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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Tiburon's 50th is Here!

Preparations are underway for a fitting anniversary celebration at the end of May. A huge party is planned for Shoreline Park and Main Street on the evening of Friday, May 30. Paradise Drive will be closed

to allow for food trucks, live music, activities for kids of all ages and, drum roll here, a BIG fireworks display off-shore. This event will coincide with the first Friday Night on Main of the season. This will be a 50th bash to remember. Be sure to put this celebration on your calendars now, because you simply won't want to miss it. You will be hearing more on this as the time approaches.



The year 2014 looks to be a productive year in more ways than a big birthday party. Downtown revitalization activities include development of a comprehensive parking plan. An analysis of parking and circulation was completed last year; using that information, the Town is now working to determine the best management of street spaces while insuring residents continue to have two hours of free parking downtown. In fact, the goal is to end up with a system that makes parking just as affordable, but more available for residents and others patronizing downtown shops and restaurants. The plan will also identify locations for electric vehicle charging stations. The parking plan effort is being led by the Town Council Parking Committee of Councilmembers Fraser and O'Donnell. They are working with staff to flesh out ideas and will schedule public meetings in the coming months for anyone wishing to weigh in on concepts under consideration. Eventually, ideas honed through this process will make their way to the Town Council for its deliberation and potential adoption.

Capital projects in 2014 will likely include the greening of the medians coming into Town out near Blackfield Drive (a fund-raising effort with the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation is underway to supplement the Town's contribution),

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DID YOU KNOW?

Marin Transit Route 219 - It's Our Very Own Shuttle Service

The Marin Transit Route 219 Marin Transit shuttle runs every 30 minutes between Strawberry and downtown Tiburon. It's a safe, convenient and traffic-reducing way of getting around the Peninsula.

For school-age children, the shuttle stops at Reed and Del Mar schools, and near Blackfield

improvements to the frontage of Blackie's Pasture, and the first part of a two-year project to complete additional undergrounding along Tiburon Boulevard (a big job only affordable in small increments). We also hope to (finally) garner Caltrans' approval for some better way-finding signage on the Boulevard.

My final update is on the budget front. Every January, the Town Council examines the "mid-year" budget, or how the Town is doing at the half-way point with its actual budget experience versus the adopted budget (the Town's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30). The good news: the Town is in fine financial shape. Revenues in almost every category are up while costs are stable, so the bottom line is steadily improving along with the economy.

I hope this anniversary year brings a renewed and deepened appreciation for the great Town that Tiburon is. We have so much to inspire our gratitude: a first-rate school system and library, functional and productive (and civil!) local government, sound infrastructure (although constant reinvestment is always needed), astounding natural beauty and a solidly in-the-black budget. We cannot be complacent about improving our standing with long-term liabilities and should continue to be cautious in spending and forthright in savings, but overall the outlook is extremely promising that this lovely little Town, doing well now, has even better times ahead. Our 50-year anniversary is a great excuse to celebrate this good fortune. Now if it would only rain!

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Peninsula Gets Sirens

Upcoming Siren Test

At noon on February 20 there will be a test of the new emergency notification sirens recently installed at various locations on the peninsula. The sirens will sound for two to three minutes and will emit an off-and-on wailing sound that should be audible over the entire peninsula and in some neighboring communities. We'll make every effort to notify as many people as possible before the test.

The sirens are a joint project funded by the Town of Tiburon, the City of Belvedere and the Tiburon Fire Protection District and are the result of a great deal of hard work by your representatives on the Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Disaster Advisory Council.

Drive. Kids riding in the westbound direction don't have to cross the Boulevard to get to school. Those on the eastbound leg have to cross the Boulevard but only at intersections where crossing guards are present.

Riding the shuttle is affordable! It costs \$2.00 per adult (a 20% discount is available if you have an inexpensive Clipper Card) and kids age 6-18 ride for \$1.00 each way or they can get a 31 day pass for \$40.00.

Using the shuttle helps keep cars off the Boulevard, reduces pollution and it's a great way to introduce children to public transit.

Consider taking Route 219 to go shopping downtown, to the Boardwalk or CVS, the Cove, or Strawberry Village. We think you'll be pleased you did!

[Click here for](#)

The sirens are one piece of the emergency notification system. The other piece is SNAP radio station at 840 AM. "SNAP", an acronym for "Siren Notification Alerting the Peninsula", will be used to broadcast important information during a disaster. If you hear the siren, it is your cue to tune to SNAP for the most up-to-date information. In the very near future we will be adding another piece: streaming the same information broadcast on SNAP over the internet. You'll be able to find it on the websites of the Town of Tiburon, the City of Belvedere and the Tiburon Fire Protection District.

The new sirens are located at Bel Aire School, Fire Station 10 at the corner of Trestle Glen and Paradise Drive, Del Mar Middle School, the Tiburon Corporation Yard behind Reed School, Fire Station 11 in downtown Tiburon and at 2900 Paradise Drive. They can be remotely activated as needed by local officials, including remote programming of messages for SNAP Radio. The siren system has been designed to reach every corner of the peninsula and we expect the test to validate the design. If it doesn't, we'll take further steps to improve coverage.

You can listen to SNAP now. It regularly broadcasts information about disaster preparedness. Admittedly, the signal is a little weak and may sound "scratchy". That's because we are restricted by the FCC to 10 watts of power. In an actual disaster, the power will be increased and the signal will be clear.

You don't have to rely solely on SNAP for information. You can start receiving electronic notifications by registering [online](#) and signing up for your choice of email, cell phone, home phone, office phone, or text -- or all of them.

Prepare for Emergencies

The emergency notification system can warn you of a disaster and give you important information when one occurs, but ultimately it is up to you to be prepared ride out the first critical hours and days. To learn how, attend a "Get Ready" class presented by our Emergency Services Coordinator at the Tiburon Police Station on any of the following dates:

- Wednesday February 12, 3 pm - 5 pm
- Thursday February 27, 10am - 12 pm
- Thursday March 6, 3 pm - 5 pm
- Thursday March 20, 6 pm - 8 pm
- Monday April 7, 4 pm - 6 pm
- Thursday May 1, 6 pm - 8 pm
- Wednesday May 21, 10 am - 12 pm

To sign up for a class, call Laurie Nilsen at 435-7386, or register [online](#) at the Get Ready website.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Cronin
Chief of Police

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Garden Talks at Art & Garden Center



Wednesday, February 5

10 - 11 a.m.

Art and Garden Center Cottage

841 Tiburon Boulevard

The Marin Master Gardeners will offer three spring talks at the Landmarks Art & Garden Center beginning February 5, at 10 a.m. The one-hour talks are free.

The series kicks off with Brian Rafferty discussing "Dealing with Wildlife in the Garden". Find out how to have a garden while living with deer, rabbits, gophers, moles, voles and squirrels.

The series continues on March 5, 2014, with "Conserving Water in the Garden" (a timely topic!) and culminates on April 2 with "Hillside Gardening 101 -- Overcoming Challenges in Southern Marin".

For more information, contact [Faith Brown](#) at 435-5320.

We look forward to seeing you!

More Gardening Workshops - *The Groundwork of Organic Gardening*

(3) Saturdays - February 1, May 17 and October 14

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

College of Marin, Indian Valley Campus

1800 Ignacio Boulevard, Novato

\$30 per class or \$75 for the series* (with advance

[registration](#)).

This informative three-part organic gardening series is designed for beginning and seasoned growers alike. Each session includes classroom instruction and practical teaching held on the thriving College of Marin certified organic farm at the Indian Valley campus, a partnership program with the Marin Master Gardeners.

Class size is limited to 35. Contact [Liz Peer](#) for more information or register [online](#).

1. *The Living Ground.*
Saturday February 1, 10 a.m - 1 p.m.
Jeff Creque, instructor

This session will cover the principles and practices of organic soil cultivation with a focus on the physical and biological properties of soil.

Emphasizing the intricate soil food web present in every healthy garden, Jeff will provide ample practical teaching on making and using compost, growing and incorporating cover crops and green manure into the soil, and will offer techniques of carbon sequestration for the living soil and the planet.

2. *Groundwork in the Main Season Organic Garden.*
Saturday May 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wendy Johnson, instructor

In the San Francisco Bay Area the main season for primary crop production runs from the Vernal Equinox (Mar. 22) through the Autumnal Equinox six months later (September 21). In this very practical session we will learn how to make good organic soil mixes for annual and perennial crops, how to establish and record a seasonal planting schedule based on the principles of crop succession and rotation for vegetables, herbs, fruit and flowers. How best to irrigate the seasonal garden, how to establish Integrated Pest Management and disease control practices for the home garden, and how to harvest and handle your abundance of crops.

3. *Putting Garden Ground to Rest.*
Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Liza Buckner, instructor

The onset of the dormant season is an excellent time to complete crop planting for the annual winter garden, to harvest a bounty of cultivated and native plant seed, and to divide and propagate perennials for next season, as well as to establish a sound winter composting system for your garden. All these procedures and more will be covered in this final class of the 2014 organic gardening series.

*Proceeds support the Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden, pays instructors and support the outreach to the public of the Marin Master Gardeners.

Rotary Crab Feed and Fundraiser



Saturday, March 1
5:30 - 9 p.m.
Tarantino Hall - St. Hilary's Church
761 Hilary Drive

The Rotary Club's annual crab extravaganza, "Crab, Chardonnay & Chocolate", takes place on Saturday, March 1, and everyone's invited for an evening of friendship, feasting and fun.

Appetizers, oysters, crab galore with all the trimmings and a dessert buffet are included in the ticket price. Chicken and vegetarian dishes will be available for those who are unable to eat crab. Beer and wine will be available at a no-host bar. Soft drinks and water are included in the ticket price.

Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$20 for children. Reservations are recommended to ensure seating. For reservations, contact [Judy Wilson](#). You can call 871-6526 or 435-7386, or send a check to the Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere, P.O. Box 220, Tiburon, CA 94920.

Rotary supports local and world-wide programs. Among its recent local projects, the Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere put in new plants at the Railroad & Ferry Depot Museum and helped students at Bel Aire School send 2,500 books to their sister school in Liberia. In addition, the club provides scholarships through 10,000 Degrees, a San Rafael nonprofit, to provide support for students who are the first in their families to attend college.

Internationally, it contributes to "End Polio Now," the initiative to eradicate polio worldwide.

Council and Commission Meetings

Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
(February 5 and February 19).

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m.
(February 6 and February 20).

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (February 12 and February 26).

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in

the Town Hall Conference Room (February 25).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is March 18).

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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