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A Message from the Mayor

Our Tiburon community has shown great resilience. I am proud of each and every one of you for rising to meet the many challenges of 2020....a national pandemic, fires, floods, public safety power shut offs, the killing of George Floyd and many other Black men and women, economic difficulties, and our businesses struggling to survive. 2020 has not been the year we planned.

I know we have all made sacrifices this year and I am asking you to make one more. Please continue to follow the health guidelines during this holiday season. COVID-19 is multiplying at astronomical rates and ICU bed capacity is scarce. Please do not gather with friends and family outside of your household. If we continue to wear masks, social distance, and follow our health department and California guidelines, we can reduce the spread of COVID-19.

There are many good things for us all to look forward to in 2021. With the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, we will come out of this pandemic. We will once again be able to see family and friends and our businesses will open again. And I know Tiburon will emerge even stronger and more resilient than ever.

Tiburon, I want to wish you some joy in the darkest of winters. I want you to celebrate with those you live with.

I want to thank our amazing Town Staff for pivoting to meet the challenges of 2020 always keeping our residents best interests in mind.

Thank you everyone. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Mayor Holli P. Thier, J.D.

Blue & Gold Fleet Requests to Discontinue Service between SF and Tiburon & SF and Angel Island

One of the many benefits of living in Tiburon is easy access to San Francisco via ferry. As some may know, Tiburon actually has two separate ferry

providers. The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) provides the Monday-Friday commuter service from Tiburon to the Ferry Building, while Blue & Gold Fleet provides non-commuter service seven days a week from Tiburon to Pier 39 (Fisherman's Wharf).



The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on both services. GGBHTD has drastically curtailed commuter service, and currently offers only one weekday morning trip to San Francisco and two return trips in the afternoon. Blue & Gold has only offered intermittent non-commuter service since March and is currently not operating any trips due to the current San Francisco Stay-at-Home restrictions. As the pandemic recedes, we fully expect GGBHTD to resume their pre-pandemic level of service. However, the future of continued non-commuter service provided by Blue & Gold Fleet is far more uncertain.

Passenger ferry service in San Francisco Bay is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission. In September, Blue & Gold Fleet filed applications with the CPUC to discontinue ferry service from San Francisco to Tiburon, and to discontinue their service from San Francisco to Angel Island. [Read the Blue & Gold Service Alert.](#)

Blue & Gold's non-commuter ferry service from San Francisco to Tiburon is not only important to residents, but is also vital to many of our local businesses. Each year, thousands of ferry riders visit Tiburon on day trips, or finish their SF to Tiburon bike ride here in town and take the ferry back to San Francisco. The loss of these visitors to Tiburon will be a significant blow to businesses already suffering from the loss of revenue due to the pandemic.

The CPUC will be holding a hearing on Blue & Gold's request, but the hearing date has not been set yet. In the coming days, the Town will be requesting the CPUC to allow Tiburon to become a party to the proceedings on this matter. In the meantime, the CPUC is accepting public comment on the request and the Town urges residents to express their concerns about the proposed loss of service.

Submit comments to the CPUC regarding the request to cease services at the following links:

- [Request to cease service between San Francisco and Tiburon](#)
- [Request to cease service between San Francisco and Angel Island](#)

Keeping Storm Drains Clear

The pollution entering our waterways does not entirely come from illegal dumping; a considerable amount comes from urban and suburban surfaces. As a vehicle owner and/or homeowner, there are several things that can be done to minimize the pollution entering our waterways:



- **Never dump anything directly into a storm drain**
- **Lawn debris** - Materials such as grass and tree clippings should never be swept into a storm drain or onto a street. They provide excess nutrients and promote unnecessary algae growth which, in turn, can cause severe negative impacts to the rest of the stream ecosystem.
- **Pick up after your pets** - Rain washes parasites and bacteria from pet waste into local waterways and also unbalances nutrient loads. This poses harm to those who use the waterway for recreational use and also degrades the stream ecosystem.
- **Sweep pesticides and fertilizer off of hard surfaces and onto your lawn** - These applications will be streamlined to local water bodies if left on patios, driveways, or

other impervious surfaces.

- **Properly dispose of chemicals** - Some things like motor oil and batteries can be recycled. Other products that should be brought to a facility for proper disposal include paint, herbicides, pesticides, and swimming pool chemicals. Be careful to clean up after any spills and avoid allowing chemicals to reach the storm drains.

COVID-19:

Celebrate Safely - Stay Home, Save Lives

COVID-19 continues to spread rapidly in Marin County and the greater Bay Area. Here in Marin County, [Marin HHS surveillance reports](#) some of the highest case rates and hospitalization rates seen throughout the entire course of the pandemic.

Contact investigations have revealed that this surge is connected to gatherings, including dinner parties and sleepovers. **As many as half of those infected have no symptoms** - but they can still spread the disease to others. These gatherings were preventable.

While the holidays are a time for gathering, COVID-19 rips families apart. The most important thing you can do is to **AVOID** gatherings in social, work, and family situations. Encourage family and friends to adopt safe alternatives this holiday season.



A Message from California Public Health:
Some Things You Can't Take Back



A Message from the Kaiser
Emergency Room

Travelling to see friends and family during the holidays could increase your risk of infection and spread COVID-19 in the community. And, [there are travel restrictions under the Regional Stay-at-Home Order](#). The Order also prohibits private gatherings of any size between households and imposes a 10PM curfew for non-essential activities.

This year, [love means staying away](#) to protect your loved ones and your community. But our holiday spirit can remain strong, and there are ways to celebrate safer. Consider:

- Dressing up your home or yard with winter or holiday-themed decorations.
- Supporting local businesses through online shopping or ordering take-out.
- Connecting virtually with online parties such as: movie night, ugly sweater contest, gingerbread house contest, or a baking party.
- Having a holiday movie night with a holiday-themed meal.
- Participating in holiday-themed activities at home (candle making, crafting, baking)
- Attending a car parade (that complies with public health guidance), such as drive-by events with decorated cars.
- Reaching out to those more isolated: sending a handmade card or gift, or even just a playlist, paired with a phone or video call is more valuable than you think.
- Carving out time for yourself: bundle up and go for a winter morning walk, call a friend to catch up, and practice self-care.

Read more tips on [Safer Celebrations](#), including tips on [how to have "the COVID chat"](#)

with loved ones.

This time of year is usually full of family, friends, traditions, and travel. Unfortunately, gathering with people outside one's own household - including traveling to visit family and friends - is strongly discouraged due to the risk of spreading COVID-19. Please stay home for the holidays this year. Staying home will significantly reduce your risk of contracting COVID-19 yourself or unknowingly spreading it to your family or the community.

Stay Home. Save Lives.

Town Hall Holiday Closure

Tiburon Town Hall will be closed for the holidays beginning Thursday, December 24, 2020. Staff will resume regular working hours on Monday, January 4, 2021.

The Building Division will not be conducting building inspections during this period. Please adhere to [these guidelines](#) for work to be approved by the Building Division on January 4.

We hope you have a safe and peaceful holiday season, and a Happy New Year!

FACE COVERINGS
are now **mandatory** for

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