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WALK YOUR HISTORY EVENT - SUNDAY, APRIL 5

A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Recreation Services - A Little Background

To a lot of people, public services just happen; Most of us don't think about the structure or organization responsible for delivering them. Many of you on the peninsula enjoy the recreation services that are offered here, from tennis lessons to yoga to summer camps for children, but may not know much about how these diverse programs come together.

Unlike most towns, Tiburon does not have a recreation department. Back in the 1970s, the decision was made that recreation services would be offered on a cost-covering basis and managed, together with Belvedere, through a separate entity entitled the Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee. This body, informally known as "Joint Rec", has been working on behalf of the community ever since.

The Committee is composed of seven volunteer members: three each appointed by the Town and City, plus one member appointed by the Reed Union School District. This board, in turn, hires a staff to manage the program. Joint Rec staff is housed upstairs in Town Hall (at no charge) and oversees recreational facilities and programs for both Tiburon and Belvedere. The arrangement has worked well over time, delivering excellent services in a largely cost-covering manner.

Joint Rec recently mailed out its Spring/Summer Guide, crammed full of interesting program options. In an attempt to further pique your interest, I invited Joint Rec Director Cathleen Andreucci to share her thoughts with you about the upcoming season.

Sincerely,

Peggy Curran

A Word from Cathleen Andreucci

Things just keep getting better at Joint Rec and we are excited about the coming year. We have programs for everyone, so make sure you look through the Recreation Guide when it comes to your door, or go online at www.btrecreation.org. As Peggy said, we are primarily self supporting (there are no tax dollars in our budget!) which is unusual for a public recreation department. It means we have to work harder but we are up to the challenge.

The current staff at Joint Rec is the reason we are having a fantastic year. You will not meet more dedicated or kind people, period. They are professional, educated, creative, positive, energetic and very committed to



"Walk Your History" is a free community event designed to provide young and old alike with an opportunity to learn more about the fascinating history of the Tiburon Peninsula.

The City of Belvedere and Town of Tiburon have joined forces with the Belvedere Community Foundation, Tiburon Peninsula Foundation, Landmarks Society, and Jt. Recreation Department to present this event.

There will be three (3) walking loops around the peninsula with volunteer docents located at historic "hotspots."

All loops start and end at Belvedere park with a BBQ lunch free to those with a stamped "Passport" from an historic walk.

For more information, contact Recreation Director Cathleen Andreucci at 435-4355.

providing superior programs for our community.

We are constantly looking for special events to bring the community together. Last year we partnered with others to bring you the Annual Tiburon Art Festival and we're partnering again this year, as well, with the Walk Your History event. Our own programs, such as the Haunted House, Breakfast with Santa, Bunny Brunch, and the Father-Daughter Dinner Dance, help us meet our goal of bringing the generations together and enjoying friends and neighbors.

Adults, do yourself a favor and check us out...for yourself! We're fun and inventive and our goal is to make your day better. Have more fun, stretch your body or your mind, train your dog, learn to sell your stuff on e-Bay, go for a hike, dance, play tennis, basketball or volleyball, even find your inner psychic. Live life more fully! Please don't assume you know what we offer because each season we add new programs. Visit our website to investigate the details.

Our youth program continues to expand and excel, too. We have increased the size of our staff, carefully, so you have more opportunities right here in town for your children. Our ever popular after school programs now extend until 6 p.m. with our homework club. Did you know we offer free lunch-time programs at Bel Aire and Del Mar schools? We want to get to know your kids and we want them to get to know our programs. Look for dances (with your kids as the DJ), dodgeball nights, football and basketball clinics, jazz and hip hop classes to round out our dance school. Go online to get the details; there is way too much to describe it all here.

Summer camp info is at the printer NOW: Look online for a preview. We want you back this summer! Angel Island Camp is going to blow you away. Also on deck this summer are sports, cooking, Hogwarts, campus kids, teen adventure and leadership camps. We have so much to offer you and your family and the right people to provide these programs. We hope to see you out there!

Cathleen Andreucci, Director
Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Department

NEWS BRIEFS

CRIME STATS AND THE ECONOMY



Around town, I am often asked by concerned community members if the difficult economic times we now face affect the crime rate in Tiburon. Upon reviewing the end of the year crime statistics and comparing the years 2007 to 2008, the answer to that question is that we have witnessed an increase in certain crime types where the current state of our economy may be one of the contributing factors, and a decrease in others.

In reviewing the crime statistics, the most noticeable upward trend for calls for service is in the area of computer-related fraud crimes and, to a lesser degree, domestic violence calls. Computer identity theft/fraud crimes continue to rise as the department investigated 24 such cases in 2008 as opposed to 17 fraud-related cases in 2007. The department also witnessed an increase in the number of domestic violence calls in 2008, ten, as

opposed to six, in 2007.

Perhaps the depressed economy has literally had a sobering effect on the populace: "Driving while Intoxicated" arrests declined from 46 in 2007 to 32 in 2008.

Property crimes in the Town of Tiburon remained relatively constant during the past two years: We investigated 20 burglaries each in 2007 and 2008, and a total of 100 thefts in 2008 as opposed to 97 in 2007. The number of stolen vehicles has been significantly reduced over the past two years with a total of 11 stolen vehicles in 2007, to only two in 2008.

Crimes against people such as assault and battery, rape and robbery, also remained consistent as the department conducted 14 crimes against people investigations in 2008 and 12 in 2007.

Chief Cronin and I believe that, in reviewing the crime trends over the past two years, the state of our economy was only one factor among many that affected the crime rate in town.

Tiburon remains one of the safest places to live and visit in the San Francisco Bay Area. If you have any questions regarding specific crime statistics over the past years, please feel free to contact me directly at the Tiburon Police Department by calling 789-2801.

Dave Hutton
Police Captain

SAFETY PRECAUTION - TRAVEL ADVICE

You may have read recently about a burglary in Tiburon that occurred after thieves broke into a resident's car near the Oakland Airport.

A Tiburon family had parked their car in a "secure" lot near the Oakland Airport and proceeded on a short trip. During their absence, thieves broke into the car, taking their garage door opener and obtaining their home address from the vehicle registration. Presuming the family would be gone for some time, the thieves let themselves into the house via the garage and stole a substantial amount of property.

This tactic is unusual but not unprecedented. If leaving your car in a similar long-term parking location, consider taking your garage door opener and registration with you on your trip.

Michael Cronin
Chief of Police

TALKING TRASH (Recycling Too)



Mill Valley Refuse Service (MVRS) has had an exclusive franchise agreement with Tiburon to provide trash (and later, recycling) collection since November 1965. The original agreement has been amended many times and is now scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012. The Town has enjoyed a very good working relationship with MVRS over the past

44 years.

Refuse service is essential for residents and businesses; it also requires a substantial investment in equipment on the part of the provider. Consequently, both MVRS and the Town are interested in negotiating a new long-term contract well in advance of the expiration date. Toward this end, the Town Council directed staff to commence this process.

Request for Feedback

Because we are contemplating a long-term agreement, we want to make sure we are aware of any contract-related issues, suggestions or comments you, the customer, might have before we proceed. As a resident of the Town, you have the most important relationship with Mill Valley Refuse Service, so if you have a suggestion for future MVRS service we'd like to hear from you.

Please direct your suggestions to Heidi Bigall at hbigall@ci.tiburon.ca.us or 435-7379. You may also submit written comments to Heidi at 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, CA 94920.

Heidi Bigall
Director of Administrative Services

DO I REALLY NEED A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS?



Yes, and Here's Why:

The California Building Code states that, "Any owner who wishes to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit."

It is clearly the intent of the code that almost any work, with the exception of work that is strictly cosmetic (painting, wallpaper, carpet, etc.), must be done under the authority of a building permit.

Building codes have evolved over the years and current codes are complex, involving compliance with fire and energy conservation codes, electrical, plumbing and mechanical codes, wind and seismic stability requirements, wildland/urban interface requirements and design review requirements.

New homes and additions clearly require a permit but many smaller projects also require a permit, including, but not limited to, the following:

--Repair or replacement of existing structures, such as decks, fences, windows and roofing materials. Design Review through the Planning Division is required if there is change in the shape, location or appearance of these, but a building permit is required in any case.

--Installation of solar collectors, large satellite dishes, spas, fire pits and fixed patio covers.

--Repair or replacement of furnaces, air conditioning units, water heaters and other plumbing fixtures.

--Remodeling of baths and kitchens.

A permit is required even if your plans are just to change the cabinets. As part of your permit/inspection, the Building Inspector will check the wiring and lighting layout, to ensure that your installation complies with current codes.

--Electrical repairs and changes, such as upgrading main or sub electrical panels or installing new interior or exterior lighting systems.

Work without a Permit?

Penalties Will Apply - Work started without a permit will result in a "Stop Work" order, with fines beginning at \$250 for minor projects and up to \$1,000 plus four times the permit fee for major projects. There is no statute of limitations on work that has been done without permits and unpermitted work is subject to abatement.

Not sure? Just Ask!

If you are not sure if your project requires a permit, it is best to check with the Building Division at 435-7380. You can also stop by Town Offices at 1505 Tiburon Boulevard from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday or 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays. We strive to make the permit process efficient and helpful for property owners and will be happy to explain what is needed for your project.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dean Bloomquist
Building Official

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS - WHAT ONE NEIGHBORHOOD IS DOING



The Lyford Cove/Old Tiburon Homeowner's Association has a plan in place to prepare its approximately 900 residents for disaster and establish an emergency family plan. This plan will help residents prepare their homes, purchase food and water, learn how to turn off utilities and put out fires, so that their families can survive a disaster.

Trained volunteers (block captains) will meet with individuals to help them get started. These captains can answer questions and provide access to valuable resources like the "[Get Ready](#)" and CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) programs which are conducted right here in Tiburon.

Do you live in our area?

You are an Lyford Cove/Old Tiburon HOA resident if you live on Esperanza, Solano, Diviso, Raccoon Lane, Centro East and West; Mar East and West; Spanish Trail; Vista Del Mar, Loma, and Linda Vista Avenue; Las Lomas and Tower Point Lane; Reserva Lane, and Paradise Drive up to the town limits.

We are trying to compile a list of homeowners' e-mail addresses for emergency notification. Please contact

Stephanie Regan below to update your records.

To take advantage of this disaster preparedness service, call the following Block Captains: Stephanie Regan (435-4662); Barry and Fran Wilson (789-8945); Matt Turley (789-8774); Piper Berger (435-2337); or Terry and Dennis Schwapkof (435-2804).

We look forward to working with you!

Stephanie Regan
Block Captain

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 16

Wine Festival at Pt. Tiburon

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

Wednesday, March 6

6 - 8 p.m.

Artist reception for Karen Carlson (watercolors)

Location: Tiburon Town Hall

Also at Town Hall: Marin County Society of Watercolorists through March 27;

All shows are sponsored by the Tiburon Heritage & Arts Commission, www.tiburonheritageandarts.org and benefit local projects.

Artist Laureate Thought for the Month, courtesy of Mary Musalo (no workshop this month):

"Just a suggestion of leaf or a branch on a canvas leaves room for the viewer to enter the painting."

Wednesday, March 11

10 - 11 a.m.

Garden lecture by Marin Master Gardeners

March topic: "Growing and Caring for Orchids" (bring your cymbidiums and new pots; repotting materials will be supplied)

Presenter: Glenn Smith

Location: Landmarks Art and Garden Center, 841 Tiburon Boulevard

Cost: Free

Friday, March 20

8 p.m.

Concerts at Old St. Hilary's - John Pedersen & Friends
Enjoy an evening of traditional acoustic music from the Emerald Isle.

To buy tickets, call 435-1853 or visit

www.brownpapertickets.com or www.landmarks-society.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, March 4 and 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Design Review Board: Thursday, March 5 and 19 at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission: Wednesday, March 11 and 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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