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May 31, 2013

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Art by the Bay

The Town Council recently approved a BIG public art exhibit, or perhaps I should say an exhibit of BIG art, entitled "Art by the Bay", which is slated to run for 10 days in August. Some 64 back-to-back canvases, each 20 feet high and 10 feet across, will be exhibited in Blackie's Pasture and along part of the newly renamed "Old Rail

Trail". Three large steel sculptures in Shoreline Park will round out the show. The concept behind the exhibit, which is being generously underwritten by the Drever Family Foundation, is to make a grand gesture for both the Tiburon Art Festival and a concurrent fundraiser for the nonprofit known as 10,000 Degrees, which helps disadvantaged young people overcome obstacles to get a college degree. Art by the Bay should be a truly stunning show and, I hope, a great deal of fun (with some serious art appreciation opportunities) for residents and visitors alike.

Old Rail Trail

Speaking of the Old Rail Trail, you may have noted that the Council, upon the unanimous recommendations of the Town's Heritage & Arts Commission and the Marketing & Communications Task Force, recently voted to rename the former Multi-Use Path. The thinking here? We have this marvelous amenity that is nothing short of a local treasure: 2.5 miles of flat, beautifully landscaped path aside the bay with vistas of Mount Tam, Sausalito, Belvedere, the Golden Gate Bridge towers and even glimpses of the city. But its name? "Multi-Use Path" may be descriptive of its function, but does nothing to distinguish it or capture its grace, history or the experience one enjoys using it. It conjures up a session on a treadmill more than a stroll or bike ride along a delightful and historic pathway. The official name, Richardson Bay Lineal Path, is virtually unknown and never used.

The M&C Task Force spent quite a bit of time pondering an appropriate name. The path is, of course, on the old railway

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right-of-way. Both "path" and "trail" were weighed for their contribution, as was a reference to its bayside nature. It is part of the larger Bay Trail, and for that reason the words "bay" or "bayside" were rejected as being too regionally generic. Many cities and towns in this area have bay trails and paths.

In the end, both recommending bodies came to consensus that the perfect name is Old Rail Trail. It reflects and embraces Tiburon's railroad history, which is truly distinctive in the history of rebuilding San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake and before the Golden Gate Bridge opened in 1937. In addition to its advantageous brevity, cadence and rhyme, the name evokes history in two ways by employing both "old" and "rail". The rhyme of "trail" with "rail" made it a winner over "path". The Town Council unanimously concurred, so Old Rail Trail it is.

Transit for our Peninsula

As noted in a Special Bulletin earlier this month, a proposal for transit to serve the peninsula was before the Marin Transit District Board on May 20. I am grateful and delighted to report that the Board, which includes all the Marin Supervisors as well as several other regional leaders, took a giant step on our behalf and unanimously approved the new shuttle system. Smaller shuttles (24' rather than the standard 40' bus) will run between the Strawberry shopping area and downtown Tiburon every thirty minutes. What is truly exciting is the reinstatement of three morning and three late afternoon routes into the hills to pick up ferry commuters and others trying to get in and out of downtown during peak hours. These "ferry feeder" routes were discontinued in 2009, and their reemergence is good news, indeed.

The new shuttle service is hugely important in our quest to reduce traffic on Tiburon Boulevard. The smaller shuttle has more of a community feel than its larger, more urban predecessor (Route 19), and we hope that, coupled with its more intensive schedule, will boost ridership. The Town plans to promote its use, and we all have a stake in its success if we care about Tiburon Boulevard traffic levels. I want to single out Supervisor Kate Sears and Tiburon Vice Mayor Alice Fredericks for their leadership on this issue. Board Member Sears led the way to the affirmative vote, pointing out the critical importance of transit for the peninsula while still recognizing the concerns expressed by our neighbors in Strawberry; she pledged to address their traffic and safety issues but in a manner that does not stymie improvements in transportation that stand to benefit the entire region.

Friday Nights on Main

Break out your dancing shoes - Friday Nights are back with a greater focus on music than ever before. There is a change... some of the downtown businesses felt they could

not quite keep up with weekly Friday Nights, so an alternative schedule was hatched. The last Friday of the month is now slated for this event, with an extra flurry in September - seven in all. Each will have a bit more personality and a unique theme, but they will all still be vintage Friday Nights with that great community feeling. Check out the schedule later in this issue. First up: May 31!

Remembering Dick Collins

In closing, I want to say a few words about our late Councilmember Richard "Dick" Collins. Dick was as decent a person as I have known. He had a strong compass yet an open and inquisitive mind. He was unfailingly kind, reliable, smart, gracious and good-humored, even as his health began failing him. He was simply a dear man, a deeply dedicated councilmember and mayor, a great friend to many and a cherished husband and father. He is greatly missed.

Thank you for persevering to the end of this overlong article. I hope your summer is off to a great start.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

San Francisco Bay Wetlands Attain International Significance



From the left: Mayor Emmett O'Donnell, Jared Huffman, and Kate Sears

On May 11, 2013, Supervisor Kate Sears, Congressman Jared Huffman and others, including Mayor Emmett O'Donnell, gathered at the Lyford House to celebrate the recognition of San Francisco Bay as an international Ramsar "wetland of importance".

The proclamation was made in February when the U.S. government added San Francisco Bay as the nation's 35th wetland of importance. The designation does not result in new legally binding protections for wildlife and habitat in the Bay, but it does focus international pressure on agencies to step up conservation efforts and could lead to additional funding for wetlands restoration.

San Francisco Bay is the largest estuary--about 400,000 acres --on the Pacific Coast and is widely recognized as one of North America's most ecologically important ones. The Bay is home to more than 1,000 species of animals, including native species and wintering shorebirds.

The Ramsar convention is named for The Convention on Wetlands that took place in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971. It resulted in an intergovernmental treaty that embodies the commitments of its member countries to maintain the ecological character of their Wetlands of International Importance and to plan for the "wise use", or sustainable use, of all of the wetlands in their territories.

Other waterways and wetlands in Marin included in the Ramsar designation are: Richardson Bay, Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve, the Marin Islands, Petaluma Marsh (which includes Bahia), Angel Island, China Camp, parts of Olompali, Bel Marin Keys, Simmons Slough, and a number of other sites.

Tiburon residents have long realized the special and unique nature of our location on the Bay. During the late 1950s, Dr. David Steinhardt, Elizabeth Terwilliger and other conservationists worked hard to save a portion of Richardson Bay from being filled in for a large-scale housing development. [A video about this fascinating story, called "Turning the Tide", was made by Landmarks Society Archivist Dave Gotz in 2006. You can purchase a copy by calling 435-5490.]

We want to thank Congressman Jared Huffman, the Richardson Bay Audubon Society, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others, who worked hard on the designation and continue to help us care for this cherished resource.

Diane Crane Iacopi
Tiburon Town Clerk

Coyotes



Over the past few years the Tiburon Police Department and the Marin Humane Society have received a number of reports of coyote sightings on the peninsula.

Coyotes began appearing, or rather reappearing, in urban areas of Marin around 2000. Their ability to adapt to urban environments has made them regular visitors and they are frequently seen in backyards and on city streets in many Marin communities.

Coyotes are most active during late summer and early fall when they are rearing their young.

They typically grow to 30-40 pounds and look a lot like a slimmed down version of a German shepherd with a long nose and a black-tipped tail. They are skilled and highly opportunistic predators with a fondness for cats or other small pets. They're also quick to take advantage of garbage or food left outside for pets. They are capable of leaping fences to gain access to either, or to take a drink from a swimming pool.

Attacks on humans are quite rare but by no means unheard of. A 2004 California study identified forty-four documented attacks on humans between 1979 and 2003, or about two per year, but reliable statistics are hard to come by because reporting requirements and practices vary so widely.

The Humane Society of America [website has tips](#) and [a video on how to handle coyotes](#) should you encounter one.

The Marin Humane Society has been instrumental in coordinating collaborative efforts with wildlife agencies, city & town governments and coyote experts to develop a common message and plan. They offer educational workshops,

neighborhood meetings and informational brochures. As part of these efforts, a County-wide ordinance was passed in 2003 by all eleven Marin cities. The ordinance bans the intentional feeding of coyotes and other species of wildlife.

The Marin Humane Society encourages the public to report any sighting of coyotes at 883-4621, or at their [website](#).

While we have little control over the behavior of coyotes, we can influence it by controlling our own actions. Be a good neighbor and find ways to reduce opportunities for coyotes. Keep yards free of attractions like open compost containers, accessible garbage, ripe or fallen fruit from trees, pet food and rodents; keep cats safely inside, especially at night, or contained in cat enclosures or cat fences.

If you see a coyote in your neighborhood, inform your neighbors if possible and call the Police Department. If it's in your yard or on the street we'll be happy to respond and scare it off. If it's on open space we will record the sighting, and make certain the Humane Society is aware of it.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Cronin
Chief of Police

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday Nights on Main Begins Tonight

**Friday, May 31 - 6 until 9 p.m.
Main Street**



The 2013 season of Friday Nights on Main in downtown Tiburon kicks off on Friday, May 31, with "A Little Bit Country"!

Put on your cowboy boots and hats, and come on down and enjoy the music of JT and the Pickups, while dining outdoors on beautiful Main Street. The festivities start at 6 p.m., with Line Dance lessons at 7:20 p.m.

Friday Nights on Main will take place on the last Friday of May (May 31), June (June 28), July (July 26), August (August 30), and for three nights in September--September 13, 20 and 27. Each will have a special theme so you won't want to miss out on any of them!

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| May 31 | A Little Bit Country |  |
| June 28 | La Dolce Vita |  |
| July 26 | Youth America's Cup |  |
| Aug 30 | America's Cup Salute |  |
| Sept 13 | Oktoberfest |  |
| Sept 20 | Annual Firemen's Ball |  |
| Sept 27 | RCP Tiburon Mile |  |

Friday Nights on Main is hosted by the Tiburon Peninsula

Chamber of Commerce. For more information about these events and upcoming themes, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 435-5633, or visit our [website](#).

Classic Car Show Returns on Father's Day Weekend

Saturday, June 15
11 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Shoreline Park



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Featuring
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SATURDAY, JUNE 15
11AM-4PM



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A favorite of residents and visitors alike, the Tiburon Classic Car Show returns for another spin along Shoreline Park in June.

Bring the car enthusiasts in your family for a stroll along the beautiful Tiburon waterfront and enjoy the views and shoreline while appreciating some classic cars. And this year, the show will feature classic race cars, like the Austin Healy shown in the photo.

Council and Commission Meetings

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

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

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

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in
the Town Hall Conference Room (June 25).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday
every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is July 23).

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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