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## A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



### Neighborliness

Tiburon has many a neighborhood with a strong sense of identity - it is part of why people invariably mention "community" when singing the praises of life on the peninsula. To celebrate this characteristic and also to take advantage of the organizations that exist in many Tiburon neighborhoods to garner

feedback for the Town, two "neighborhood" events are on the horizon and I hope you'll consider attending both.

### Picnic on the Green

Think of it as a Town-wide block party... all neighborhood associations and everyone on the peninsula is invited to join this very casual, very neighborly get-together on McKegney Green, Saturday, October 1, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. It has been years since anything like this has occurred at this location, so we hope you and your neighbors will pull together some blankets or lawn chairs, grab some picnic fare (or bring a few bucks to purchase food and drink) and join us on what is sure to be a brilliant fall day. Some neighborhoods are using the occasion for their own picnic-within-a-picnic, with balloons to stake out a rendezvous point on the vast green. Give that a try if you wish! There will be live music, grilled food with some healthy choices and modest prices (courtesy of the Tiburon Fire District), appealing libations for kids and adults, kite-flying and a few surprises. I hope you will take advantage of this relaxed way to get to know each other a little better and celebrate our wonderful community and this beautiful place we call home.

### Neighborhood Association/HOA Annual Summit

Every year the Town Council gathers in a circle in the Council Chambers and has a conversation with representatives from the various neighborhoods. In the past it has been on a Saturday morning, but this year we

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## DID YOU KNOW?



### Sea Otter Awareness Week

Did you know that September 25 marks the beginning of Sea Otter Awareness Week in Tiburon?

In 2008, Assemblyman Abel Maldonado authored The Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR 118) whereby the State of

are experimenting with a weeknight: 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13. This is your opportunity to speak with your elected officials in an informal setting unfettered by the limitations that govern most public meetings. Come with comments, ideas, problems, criticisms or compliments - it's all fair game. Or come to hear what others have to say. We'll have cookies and coffee and promise to have you out of there by 8:30 p.m. Not part of a neighborhood association? Not to worry - everyone is welcome.

One final note on neighborhood associations: many of you have been kind enough to invite me to your annual meetings over the past few years. Sometimes it's driven by a particular issue, and sometimes it is just for the connection or to get a recap of current Town affairs. Either way, I am always pleased to be invited and will make every effort to attend if I can. It is certainly useful for me, as I always learn something new, and I hope it is equally valuable for your group. So, at the risk of being a self-invited guest, if you would like me to attend your neighborhood meeting just let me know; if I can make it, I will.

### Back to School

Even if you don't have school-age children you may have noticed the school year has started with its concomitant increase in Tiburon Boulevard traffic. The Town has worked with the Reed School District in the past to address the traffic issue with some success, and some great programs exist to encourage kids to walk, bike and bus to school and their parents to carpool, but anyone who lives on the peninsula knows it remains a problem. School Superintendent Steve Herzog and our Vice Mayor and Mayor, Jim Fraser and Jeff Slavitz, plan to tackle the issue afresh this fall to seek out new approaches to reduce impacts. Meanwhile, if you have the flexibility to schedule trips on or off the peninsula around school peak traffic, find out school days and hours by [clicking here](#).

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Take the Zero Waste Challenge



Marin is on a mission to slash the amount of trash headed to landfills to zero.

California, from that point forward, officially declared the last week of September as Sea Otter Awareness Week.

Tiburon Mayor Jeff Slavitz recently signed a proclamation adding Tiburon to the list of cities, counties and states that have also joined the effort to help raise awareness and protect these creatures from harmful pathogens and diseases from land-based run-off that has decimated their population.

For more information, or to find out what you can do, contact Defenders of Wildlife (Moss Landing) representatives [Jim Curland](#) or [Judy Proud](#).

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Keep your questions coming!

Send them to [Diane Crane Iacopi, Town Clerk](#).



Visit [zerowastemarin.org](http://zerowastemarin.org), and sign up to participate in the Marin Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority's Zero Waste Challenge. In

the monthly challenge, community members pledge to give up one item that's become a major environmental burden.

The goal is to go zero-waste by 2025, and set the standard for 100%-sustainable living. Together, we can make a huge impact on Marin's future.

## September Is National Disaster Preparedness Month



For many years now, local emergency services have been encouraging Peninsula residents to "Get Ready" and prepare for a catastrophe. Our community has responded with enthusiasm and commitment.

This September is National Disaster Preparedness Month. We urge you to heed this reminder and update your emergency kits at home, in your car and at your workplace. Replace food, water and batteries that may have expired. This is also a good time to review personal emergency plans with your family and ensure that your emergency contact phone numbers, including your out-of-area contacts, are current. Once that has been completed, this is also a good time to practice your plan.

If you would like to attend a Get Ready class, the next opportunity is September 22 from 7 until 9 p.m. at the Tiburon Police Station. The class is free and is a great way to make sure you are prepared for a disaster.

We also encourage you to participate in the Annual Shakeout Nationwide Earthquake Drill on October 20 by registering to participate and then practicing "Duck, Cover and Hold" at 10:20 a.m. on that date. Sign up today at [shakeout.org](http://shakeout.org) to take part in this historic event. The website contains information and tools, like audio clips, to make the drill as effective as possible. After you duck, cover and hold during the shakeout drill, why not take the opportunity to practice your personal plans, such as relaying important information through your out of area contact?

For more information on Get Ready classes, disaster supply kit lists, or personal plans, go to [getready94920.org](http://getready94920.org), call 435-7386, or stop by and visit me at the Tiburon Peninsula Office of Emergency Services at

the Tiburon Police Station.

Sincerely,

Laurie Gordon  
Emergency Services Coordinator,  
Tiburon and Belvedere

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## Incentives to Upgrade Your Home and Enjoy Energy Efficiency



The County of Marin's Sustainability Team is hosting home energy workshops for Marin residents in September. These events will introduce homeowners to "Energy Upgrade California", a statewide program that provides rebates for upgrades that increase a home's comfort, value and efficiency. The workshops will feature inspirational stories from home energy experts and networking time with certified contractors and neighbors.

Here is a list of dates, times and locations:

1. Thursday, September 8 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Tamalpais Valley Community Center in Mill Valley
2. Wednesday, September 14 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Marinwood Community Center in San Rafael
3. Monday, September 26 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the San Rafael Community Center.

For more information, contact Ana Toepel at 473-4197 or email [energy@co.marin.ca.us](mailto:energy@co.marin.ca.us).

To learn more about Energy Update California, go to [co.marin.ca.us/energyupgrade](http://co.marin.ca.us/energyupgrade).

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## Building Code Corner: The Certified Access Specialist Program



In response to an overwhelming need for disabled accessibility guidance within the business community, the State of California has recently enacted laws establishing a program known as the Certified Access Specialist Program, or CASp. As stated



by the California Department of General Services (DGS), "The program is designed to meet the public's need for experienced, trained, and tested

individuals who can render opinions as to the compliance of buildings and sites with the State of California codes and regulations and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for accessibility." The program is administered by the Division of the State Architect, which also writes and promulgates most of the disabled access standards utilized at the state level.

Small and large business owners, landlords of multi-family dwelling units, and even government entities can benefit from the program and the services provided by CASp certified individuals. By having their sites inspected and obtaining an access report that identifies all areas of non-compliance, owners will know definitively what they need to do to bring their businesses into compliance. In doing so, they can help protect themselves from possible litigation while making it much easier for persons with disabilities to access their site and conduct business. There are no requirements to obtain a building permit for these services until such time that any repairs or alterations are undertaken to remove architectural barriers identified in the CASp report, and the Tiburon Building Division will gladly assist in this process.

Those interested in learning more about this new program and possibly utilizing the services of a CASp certified individual should visit the state's website [here](#). There is information about the program's rules and regulations, a list of individuals currently certified, the specific legal protections offered by participation in the program and, for those so inclined, how one can become certified as a CASp. By being proactive and taking steps to bring their sites into accessibility compliance, merchants and landlords can do the right thing while improving their bottom lines.



Fred Lustenberger  
Tiburon Building Official

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Downtown Events

#### Friday Nights on Main

*6 until 9 p.m.*

*September 2, 9 16, 23, and 30*

### *Main Street, Downtown*

After an August holiday, Friday Nights on Main returns to downtown every Friday in September. Join your friends and neighbors and stroll and shop, or dine al fresco at one of your favorite restaurants.

For more information, contact the Tiburon Peninsula [Chamber of Commerce](#) (435-5633).

### **Art Festival - THIS WEEKEND!**

*11 a.m. until 6 p.m.*

*Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27 and 28*

*Ark Row, Downtown*



The 5th Annual [Tiburon Art Festival](#) returns to Ark Row, featuring over 60 juried artists, live music, family entertainment and activities.

### **Plein Aire Competition (New!)**

*Saturday, August 27*

*10 a.m. until 3 p.m.*

*Artwork on display on Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

This is a rare opportunity to purchase paintings of local scenes from local artists at very reasonable rates. So, come to the festival and see for yourself!

## **Fall and End-of-Summer Events**

### **Tiburon/Belvedere Main Street Parade**

*Labor Day Weekend*

*Sunday, September 4*

*1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.*



The 2011 Main Street Parade will be more fun than ever!

This year's theme is "Life on the Bay". Consider creating a themed float that represents what "Life on the Bay" means to you. Get a group together of neighbors, teams, clubs, family and friends and come join the fun!

For more details and an application, visit the Bel-Tib Joint Recreation website, [www.btrecreation.org](http://www.btrecreation.org), call 435-4355,

or e-mail [Sherry Burchert](mailto:Sherry.Burchert).

### **Belvedere-Tiburon Open**

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011*

*San Geronimo Golf Club*

*11:30 a.m. is check-in and putting contest*

*1 p.m. Shotgun Start*

Play golf and feel good about helping your local library!  
\$135 includes green fee, BBQ lunch, dinner and prizes -  
join the fun!

To register, go to [www.bel-tib-lib.org/info/golf.htm](http://www.bel-tib-lib.org/info/golf.htm)  
or call 789-2656.

### **California Coastal Clean-Up Day**

*Saturday, September 17, 2011*

*Blackie's Pasture*

*9 a.m. - 12 noon*



This year's event is being coordinated by the Tiburon Salmon Institute and the Bay Model. Bring water and wear closed toed shoes. Afterwards, join other volunteers at a BBQ at the Bay Model in Sausalito. For more information, contact Tammi at 332-3871.

### **Blackie's Hay Day**

*Saturday, September 24, 2011*

*Blackie's Pasture*

*10 a.m. - 3 p.m.*



Hosted by Bookmarks to benefit the children and teen programs of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, this local "country fair" offers numerous children's activities, including pony rides, a petting zoo, climbing walls, train rides and jumpies, as well as live entertainment and fresh food.

General Admission is \$10. Children under two are free. For information and tickets, visit the [Blackie's Hay Day website here](#).

### **Newcomers Club Autumn Social**

*Friday, September 30, 2011*

### *China Cabin*

The BelTib newcomers Club commenced its 23rd year of service earlier this month. New residents of the 94920 zipcode are eligible for membership and you are welcome to attend this event. Membership is only \$35. Visit [BelTibNewcomers.org](http://BelTibNewcomers.org) for more information.

### **New This Year! Picnic on the Green**

*Saturday, October 1  
McKegney Green  
12 - 3 p.m.*

Come join your friends and neighbors at a town-wide picnic at McKegney Green. Food and beverages will be available, in addition to whatever you bring, and there will be entertainment provided by local musicians. It's a family-friendly affair for all to enjoy.

Contact Councilmember Alice Fredericks (789-5166) if you or your neighborhood association would like to be part of the planning for this event.

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## **Tiburon Artist Laureate Programs**



*Artalk  
Tuesday, September 20  
7 p.m., Town Hall Lobby*

Our discussion topic will be Pablo Picasso. Visit the terrific exhibition at the de Young and share your thoughts with us. Here is all the info, and I will see you in September.

The de Young hosts an extraordinary exhibition of more than 100 masterpieces by Spanish artist Pablo Picasso entitled, "Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musée National Picasso, Paris" from June 11, 2011 through October 9, 2011.

For information on this and other upcoming artist laureate programs, feel free to [contact me](#).

Sincerely,

Mary Musalo  
Tiburon Artist Laureate

## Peninsula Photography Contest

The Belvedere Community Foundation is hosting its 10th annual photography contest, open to all photographers.



This year the contest will be done completely [online](#), and there are exciting new categories for photographers ages 5 - 18, as well as a new "camera phone" category.

Submit your favorite photograph of life on our peninsula (scenes of Belvedere to Tiburon) and receive some great prizes! Children 5 -18 can win a new digital camera and 100 dollars at Waypoint Pizza. Other prizes are gift certificates from Servino's, Sam's, and the Caprice.

For more information, and to submit photographs, [click here](#).

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## 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](#).



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## Council and Commission Meetings



**Town Council:** First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (September 7 and September 21).

**Special Town Council meetings** - August 31 (continuation of Alta Robles project deliberations) and September 13 (Neighborhood Association Summit).

**Design Review Board:** First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (September 1 cancelled; September 15).

**Planning Commission:** Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (September 14 and September 28).

**Heritage & Arts Commission:** Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (September 27).

***Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission:*** Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room (next meeting is September 20).

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

**Sincerely,**

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