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New Face in

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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Agency Soup

The recent unplanned release of partially treated wastewater reminded me of how confusing the complicated web of governments and special districts can be in Marin County. Not surprisingly, many people assume sanitary services are provided by the Town of Tiburon when, in fact, they are provided by two independent agencies: Sanitary District No. 5 of Marin County and Richardson Bay Sanitary District. For those interested in a better understanding of local governance and which agency provides which service, I offer the following primer:

Town of Tiburon

Incorporated in 1964, Tiburon is governed by five elected Town Council members, who, in turn, elect one of their own to be Mayor each year. The Town Council appoints a Town Manager and a Town Attorney; all other Town employees report directly or indirectly to the Town Manager. Town staff includes the Tiburon Police, Community Development (development and building permits, long-range planning), Public Works (streets and parks) and Administrative Services (finance, human resources, Town Clerk functions). There are 47 Town employees.

Tiburon Fire Protection District

Since 1941, fire suppression has been the purview of this Special District, governed by an elected board and supported by property taxes. The boundaries include most, but not all, of Tiburon and most unincorporated portions of the peninsula. Belvedere is not part of the District, but receives its fire protection from the District under a contractual arrangement.

Marin Municipal Water District

MMWD became the state's first municipal water district in 1912, and supplies water to our peninsula and most of Marin's population. Directed by five directors elected by district, it owns and manages reservoirs and water

Building Division



Building Permit Clerk Ann Heglin is the Town's newest employee. A Michigan native, Ann has lived in California for over 20 years. She has a college degree in communications and was a marketing executive for a major hospital chain for many years. She is also an artist. Most recently, Ann served as property manager at one of Tiburon's larger apartment complexes. Ann will greet you at the Building counter next time you come to Town Hall.

distribution pipelines, and sets its own rates.

Sanitary District No. 5 of Marin County

Wastewater collection and treatment services are provided for the eastern end of the Tiburon peninsula by "San 5", a Special District under the direction of five elected board members. San 5 operates under state and federal regulations, and sets its own rates to cover operations.

Richardson Bay Sanitary District

Wastewater collection services are provided to western Tiburon by RBSD, which also operates as a Special District under a five member elected board. RBSD does not treat wastewater, but sends it on to the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin (SASM) in Mill Valley for treatment.

County of Marin

Marin County is the largest governing body in the County, much larger than any of the eleven incorporated cities within its borders. In addition to being the sole local governing body for the unincorporated portions of the County (which entails most of the County's land area and some 50,000 residents), it provides county-wide social services, health services, public defender, coroner, and court and probation services, to name just a few. The County is governed by five Supervisors elected by district (our southern Marin Supervisor is Charles McGlashan) and has some 2,500 employees, including the Sheriff's Office, which patrols the unincorporated backside of the Tiburon peninsula. The County is primarily funded through property taxes.

Reed Union School District

RUSD is a separate entity with its own elected School Board. It serves not only Tiburon and Belvedere, but also parts of Corte Madera and nearby unincorporated areas with K - 8 educational services on three campuses. It is primarily funded through property taxes, state funding and a parcel tax.

Joint Powers Authorities

There are also many entities formed through JPAs between the cities and County to provide services or manage functions. For instance, all of the cities and the County join together in a JPA to pay the Marin Humane Society to provide animal control services. This way each Town does not have to operate a pound, have animal service officers, etc., but instead benefits from the economy of a centralized service. Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation is a JPA-based entity whereby the Town, City and RUSD jointly appoint a board to create and oversee recreational programs. The Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency is another JPA-created entity that derives its board through local appointments.

There are many more JPAs, covering diverse topics from telecommunications to hazardous materials. Even though these agencies are separate from the Town of Tiburon, the

Town works cooperatively with these entities to provide seamless services to citizens. Emergency preparedness is a good example of where communication and cooperation are imperative--the Tiburon Fire District works closely with Tiburon and Belvedere in planning for emergency response.

Similarly, the Tiburon Police Department coordinates activities with the Marin County Sheriff's Office and Belvedere Police Department when an incident occurs, and there are mutual aid covenants between all emergency responders. Actually, the fact that most people don't know that services are provided by so many different agencies is probably a positive reflection on the high level of cooperation and functionality that generally occurs.

If I haven't bored you to tears yet, I want to mention one other topic before concluding:

Library Expansion

The Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency is once again seeking feedback from the Town Council and the public as it continues to refine its expansion plans. At the regular Town Council meeting of June 18, the Library and its architects will make a presentation to the Town Council to review the general status of the project. In particular, the question of location--the specific siting of the expansion either next to or behind the current Library--will be discussed. Interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Sincerely,
Peggy Curran
Town Manager

NEWS BRIEFS

Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan - Draft Update Available for Review



With all the news on climate change and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, you might be asking "what can I do to reduce my carbon footprint?" A major source of greenhouse gas emissions is the fossil fuel we use in our vehicles. Many of us have opted to purchase hybrid or electric vehicles to reduce emissions, but there is actually an even less expensive and healthier way to travel. That's right--it's time to tune up those rusty bicycles and dust off those sneakers!

To make Tiburon an easier and safer place to walk and bike, Town staff and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee have been busily working with Alta Planning &

Design (a consulting firm sponsored by the Transportation Authority of Marin) to update Tiburon's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

The revised Plan is packed with ideas and recommendations for a Town-wide network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including more sidewalks, paths, bike lanes and bike routes, as well as bicycle and pedestrian-related programs and support facilities. By implementing various aspects of the Plan over time, the Town can improve its existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to promote these transportation modes as an alternative to the automobile.

A copy of the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is available at Town Hall for public review. Want to comment? Public meetings to review the Draft Plan are tentatively scheduled for the Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m., and for the Town Council on Wednesday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m. Come take a look at the Draft Plan or attend one of the meetings to better understand our community's bicycle and pedestrian paths/lanes today and as envisioned for the future.

Direct questions and comments to Associate Planner Laurie Tyler at (415) 435-7397 or lytler@ci.tiburon.ca.us. And next time you need to make a quick run to the store or drop your child off at school, think about walking or riding a bike instead of driving. You'll make the planet and yourself healthier at the same time. As a community, we can work together to reduce our carbon footprint everyday by choosing the lowest impact alternative for every trip.

Laurie Tyler
Associate Planner

New Landscaping for Multi-Use Path (MUP)

The final touch to the restoration of the Tiburon MUP after the successful installation of the new Marin Municipal Water District lines is about to begin on June 2nd.



North Bay Landscape Management, under contract to MMWD, will begin re-landscaping the berm areas between the path and Tiburon Boulevard with primarily low-water consumption, non-seeding plants and shrubs. The plants and shrubs will be in harmony with the existing landscape area and will enhance the beauty and recreational experience of the multi-use path.

Work should be completed by the end of July. The path will remain open during the course of the project. The

contractor will take precautions to safe-guard the path from its working areas, but please be mindful of construction activities during this time.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Nicholas Nguyen
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Camps: The Halcyon Days of Summer

Sign up now for one of the many summer camp opportunities for all age groups through the Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation Department. Here is an overview:



Campus Kids: (Ages 3-5)

Campus Kids recognizes that your child's first camp experience will be a lasting memory, so everyday is new and exciting for the youngest campers! This four-hour long camp is designed to build social skills and introduce children to campus life.

Located on the Reed School campus, Campus Kids helps ease a child's transition from pre-school to kindergarten. Attentive camp staff and a 6 to1 ratio provide a nurturing environment so that young campers feel comfortable, secure and look forward to camp each day.

Angel Island Camp: (Kids entering grades 1-6)

Here's a chance to experience over 25 years of summer camp tradition and the magic that makes Angel Island Camp the camp kids always come back to! Each session offers a new theme with different activities so that a child can attend all summer long.

Campers will discover the island through games, crafts, science and explore its many trails & historic hideaways. Along the way, campers will be amazed by the breathtaking views of the bay and skyline.

On the last day of each session, skilled instructors will introduce campers to the sport of kayaking in Ayala Cove. Returning campers build on their previous kayak experience and become more confident each week with their new skills. Come join the fun!

Teen Camps

This year Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation is offering a number of camps specifically for teens, including Action Adventure Camp, Sea Camp, The Road Challenge, Paintball Camp, Choose Your Own Adventure Camp and Camp SoCal.

Visit the website for more information!
www.btrecreation.com

Labor Day Parade: Home-grown and Old-fashioned



On Sunday, August 31, starting near the Tiburon Library at the corner of Tiburon Boulevard and Mar West Street, and ending at the Belvedere Park for the final Concert in the Park Event, this parade boasts five live bands and a fantastic and fun variety of music, antique cars, creative floats and entries from your favorite organizations. Bring the family and enjoy the fun!

Get involved! If your organization would like to join the parade, or if you have an antique car you want to show off, contact parade chair Marissa Miller for an entry form at mill_marissa@yahoo.com or call her at 225-1431.

Another way to get involved is to sponsor an incredible "ballon vest" and add more color and excitement to the event. You can also advertise your business (by wearing a T-shirt or a sign while walking in the parade). Contact Joan Palmero for details at jpalmero@ci.tiburon.ca.us or 435-7373.

Volunteers are needed! If you are available on the day of the parade, or in the weeks before the parade, we need both adult and teen volunteers to be parade marshals, decorate floats, and hand out supplies. Contact volunteer coordinator Joan Barth at JoanBarth@aol.com for more information. This is a great way for your teen to earn community service hours for school.

Make a Splash! Make a Statement! Join the Fun!

Angel Island Civil War Days

Saturday, June 7th and Sunday, June 8th from 11:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.



Every year, for just one weekend, cannons and muskets boom out on Angel Island. Bring the family, take a picnic, catch a ferry ride and discover a day in the life of a Civil War soldier at historic Camp Reynolds. Activities include baking in an historic brick oven, music, historic guided site tours, cannon and musket firings, flag signaling, rope and doll making, and much more.

The event is free. It begins at 11:00 a.m. with the raising of the flag and ends at 3:30 p.m. with the

striking of the colors. A shuttle service is available for \$5.00 from Ayala Cove, or take the short walk and enjoy the beautiful view of Marin County.

Visit www.angelisland.org to find out more.

For ferry schedules, contact the Angel Island Ferry at 435-2131, or go to www.angelislandferry.com or, if you live in San Francisco, contact the Blue and Gold Fleet at 773-1188, www.blueandgoldfleet.com

Other Community Events

Annual Homeowner's Summit

On Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, all homeowners and their board representatives are welcome to attend this informal meeting with the Town Council to discuss various topics of mutual interest. Contact Town Clerk Diane Crane Iacopi at dcrane@ci.tiburon.ca.us for more information.

Classic Car Show

Also on June 14 - The Tiburon Classic Car Show returns to Shoreline Park from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Classic Car Show Committee and the Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere, the fees paid by the exhibitors this year will go to support Rotoplast International. Come and see some great antique cars and support a good cause! For more information, or to enter a car, call 435-3414.

Friday Nights on Main

Returns this year on June 20. Once again, the downtown will buzz with locals and visitors gathering on Main Street on Friday nights from June 20th through August 15th, except for Independence Day, the 4th of July. Virtually all of the restaurants will be participating this year, offering outdoor (and indoor) food and drink. The live music tradition will continue, too. Hours are 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tiburon Art Festival

The second annual show returns to historic Ark Row on August 23 & 24. This year's event promises to be bigger, better and bolder than ever. It will include paintings, sculpture, wood, glass, jewelry, and photography of the highest caliber by local artists, juried by well-known judges.

Volunteers are needed throughout the summer. Please contact one of the event co-chairs, Cathleen Andreucci (director@btrecreation.org) or Carolyn Wendler (carewendler@hotmail.com) to offer your services and get involved.

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: June 4 and June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Design Review Board: June 5 and June 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission: June 11 and June 25 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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