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December 5, 2013

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Year-end Reflections

It's a wrap! 2013 is about to be history. Reflecting back and looking forward, my year-end assessment is a very positive one (the great exception being the passing of our dear friend and leader, Councilmember and former mayor Dick Collins, this past May). Indeed, I am bullish about the Town's overall health and how it is positioned going into the next year. Of course, every community is benefitting from the improved economy, but I believe our actions in recent years have served us well and given us a strong foundation for taking full advantage of greater opportunities ahead. During the downturn, the Town took some important steps to rein in costs and liabilities while still maintaining services, improving our infrastructure and generally keeping our heads above water and red ink off the books. As we stand now, our ongoing costs of operation have been reduced, our hotel, sales and property tax base is increasing modestly but steadily, and our reserves are solid despite having been modestly diminished by one-time spending on a new recreation center and a parking lot. Our wonderful Town Council (welcome to newest Councilmember, Erin Tollini!) continues to provide consistent and strong leadership for Town improvement but always in keeping with the character we so cherish for our small community.

This next year, I anticipate some new capital projects, like a public-private partnership to fund median improvements on Tiburon Boulevard near Blackfield Drive, continued focus on revitalizing downtown, including possibly significant changes to address parking, and a BIG celebration to honor the Town's 50th anniversary on the last weekend in May. Plus lots more.

On a bittersweet note, we say goodbye this month to our Public Works Director, Nick Nguyen, who leaves us to take a senior position with the City of Millbrae. Nick has spearheaded substantial change to our infrastructure during his eight-year tenure: a substantially improved Town-wide PCI (Pavement Condition Index, the standard of roadway

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quality), Old Rail Trail reconstruction, significant drainage improvements, two large undergrounding projects, new public restrooms, construction of Dairy Knoll (the new recreation center), the Lyford parking lot, and myriad other physical improvements. His department has also kept our parks in tip-top shape. I am very grateful to Nick for his excellent work on our behalf, and wish him well in his new post. He will be missed!

On a final note - what better way could there be to celebrate and support local community than coming downtown this Saturday, December 7, for the huge holiday bash? The festivities are itemized later in this newsletter; I urge you to check out the program as it offers a whole day of activities including the annual tree lighting, free professional photos (with or without Santa), gingerbread house decorating (slots are going quickly, so call for a reservation) and a professional bell choir, Merrie Olde Christmas Carolers, roasted chestnuts and more. There's a food drive, too, to honor the real spirit of the holidays by helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Saturday represents an unprecedented level of holiday splendor for our Town, replete with festive new lighting on Main Street and Ark Row buildings, so it should be very special. It starts at Noon and runs until 7 PM, leaving plenty of time to drop by the Landmarks Society Holiday Sale at the Art and Garden Center opening at 10 a.m. This Saturday is a fine time to do some serious holiday shopping right here in Town and celebrate the great good fortune of life in Tiburon with friends and neighbors.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah (so early!) and best wishes for whatever traditions your family cherishes this time of year. And were you present, I would lift a glass with you to toast Tiburon, bidding it a very successful 2014 - 50 years and counting!

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

**A Brief History of How The Town Came Into
Being 50 Years Ago...**



Photo Courtesy of Landmarks Society Archives

In the Fall of 1963, a small group of primarily newcomers to Tiburon got together to decide the fate of this spectacular bit of land and water. They were mostly WWII vets who had found the place to settle down and raise their families. Attracted by the rolling hills, dramatic coves, proximity to a great city, and a semi-rural lifestyle, they wanted to make this their home.

It was not vacant land nor uninhabited. Much of the peninsula was covered by dairy ranches, railroad tracks and yards, and the remnants of WWII military facilities. Orderly planning and development was called for. In the 1950s, local efforts to save Angel Island and Richardson Bay from inappropriate projects culminated in the formation of the Tiburon Peninsula Coordinating Council, made up of homeowners associations, the school, sanitary and fire districts, and the City of Belvedere.

The TPCC had worked with the planning staff of Marin County to produce a master plan for the development of the Tiburon Peninsula. It was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1956. It was far from ideal and the county planners began ignoring it immediately. After one frustrating meeting with the county officials, none of whom lived in Tiburon, the leaders of the TPCC decided that the only way to get any control over the situation was to incorporate a City of Tiburon. It had been tried before but had been unsuccessful. With some creative gerrymandering, the matter was put to the voters and passed by 101 votes and Tiburon became a city in June 1964, seating a five-member council, all of whom lived in Tiburon.

In 2014, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary!

Branwell Fanning,
Town Historian

Combine Holiday Shopping AND Disaster Preparedness



Here's an idea for the *practical* holiday shopper: disaster kits as holiday gifts!

The Tiburon Rotary Club has a variety of First Aid/Disaster Preparedness kits for sale. Any profits resulting from these sales will go to Rotary, or to a non-profit organization of the purchaser's choice.

For more information, contact [George Landau](#) at 435-7051.

Recycling Food During the Holidays



Tiburon residents take great pride in their community by recycling and making smart purchasing decisions to keep our Town a clean and beautiful place to live. However, each and every day thousands of pounds of waste still enter our landfill. "Zero Waste Marin", a countywide program, is working hard to involve every community in reducing the amount of landfill and to eliminate it altogether in Marin County by the year 2025.

As scrumptious meals are enjoyed throughout the holiday season, please be aware that **the average family throws away \$1,600 worth of food each year**. We can help! For practical tips on food storage and shopping, and food recycling, please visit our [website](#).

When shopping for your holiday feast, think about purchasing items made from recycled goods or with less packaging. There are many environmentally friendly options available these days.

During the holidays and beyond, please put all food scraps in your green bin or set up a compost pile in your backyard to create 'food' for your garden.

Let's show how Tiburon is a model community that thinks of future generations and helps protect our natural resources.

Happy Holidays from your Friends at Zero Waste Marin.

Year-End Planning: Marin Clean Energy Launches "Green" Loan Program

A new innovative tool that allows MCE

customers to pay for energy efficiency investments through their PG&E bills is now widely available across Marin and Richmond.



First Community Bank, based in Santa Rosa with a branch in Corte Madera, will provide financing to single-family homeowners. River City Bank, based in Sacramento, will provide financing to eligible multi-family and small commercial property owners wishing to participate in the program.

Qualifying single-family properties can apply for Green Home Loans between \$2,500 and \$30,000 through First Community Bank at 6.5% interest for 5-10 year terms. These loans can then be repaid over time on the customer's standard electric bill.

Qualifying multi-family and small commercial properties may apply for Green Biz Loans between \$10,000 and \$265,000 through River City Bank at a 5.0% interest rate for 5-10 year terms.*

Financing is a critical step towards accomplishing energy efficiency upgrades, which ultimately save customers money on their utility bills. The initial costs associated with implementing an energy efficiency project can serve as a barrier for property owners who may be interested in making such improvements. The Green Loan program will help to alleviate this barrier.

In many cases, the energy savings are sufficient to cover the monthly payments for the financing so that the total monthly charge on utility bills is less than or equal to the pre-investment amount.

"Our Green Loan Program will leverage our relationship with MCE customers improving access to funding for energy efficiency investment, especially for historically underserved markets such as middle-income households, multifamily buildings, and small businesses," said Dawn Weisz, Marin Energy Authority Executive Officer.

"The financing tool is another part of our community-oriented energy efficiency program designed to help our customers save money and reduce the amount of energy they use - that's good for their wallets and the environment".

For more information about MCE's energy efficiency program visit the MCE website or contact Communications Director, Jamie Tuckey, at 464-6024.

*Introductory rates are subject to change without notice; other conditions apply.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Downtown Holiday Festivities on December 7

TIBURON HOLIDAY FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

A DAYLONG HOLIDAY PARTY IN DOWNTOWN TIBURON!

Saturday, December 7

Noon - 7:00 p.m.

Downtown - Main Street

Come join the festivities in beautiful downtown Tiburon; shop local and get into the holiday spirit right here at home....

FIND THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT!

Holiday specials from your favorite downtown shops & restaurants, many of which are offering festive food & drink for the occasion.

WHERE: Downtown Tiburon

WHEN: Noon - 7:00 pm

THREE-ALARM SANTA!

Greet Santa Claus as he arrives in Downtown Tiburon on a fire truck!

WHERE: Main Street

WHEN: 2:00 pm

FREE PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Visit with Santa Claus and have a free family portrait (with or without Santa) taken by a professional photographer, courtesy of Bradley Real Estate.

WHERE: 46 Main Street

WHEN: 2:00 - 6:00 pm

HOLIDAY ORNAMENT DECORATING WITH SANTA'S ELVES

WHERE: 122 Main Street

WHEN: Noon - 4:00 pm

PRICE: \$5

ROASTED CHESTNUTS & HOT MULLED WINE & CIDER

WHERE: Ark Row

WHEN: 2:00 - 6:00 pm

BAY BELLS BELL CHOIR

Hear the unique sounds of this distinguished bell choir performing holiday favorites and perhaps a Beatles song or two.

WHERE: Corner of Main Street & Ark Row

WHEN: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

WHERE: Guaymas Restaurant, 5 Main Street

WHEN: Three Seatings - 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm & 4:30 pm

PRICE: \$35

THE MERRIE OLDE CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

Traditional Christmas carols performed in Dickensian costume by members of the San Francisco Opera Chorus. Starting at the Boardwalk Shopping Center, this merrie band of carolers will stroll downtown, ending at Fountain Plaza at 6:00 pm for the tree lighting ceremony.

WHERE: Boardwalk Shopping Center & Fountain Plaza

WHEN: 4:30 - 6:30 pm

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Traditional tree lighting ceremony with a special performance by The Merrie Olde Christmas Carolers. See Downtown Tiburon lit up like never before!

WHERE: Fountain Plaza

WHEN: 6:00 pm

SAN FRANCISCO/MARIN FOOD BANKS/FOOD & FUNDS DRIVE

The Tiburon Chamber of Commerce and downtown businesses are partnering with the San Francisco and Marin Food Banks to collect food and funds to help end hunger in our community. Please bring non-perishable cans to donate. For locations or to donate on-line, visit our [website](#).

PARKING

Main Street Parking will be offering special December 7 parking validations through many downtown merchants to help reduce parking costs.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING & FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call 435.5633 | [Email](#) | or [website](#)



Saturday, December 7
10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Art and Garden Center Cottage
841 Tiburon Boulevard

Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks cordially invites you to attend our annual Holiday Art & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 7.

New this year: Books written by Landmarks members - something unique to add to your holidays gift giving.

Also this year: A special offer for Landmarks members - Pre-order our famous Pear Brandy that sells out quickly. Call 435-1853 to place your order, or to join Landmarks, or you can also [email](#) us, too.

We look forward to seeing you!

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 14
9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Belvedere Community Center



The little ones in your family will enjoy this annual holiday treat - Breakfast with Santa! Sponsored by your Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation Department, this popular event fills up quickly. The cost is \$15 per person. Call 435-4355 for reservations.

Council and Commission Meetings

Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (December 4; December 18 cancelled).

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (December 5; December 19).

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (December 11; December 25 cancelled).

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (December 24 cancelled).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is January 21, 2014).

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

Please note: Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 20 and will reopen on January 2, 2014. Happy Holidays!

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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