-way (amendments)

--Chapter 13E - Water Conservation (adopting MMWD regulations pertaining to water conservation and landscaping)

For more



SHOP LOCAL TIBURON

PROMOTE OUR CHARACTER & PROSPERITY

Support local businesses & promote Tiburon as "the best little town on the Bay!"

KEEP DOLLARS IN TIBURON

With every dollar you spend locally, 68% stays in the community

GENERATE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Sustain a vibrant, compact, walkable town to reduce sprawl, automobile use and pollution

CREATE COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

Local businesses build strong communities - a key to living longer and healthier

::Find Local Hot Spots & Specials::

www.tiburonchamber.org

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96B MAIN ST | 415.435.5633

They are coordinating with merchants and restaurants to create special discount packages, events and attractions, all with the aim of getting residents to make a habit of supporting local businesses whenever they have a choice of where to spend their dollars. Think about it: shopping locally has all kinds of positive ripple effects for our local economy and the community as a whole. Stay tuned for more about this campaign - and start getting in the mood for a little retail therapy right here in our own special little town.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

information, visit our website at ci.tiburon.ca.us or contact the Town Clerk (below).

Keep your questions coming!

Sincerely,

Town Clerk
[Diane Crane](#)
[Iacopi](#).

Tiburon's "Leash Law"



Thanks to all the readers of Tiburon Talk for your inquiries in response to our "barking dogs" article in last month's issue. After this article was published, I was contacted by The Ark newspaper for an interview about "dogs off leash".

During the interview, I reviewed the Town's ordinance and the Tiburon Police Department's policy regarding the handling of dogs off leash. It should be noted that while the issue of a barking dogs is actually quite simple (the dog only has to be barking for a time period of 30 minutes or longer for a violation to occur), the issue of dogs off leash is actually a bit more complex.

Under the Town's Animal Control ordinance, a dog must be on a leash or under control ("voice command") of its owner depending on where the owner and animal are located.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times in the following areas (Municipal Code Chapter 20, Section 2.175):

"The entire length of the Richardson Bay Lineal Park Multi-Use Path, McKegney Green, South Knoll Park and Playground, Zelinsky Park and Railroad Marsh, Shoreline Park, as well as any street, sidewalk or parking lot in the downtown area, or any commercial district.

In all other areas, dogs shall at all times be kept under the immediate control and direction of a competent, responsible person who is capable of controlling such animal. Every owner/guardian or possessor of a dog shall at all times prevent such dog from biting or physically harassing any person engaged in a lawful act and from interfering with the lawful use of public or private property or to another domestic animal belonging to that person."

In the Tiburon open space areas that are under county jurisdiction (such as Ring Mountain), the same ordinance applies; however, violations are enforced by the Marin County Open Space park rangers.

I am often asked whether the Tiburon Police Department gets a lot of complaints about dogs off leash. The answer is "yes". Another question I receive is, "is it realistic for the Department to enforce the leash law ordinance"? I answer

that question this way: The leash law ordinance is enforced in the same way that we enforce the "barking dogs" portion of the Animal Control ordinance.

If an officer witnesses a violation, a police report is written and forwarded to me. I then review the Department's records for prior offenses. In cases of first offenses, I will write a warning letter to the dog's owner advising them of the Town's ordinance and request that they keep their dogs either on leash or under voice control, according to the location described in the ordinance.

If it is determined that there are prior offenses, I will issue a Town of Tiburon Administrative Citation to the dog's owner with a fine of \$146 for each violation.

If you have any questions regarding dogs off leash (or barking dogs), please send an e-mail to dhutton@ci.tiburon.ca.us, or call me directly at 789-2806.

Sincerely,

Captain Dave Hutton
Tiburon Police Department

Sanitary District No. 5 Board of Directors Considers Sewer Service Charge

On April 27 and 28, Sanitary District No. 5 ("Sani 5") held public meetings in Tiburon and Belvedere to discuss proposed rate increases for wastewater system improvements.

Sani 5 is one of two sanitary districts on the Tiburon Peninsula--Richardson Bay Sanitary District services the western end of the community, and Sani 5 serves the eastern end, including the back side of Paradise Drive, and customers in the City of Belvedere.

Substantial rate increases are planned by Sani 5. For information on the proposed rate changes and system improvements, visit the district's website at www.sani5.org or e-mail info@sani5.org.

Ride Your Bike to Work Day: May 13, 2010

Bike to Work Day, Thursday, May 13,



is fast approaching. This year's theme is "You Can Bike There".



Encourage your employees to ride their bikes to work, a healthy alternative for people and the environment.

Bike to Work Day "Employer Toolkit" materials are available from the Marin County Bicycle Coalition. Contact Jo Ann Richards, Marin Bike to Work Coordinator, at 456-3469, or e-mail her at joann@marinbike.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join the Tiburon "Weed Whackers" and Preserve Our Native Plants

Saturday, May 8, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
All volunteers welcome!

Join local botanist Eva Buxton and the Tiburon "Weed Whackers" for a morning of informative and rewarding work to preserve our native plants in Tiburon's open space. The serpentine soil of the Tiburon Middle Ridge supports four plant species (Tiburon jewelflower, Marin dwarf flax, Tiburon paintbrush, and Tiburon buckwheat) that are recognized by the Federal and State governments as needing protection.

Time to meet: Every other Tuesday and Saturday between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Equipment to bring: Waterproof pad to sit on; gloves (surgical ones work well on small broom plants); pickaxe or pulaski (small trowel); sturdy shoes or boots; layered clothing; plenty of water. Broom wrenches will be provided.

Where to meet: Junction of Gilmartin Drive and fire road to the "Hippie Tree", i.e. 0.35 mile from Tiburon Boulevard, just before Gilmartin's sharp turn to the right. Parking is available below the double yellow lines on Gilmartin.

"Come when you can; leave when you must."

For more information, contact Eva Buxton at 435-2745; evabuxton@sbcglobal.net

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LANDMARKS SOCIETY EVENTS

Friday, April 30, 8 p.m.
Old St. Hilary Church

Virtuoso harpist Anna Marie Mendieta presents *Tango del Cielo*, a fresh and innovative presentation of the passionate and sensuous music of the Argentine Tango, featuring violin, cello, percussion, tango and flamenco dancers.

Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors and those under 18. You can buy tickets at the Landmarks Office on the Boardwalk, and at the door.

Please note that there is no parking at the concert but free parking and shuttle service is available 30 minutes before the show from the Boardwalk Center.

Saturday, May 8, 1 - 4 p.m.
Historical House Tour: Heart of Old Tiburon

Mar West and Las Lomas Lane
(Check in at the Railroad & Ferry Depot Museum located at 1920 Paradise Drive)

For more information about Landmarks Society Events, link to their website in our "Quick links" section above, or call 435-1853.

ANNUAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD

Wednesday, May 5
Reception: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall Community Room (2nd floor)
1505 Tiburon Boulevard

This year's recipient is Roger Felton. Come celebrate with Roger upon receipt of this well-deserved and prestigious award for the myriad ways in which he has helped to preserve the history of the Tiburon Peninsula through tireless volunteerism, stunning artwork, and fulsome imagination.

The award is sponsored by the Tiburon Heritage & Arts Commission (which also sponsors art shows at Town Hall and donates a portion of the sales to support the arts, as well as the preservation of local history on the Tiburon

Peninsula.)

27th ANNUAL WINE FESTIVAL



**Saturday, May 15, 1-4 p.m.
Pt. Tiburon Plaza**

The Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce brings back this popular event at Pt. Tiburon Plaza - now in its 27th year.

Tickets can be purchased at [ticketweb](http://ticketweb.com) or through the Chamber at 435-5633.

ARTIST LAUREATE WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 15 - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Guest Artist: Jaleh Etemad

Town Hall Community Room
1505 Tiburon Boulevard

A very creative and gifted local artist, Jaleh Etemad will work with participants to create their own personal collage, using her interesting layering techniques.

Materials needed are a small canvas board, glue, scraps of ribbon and assorted paper, paint, crayon and any small articles that look interesting, e.g. glitter, jewels, photos, feathers, lace, etc.

Pre-registration is required--class is limited to 20. Contact marymusalo@aol.com to register and for more information.

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: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. (May 5 and 19).

Design Review Board: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, at 7 p.m. (May 6 and 20).

Planning Commission: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. (May 12 and 26)

Heritage & Arts Commission: 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. (May 25)

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: 3rd Tuesday every other month, at 6 p.m. (May 18, Town Hall Conference Room)

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed above are in the Council Chambers at Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard.

Sincerely,

Town Staff
Town of Tiburon
435-7373

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