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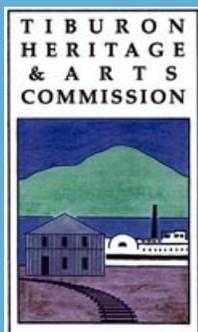
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#### Neighborhood Meetings

Last year I encouraged homeowners associations and other neighborhood groups to invite me to attend one of their meetings (yes, I know, that sounds a lot like I'm inviting myself to crash your gatherings).

While it's true that I love to use these occasions to explain Town projects and policies, the main value in them is that I get to hear from you, the residents, and visit with you in your neighborhoods. There really is no substitute for that face-to-face interaction that lets me see the Town from your vantage point. Learning what's on your mind and what opportunities or problems you see around Town is invaluable. It enables me to make Town Hall more responsive to community concerns and to better serve the Town Council in its quest for productive, efficient and customer-service-oriented governance.

So, I extend my offer once again. If you think your neighborhood organization would like to hear from me, or has something to tell me, please give me a call at 435-7383 or send me an e-mail at pcurran@ci.tiburon.ca.us to set something up. I'll be as accommodating as I can be schedule-wise, and take as much or as little time as suits your needs.

#### Tiburon Boulevard Improvements

Sometimes it is frustrating that the Town does not control Tiburon Boulevard. Its ownership by the state agency, Caltrans, means we don't get to determine traffic management measures like signals and speed limits or similar elements that are normally under the purview of local government. But, there is an upside to this arrangement from which we are about to benefit in a big way: we don't have to pay for its maintenance. The Boulevard is badly in need of repaving, and Caltrans is about to spend \$1.4 million to do the job. Caltrans will commence this effort in June, working in the evenings to accomplish the task during lighter traffic periods. It will be hard to live through, no doubt, with lane closures, delays and construction noise, but in the end we will have our main traffic artery greatly improved without a huge local outlay of cash or new debt.

We'll let everyone know the specific schedule when it is provided to us by Caltrans. When it does get underway, and that sensation of annoyance starts creeping up your spine as you await your turn through a lane closure delay, take a deep breath and some real solace in knowing we didn't have to pass a local tax or dig deep into Town reserves to make it happen. We'll all be back in action on a much improved Boulevard in no time.

#### State Ballot Measures

Confused about the myriad measures on the special May 19 ballot - the ones the State Legislature created as part of their budget "compromise"? If so, consider attending

...goes to HILLARY DON for his active leadership in open space conservation, and for historic preservation through his books and publications on Tiburon Peninsula history.

Mr. Don will be honored at the May 6, 2009 Town Council meeting, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

For more information, call Joan Palmero at 435-7373.

Visit the Heritage & Arts Commission website ([click here](#)).

the May 6 Town Council meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m. Amy O'Gorman, of the League of California Cities, will be making a presentation to clarify the purposes and consequences of these measures. Amy is an expert on the California legislature and has been advancing the interests of cities in that context for years.

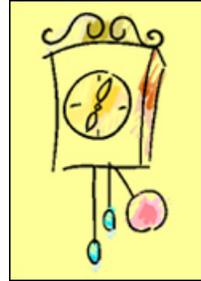
Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

## NEWS BRIEFS

### TOWN HALL HOURS ARE A-CHANGING



Starting Monday, May 4, on a trial basis, hours at Town Hall will be shifted as follows:

--Town Hall will be closed to the public Fridays, although staff will work every other Friday (Town Hall currently closes at noon on Fridays).

--Town Hall will be open longer hours Monday through Thursday, with no reduction in overall hours we are available to the public.

#### NEW MONDAY - THURSDAY HOURS

##### BUILDING DIVISION:

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

##### PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

##### ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

We at Town Hall look forward to serving the public during these new hours! Feedback is welcome.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### ATTENTION: MEDICAL PERSONNEL



Disaster preparedness efforts on the Belvedere/Tiburon Peninsula have progressed remarkably over the past four years and include the *Get Ready* program which originated here on the peninsula and has now spread to the entire county. So far we have trained over 10,000 residents countywide.

A first aid station, another vital part in our preparedness for a disaster, is now a reality. The centrally located Del Mar Gym will serve that purpose thanks to the Reed School District. Now we need to organize a group of medical volunteers to staff the facility in the event it is ever needed.

On Saturday, May 9th we will hold an orientation meeting from 9 to 11 a.m. (at the Del Mar Gym) to discuss operation of the unit and coordination with the police and fire departments and emergency services. We will conduct tours of the facility and have emergency equipment on hand for inspection including the TFD ambulance and disaster trailer and the EMS supply trailer.

We need the support of all medical personnel (physicians, nurses, paramedics etc) whether in active practice or retired. Necessary skills will be limited to very basic medical procedures of which all medical personnel are familiar. Please volunteer for this worthwhile community effort and give us two hours of your time on May 9th. The Del Mar Gym is located on the Del Mar campus at Avenida Miraflores and Tiburon Boulevard.

We look forward to seeing you there!

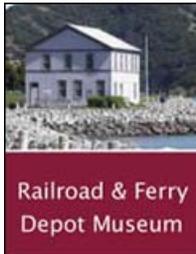
For more information contact:

Thomas H. Cromwell, M.D.  
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435-7386 or [lnilsen@ci.tiburon.ca.us](mailto:lnilsen@ci.tiburon.ca.us)

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## LANDMARKS DOCENTS NEEDED



The Belvedere Tiburon Landmarks Society is always in need of new docents. If your passion is local history and you'd like to share that passion with others - THIS is your big break! Docents have the opportunity to work on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at one of four historic spots plus the Landmarks Thrift Shop:

Railroad Ferry Museum  
SS China Cabin  
Art & Garden Center  
Old St. Hilary's  
Landmarks Thrift Shop

The biggest demand right now is the weekends. There is nothing more exciting than sharing history with visitors, kids, adults, and tourists - ALL of whom are there because they want to hear your history and the history of the place. So come out, volunteer, join, and help others get their Passport to History through Tiburon and Belvedere. Interested?

Contact the Landmarks Office at 435-1853 or visit the website and use the contact form online at [www.landmarks-society.org](http://www.landmarks-society.org).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Saturday, May 16**  
Wine Festival at Pt. Tiburon -

Tickets for the 26th Annual Tiburon Wine Festival are selling fast! Purchase on-line at [www.tiburonwinefestival.com](http://www.tiburonwinefestival.com) or contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 435-5633.

**Friday, June 5 through Friday, August 14**  
Friday Nights on Main

**Friday, August 21 through Sunday, August 23**  
Tiburon Art Festival

For more information on these and other Chamber of Commerce events, click on their "quick link" on the sidebar above.

## OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Friday, April 24 - TONIGHT!!

8 p.m.

Concerts at Old St. Hilary's - Virtuoso Harpist Anna Maria Mendieta presents *Tango del Cielo*, a fresh and innovative presentation of the passionate and sensuous music of the Argentine Tango, featuring violin, cello, percussion, tango and flamenco dancers. To buy tickets, call 435-1853 or visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or [www.landmarks-society.org](http://www.landmarks-society.org).

### Saturday, May 16



5:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Blackie's Pasture  
Reed Regatta - *Carnivale*

Call 384-0628 or visit

[www.foundationforreedschools.com](http://www.foundationforreedschools.com)

## 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 COMMISSION MEETINGS



**Town Council:** Wednesday, May 6 and 20, at 7:30 p.m.

**Design Review Board:** Thursday, May 7 and 21, at 7 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** Wednesday, May 13 and 27, at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings listed are in the Council Chambers at Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard.

**Sincerely,**

Town Staff  
Town of Tiburon

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