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A Word from the Town Manager

2020 greetings from all of us here at Town Hall. As we settle back in to our work, school and life routines, everyone here is looking forward to another exciting year on the Tiburon Peninsula. I want to take this opportunity to share with you some of the projects we are working on here at Town Hall and remind you of some important upcoming events.

First, large construction projects will continue to be part of the Tiburon landscape in the coming year.



With the library expansion, former New Morning Cafe building, Caprice Restaurant and Michael Mina Restaurant projects all underway simultaneously, Town staff will be busy working with the owners of these projects to ensure they proceed as efficiently as possible. Winter rains invariably slow down these types of projects, but as we transition to spring in the coming months, we expect all of them to kick into high gear.

2020 also marks the year the Town will begin the process of updating its General Plan, a process we undertake approximately every 15 years. The General Plan represents a local government's long-term blueprint for the community's vision of future growth. Every city and town in California is required to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city or town, and following its adoption by Town Council, all future land use approvals and decisions in the town must be consistent with the General Plan. These plans are broken down into various 'elements'. Tiburon includes the following elements in its current General Plan:

- Land Use Element
- Open Space and Conservation Element
- Downtown Element
- Circulation Element
- Safety Element
- Noise Element
- Parks and Recreation Element
- Housing Element

Successful General Plan updates can only be achieved with an abundance of public input, and therefore, we are planning to include ample opportunity for folks to share their

vision for Tiburon as we work through this exciting process in the next 1-2 years. In the end, our goal is to draft a plan representing our collective vision for this incredible place we are all lucky enough to call home.

Finally, speaking of places we call home, 2020 also marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. In 1969, then-Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin witnessed the devastating effects of a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, CA. Alarmed by what he saw, Senator Nelson believed if the same energy infused in the anti-war movement at the time could be coupled with the emerging awareness of air and water pollution, environmental awareness could be firmly entrenched in national politics. He was right, as on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans - at the time, 10% of the total population of the United States - took part in massive coast-to-coast rallies to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment. Tiburon Mayor Alice Fredericks is coordinating the effort to help Tiburon celebrate the 50th anniversary of this seminal event. Please read on below for opportunities to share your ideas.

How Would *You* Celebrate EarthDay50?

The 50th anniversary of Earth Day is April 22, 2020.

This spring, Tiburon will join other organizations and community groups in planning a celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of *Earth Day*.

In 1972, almost 50 years ago, NASA published *The Blue Marble* (right) taken by the crew of the Apollo 17 mission. Many of us then viewed with awe the wonder of the Earth hanging alone in the darkness of space for the first time, and the photograph has since become a well-known symbol of the environmental movement. We hope to similarly inspire our younger generations to experience the wonder of the Earth that will give them a stake in sustaining the planet, our home.



Preliminary talks have begun at Town Hall for how to best honor this milestone, **but we want to hear from you**. How would you and your family want to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day?

To share ideas and inspiration, Tiburon Mayor Alice Fredericks is hosting a brainstorm event at **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 30 at Town Hall**. At the meeting, we will share preliminary feedback and discuss new ideas to make this a compelling event you would look forward to participating in. Spread the word!

Please RSVP to Lea Stefani (lstefani@townoftiburon.org or 415-435-7377) by January 24. If you are unable to attend and have ideas to share, please send them on to the email listed above.

Vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions

The Tiburon Town Council is currently looking for Tiburon residents interested in serving their local community. The Town Council will begin interviewing candidates interested in serving on the following local boards and commissions in February.

Belvedere/Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee (The Ranch)
Belvedere/Tiburon Library Agency Board of Trustees
Building Code Appeals Board
Design Review Board
Heritage & Arts Commission
Marin Commission on Aging

Parks, Open Space & Trails Commission Planning Commission

If you would like to be considered for any of these vacancies, please submit [a completed application](#) and resume before **February 13 at 5:00 P.M.**

Completed application packages and/or questions can be directed to Lea Stefani at (415)435-7377 or email at lstefani@townoftiburon.org.



Come learn how to prepare for, survive through and recover from any kind of disaster or emergency. Learn what resources we have on the Tiburon Peninsula to help in an emergency. All classes are free. Food, drink, children and friends are welcome.

Wednesday, February 26: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thursday, March 26: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 30: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thursday, May 7: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

All classes will be held at the Tiburon Police Department. Call Laurie Nilsen at (415) 789-2805 to sign up for a class or go to www.getready94920.org to register online.

Scheduling Building Inspections Just Got Easier

In early January, the Tiburon Building Division implemented a new inspection scheduling system.

To schedule a building inspection, please call the Town's Building Inspection Line at (415)435-7380 and follow the keypad prompts. You will need your permit number, inspection type and now, the corresponding inspection type reference number as seen on the inspection record job card. [The inspection record job card with updated reference numbering is available here.](#)

The new system will allow you to schedule, cancel and retrieve inspection results one day after your scheduled inspection.

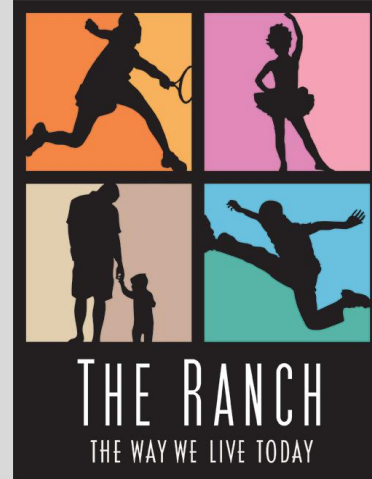
Upcoming Events & Activities on the Peninsula

Sign up for classes & fun events at the Ranch

The Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation Department ("The Ranch") offers year round classes, activities, summer camps and events for community members of all ages.

Sign up for a board game league, fitness class, language lesson, or one of the many community-wide annual events organized by the Ranch today!

Visit The Ranch



For all the scoop on fun events and upcoming meetings on the Tiburon Peninsula, check out any of the following community events calendars:



[Bel-Tib Library
Community Calendar](#)



[Chamber of Commerce
Events Calendar](#)



[destination:Tiburon
Events Calendar](#)

Upcoming Council & Commission Meetings

Town Council

Next Regular Meeting: February 5, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Planning Commission

Next Meeting: January 22, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Design Review Board

Next Meeting: February 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission

Next Meeting: The Commission will meet for a special meeting in February, at a date to be determined.

Heritage & Arts Commission

Next Meeting: January 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM

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