One last note (since these are intended to be brief), I want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for staging Friday Nights on Main, which ended for the season a few weeks ago. The Chamber did a terrific job making these weekly community celebrations inviting for everyone. It strikes me that there are fewer and fewer occasions in our modern society (‘nowadays’ I would say, were I not so very modern) that encourage mingling of all ages and people with different interests and backgrounds. Friday Nights has that spirit in its festivity, casualness, eclectic offerings (both musically and gastronomically) and all-around good vibes. So thanks, Chamber folks, for making it happen.
**News Briefs**

**Safe and Sane Halloween**

The Police Department will be making an extra effort this year to make Halloween a safe and happy event for trick-or-treaters and non trick-or-treaters alike. We plan to double the usual number of officers on duty in the evening and we'll be escorting parades at Reed and Bel Aire schools during the day.

We all need to exercise a little extra caution while driving on this special night. Children are harder to see and less predictable than adults so we're going to pay particular attention to traffic enforcement in the neighborhoods where pedestrian traffic will be heaviest.

We'll also be looking for anyone who engages in the kind of rowdy behavior that frightens and intimidates smaller children and ruins their fun. Bullies and vandals won't be tolerated.

To help us out we're asking local markets to refuse sales of shaving cream to those who don't look like they shave and the sales of eggs to those who don't look like they cook and we'll be arresting people who throw or spray either one, or anything else, on someone else's property or person.

We appreciate the support of parents who take a moment to caution their older children about behavior that hurts others or damages property. We also appreciate the parents who take the time to escort groups of children around the neighborhoods.

Together we can make it a safe and sane Halloween!

Michael Cronin
Chief of Police

**November 6 is Election Day**

The November 6 election has several items of interest to peninsula residents:

- There is a race for three seats on the Sanitary District No. 5 Board of Directors and for two seats on the Reed Union School District Board of Directors. There is also a ballot measure which seeks to renew the parcel tax for the benefit of RUSD. Tiburon voters will get to choose
Coming soon....new signage and landscaping. Stay tuned for details of the reopening celebration coordinated by the Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

from among three candidates for the two seats on the Tiburon Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

While it is too late to register to vote for this election, you can still request an absentee ballot by mail from the Marin County Registrar of Voters, P.O. Box E, San Rafael, CA 94913. Voters may also apply for an absentee ballot in person at the Registrar's office at the Civic Center in San Rafael. Voters who are ill may designate any person to pick up and return their ballot during this period (October 31 - November 6).

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. To find your polling place, type in your zip code under "Find my ballot" at www.smartvoter.org.

Fire Road Rehabilitation
The Marin County Fire Department recently performed rehabilitation work on three of the Town's fire roads. Fire roads at the end of Shepherd Way and on the Middle Ridge slopes below Gilmartin Drive were cleared of dense vegetation and lightly re-graded to greatly improve access by fire and emergency vehicles.

These fire roads provide critical fire breaks and access points for fire fighting equipment and personnel in the event of a wildland fire. They are especially important in communities like Tiburon where large public open space tracts lie adjacent to residential development.

Thank you, Marin County and Tiburon Fire Departments!

Where to Recycle Computers and Other Hazardous Waste

In February of 2006 it became illegal to dispose of cell phones, PDAs, computers, fluorescent bulbs and cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in landfills statewide. As a result, Mill Valley Refuse Service can no longer provide curb-side removal of certain waste products.

Here's what you can do: bring your cell phones and household batteries, as well as printer cartridges (but not your printers or computers), to Town Hall for recycling. Goodman's Lumber, located on the frontage road near Highway 101, will accept fluorescent bulbs.

Other organizations will accept computers: one is ReNew Computers, 1241 Andersen Drive, Suite J, San Rafael, CA...
94901 (415) 457-8801. ReNew Computers also accepts televisions, printers, fax machines and other small electronic items.

It is important to take your other hazardous waste, such as aerosol cans, latex paint and pesticides, to the Marin County Household Hazardous Waste drop-off facility at 525 Jacoby Street in San Rafael. Call 485-6806 for hours of operation.


**Heritage & Arts Commission Vacancy**

The Heritage & Arts Commission has an opening and may be looking for you! The Commission works to preserve and protect those buildings, sites, works of art and other objects which have special historical, cultural or aesthetic character or interest to the Tiburon Peninsula.

Applicants must be residents of the Tiburon Peninsula. An estimated 10-15 hours per month is spent on meetings, art openings or special projects. A formal art/history background is preferred but not required.

Visit our website at www.ci.tiburon.ca.us, click on "Useful Forms," and look for the application to serve on a board or commission. You can also visit the Heritage & Arts Commission page from the same site to view some recent projects.

**Street Improvement Projects**

The implementation of this Fall's street improvement projects is proceeding despite being hampered by the recent wet weather. Public Works appreciates your patience and understanding throughout this process.

The slurry seal on Esperanza and on Mar West Street between Tiburon Boulevard and Esperanza will be completed this week, weather permitting. This project also includes a new asphalt and concrete pathway from the TPC to the Library. The contractor for this project is Ghilotti Construction.
The remaining street improvements are anticipated to be completed within two weeks. These will include portions of Bartel Court, Lyford Drive, Red Hill Circle, St. Gabrielle Court, Santa Ana Court, Paseo Mirasol, Reed Ranch Road, Harbor Oak Drive, and Blackfield Drive. The contractor for this project is WK McLellan.

Lyford Cove Undergrounding District
The Lyford Cove Undergrounding project is nearing completion. PG&E service is now being provided by the new underground network. AT&T and Comcast are still working out details in the field. We anticipate Comcast will be the next utility to crossover to underground. AT&T will be the last one off the poles and will remove them in the Spring of 2008.

There have been some issues with noisy and rattling utility vault covers on Paradise Drive. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding while we work with AT&T, PG&E, and the contractor to resolve this situation. In the meantime, we will mitigate the noise by temporarily "plating" some of the offending vaults and seeing that loose bolts are tightened.

Questions? Contact Al Petrie at 415-435-7359 or apetrie@ci.tiburon.ca.us.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Casino Night Benefits Volunteer Fire Department
Casino Night is coming to the TPC. On November 3rd, Tiburon’s Volunteer Fire Department will host its 58th annual fundraiser celebrating 66 years of community service. Come help these fire captains spend some money and cash in some chips for a good cause!

Hours are from 6:30PM - 10:30PM, Saturday, November 3, 2007, at the Tiburon Peninsula Club (TPC); cocktail attire. Tickets are $100/each. Space is limited, so please call (415) 435-7200 to reserve.

Bel-Tib Library Community Calendar
For the scoop on events and meetings sponsored by local not-for-profit community and government
organizations on the Tiburon peninsula, visit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's excellent community calendar.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council and Committee Meetings

Town Council: Nov. 7 at 7:30 PM.

Design Review Board: Nov. 8 at 7:00 PM.

Planning Commission: Nov. 14 and 28 at 7:30 PM.

All meetings listed are at Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Blvd.

PLEASE NOTE: The November 21 Town Council meeting and the November 22 Design Review Board meeting are cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Emergency Preparedness - Get Ready, Already!
The "Get Ready" program was started right here on the Tiburon peninsula. Join your friends and neighbors and get ready!

If you haven't attended a class yet (a mere two hours), now is the perfect time! To see the Fall schedules and to sign up for a class, visit the website, or call Laurie Nilsen at 435-7386.

We hope you enjoyed this issue of Tiburon Talk. As always, don't hesitate to give us a call with your questions (415) 435-7373, send us an email, or visit us at Town Hall.

Sincerely,

Town Staff
Town of Tiburon