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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Downtown Thoughts

Shop Local!

It's more than just a slogan - shopping locally is an important act of investment in the community we love. Local polls and meetings confirm residents want a vibrant downtown: a place they enjoy going for dining, shopping and events, and delight in taking their guests as well. If we want that quality in our downtown, it is in our interest to become regular patrons of it. Our businesses need a critical mass of customers to thrive, and this cannot be accomplished, nor should it be, with visitors alone. A strong downtown requires both residents and visitors to create some real "there there", to paraphrase Gertrude Stein. We want a great downtown to fulfill our own needs, and visitors find a downtown to be great when it has the authenticity of being well-used by its own residents. The Town has been working to boost visitors to the downtown for several years now and plans to sustain this effort into the future, but the other half of the equation is getting more residents to believe in and support the downtown as a local treasure that enriches the quality of life on the peninsula. The bottom line is simple: the more local patronage we generate, the better our downtown will be, and that is something we all can celebrate. And don't forget the greatly reinvigorated Cove Shopping Center. It is generating its own center of gravity out on Blackfield Drive and deserves our support as well.

New businesses

Here are five new reasons to visit downtown soon:

- Couloir/Straight Line Wines: Tasting room offering wines from Couloir and Straight Line wineries at 72 Main Street.
- Luna Blue: Italian seafood restaurant with English afternoon teas (coming soon to the former Boathouse site) at 35 Main Street.
- Lola: Unique, limited edition haute couture evening

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Half Marathon In Town This Weekend



The first annual Tiburon Half Marathon comes to Town this Sunday, November 3.

Here's what you should know:

--Race starts on Juanita Lane (downtown) and ends at Boardwalk parking lot

--700 participants will

gowns and cocktail dresses from Europe at 80-D Main Street.

- Purple Monkey Hair Salon: A hair salon just for kids (Grand Opening November 2) at the Boardwalk Shopping Center.
- Sarah Shaw: High-end women's accessories, jewelry and clothing (opening in a few weeks) at 34 Main Street.

Downtown Restrooms

Completely new restrooms are under construction, and what a great improvement they will be. The five individual public restrooms out by the Angel Island Ferry dock were, well, not exactly welcoming. More colorful adjectives come to mind, but you get the point. The replacements will be one men's and one women's facilities that are fresh and bright as well as fully accessible to the disabled.

Parking

One more downtown topic: parking. The Town Council recently appointed a parking committee (Councilmembers Fraser and Doyle), asking them to work with staff to develop a downtown plan based on the parking and circulation analysis conducted in late 2012. Frustration about parking has been one of the most registered comments concerning the downtown since the Town's revitalization efforts began several years ago. Once a plan is drafted it will be the focus of a community meeting to provide everyone the chance to weigh in. Stay tuned for that opportunity.

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Ride Your Bike To School with the Tiburon Bike Train!

Tiburon Bike Train



run down Old Rail Trail to Strawberry Peninsula and back

--Post-race celebration will take place in Zelinsky Park (with music until 12 noon)

--No traffic detours are anticipated (but there may be delays at Tiburon Boulevard and San Rafael Avenue)

--Jt. Recreation and Marin Runs thank you for your cooperation

--Best wishes to all our residents who are participating!

The Town of Tiburon, in conjunction with the Reed Union School District and the Marin Bicycle Coalition, is pleased to announce that the first Bike Train took to the Old Rail Trail on October 9 and was a great success!

You can help ensure its success by enrolling your child in this innovative program. The benefits are great--fewer cars on the road, a beautiful ride to school--what could be better?

The Bike Train leaves the San Francisco Yacht Club each Wednesday morning at 7:20 a.m. and makes several stops to pick up riders--CVS parking lot (7:23), Lyford parking lot near Reed School (7:26), Blackie's Pasture (7:33), the 76 Station at Greenwood Beach Road (7:40), the Cove Shopping Center at 7:43, ending at the Bel Aire School bike rack at 7:50 a.m. Riders can drop off at Reed or Del Mar School along the way.

Register your child, or come join the fun as a Volunteer Conductor. Contact the [Reed Union School District](#) for more information.

Richardson Bay Closed to Watercraft for Annual Bird Migration



Richardson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (a 900-acre portion of Richardson Bay between the Strawberry and Tiburon peninsulas) is closed to all watercraft between October 1 until March 31 each year for the annual bird migration. This is an important stop along the Pacific Flyway for migratory shorebirds and waterfowl during the Fall and Winter months.

Did you know that all watercraft, including kayaks, paddleboards and canoes, are banned during this time? Believe it or not, a single boat can scare thousands of resting birds!

Please help us protect the birds and our beautiful Bay. For more information, visit our [website](#), or call 388-2524.

To report a violation, contact the Marin County Sheriff's Department at 473-7282.

Sincerely,

Kerry Wilcox
Sanctuary Manager
Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary

Attention Homeowners: New State Permit Requirement

Go with the (Low) Flow

California Civil Code Section 1101.1, which was signed into law back in 2009, requires that residential and commercial real property built before 1994 be equipped with water-conserving plumbing fixtures. Starting



January 1, 2014, a provision of this law will require the Town's Building Division to verify that all non-compliant plumbing fixtures

(including faucets) within single-family dwellings be replaced with water conserving plumbing fixtures as a condition of final permit approval for any building permit issued on or after January 1, 2014.

The State defines non-compliant plumbing fixtures as: any toilet manufactured to use more than 1.6 gallons of water per flush; a showerhead manufactured to have a flow capacity of more than 2.5 gallons of water per minute; or any interior faucet that emits more than 2.2 gallons of water per minute. The law does not apply to exterior hose bibbs or irrigation-related water usage.

The actual verification procedures that will be utilized by the Town have not been fully determined yet, but residents are encouraged to assess their own homes for compliance with these new requirements. If your home was built in 1994 or later, chances are all of your plumbing fixtures comply. If you have an older home, you can easily check them yourself. Toilets usually have the "per flush" water usage permanently labeled and visible on the outside of the unit or stamped on the inside of the tank lid. Faucets and showerheads can be checked with a large measuring cup or bowl and a stopwatch. Simply timing how much water flows into the bowl in one minute (2.2 gallons for a faucet or 2.5 gallons for a shower head) will determine which fixtures comply.

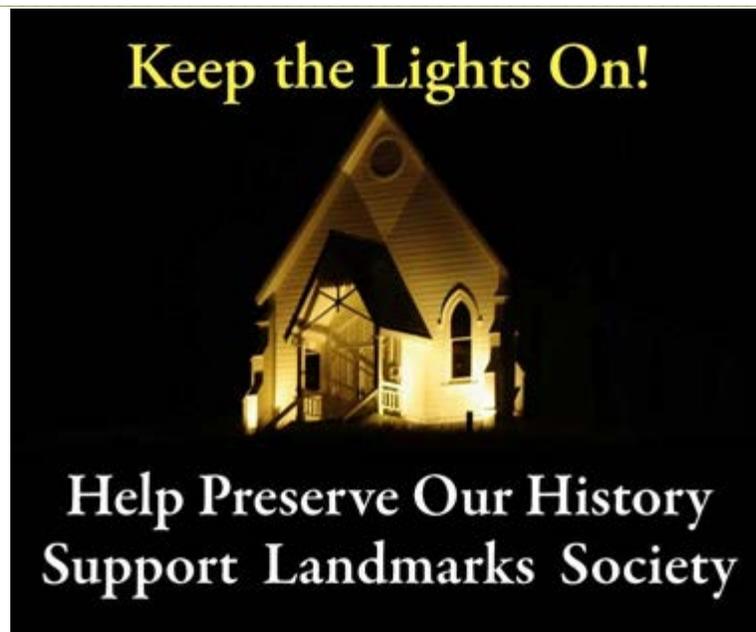
Checking your home for "low-flow" compliance is fairly easy and can pay off, too. You will be helping the environment and saving money at the same time. As usual, if you have questions or need assistance with this or any other building-related issue, don't hesitate to contact the Tiburon Building Division. We can be reached at 435-7380, or drop by Town Hall between 7 and 9:30 a.m. to speak with a member of our inspection staff.

Sincerely,

Fred Lustenberger
Building Official

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Keep the Lights On! Help Restore Old St. Hilary



Sunday, November 3, 4 - 6 p.m.
Town Council Chambers
1505 Tiburon Boulevard

Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks cordially invites you to attend our annual Fall Fundraiser. But wait! This year, instead of a big party, we are raising funds for the restoration of our well-known and beloved Old St. Hilary.

Broken windows, leaky toilets, driveway potholes, and bells that can't ring, are driving our efforts. Please give generously. All donations are appreciated and are tax deductible. Visit our [website](#) (click on "Donate Now"), or call the office 435-1853 for more information.

You are invited to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 3, from 4 until 6 p.m. at Tiburon Town Hall. We will share stories of Old St. Hilary--come and share your own special story of a wedding, baptism, wildflower hike, and more.

Awards will be given for Volunteer of the Year (Phil Cassou) and a special performance by Musae will be held during the meeting.

And watch the lights on Old St. Hilary for a weekly surprise...

Citizen of the Year Luncheon - Jim Wood

Wednesday, November 6
11:30 a.m.
San Francisco Yacht Club
Belvedere

Green Team member Jim Wood will be honored for his volunteer efforts to beautify Tiburon Boulevard (and the Tiburon Peninsula) at the



annual Business Citizen of the Year Luncheon on November 6.

Come join your friends and members of the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Tiburon Rotary Clubs and acknowledge Jim for his hard work on our behalf.

Jim and his wife Nikki moved to Tiburon in 2002. Realizing they were not ready for retirement, and having been successful magazine editors in Southern California, they founded Marin Magazine, a high-level journal about who we are and what matters to us most in Marin County.

In 2007, Jim got a Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway franchise. He formed "Peninsula Pride" and along with a group of volunteers (paid and unpaid), undertook the task of cleaning, weeding and removing brush from the section of Tiburon Boulevard between Trestle Glen and Rock Hill Road.

In March of this year, Jim joined forces with Janice Anderson-Gram and formed the "Green Team" through Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation. The group focuses on cleanup of the Old Rail Trail, downtown planters and other landscaped areas. It is for all these efforts that Jim is being recognized next Wednesday.

Contact Melanie Haddad, Chamber Director, at 435-5633 to reserve a place at the lunch. The cost is \$28 for a three-course meal and program.

For those who are interested in volunteering or donating to the Green Team, contact Jim Wood at 789-5032.

Artist Laureate Workshop - Create Your Holiday Cards with Annelies

**Saturday, November 9
10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Town Hall Community Room**

Our next workshop, just in time for the holidays, is with Annelies Atchley, long-time Tiburon resident, artist and teacher.

We will provide all the necessary materials, including cards. You may bring your own findings or memorabilia small enough to collage onto your greeting cards. The young teens in your family are welcome to participate, as



Jaleh Etemad

well. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information on the Artist Laureate programs, please [contact me](#), or visit my [website](#).

Thank you!
Jaleh Etemad
Tiburon Artist Laureate

Holiday Fair--Art Angels

Friday, November 15 (by reservation only)
Saturday, November 16 (free and open to the public)
St. Stephen's Church
3 Bayview Avenue, Belvedere



St. Stephen's Church hosts its 10th biennial Art Angels fundraiser on November 15 and 16, and everyone is welcome.

Friday's Opening Night Premiere Party begins at 5 p.m. with Bubbles & Bach, a special concert and celebration featuring the American Bach Soloists. With a glass of champagne in hand, enjoy the performance in the sanctuary and then walk around the room to view a compelling Memorial Art Exhibit showcasing the work of three well-known local artists - Marc Kasanin, Vera Flynn Maillet Reynolds and Jim Levorsen. Next, step into Kimball Hall for the opening of the Artisan Boutique with its outstanding offerings of products and designs by Bay Area artisans. Wine, hors d'oeuvres, music and an extensive silent auction complete the evening. Tickets are \$75 per person for Bubbles & Bach and the party, \$50 for the party only. To make reservations, or for more information, call 435-4501, or visit our [website](#).

On Saturday, check off items on your holiday shopping list with a stroll through the Boutique - jewelry, handbags, women's clothing, men's accessories, children's items, home décor, stationery, photography, paintings, orchids, succulents, wreaths and Christmas décor - from 30 Bay Area artists and

designers.

Art Angels Fair is open all day and is free to the public. Kids can enjoy special events while the parents shop, and 25 percent of all sales goes to support the outreach programs of St. Stephen's Church.

Council and Commission Meetings

Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (November 6; November 20).

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (November 7; November 21).

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (November 11; November 27 cancelled).

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (November 26).

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m. (next meeting is November 19).

Unless stated otherwise, all meetings are held in the Town Council Chambers located at 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, CA 94920.

Community Calendar

For the scoop on events and meetings sponsored by local nonprofit community and government organizations on the Tiburon Peninsula, visit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's excellent [community calendar](#).



Sincerely,

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