Holiday Greetings

Happy Holidays from Town Hall!

As I write my last Tib Talk message for 2016, Thanksgiving is behind us and the rest of the holiday season is in full swing.

First I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Diane Crane Iacopi for her 21 years of service as Tiburon’s Town Clerk. As many of you already know, Diane announced her retirement a few months ago, and her last day on the job is actually today. In addition to her many, many official duties, Diane also served as the Editor of the Tib Talk newsletter since its inception. So it is with a bit of sadness that we prepare the final Tib Talk for 2016, as it will be Diane’s last chance to correct all of our spelling and punctuation! And although she will be sorely missed here at Town hall, I know you will join me in wishing Diane all the best in her retirement.

Giving Thanks

On our first Thanksgiving since being appointed Town Manager and moving to Tiburon, my wife Polly and I spent the day with friends. In the morning we traveled out to Point Reyes National Seashore and took a glorious hike on the Chimney Rock Trail. There we watched and listened to the waves crashing on the rocks below, interrupted only by the occasional barks and chortles from the numerous Elephant Seals basking in the sun on the small protected beaches which dot the coastline. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner on Drakes Beach.

Seated at the picnic table next to ours was a large multi-generational family from India enjoying a feast of their own. Our meal consisted of grilled turkey, salad, cranberry sauce and roasted potatoes, while theirs was a medley of traditional Indian fare. After cautiously eyeing each other’s offerings for a few minutes, we began chatting, and soon enough, the picnic tables were pushed together and our two meals had become one. We ended the day with a sunset stroll on the beach at low tide. It was a Thanksgiving we will not forget.
Driving home to Tiburon that evening, Polly and I reflected on our first year in Tiburon, and all of the things we are thankful for, not the least of which is the opportunity to work and live in this amazing community.

**Community Celebrations**

And speaking of community, as you continue to enjoy the 2016 Holiday season, don't forget to check out some of the great community events planned for the holidays. There's the Tiburon Holiday Festival on December 3 from 10-4, which includes the Landmarks Society Annual Holiday Art and Craft Sale, and of course a chance to visit with Santa! Or you could have breakfast with Santa on December 10th at the Belvedere Community Center from 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

More details about these events, and others, is included in this issue of Tib Talk. Whatever your plans, on behalf of all the Town officials and Town staff, I want to wish you and your families the happiest, and safest, of Holiday Seasons!

Sincerely,

Greg Chanis
Town Manager

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

**Winter Storm Preparation**

Public Works asks for your assistance preparing for the upcoming rainy season. Inspecting, cleaning, and maintaining the drainage structures on and around your property can greatly benefit everyone. Please collect leaves and yard debris and place them in your yard waste container. Many drainage systems (pipes, open channels, etc.) in town are actually privately owned and are the property owners' responsibility to maintain.

In addition to maintaining drainage structures, please inspect the vegetation around your property. Keep vegetation along the roadway trimmed back to the curb line so the street sweeper can reach the gutters and keep them clean. It is also a good idea to remove dead trees and vegetation before they are removed by high winds.

Sandbag filling stations will be established in two locations this year. One location is Blackie's Pasture gravel parking lot, and the other is in the tennis court parking lot at Marsh Road (enter off Beach Road). Public Works staff will monitor the stations throughout the season and replenish as necessary.

Pre-filled sandbags are available for purchase at many local...
retailers, including but not limited to: Goodman Building Supply, Martin Brothers Supply (both in Mill Valley) Water Components & Building Supply and Shamrock Materials (both in San Rafael).

**Caltrans Work**

Caltrans will be removing a couple of dead eucalyptus trees near Tiburon Boulevard, between Avenida Miraflores and Rock Hill Drive, on December 7 and 8.

The work requires one-way traffic control on Tiburon Boulevard between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please expect delays and plan your driving times accordingly.

**New Public Works Superintendent**

Public Works is happy to announce that Patrick Kerslake has been promoted to the position of Public Works Superintendent. Congratulations, Patrick!

You can reach Patrick with your Public Works concerns at 415-435-7399.

Sincerely,

Pat Barnes,
Director of Public Works/
Town Engineer

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Tiburon Holiday Festival**
Saturday, December 3

Take a walk through downtown and enjoy festive food and drink offerings from your favorite shops and restaurants. Start your day early with a visit to the Art & Garden Center for the
Landmarks annual Holiday sale.

Here is the line-up of events and activities:

Landmarks Holiday Art and Craft Sale
Art & Garden Center, 841 Tiburon Boulevard
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Horse Drawn Holiday Wagon Rides
Main Street
2 - 5 P.M.

Holiday Ornament Decorating
Angel Island Tiburon Ferry, 21 Main Street
2 - 5 P.M.

Santa Arrives on a Firetruck
Main Street & Tiburon Boulevard
3 P.M.

Selfies with Santa
Bradley Real Estate, 1690 Tiburon Boulevard
3 - 6 P.M.

Cookies & Hot Chocolate at Woodlands Market
Boardwalk Shopping Center, 1550 Tiburon Boulevard
3 - 6 P.M.

Gingerbread House Decorating
Guaymas, 5 Main Street
3 sessions: 2:30 PM|3:30 PM|4:30 PM
Reservations Recommended: Call (415) 435-5633 or email tibcc@sbcglobal.net
$35

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Fountain Plaza
6 PM

For more information visit out website.  Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Melanie Haddad, Executive Director
Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Don't Miss the Annual Landmarks Holiday Sale!
This popular holiday fair with arts and crafts from local artists includes silver jewelry (Dave Benoit); gold & semi-precious stone jewelry (Sandi Wasserstein and Manjusha Jewels); Glass flame-work (Alexis Berger); Hand-bound books (Annelies Atchley); pastel & acrylic paintings (Frank Doyle); Watercolor botanicals (Helen Drake Muirhead); Multi-media paintings (Jaleh Etemad); clothing & home decor (Lazy J Lifestyles); ceramic bowls and teapots (Ezra Berger); Baked goods and preserves (Judy Wilson); Handbags (Seams for Dreams); Knit animals (Jenny Schwager); and more (including our famous Landmarks pear brandy!)

For more information, contact us at 415-435-1853.

Sincerely,

Leslie Doyle
Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society

CONCERTS AT OLD ST. HILARY’S LANDMARK
Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 4 p.m.
Old St. Hilary's Landmark
201 Esperanza, Tiburon

Dear Friends and Music Lovers,

It's time to celebrate the holiday season with the beautiful voices of Musae as the 17-voice ensemble takes us on a journey through five centuries of choral music.

For hundreds of years, people have celebrated the holiday season with the beautiful and uplifting hymn "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star." This enduring symbol of the Christmas season has come to represent birth, renewal, journey, and joy. Musae presents a concert that celebrates this tradition of the Morning Star, with choral music spanning the last 500 years. Join us for a concert of joy and hope -- and some holiday classics - as we celebrate this season of light.

**Tickets are $20 ($15 for under-18 and seniors).** Advance purchase is available at the Landmarks Office, Tiburon Town Hall, and Brown Paper Tickets. Tickets are also available at the door if not sold out in advance, starting at 3:30 p.m.

**There is no parking at Old St. Hilary's.** Please park at the Boardwalk Shopping Center, 1550 Tiburon Boulevard and take a shuttle to the concert. Shuttle service begins at 3:30 p.m.

More information is available on our website or call 415-435-1853.

This performance always sells out, so be sure to buy your tickets in advance to assure a seat. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dave Gotz
Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society
Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 10, 2016
9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
Belvedere Community Center
450 San Rafael Avenue, Belvedere

Join us for a pancake buffet, complete with all the fixings! Story Time with Mrs. Claus, Holiday Caroling & Ornament Craft Station. Santa will arrive by firetruck and then be available for family photos. Make sure to bring your own camera for photos with Santa.

Call the Ranch offices at (415) 435-4355 to purchase tickets. Tickets are $20 per person. Children under the age of 2 are free. Ticket sales are final.

*Letters to Santa through the Ranch*
Send your letters to Santa with the North Pole Express mailbox! The mailbox will be open December 1-18, 2016 and is located inside The Ranch offices at 600 Neds Way, Tiburon, CA 94920. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so Santa can write back!

**Address letters to:**
Santa Claus, 25 Candy Cane Lane, North Pole, Artic Circle.

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.

Council and Commission Meetings

**Town Council**: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - December 7; December 21 meeting cancelled.

**Design Review Board**: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. - December 1 and December 15, 2016.

**Planning Commission**: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - December 14 and December 28, 2016 meetings cancelled. Special meeting on Tuesday, December 13.

**Heritage & Arts Commission**: Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (Town Hall Conference Room) - December 27 meeting cancelled.

**Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission**: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. - January 17, 2017.
Disaster Advisory Council: Meets quarterly; next meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

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

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