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August 28, 2014

## A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



### PUBLIC WORKS!

Every year the Town expends considerable resources to maintain and improve its streets and storm drains systems, the backbone of our infrastructure, but we are also continuously busy with additional improvements to enhance life here on the peninsula and generally spruce things up for residents. Quite a few such special

projects are in the hopper right now and poised for action in the coming months. You already know about the exciting median greening project out on Tiburon Boulevard near Blackfield Drive, construction of which started this week, but there are a few other projects which may be of interest.

**Stairway to... Dairy Knoll** - I've written in the past about Dairy Knoll, the new recreation facility run by The Ranch (formerly the Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee); the building opened for business earlier this year. A separate part of that project, one that was always envisioned but not included in construction, was the creation of a secondary pathway connecting Dairy Knoll and Reed School. Path construction was held back because the Town lacked the right-of-way necessary to proceed. The land in question has now been acquired (a tiny, but critical, 200 square feet), so design is being finalized for the steep path and it will be built later this fall if at all possible. It will consist of flights of stairs, with intermittent landings and trails, to allow all-weather pedestrian access up the hillside behind the property. This improvement is the final touch for this great community asset, one that is already proving highly successful with new programs and bookings. A Dairy Knoll Open House will be held on October 12 (more specifics to come on that). Please put that date in your calendar and come check it out.

**Downtown Crosswalk** - The 2012 downtown circulation analysis urged a mid-block crossing of Tiburon Boulevard by The Lodge at Tiburon. You may know it as the place downtown where everyone jaywalks to reach the other side. Just a crosswalk, you say, what's the big deal? Well, it has taken over a year and we are still working to obtain the necessary

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permit from Caltrans. They need to sign off on the alignment (it's tricky right there) as well as the materials (brick), signage and the works. We are almost there with Caltrans permission and hope to have this very useful improvement under construction next spring.

**Town Hall Renovations** - Town Hall is heavily used by a great many local groups. Two changes are in the works to improve everyone's experience when using the building:

1. We have carved out another conference room, upstairs, to ease pressure on scheduling other spaces. New carpeting and lighting will be installed in the community room to improve the art exhibits regularly staged there and enhance its general appeal and utility for classes like yoga and bridge.
2. Later this fiscal year we plan to upgrade the technology capabilities of the Town Council Chambers to make visual presentations, recording meetings and just plain hearing one another more successful.

**Old Rail Trail Improvements** -- There are three Old Rail Trail (formerly Multi-Use Path) activities on this fiscal year's docket:

1. Abatement of weeds and invasives: A special blitz (that is, work beyond our regular maintenance) is just getting underway to really tackle invasive species like Scotch Broom and weeds from the trail.
2. Trail improvements: Come spring we will be installing some new decomposed granite side trails where the real estate and our budget allows as well as repairing the asphalt surface of the path in various locations.
3. New signage: The change of name last year from Multi-Use Path to the lovely, lyrically alliterative "Old Rail Trail" requires new signs to proclaim this identity, and that in turn creates an excellent opportunity to improve the communication of trail rules such as slow speeds for bikes and dogs on leash.

**Blackie's Pasture Frontage** - We are pursuing another Caltrans permit to allow us to landscape the right-of-way out by the Blackie's Pasture signboard. We plan to improve the asphalt pathway through that section and establish a natural and unfussy, un-thirsty palate of plants to enhance the frontage along Tiburon Boulevard.

**Undergrounding Utilities** - By next spring we plan to be under construction to underground another stretch of utility poles on Tiburon Boulevard - those that run from the Lyford Parking Lot to Mar West. Bit by bit, the goal is to eventually rid the Boulevard of all its overhead wires, a slow, expensive and significant undertaking but a very worthwhile one. Doing so improves the aesthetics of our peninsula and enhances safety, too.

**EV Charging Stations** - We are researching the best way and locations to create some high voltage electric vehicle charging stations in the downtown to encourage and help enable this environmentally friendly form of transportation. We hope to get them installed by spring.

**Railroad Marsh Cleaning** - Periodically a major reduction of biomass is necessary to keep the Railroad Marsh behind Town Hall healthy and functioning as a viable water detention

device. This project will begin in September.

**Lyford Drive Storm Drain** - This is a new storm drain line. The project is currently out for bid and will be constructed this fall.

It's not just physical improvements we're after. The Town Council has also been busy on the policy front dealing with issues like housing elements, smoking restrictions, marijuana dispensaries and plastic bag bans. I'll report on those next month.

Meanwhile, why not use the South Napa Earthquake as a wake-up call (it certainly woke me up!) to get prepared for the next one. If you need advice or information on how best to accomplish this, we are here to help. Keep reading for more info later in this newsletter.

I bid everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend, and don't forget the annual parade on Sunday afternoon at 2:00. It's a great small town event that is better when *you* join in.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Coastal Cleanup Day: Saturday, September 20th



The Town's Parks, Open Space & Trails (POST) Commission encourages everyone to participate in the 30th anniversary Coastal Cleanup Day to be held on Saturday, September 20,

2014.

This is a day when volunteers worldwide converge on beaches, shorelines and inland waterways to pick up trash and remove debris. Considered the largest global marine-related volunteer event, Coastal Cleanup Day is a wonderful opportunity to lend a hand and make a difference in our lovely Marin County community.

Here is a list of cleanup locations on the Tiburon Peninsula:

- Blackie's Pasture
- Tiburon Ferry to Caprice Restaurant (Shoreline Park)
- Belvedere Beach

Other possible sites not yet confirmed are:

- Paradise Beach Park
- Richardson Bay Audubon Center

An up-to-date list of Marin County locations will be available on the California Coastal Commission [website](#). We have published some general information about the event below. Additional information, including who to contact, and the required participant waiver forms, can be found through this website, as well.

### **What to Expect at the Cleanup**

First and most importantly, everyone can participate in Coastal Cleanup Day, no matter what age. There are even sites with accessible beach wheelchairs available for those who need them.

Try to arrive a little before 9 a.m. to get ready for the Cleanup. Coastal Cleanup Day is a popular event, so a lot of the "best" trash might be gone if you're late! Coastal Cleanup Day ends at noon at most locations.

Each Cleanup site will be headed up by one or more Site Captains who will be in charge of everything at that location for the day. Once you arrive, seek out your Site Captain and follow his/her instructions for checking in and getting set for the Cleanup.

### **What to Bring**

All the supplies you need will be waiting for you at the site: trash and recycling bags, gloves, data cards, pencils, and waivers, to start. Please help us reduce waste generated at each Cleanup by bringing your own reusable cleanup supplies, like a bucket or bag and work gloves, from home.

Each volunteer will need to bring or sign a liability waiver before they can start the Cleanup. You can save yourself some check-in time if you bring a signed waiver from home. Once you sign your waiver, the Site Captain or another volunteer will provide a brief safety talk. After this, and once your supplies are in hand, start your cleaning!

### **What to Clean Up**

Clean up every piece of human-created trash you can find, no matter how small! Scour the water line or areas near sea walls for hidden stashes of litter. Please leave all naturally occurring material (seaweed, driftwood, rocks, feathers, and shells) in



place - it provides a valuable food source and habitat for a multitude of coastal critters.

So enjoy a beautiful day along the bay or coast and leave with the knowledge that your community is a little better off thanks to your efforts.

Sincerely,  
Tiburon Parks, Open Space & Trails Commission

## Earthquake Preparedness: Now is the Time to "Get Ready"!

Last week's earthquake in Napa has alerted us again to the need to be prepared. You and your family members can attend one of these classes to be held over the next few weeks:

### **Get Ready!**

Wednesday September 10, 3pm - 5pm  
Tiburon Police Station, 1155 Tiburon Boulevard

### **Get Ready BYOD (D is for dinner)**

Thursday September 18, 5pm - 7pm  
Tiburon Police Station, 1155 Tiburon Boulevard

### **Get Ready Seniors!**

Tuesday September 23, 10am - 12pm  
Tiburon Police Station, 1155 Tiburon Boulevard

### **Get Ready!**

Wednesday October 8, 3pm - 5pm  
Tiburon Police Station, 1155 Tiburon Boulevard

### **Get Ready BYOD (D is for Dinner)**

Thursday October 16, 5pm - 7pm  
Tiburon Police Station, 1155 Tiburon Boulevard

### **SPECIAL EVENT at the Fire House\***

Get Ready Disaster Dinner  
Thursday October 9th 5pm - 8pm  
Tiburon Fire Station, 1679 Tiburon Boulevard

\*Bring your own emergency food supplies and have dinner at the fire station while learning how to prepare for, survive through and recover from disaster. Please call 435-7200 to reserve a place for this event. Space is limited.

For more information on the Get Ready program, contact me at 435-7386. You can also download the Get Ready manual [here](#).

Sincerely,

Laurie K. Nilsen,  
Emergency Services Coordinator  
Tiburon Peninsula Office of Emergency Services

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Tomorrow Night on Main Street - *Disney!*



**friday nights on main 2014**

**Main Street | Downtown Tiburon**



**Party Tiburon Style!**

fun for the whole family | live music | dancing | wine & dine al fresco  
late ferry service to/from San Francisco  
Join us from 6 - 9pm on these Friday nights:

<b>May 30</b> Tiburon Turns 50!	<b>June 27</b> Circus Adventure Puppet Show	<b>July 25</b> La Dolce Vita	<b>August 29</b> Main Street USA	<b>Sept 19</b> Annual Firemen's Ball	<b>Sept 26</b> Oktoberfest
					

for more information visit: [www.tiburorchamber.org](http://www.tiburorchamber.org)

Thanks to our additional Sponsors: Town of Tiburon | Bank of Marin | Waypoint Pizza | The Ranch

**Friday Nights**  
6 to 9 p.m.  
Downtown Main Street

**Tomorrow Night:**  
**August 29 - Main Street USA**  
A salute to Disney, with some of your favorite characters in attendance plus music of the Kyle Martin Band (playing contemporary and classic rock favorites).

**And Join us for two more evenings in September:**  
**September 19 - Annual Firemen's Ball**  
Everybody's favorite dance party!

**September 26 - Oktoberfest**

Raise a glass (or stein) of German beer, while enjoying the music of The Karl Lebherz Band and traditional German dancing.

For more information, visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,  
Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

**LABOR DAY PARADE THIS WEEKEND!**  
Come Watch or Join the Fun - click [here](#)



**LABOR DAY PARADE**  
**Sunday, August 31st, 2014**  
**Parade starts at 2pm**

Bring your community spirit and support our local organizations, clubs, and businesses!

Parade route begins at Tiburon Blvd. and Lagoon Rd, continues down Main St. through Ark Row down Beach Rd ending at the Belvedere Land Company mini-park.

To participate in the parade, call The Ranch at 415-435-4355 or download a Participation Form at [www.TheRanchToday.org](http://www.TheRanchToday.org).

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
 Join us for our other events this fall...

**TIBURON TAPS BEER FESTIVAL** - Saturday, Sept 6th  
 Point Tiburon Plaza

**BELVEDERE-TIBURON GOLF TOURNAMENT** - Tuesday, Sept 9th  
 San Geronimo Golf Club

**TIBURON HALF MARATHON & 5K** - Sunday, Oct 5th  
 Start time: 7:30am - Register NOW!

**DAIRY KNOLL GRAND OPENING** - Sunday, Oct 12th  
 Dairy Knoll Recreation Center

**HALLOWEEN HAUNT** - Saturday, Oct 25th  
 Belvedere Community Center & Park

For more information about these events, please visit our website - [www.TheRanchToday.org](http://www.TheRanchToday.org)

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Check out the other events at [www.TheRanchToday.org](http://www.TheRanchToday.org)

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[here](#)



**TIBURON TAPS  
BEER FESTIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014**



**\$50 General Admission Ticket**  
**\$20 Designated Driver Ticket**

**Purchase tickets at**  
**[www.tiburontaps.org](http://www.tiburontaps.org)**

Sponsored by the Ranch (formerly known as Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation)



**SIGN UP NOW**

**Join us for the 19th Annual  
Belvedere-Tiburon Golf Tournament  
Tuesday, September 9  
San Geronimo Golf Club**

Player fee is \$140 each or \$480 for a foursome  
This includes green fees, lunch before the  
shotgun start, appetizers & drinks post play,  
raffle, contests and lots of prizes!

To register, go to [www.landmarks-society.org](http://www.landmarks-society.org)  
and click on GOLF NOW!

Or call Landmarks at 415-435-1853.

**Tuesday  
September 9**

**Belvedere-Tiburon Golf Tournament**

Register [here](#)



**MUSIC AT OLD ST. HILARY'S**  
PRESENTS  
**Alexander Sung, Harpsichord**  
*From Heaven to Hades, and Even a Mermaid!*  
Concert will be performed on a Kirkman Double harpsichord

**Music by J. S. Bach & Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**  
**Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1741)**  
Tocatta in D major BWV 912  
**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791)**  
Sonata in F major KV 332    Sonata in B flat major KV333  
9 Variations on the Aria "Lison dormait"  
from N. Dezède KV 264 C Major



**Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014, 4:00PM**  
**Old St. Hilary's Landmark**  
201 Esperanza Street Tiburon, CA 94920



[www.AlexanderSung.com](http://www.AlexanderSung.com)

**BUY TICKETS AT:**  
Landmarks Office, 1550 Tiburon Blvd., Suite M (415) 435-1853  
Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Blvd. (415) 435-7373  
or visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)  
Tickets available at the door at 3:30PM



**\$20 General | \$15 Seniors (65+) | \$15 Students (full-time)**  
No parking at Old St. Hilary's. FREE Shuttle service at Boardwalk Shopping Center, 1550 Tiburon Boulevard.

On-line tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

## Annual Belvedere Community Foundation Photography Contest

[Click here](#)



# 13TH ANNUAL online PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Celebrating the Beauty and Spirit of  
Belvedere and the Tiburon Peninsula

Photo Contest starts June 20, 2014

All photos must reflect life on the Tiburon Peninsula

Last submissions accepted October 31st.

**ENTER NOW**

[www.BelvedereCommunityFoundation.com](http://www.BelvedereCommunityFoundation.com)



Register for the contest, Submit Photos, View the Gallery  
& Vote for your favorites -- all online



## Council and Commission Meetings

**Town Council:** First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. -  
September 3 and September 17

**Design Review Board:** First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. -  
September 4 and September 18

**Planning Commission:** Second and fourth Wednesdays at  
7:30 p.m. - September 10 and September 24

**Heritage & Arts Commission:** Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town  
Hall Conference Room) - September 23

**Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission:** Third Tuesday  
every other month - Next meeting is at 6 p.m. on September 16

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

## Community Calendar

For the scoop on events and meetings sponsored by local nonprofit community and government organizations on the Tiburon Peninsula, visit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's excellent [community calendar](#).



Sincerely,

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Town of Tiburon  
435-7373

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