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 Town Manager  
Peggy Curran

### Tiburon Peninsula Path

Tiburon is graced with a truly magnificent path running 2.5 miles along its Richardson Bay shoreline. In one direction, San Francisco peeks into view, in the other, Mount Tam holds forth, and always there's Sausalito across the way. One can spy the bridge towers, revel in sunset reflections and, especially during herring season, enjoy

the sight of thousands of birds on and about the water. I expect the path is at or near the top of just about everyone's list of great amenities this community affords its residents and visitors.

As with any public amenity, though, its very success can threaten it with overuse or, in our case, occasional clashes of uses. The path is intended to be "multi-use", there for walkers, cyclists, runners, people with strollers or in wheelchairs and even those on roller blades. Lately there has been renewed interest in path safety, the result of a recent collision between a cyclist and a pedestrian and a general concern by many that cyclists who speed pose a real threat to pedestrians. Even if a collision is avoided, it can be unnerving to have a bicycle fly by too closely or unexpectedly. Pedestrians, too, can create problems with dogs on long (or no) leashes or walking too many people abreast.

What to do? Tiburon police officers have been stepping up enforcement of late, including using radar to determine bike speeds, to both gather information about path usage and to let people know we are serious about safety. They have received a lot of feedback from all users, and stopped the occasional speeding cyclist to talk about path safety. In terms of changing rules or signs on path use going forward, Town staff has asked the Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission, POST for short, for assistance to review safety concerns and develop ways to help path users coexist and share the path more effectively and safely. One idea to consider is whether a speed limit for cyclists should be

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established (although these are difficult to enforce) and whether better signage about keeping right and sharing the path would help. Another measure which could be implemented readily is establishing a dashed centerline, a common feature of similar paths elsewhere. It would gently remind all users to "keep right" (the current rule) regardless of their mode of locomotion. Evidence suggests it might reduce the potential for clashes, especially if cyclists pass on the left.

We all want a path that is safe and allows each of us to enjoy it in our own (responsible) way. I welcome your thoughts and feedback about path safety.

### **New Emergency Way to Contact You!**

Speaking of safety, you might have read about this in The Ark or Marin Independent Journal: the County has created a new emergency warning program that sends an automated telephone call to warn residents of looming danger or provide other critical public safety information. They need your phone numbers (home, mobile... all of them) to make this work for you. Please take two minutes to do this right now by clicking [HERE](#). Make sure your whole family is signed up.

### **Permit Survey**

Back already? That was fast! Now that you have returned from entering your phone numbers in the County system, the final topic I wish to broach is the permit process user survey that I previewed in the October Tiburon Talk. In our never-ending quest to provide the best possible service to the community, we have sent out a questionnaire on our planning, building and encroachment permit services to some 1,700 people who have gone through our system in one fashion or another over the past 16 months. This includes contractors, owners, architects, engineers, realtors and pretty much everyone associated with each permit we have processed during that period. To ensure candid feedback, the survey is being returned to and tabulated by an independent research firm rather than Town staff. If you received the survey (sorry - I cannot give you one if you were not on the list) please give it a few minutes of your attention and respond. Whether your experience was great, awful or something in between, we want to know. The questionnaire invites you tell us what you think we can do better, or what you think we are doing right. You'll be helping us improve our work on behalf of the community, and for that we are very grateful for your effort and your time.

I hope your new year is off to a great start. The economy seems to be picking up so fingers are crossed that this is the year that the recovery kicks into every sector.

Sincerely,

 Peggy Curran,  
Town Manager

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### TIBURON POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL CHANGES


 Jerry Wachowiak

December, 2012 was a busy month for the Tiburon Police Department. On December 12, we bid a fond farewell to Officer Jerry Wachowiak, wishing him all the joy and happiness in his well-earned retirement after 26 years of service to the Town.

In addition to being the department's firearms instructor, Jerry will be remembered by many of the youth of our community as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program facilitator in our schools for 20 years.

While we will all miss Jerry, his departure left an opening in our ranks, an opening that we were quickly and successfully able to fill.

On December 24, Officer Joshua Small was sworn in as the newest police officer on our force. Officer Small came to our department after serving seven years with the Golden Gate Bridge District Patrol Agency. Officer Small was recruited by several agencies but chose to start his career with Tiburon because he wanted to "be a part of a department that not only worked for the community, but is part of the community." Officer Small, his wife and two children reside in Marin.

 Joshua Small

Should you see Officer Small while he is on patrol, please stop him, say hello and welcome him to our community!

Sincerely,

Captain Dave Hutton  
Tiburon Police Department

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## New Recreation Program Connects Burning Calories with Beautifying the Peninsula

 The GREENTEAM

Want to burn calories? Build muscle? And help beautify the Tiburon Peninsula? Then come join the GREENTEAM, a new class being offered by the Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation Committee.

"Our motto is, 'We Dig Where We Live,'" says GREENTEAM Chairperson Janice Anderson-Gram. "You could call it 'aerobic gardening,' but it's more than that."

"It will be a fresh air, full throttle workout," says instructor Jim Wood, who organized the Peninsula Pride program that clears weeds and litter from Tiburon Boulevard. "We'll concentrate on removing invasive plants and grasses along the Multi-Use Path along Richardson Bay, and respond whenever the GREENTEAM committee needs a landscape crew--like a volunteer fire department that's called out to beautify a park."

According to Anderson-Gram, the tightly organized classes will meet Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon, with only one break. "No power tools will be used, only clippers, hedge shears and tree saws," she adds, "along with plenty of hand, arm and shoulder muscle."

GREENTEAM classes will be limited to eight men and women, and participants must be over 18 years old and sign a release of liability form. "We're likely to encounter some steep terrain," Wood advises, "so team members should be reasonably fit and wear gloves, long sleeves and pants, not shorts."

The classes start March 2 and will meet every Saturday morning in March, April and May. A \$20 enrollment fee includes two GREENTEAM T-shirts: "One to get filthy dirty working," says Wood, "and another one to wear afterwards, to impress friends."

An orientation meeting will be held **Thursday, February 28, 7 p.m. at Tiburon Town Hall.**

For additional information call Jim Wood at 789-5032.

To enroll in a class, contact Belvedere-Tiburon Community Recreation at 435-4355 or visit their [website](#).

Sincerely,

Cathleen Andreucci  
Recreation Director

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## HERITAGE & ARTS COMMISSION

### Upcoming Art Shows at Town Hall

#### **American Pen Women - "Commitment to Creativity"**

February 5 through March 28  
Town Hall Community Room  
1505 Tiburon Boulevard

#### **Reception: February 6, from 6 -8 p.m.**

(Exhibit and reception are free)

The Golden Gate-Marin branch of the National League of American Pen Women, a professional group of female writers, artists and composers, will begin its show at Town Hall next week. For more information about the Pen Women and their mission, visit their [website](#).

Town Hall shows are available for viewing Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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## ARTIST LAUREATE CORNER


### Upcoming Event in March

#### **The Ancient History of the Persian New Year: Artistry and Artistic Set-Up of Symbols**

Monday, March 11, 7 - 9 p.m.  
Town Hall  
1505 Tiburon Boulevard

My aim as Tiburon Artist Laureate is not only to promote the understanding of the Arts in our community but also to promote cross-cultural understanding amongst us.

My programs this year are in the form of talks or workshops to be given by known artists. They are all free and are designed for all ages and abilities. Our talk in January was on the "Art in Cambodia and Beyond". We also had an earlier workshop

 Tiburon Artist Laureate Jaleh Etemad

on how to sketch your travels. Since the month of March coincides with the Persian New Year, I am planning an exciting talk and demonstrations around this event.

Please join us on Monday, March 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall for "The Ancient History of Persian New Year - the Artistry of the Artistic Set-Up of New Year Symbols." A delectable feast of Persian sweets will follow.


Sincerely,

Jaleh Etemad  
Tiburon Artist Laureate

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## Community Calendar

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

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## Council and Commission Meetings

 Upcoming Tiburon Meetings

**Town Council:** First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (February 6 cancelled; February

20).

**Design Review Board:** First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (February 7 & 21).

**Planning Commission:** Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (February 13 & 27).

**Heritage & Arts Commission:** Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (February 26).

**Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission:** Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is March 19).

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

*Please note: Town Hall is closed on February 18, 2013 for President's Day.*

Sincerely,

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