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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Renewable Energy

Marin Clean Energy is coming to the fore next week. The program was described at length in the last Tiburon Talk which, if you missed it, can be found on the Town's website at www.ci.tiburon.ca.us.

At 7:30 next Wednesday evening, November 5, the Town Council will consider an ordinance to enter into a joint powers agreement with Marin County and other Marin municipalities. If approved, the agreement will form the Marin Energy Authority, which in turn will launch Marin Clean Energy, the program that would purchase renewably generated electricity or build renewable energy generation capability such as solar photovoltaic installations, and sell that power to participating customers. The Marin Energy Authority would also be charged with addressing state mandates related to reductions in greenhouse gases.

The formation of this Authority is the culmination of several years of study and analysis by the County and has the potential to substantially alter Marin's energy consumption profile into the future. All interested parties are urged to attend the meeting.

Peninsula Bus Service

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) has announced a public hearing on November 21st at which it will consider a recommendation by its staff to eliminate the ferry feeder service here in Tiburon, Route 9, and cut back one trip from Route 8, the bus that runs between Tiburon and the Financial District.

Prior to taking action, GGBHTD will hold a series of public workshops to present its findings and accept public comment. The Tiburon workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers.

RICHARDSON BAY - PROTECTED FLYWAY



From October 1 through March 31, parts of Richardson Bay become a protected flyway for migratory birds. The 900 acres of submerged lands that are closest to Tiburon's shore, from Strawberry Point to Belvedere Island, belong to the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary. This area is protected to provide migratory waterbirds an important feeding and resting area as they travel along the Pacific Flyway.

Watercraft of all kinds is prohibited during this time.

For more information, contact the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary, www.tiburonaudubon.org, 388- 2525. If you see watercraft in the area and wish to report them, call the Marin County Sheriff's dispatch at 499-7233.

With regard to the proposed cutbacks, GGBHTD's staff position is that the low levels of ridership on the Tiburon buses do not justify this service when there are heavy demands for buses on other routes. GGBHTD may decide it needs to make these cuts to achieve the balance it seeks between demand and service, but we hope it will not forsake less heavily traveled routes altogether in the future.

Bottom line, though, is that unless Tiburon residents patronize the ferries and buses in sufficient numbers we cannot count on these services continuing indefinitely into the future. The expression "use it or lose it" is very applicable here.

Those wishing to learn more about these hearings, or to weigh in on the matter, can do so at the GGBHTD website, www.goldengate.org.

Sincerely,
Peggy Curran
Town Manager

NEWS BRIEFS

WHERE DO I VOTE?



Your polling place is printed on the back of your sample ballot. If you don't have a sample ballot, you can view a duplicate, AND find your polling place at www.smartvoter.org. Just type in your address and zip code and the information will appear on the screen.

If you have moved and have not received your ballot, go to your polling place the day of the election to vote. (This presumes that you are registered to vote: The last day to register for this election was October 20.)

You can also drop off your absentee ballot, or just go and vote in person, any time between now and election day at the Marin County Registrar of Voter's office in San Rafael (3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 121).

If you have any questions, call 499-6456, or visit the Registrar of Voters website, www.marinvotes.org, for more

information.

Diane Crane Iacopi
Town Clerk

Overnight Lane Closures on Tiburon Boulevard



Caltrans will close one lane of Highway 131 between Bay Shore Terrace and Palmer Court during overnight hours starting Monday, November 10, in order to construct an improved erosion control system.

Crews will install fiber control netting and fiber roll in this area, in order to stop further erosion of the hillside.

To accommodate the work, one lane will be closed between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Monday nights through Friday mornings, and 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Friday nights through Saturday mornings.

The project is expected to last about a month and a half.

For more information, contact Bob Haus, (510) 286-5576.

HAVE A SAFE AND SANE HALLOWEEN!



The Police Department will be making an extra effort this year to make Halloween a safe and happy event for trick-or-treaters and non trick-or-treaters alike. We plan to double the usual number of officers on duty in the evening and we'll be escorting parades at Reed and Bel Aire schools during the day.

We all need to exercise a little extra caution while driving on this special night. Children are harder to see and less predictable than adults, so we're going to pay particular attention to traffic enforcement in the neighborhoods where pedestrian traffic will be heaviest. We'll also be looking for anyone who

engages in the kind of rowdy behavior that frightens and intimidates smaller children and ruins their fun. Bullies and vandals won't be tolerated.

To help us out we're going to ask local markets to refuse sales of shaving cream to those who don't look like they shave and the sale of eggs to those who don't look like they cook, and we'll be arresting people who throw or spray either one, or anything else, on someone else's property or person.

We appreciate the support of parents who take a moment to caution their older children about behaviors that hurt others or damage their property. We also appreciate the parents who take the time to escort groups of children around neighborhoods.

Together we can make Halloween a safe and memorable experience.

Michael Cronin
Chief of Police

Angel Island Re-Opens after Fire

Angel Island State Park re-opened to the public on Monday, October 20, 2008, following a major fire which occurred on Sunday, October 12.



Normal ferry service to the Island has also resumed. Visits are limited to day use only and are subject to restrictions.

Specifically, all interior trails off of the perimeter road are closed, as is the hiking trail to Perles Beach. Visitors will still be able to tour the historic buildings, visit Ayala Cove, and access the perimeter road for bicycling. The Park's concession stands have also reopened and food service is available.

People are encouraged to once again enjoy Angel Island, but all visitors are urged to cooperate in staying away from the burned areas.

IT'S TIME TO WINTERIZE YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



With the onset of the rainy season, it is important for homeowners and their contractors to "winterize" unfinished projects.

The Town requires all contractors to employ Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent the discharge of construction wastes or other contaminants into the Town's storm drain system.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Schedule grading/excavation activities for dry weather periods only.
2. Protect storm drain structures with berms or approved filters, and downstream drainage courses with drainage swales and/or silt fences.
3. Control runoff amounts and velocities with appropriate use of temporary or permanent ditches, berms and check dams.
4. Cover stockpiles of materials and excavated soils with secured tarps or plastic sheeting.
5. Sweep paved surfaces that drain to storm drains, creeks or channels.
6. Remove existing vegetation only where absolutely necessary, and seed or re-vegetate slopes where construction is not immediately planned. Areas seeded after September 20 should also be treated with erosion blankets, straw, netting or other appropriate means.
7. Make your employees and subcontractors aware of the Town's requirements and of their responsibilities to comply with BMPs.
8. Employ other measures in accordance with published BMPs.

And, here is what you **must do** in order to comply with Town regulations if your project is currently underway or planned between October 1 and April 30:

INSTALL erosion and siltation control by October 1;

INSPECT on-site erosion and siltation control facilities immediately before each storm to allow sufficient time to make needed corrections or improvements;

INSPECT on-site erosion and siltation control facilities after each storm to correct any damaged or failed measures;

MAINTAIN erosion and siltation control facilities on a regular basis, to include silt removal at silt fences and sediment ponds, replacement of worn silt fence fabric, and seeding and mulching of areas which become denuded over time.

Additional erosion control measures you should be aware of are outlined in the Town's Winterization and Site Management Notice, available at the Building Division's public counter. Random site inspections are made and failure to comply with the above requirements could result in an immediate job shutdown until appropriate measures are in place.

If you have any questions, contact the Town's Building Division at 435-7380.

Dean Bloomquist
Building Official

UPCOMING EVENTS

Artist Laureate Workshop: "Keep it Simple"

Mary Musalo, the Town's newly appointed Artist Laureate, will conduct her first in a series of painting workshops for the public on Saturday, November 15, from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Tiburon Town Hall.

All ages (from 7 to 97!) are welcome. The class is limited to 15 students. Materials are included and there is no fee for this first workshop.

For more information, contact Mary Musalo at 435-2775, or bigbet@aol.com.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS



Fire Department Annual Blood Drive

The Tiburon Fire Protection District will host its annual Fall Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 5, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Engine Bay Room at 1679 Tiburon Boulevard (Fire Station 11).

First Aid & CPR Classes

The Fire Protection District will also conduct First Aid

and CPR classes for the public on Thursday, November 13. These classes will be held at the Tiburon Police Station at 1155 Tiburon Boulevard--First Aid is from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and CPR is from 1 - 5 p.m.

To register, please bring in or mail \$35 for the First Aid class, or \$15 for CPR, to the Tiburon Fire Protection District, 1679 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, CA 94920. Special rates can be obtained for classes of 10 or more.

For more information, contact Jessica Power at 435-7200, or jpower@tiburonfire.org.

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, November 5 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Design Review Board: Thursday, November 6 and 20 at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission: Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. - November 26 is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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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