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December 3, 2014

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Very Big Artist, Very Big Sculpture

The Town was recently offered a monumental sculpture by renowned artist Mark di Suvero on a "long term loan" basis. Entitled Huru, it stands 55 feet tall (the height of a five-story building); possible locations for its placement have been identified as the McKegney Green

area, Blackie's Pasture or South of Knoll Park. The top element of the piece has some movement in the wind. Some of you may have seen it recently exhibited in Crissy Field in San Francisco.

The work belongs to the McKegney family, which has requested that the Town display it "along the shore of McKegney Green... to honor the memory of both the McKegney and di Suvero families". George McKegney, after whom the field is named, served as the chair of the Town's first Parks and Open Space Commission. The McKegneys have a long and deep association with the di Suvero family.

The Town Council initially passed on this proposal as being simply too massive to warrant consideration. In recent weeks, however, many have asked the Council to place the matter on an agenda to allow the public and regional art experts to comment before a final determination is made. The Council



subsequently scheduled a public hearing on the matter, which is set for its regular bimonthly meeting of Wednesday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. The issue before the Council will be at the conceptual level, that is, wrestling with the threshold question of whether the Town would benefit from the quasi-permanent public display of a piece of this nature and stature.

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If the answer is yes, further work will be required to address the many issues concomitant with something of this scale: specific location, transportation, installation, insurance, liability, foundation questions (it is, after all, not just a sculpture but a structure), terms of the loan and so forth.

There is no question that Mr. di Suvero is a widely acclaimed sculptor, or that this is a very kind offer from the McKegney family. The key issue for Council and the community is whether there is an appropriate home for this particular work in Tiburon and, if so, where and on what terms. If you wish to have your voice heard, please attend the meeting on February 4 or send in written comments (email is fine). I'm sure the Council will wish to hear from all who feel they have an interest in this unusual proposition.

Yellow School Bus Challenge

I reported in a recent issue on the effort underway to attract additional school bus riders, all with the aim of reducing traffic on the Boulevard. Part of that process involves a very important survey of parents of children in the Reed Union School District. Every school family received the survey. If you received one and have not yet responded, please do so no later than tomorrow (December 4). The information it will yield is critical to the development of a successful system to benefit the whole peninsula through traffic reduction.

Year End Wrap-Up

This past year was full of mostly very good news for Tiburon. Our 50th Anniversary bash was a great success with over 5,000 attendees, the vast majority of whom were from the peninsula. By all accounts the entire affair was suitably grand (and great fun) for such an auspicious occasion. The Town's finances rebounded this year to pre-recession status, with every significant indicator moving in the right direction. The Yellow School Bus Challenge did not proceed, but as noted earlier we are regrouping for success on that front. The last concrete medians on Tiburon Boulevard were transformed to greenery, new public restrooms were installed downtown, we had the grand opening of Dairy Knoll, the new recreation facility on Ned's Way, a new permanent and self-funded marketing organization was created to help the downtown achieve its vibrancy goals, the Council took action to update the Town's General Plan as well as to limit plastic bags, deny the use of e-cigarettes where smoking is banned and to eliminate the threat that marijuana dispensaries might find a home here. A study recommending the installation of parking meters downtown to improve parking management was publicly aired, but no decisions have been made yet on that front. We brought a new Public Works Director on board, Pat Barnes, as well as a new Building Official, Clay Salzman, both of whom are already outperforming our high expectations of them. We had another temporary Art by the Bay installation downtown, and successful events throughout the year including a half-marathon, eight Friday Nights on Main, the wine and now beer festivals and so much more. Our crime rate is the lowest it has been in a long time, down by one-third since the installation of the cameras in 2009. We will write more on that

in the next issue.

Quite a few staff retirements have or are about to occur, too: our long-serving Police Captain is retiring (see the article in this issue on Dave Hutton), as is our Town Attorney, Ann Danforth, after 19 years of service. Several long-time members of the Police and Public Works Departments have retired and our dear Town Hall receptionist and resident art expert, Joan Palmero, is leaving us at the end of February. Many people, here and elsewhere, put significant life events like changing jobs or retiring from one on hold during the recession, so it is not surprising that we are now seeing a bump in that activity. Change is inevitable, and losing people we consider friends and have come to associate with excellent service is painful, but the stability of the organization remains solid and I believe we will just keep getting better over time. The direction for staff is always set by our Town Council, and their core values of well-maintained infrastructure and great customer service remain central to our purpose. Their leadership, sound judgment, ethical foundation and steady hand at the helm keep our organization and our connection to community strong. I particularly wish to thank outgoing Mayor Alice Fredericks for the support and good counsel she gave to me this past year.

We have every reason to think 2015 will be another successful year for the Town - and I hope that is the case for each and every one of our residents as well. Please have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah or whatever wonderful tradition enriches this time of year for you and your family. And let's hope 2015 rings in a little more peace on earth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peggy Curran". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a white rectangular box.

Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Capt. Hutton Bids Farewell After 33 Years

At the end of the month, David Hutton will retire from the Tiburon Police Department after over 33 years of service to the Town of Tiburon and 5 years with the Pacifica and El Cerrito Police Departments.

While Dave was working at Pacifica,



he was sent to a training class in Tiburon. It was a "love at first sight" experience. Shortly thereafter, Dave applied for a position with the Tiburon PD. He was hired by Chief John Bailey and assumed the duties of a police officer on July 1, 1981.

Dave spent the next thirty-plus years in Tiburon honing his skills and developing his personal style of policing. Like many small departments, the Tiburon PD uses a "generalist" approach to police work and Dave certainly fit that description. He worked in virtually every aspect of police work but what characterized him was not what he did, but the way he did it. He had a style that set him apart from most, if not all, of his peers.

Dave was a nice cop, all the time. Never officious or heavy-handed, he treated everyone with dignity and respect, even those who failed to treat him the same way. He applied reason and common sense to situations and always tried to resolve issues in a way that was fair to everyone. Sometimes being "fair" meant someone had to be taken into custody, of course, and Dave made his share of trips to the county jail. He wasn't reluctant to use authority, but it was rarely his first choice.

Dave progressed steadily through the ranks of the department. Police Chiefs came and went, and each brought his own views about how best to police Tiburon. One thing they all shared was their appreciation of Dave, and he was singled out for special assignments and promotions by every chief along the way. He was promoted to Corporal in 1988, Sergeant in 1990, Lieutenant in 2001 and Captain in 2005.

In the late 1980s, police departments across the country began touting "Community Policing" as the new way of interacting with residents. Police Chief Pete Herley assigned Dave to head up Tiburon's transition to this "new" approach. That was easy

for Dave. He'd been doing community policing for years. He had an intuitive understanding of his community and the way to police it that reflected local values and expectations. He then began communicating that knowledge to his peers, and his superiors. He did so quietly and persistently and most often by example. We learned.

Dave's commitment to Tiburon extended beyond his service as a police officer. Recognized for his fairness and dedication as a Little League coach he was elected as the Commissioner of the local league. The kids who played then still call him "Coach" a title he cares more about than "Captain". More recently he was elected as president of a local Rotary Club.

In March of 2007, I was appointed as Tiburon Police Chief following the departure of Matt Odetto, who left to become Chief of the San Rafael Police Department (a job I coincidentally had held until I retired in 2004 following thirty-two years there and at the Sheriff's Department). Dave served as the Tiburon Interim Police Chief between Matt's departure and my arrival, and by all accounts did a fine job during the transition.

Dave went out of his way to make me feel comfortable from the moment I got here. I've given this a lot of thought and I can say in all honesty that from the day I started here, Dave Hutton has been the most gracious and supportive person with whom I've ever worked. He was that way from the first moment I met him and he has never changed.

In police work, officers often work together with one individual for a long time. Usually it's someone of equal rank. If they're good, you try to stick together and you become partners. You trust and rely on them completely. Nothing is more important than a good partner and I had some good ones until I was promoted into management ranks. Then I didn't have partners anymore, and I missed that. But after I had been in Tiburon for a while, I realized I'd found a new partner. My partner is Dave Hutton. That's how I think of him.

Dave Hutton has done you, and all those who have visited Tiburon, a great service. He made me and everyone who worked with him a better public servant. He has given a great deal to this Town and it has in turn been a very rewarding experience for him. It's been the perfect marriage. Dave's last duty day will be December 23rd.

(**Note:** *Dave's retirement dinner will be held on Friday, February 6, at the Embassy Suites in San Rafael. If you are interested in attending, please call Cece Garcia at 789-2801.*)

Sincerely,

Michael J. Cronin
Chief of Police

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Landmarks Holiday Sale

Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Landmarks Art & Garden Center
841 Tiburon Boulevard

Landmarks
**Holiday
Art & Craft Sale**
Saturday, December 6th
10 to 4
Landmarks Art & Garden Center
841 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon

NEW Artists!

Glass Flame Work, Pastel & Oil Paintings,
Silver & Gold & Ethnic Jewelry, Wood Turned Bowls,
Knit Scarves, Hats & Gloves, Fancy Wine Glasses,
Hand Bags, Woven Baskets, Preserves and
Baked Goods and much more from:

Annelies Atchley	Dana Garrick
Dave Benoit	Mike Gothelf
Alexis Berger	Mirro Golino
Peggy Chiang	Carol Greenspan
Frank Doyle	Frank Ordaz
Infusion Candles & Bath	Joy Scott
Tim Marsh	Judy Wilson
Escama Studio	Lia Wilson
	Deborah Wychulis

And don't forget our famous Pear Brandy!

Kick off the holidays with our annual sale, featuring new artists and our famous pear brandy (which always sells out quickly). Need we say more?

Sincerely,

Landmarks Society Staff

And don't forget to go downtown for the annual Holiday Festival and tree-lighting ceremony (see below)!

**Holiday Festival - This Saturday!
Saturday, December 6 -
2:30 until 8 p.m.
Downtown Tiburon**

Celebrate the holidays with a sparkling party in downtown Tiburon. Pick your times and favorite things to do - or do it all!

Here's how the day will unfold:

**Santa arrives on a firetruck ? Main Street & Tiburon Blvd
? 2:30 pm**

Greet Old St Nick as he arrives in town in a firetruck! Though he left his elves in the North Pole (busy time of year for them), Santa will bring along Mickey Mouse and friends.



Visit with Santa ? 1690 Tiburon Blvd ? 2:30 - 6 pm

Capture the magic of the holidays with photo of your loved ones while they visit Santa in a winter wonderland. Please bring your own camera. With thanks to Bradley Real Estate.

Barbershop Quartet ? 46A Main Street ? 2 - 3 pm

It doesn't get more traditional than this! Enjoy the perfect harmony of a barbershop quartet while welcoming our newest merchant to town. With thanks to Enlighten Optometry.

Gingerbread House Decorating ? 5 Main Street ? \$35

3 sessions: 2 pm ? 3 pm ? 4 pm (reservations recommended)

Decorate your own gingerbread house. The houses are already built so just bring your imagination - we provide all the trimmings. Proceeds benefit Friday Nights on Main and the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank.



Horse Drawn Holiday Wagon Rides ? Ferry Plaza ? 3 - 6 pm **

Experience the thrill of an old-fashioned horse-drawn wagon ride. Slow down and savor the sights and sounds of the holiday season in a festive holiday wagon pulled by magnificent Clydesdale horses.

Roasted Chestnuts ? 72 Main Street, Ark Row ? 4 - 6 pm

Ark Row is magical in the holidays. Stroll and enjoy the twinkling lights and the wonderful scents of chestnuts roasting on an open fire.

One Man Musical Extravaganza ? 108 Main Street, Ark Row ? 3:30 and 6:30 pm

Napa Valley's Geoff Ellsworth provides fun and entertainment in his one man musical show. He brings you mermaids, headhunters, Belgian sailors, dolphins, dance and sea chanties. Recommended for those looking to share some laughs this season, and those who like their holiday entertainment a little bit silly, a little bit rock and roll. With thanks to Elixir.



Tree Lighting Ceremony ? Fountain Plaza ? 6 pm **

Tiburon's Mayor and Santa Claus make the holiday season official by lighting the Town's Christmas tree. Come ready to sing some favorite Christmas carols!

Locations

Boardwalk Shopping Center ? Tiburon Blvd ? Point Tiburon Plaza
? Main Street ? Ark Row

Offering foods and fashions, gifts and glitter, music and magic - everything to make the holidays bright, Tiburon's merchants kick off the season with jewelry, clothing, gourmet foods, decorations and ideas sure to delight! You'll find one of kind gifts and rediscover all that Tiburon has to offer!

For more information, visit our [website](#) or call 435-1853.

*** Horse Drawn Wagon Rides and the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be cancelled in the event of rain. All other holiday festival activities will take place rain or shine!*

Sincerely,

Melanie Haddad, Executive Director
Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

'Tis The Season for Holiday Faires!

Sunday, December 7
9 a.m. until 2 p.m.
St. Stephen's Church
3 Bayview Avenue, Belvedere



The artists of St. Stephen's Church are celebrating the season with a Christmas Faire. They invite you to join them for Christmas shopping and old-fashioned

hospitality.

The faire will feature artist-designed Christmas decorations, crafts and cards, jewelry, clothing, and newly published books and artwork.

Artists include Annelies Atcheley, Virginia Knepper Doyle, Ruth Grant, author Michele Maleville and Daria Painter, among others. A highlight will be a silent auction featuring wreaths that the artists have designed and contributed to the fair.

Proceeds from the auction and a percentage of the artists' sales will benefit **Camp Create**, a summer art camp for children from Marin's diverse multicultural communities.

For more information, contact [Judy Wilson](#), or call 435-4501.

Concert at Old St. Hilary's Landmark: MUSAE Presents a Holiday Celebration of Song

Friday, December 12, 8 p.m.
Old St. Hilary's Landmark
201 Esperanza, Tiburon CA



For the eleventh year, we are pleased to present the wonderful voices of MUSAE at Old St. Hilary's for a holiday celebration of song. The fourteen voice women's vocal ensemble will sing a variety of holiday favorites, from the court of Henry VIII to modern jazz standards, and from Latvian carols to Armenian liturgical music.

Reserve your tickets early because this show always sells out (see below for ticket purchase options).

The concert is presented by the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks

Society and Tiburon Heritage & Arts Commission, with generous support from Bank of Marin.

Tickets are \$15 and \$20. Advance purchase is available at the Landmarks Office, Tiburon Town Hall, and through Brown Paper Tickets [on-line](#).

Because there is no parking at Old St. Hilary's, you can walk or go to the Boardwalk Shopping Center and take the shuttle, starting at 7:30 p.m.

More information is available at our [website](#), or by calling 435-1853.

Sincerely,

Dave Gotz
Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Archivist

Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, December 13
9 until 10:30 a.m.
Belvedere Community Center

No holiday season is complete without an opportunity to spend time with Santa! Bring the kids to a fun-filled morning of music, crafts, and of course, breakfast with Santa himself.

Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by calling 435-4355.

Sincerely,
The Ranch

Ho, Ho, Ho! ~

Teddy Bear Tea

Saturday & Sunday, December 13 - 14
Seatings at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Belvedere-Tiburon Library

Bookmarks will host its annual Teddy Bear Tea on December 13 & 14. This event, for children of all ages, will feature piping-hot cocoa, savory eats and festive peppermints greet you as you step into our holiday themed Teddy Bear Tea.

Delight your children and grandchildren with this age-old tradition. Afterwards, enjoy a holiday sing along with a special guest.

Holiday stories will be read by the Children's Librarian, Alicia Bell. On your way out, get your photo taken with a large, friendly white bear and don't forget to pick up your keepsake souvenir to take home and treasure!



Tickets \$25 per adult and \$25 per child. Tables of 10 available to purchase in full. We encourage you to buy the entire table to ensure you sit with your friends. This event does sell out, so please book early. Reserve your spot [online](#) today!

Sincerely,
Belvedere-Tiburon Library Bookmarks

Library Website Gets An Update



Open 10:00 am - 9:00 pm today ▶

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Website



www.beltiblibrary.org

Check out the Library's new [website](#) and Community Calendar below.

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](#).



Council and Commission Meetings

Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - December 3; December 17 cancelled.

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

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - December 10; December 24 is cancelled for the Christmas Holiday.

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town Hall Conference Room) - Regular meeting in December cancelled; next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27,

2015.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month - Next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on January 20, 2015.

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

Please note: Town Hall will be closed for holiday furlough from Wednesday, December 24, 2015 and will re-open on Monday, January 5, 2015.

**Happy Holidays!
Town of Tiburon Staff**

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