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Town Council - Neighborhood Association Summit

At 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, Saturday August 29th, the Town Council will host the annual "Neighborhood Association Summit". Historically, the purpose of this meeting has been for the representatives of these organizations, of which there are over fifty, to speak with the Council about issues of neighborhood concern. The goal is an exchange of information: the Council gets to hear from the neighborhood representatives, and the representatives get answers to questions and updated by the Council and staff on local current events.

Despite the focus on neighborhood associations, don't let that deter you if you aren't associated with one. The meeting is wide open to every resident and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

So why, you might ask, should you give up a perfectly good Saturday morning to come to Town Hall? Here are a few reasons to consider attending:

It's the only gathering of its kind all year long in which the whole Town Council is just there for a chat. During regular Town Council meetings, citizens are always welcome to speak under "oral communications" but the Council then moves on to its business agenda. By contrast, this is a dialogue. It is a two-way street, an opportunity to make comments, raise ideas and get feedback right then and there. It's really informal, with everyone in a circle of chairs, rather than the more structured arrangement customary for regular meetings.

Since there will be a series of (brief) briefings on current issues, this is an opportunity to catch up on



"DID YOU KNOW?"

Questions for Local Government

Thank you for your questions in response to last month's article.

Many of you asked about the status of the Caltrans paving project on Tiburon Boulevard (delayed by a materials shortage but now fully underway, as evidenced by some traffic delays!).

There were a number of questions about other topics, as well. One query came from a new resident who asked,

"Are there any volunteer opportunities available on the Tiburon Peninsula?"

We are happy to reply with a resounding "yes!"

At a recent Council meeting, students from Bel Aire School made a presentation about "Blue Zones"--areas in the world where people have longevity and many live to be 100

what's happening in an interactive way where you can ask a question if your issue has not been addressed or something is not clear. Since both Council and key staff are present, there is likely to be someone in the room who can produce an answer on the spot. Last but not least, we will be serving coffee and something to nosh.

So consider joining us tomorrow: you can listen, opine, question, register an idea or complaint (or compliment), all in person to the Council or staff member of your choice, and still be out by noon. It just might be a morning very well spent!

Local Events of Note

There are several upcoming events in September (details are below) worth special mention. The terrific Annual Labor Day parade, held on Sunday, Sept 6, is great family fun, and culminates with a free concert in the park in Belvedere. The following Tuesday, Sept 8, is the 13th Annual Bel-Tib Golf Open Tournament. The beneficiary of this event rotates from year to year between worthy non-profits; this year's proceeds go to the Landmarks Society, the organization that safeguards so many of our treasures, like Old St. Hilary's Church. If you want to spend the day golfing and simultaneously contribute to a great cause - this is the ticket for you. Finally, Oktoberfest is back on Friday, September 25. Think of it as the last Friday Night on Main of the season, but with an oom-pah emphasis. Music, dancing, beer and bratwurst will all be in plentiful supply.

These are the kind of events that make small town living so wonderful - so come join your neighbors and celebrate community.

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Zelinsky Playground reopens at South of Knoll Park



The South of Knoll Renovation Committee and the Town of

years old! The students identified several factors, including being active in the community, that contributed to this phenomenon.

Town staff has compiled a list of [local organizations and volunteer opportunities](#).

And keep your questions coming!
Contact Diane Crane Iacopi, Town Clerk, at dcrane@ci.tiburon.ca.us.



Tiburon are pleased to announce that construction has been completed on the Edward and Laleh Zelinsky playground for school-aged kids 5-12 years at South of Knoll Park. The park reopened earlier this month and a grand opening ceremony is scheduled for mid-October.

The playground offers children a new play-structure that emphasizes upper body gross motor skills and a new tire swing. All of the new play equipment complies with applicable safety standards. The Town has also enhanced the landscaping in the area and improved the access.

Thanks to the efforts of the South of Knoll Park Renovation Committee, \$90,000 was raised from foundations, local businesses and individual donors for this project. Donors to the cause include the Belvedere Land Company, the Herbst Foundation, the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation, the Belvedere Community Foundation, the Dennis and Carol Ann Rocky Foundation, Laleh Zelinsky, the Achuck Family, and Chrissie Cutting of PEEPPALS.

So go to the playground next week... ride your bikes, walk or run with your kids to get there. It is going to be fun!

South of Knoll Playground Renovation Committee -
Pam Bonnie
Derice Seid Tao
Felicia Goldstein
Claire-Marie Laidley
Sunny Lyrek
Kaili Pelzer

Police Fleet gets Greener through "Cash for Clunkers"



The Tiburon Police Department went GREEN last week with the delivery of a 2009 Ford Hybrid Escape. The new vehicle will primarily be used by the Department's Police Service Aides for parking enforcement and other administrative duties. (PSA Caitlin Collins is shown standing next to the new vehicle.)

The Escape will replace the old Chevy Tahoe V8 which has been in the fleet for over 10 years. The vehicle is versatile and economical. The Escape has an EPA gas mileage rating of 29 MPG City, 27 MPG Highway compared to 12 MPG City and 17 MPG Highway for the Tahoe.

The best news regarding this purchase, however, is that the Tiburon Police Department was able to participate in the Federal Government's "Cash for Clunkers" program. After determining that the Department qualified, the Town was awarded the maximum assistance (\$4,500) for the new Hybrid vehicle.

According to officials at the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Town of Tiburon was the first (and possibly only) municipal agency in our area to apply for and receive this assistance from the Federal Government!

The popularity of the Cash for Clunkers program made the task of purchasing the Hybrid Escape a challenge. After conducting an exhaustive search, a vehicle at the right price was found at a dealership in Colusa Count and the purchase was made.

The Tiburon Police Department believes the purchase of the Ford Hybrid Escape is a fiscally and environmentally sound decision that will benefit the Town of Tiburon for a number of years to come.

Captain Dave Hutton
Tiburon Police Department

"Street Smarts" Program to promote Driver, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Safety



Street Smarts is a public education campaign sponsored by the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) designed to make Marin's streets safer and friendlier for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Through the use of creative and strategically placed banners, signs and posters, Street Smarts

addresses traffic problems at their source--in the minds of drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. It tackles behaviors such as speeding, running red lights and stop signs, failing to stop at crosswalks, jay-walking, "distracted" driving, bicyclist violations and bicyclist safety. The program was tested in Corte Madera, Larkspur and Mill Valley in 2008 with much positive feedback.

Look for the colorful signs and banners around town, many of which will be posted at or near our schools. The signs will only be up for a limited time.

Neighborhood groups, organizations and businesses can also request a presentation of the Street Smarts traffic safety presentation which includes brochures and Street Smarts lawn signs for their neighborhood.

For more information, go to the website, www.StreetSmartsMarin.org, or contact Dan Cherrier at 226-0829.

Matthew Swalberg
Public Works Department Engineering Technician

Bay Bridge Labor Day Weekend Closure



The Bay Bridge will be closed on Labor Day weekend beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, reopening by 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, in order to complete the last stages of the reconstruction project.

Motorists are encouraged to take public transit and/or alternate driving routes. Go to www.511.org or call 511 for real-time traffic conditions. There is a very strong likelihood of lengthy delays.

Golden Gate Transit and Golden Gate Ferry will provide enhanced service in order to accommodate the expected increases in traffic. Go to www.goldengate.org for the latest schedules.

Information provided by the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LABOR DAY PARADE

Sunday, September 6 - 2:00 p.m.

Belvedere-Tiburon Labor Day Parade

(finishes at Belvedere Park with final Concert in the Park for 2009)



COME ONE, COME ALL! This is our fifth annual Labor Day parade co-hosted with the City of Belvedere. It features bands, classic cars, and floats from local organizations, and is fun for the whole family. Come watch the parade (beginning at the corner of Mar West and Tiburon Boulevard) and take in the sights as it winds through town (down Main Street, up Ark Row, and along Beach

Road). Call Sherry Burchert at 435-4355 for more information.

PLAY GOLF FOR A CAUSE

Tuesday, September 8 -

13th Annual Belvedere-Tiburon Open Golf Tournament

Stone Tree Golf Club, Novato

Proceeds go to the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society. Come play for a worthwhile cause! If you can't play, and would like to support the event as a sponsor, you are most welcome. To enter, contact George Rodericks at grodericks@cityofbelvedere.org.



OKTOBERFEST

Friday, September 25 - 5 to 9 p.m.

Oktoberfest

This is our final Fridays Nights on Main for the year. Come enjoy German music, beer (of course) and food on Main Street. Shops and restaurants will be open.

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: Wednesday, September 2 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Design Review Board: Thursday, September 3 and 17, at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission: Wednesday, September 9 and 23, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Sincerely,

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