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### Picnic on the Green

The Town picnic was a lively, lovely affair earlier this month. Although it threatened rain just minutes before the noon start, the sun appeared as if scheduled for the event and exceedingly pleasant weather graced the gathering. Several hundred folks enjoyed great music by local dads and kids, as well as some singing by Noah Griffin and Lawrie Guinness. Noah even did a stirring recital by heart of "Casey at the Bat", the still-timely 1888 classic poem about America's favorite pastime (at least pre-Internet). The Police Department grilled up some very tasty food, many local non-profit organizations put up tables inviting passers-by to learn a bit about them, and adults and children lounged on the beautiful green to take it all in. There were some awesome kites, too. Check out a lovely short film of the event by Landmarks Society archivist and local videographer Dave Gotz by [clicking here](#):



### Public Works Projects

Caltrans is wrapping up its paving project in the downtown, which extends from Mar West (by the Library) to Main

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## DID YOU KNOW?



### Annual Boat Ban on Richardson Bay

Did you know that part of Richardson Bay is closed to boat traffic between October 1 and March 31?

The annual closure protects thousands of migratory ducks, geese and shorebirds that use the Bay for food and rest as they migrate south, or while they winter in the Bay Area.

Boats, including kayaks, canoes and sailboats, are off limits in the area south of the edge of The Cove

Street. Their contractors have been doing a fine job; the new pavement and accessibility upgrades to some sidewalks look terrific. Re-stripping and painting come last and should be completed shortly.

I am also delighted to report that, after years of delay due to litigation, we are set to launch the Del Mar neighborhood undergrounding project on November 1. We are particularly excited to get this work underway as the neighborhood has waited far too long for this major improvement. The Del Mar neighborhood will also get repaved streets next summer or fall; this area of Town has some of the most deteriorated residential streets as paving has been held off pending the undergrounding and its concomitant excavation.

There are two other significant street projects just starting up which are discussed below by our Director of Public Works, Nick Nguyen. In the next issue of Tiburon Talk, I will be able to address the status of another important project: the recreation building planned for Ned's Way.

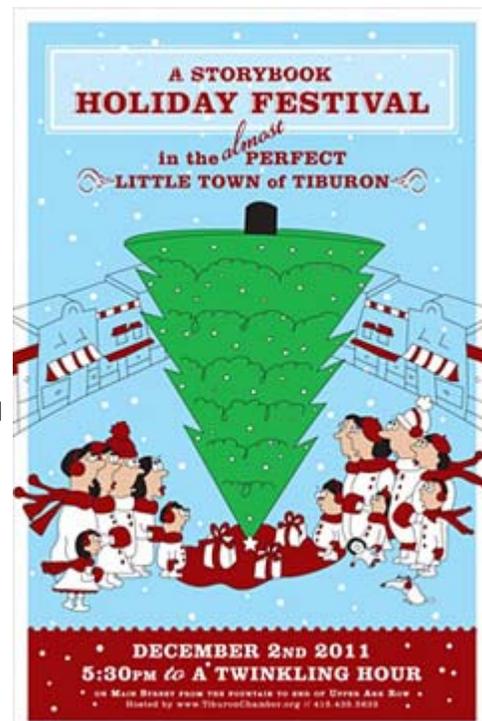
### 'Tis (Almost) the Season

The downtown Tiburon holiday celebration is on Friday, December 2. As in the past, it will feature a tree lighting ceremony in the Fountain Plaza, but expect some very special improvements this year. The covered ice rink, which was such a big hit, is coming back.

Regarding ice time, please note: **November 1, next Tuesday, is when reservations will start being taken.** Last year the

ice time booked up quickly, so please do not delay if you are interested. There will be spaces reserved for "walk-ups" that day, but reservations are encouraged so you won't be disappointed. For more information about the event and reservations, [click here](#).

Be sure to get this seasonal celebration on your calendar. You can enjoy the festivities and get in some holiday shopping, too. With the newly bedecked tree, ice skating, carolers, warming libations and lots of merchant



housing complex to the tip of Strawberry Point, east to Belvedere and north to Blackie's Pasture. The sanctuary boundaries are designated by buoys and permanent marked pilings.

The closure is initiated by the Richardson Bay Regional Agency and enforced by staff at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and the Marin County Sheriff's office.

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Keep your questions coming!

Send them to [Diane Crane Iacopi, Town Clerk](#).

participation with offers, food and fun, it promises to be a cozy winter night for all to enjoy.

In closing, our next newsletter will be after Thanksgiving, so please let me take this opportunity to wish you and your family a filling and fulfilling Thanksgiving. Any holiday that celebrates gratitude with good food, family and friends rates pretty high in my book, and I hope in yours as well.

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Street Projects Starting Up



The Public Works Department has embarked on the Town's annual street improvement project, which entails repaving all of Trestle Glen Boulevard and two small portions along Paradise Drive. We will be clearing vegetation at first, repairing some drainage culverts, and finally resurfacing the roads. Work will begin this week, and weather-permitting, end in mid-December. We anticipate construction delays from

temporary, single-lane closure at times, and would appreciate your patience. Please drive slowly and carefully through the construction zone, and plan for some delays. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 435-7354, or our construction manager, Al Petrie, at 707-974-9193.



Following up on their just-completed paving project downtown, Caltrans (the State Department of

Transportation) plans to start the much-anticipated Tiburon Boulevard and Stewart Drive intersection improvement project in December. The Town's former Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee had long ago identified this intersection as a priority for traffic safety improvements, and we have their tireless coordination with Caltrans to thank for this project.

The improvements include the installation of in-ground flashing markers and overhead flashing beacons to warn motorists of pedestrian crossings. Because traffic on Tiburon Boulevard is highly sensitive to construction impacts and traffic snarls, Caltrans is planning to perform much of the work at night. Fortunately, they don't anticipate needing many evenings to complete the project. Once we have further information and a primary contact at Caltrans, we will share it with you.

Sincerely,

Nick Nguyen  
Director of Public Works

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## Beware of Email Scams



The Tiburon Police Department receives questions about email scams on a regular basis. Many of the scams ask the recipient to assist someone, often purported to be an official or even a US Army officer, in transferring money from a foreign country to the U.S. Typically they ask you to put up some of your own money first. When you do it's gone forever. A variation on this scam is one congratulating you on winning a large cash prize; maybe a foreign lottery. But before you can claim your prize you have to pay the taxes on it. So you send in the "tax" payment and await the arrival of your "prize". It isn't coming.

Another common scam is an email request from someone whose email address is familiar to you. These scams usually ask you to send or transfer money to a friend who is stranded in a foreign country. They're often convincing because the email address they come from belongs to someone you actually know. That's because your friend's email account has been hacked and the message asking for money has been sent to everyone in their address book.

Recently, the Tiburon Police Department received a complaint about an email scam with a new twist. This one purports to come from the New York City Police Department. It informs you that you have an unpaid parking ticket. To get further information about the ticket

the message asks you to download an attachment. Don't do it! The attachment is a "phishing" tool that enables the sender to steal personal information you have stored on your computer.

If you owe the NYPD, or any other police department money for a parking ticket, they'll mail you a letter. The letter may refer you to a website for payment of the ticket but the initial contact will be through the postal service. If you get any email messages like this do not open any attachments or download and applications.

If you receive any emails like those we've described and are uncertain about whether you should respond, give us a call at 789-2800 first and we'll help you determine if it's legitimate.

Sincerely,

Michael Cronin  
Chief of Police

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## Building Code Corner: Some Tips on Getting Your Home Ready for Winter



### **Check Your Furnace**

If your home has a forced air heating system, have it inspected by a licensed heating contractor or PG&E, which offers free furnace inspections and pilot relights to its customers. A thorough inspection will include checking for potentially hazardous conditions that can occur as heating equipment ages as well as ensuring that the unit and ductwork are operating as efficiently as possible. The furnace filter should also be replaced at this time. Go to [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com) for more information on PG&E's free furnace inspection program.

### **Dryer Ducts**

This is also a good time to inspect and clean the clothes dryer duct of lint and other debris, which should be done at least once a year. A clean dryer duct will significantly reduce the risk of fire while decreasing the energy and time needed to dry your clothes.

### **Weatherstripping**

Inspecting and repairing the weatherstripping on your doors and windows will ensure that the warm air inside stays inside as long as possible. Sealing cracks and crevices around the exterior walls and ceilings with caulk and/or spray foam sealant will also reduce heating bills by

preventing heat loss to the exterior. For more information on ways to improve your homes energy efficiency contact a certified energy consultant or the Tiburon Building Division.

### **Rain, Drains, and Gutters**

Along with winter comes the rain, which means it's time to clean the roof gutters and ensure that they drain into an approved storm drainage system. We receive numerous calls from Town residents each year shortly after the first significant rains of the season due to water runoff in places it shouldn't be. Besides the mess, sediment laden runoff water can cause damage to adjacent properties and to the environment. So please have your storm drains inspected by a landscape or plumbing contractor to ensure proper functioning. If you currently have a renovation project underway that has affected the grade around your home, please call the Building Division as soon as possible and we will gladly assist you in complying with the Town's jobsite winterization requirements.

Fred Lustenberger  
Tiburon Building Official

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Downtown Festivities

#### **Holiday Celebration:**

#### ***A Twinkling Hour***

*Friday, December 2, 4 until 11p.m.  
Main Street, Downtown and Ark Row*

Come kick-off the holidays downtown with a tree lighting ceremony, an ice skating rink, and gingerbread houses!

On Friday, December 2nd, for one magical, fun-filled night only, the 2011 Holiday Festival will feature an outdoor skating rink for families, couples, ice skating enthusiasts, and everyone to delight!

So grab your coziest scarf and hat and get ready to ice skate along the shores of the San Francisco Bay with the most breathtaking backdrop of the twinkling, present-wrapped San Francisco skyline. **Reservations for ice time will be taken starting November 1.**

For more information, contact the Tiburon Peninsula [Chamber of Commerce](#) (435-5633).

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### Landmarks Society Events



### **Concert at Old St. Hilary's *Ben Stolorow Trio***

*Friday, November 4, 8 p.m.  
Park at Woodlands Market & Take  
Shuttle - there is no parking at Old  
St. Hilary's*

Berkeley pianist and composer Ben Stolorow will feature original and classic jazz from his new CD, *Almost There*. Tickets are \$20 for general public and \$15 for seniors and youth.

For more information, and to buy tickets, contact the Landmarks Society office (435-1853) or purchase online by [clicking here](#).

The concert is sponsored by the Landmarks Society and Tiburon's Heritage & Arts Commission.

### **Landmarks Annual Meeting**

*Sunday, November 6, 4  
until 6 p.m.*

*Tiburon Town Hall*

This year's meeting will feature:



- Recognition of Volunteer of the Year, Jack Fiorito, and Honorary Member of the Year, Nancy van Ravensway
- Celebration of the 25th anniversary of the restoration of the China Cabin
- Unveiling the art and graphics exhibit of the P.S. China and the China Cabin
- Several of the craftsmen who worked on the restoration of the China Cabin will recount their work on the project and answer questions
- Dr. Hilary Don will read from his upcoming book on the history of the P.S. China and China Cabin

For more information, call the Landmarks office at 435-1853.

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## **More Fall Events**

### **Discovery Day at Romberg Center**

*Sunday, October 30, 2011*

*Romberg Tiburon Center*

*3150 Paradise Drive*

11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Romberg Tiburon Center presents its 22nd annual Discovery Day Open House. This event is part of The Bay Area Science Festival, a showcase of Bay Area science resources. It is a family-friendly event with the following activities and amenities:



- Meet scientists, students and staff at the marine research laboratory
- Enjoy interactive science displays and talks
- There will be touch tanks, art activities, food and more
- Free admission and parking

[Click here](#), or call 338-3757 for more information.

## MARIN VILLAGE



Our Paths - Our Choices

### Tiburon Peninsula Village Kick-Off Event

*Sunday, October 30, 2011, 4 until 6 p.m.*

*Belvedere Community Center  
450 San Rafael Avenue, Belvedere*

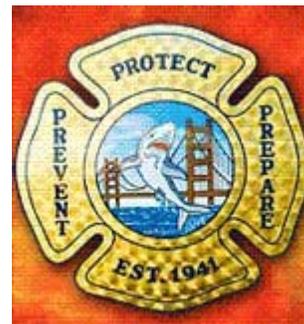
Working with a parent organization, Marin Village, the Tiburon Peninsula Village (TPV) is dedicated to providing Tiburon Peninsula residents with resources they require to remain safety and confidently in their own homes as they age. At the "kick-off" party you can find out more information on the enefits of becoming a member, as well as have an opportunity to join.

For more information, visit the website or email [info@marinvillage.org](mailto:info@marinvillage.org).

### Fire District Annual Blood Drive

*Wednesday, November 2-3 until 7 p.m.*

*1679 Tiburon Boulevard - Engine Room  
Tiburon, CA 94920*



The Tiburon Fire District sponsors the Annual Community Blood Drive. All donors should be in good health, and weigh at least 110 lbs.

Be sure to eat, drinks lots of water or juice, and bring a photo ID with you. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are welcome.

**Energy Upgrade:** When you stop in to give blood, give the TFD your old bulbs, too. Bring in your old, torchiere-style floor lamps and receive new energy-efficient bulbs (the old halogen style lamps are a fire hazard). Also bring in your holiday lights and swap them for free for new LED lights (up to 10 strings).

To take advantage of this opportunity, you must be a resident of Marin County and you must bring your PG&E bill with you. This program is offered under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

For more information about LED light replacement, visit [www.risingsunenergy.org](http://www.risingsunenergy.org).

### **Spaghetstock - A Far-Out Rotary Fundraiser**

*Friday, December 9, from 6 until 10 p.m.  
St. Stephen's Church, 3 Bayview Avenue  
Belvedere*

The Rotary Club of Tiburon and Belvedere invites the community to get on board for Spaghetstock, a celebration of peace, love and spaghetti with a 1960s theme, on Friday, December 9, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., at St. Stephen's Church in Belvedere.

Tickets are \$25 per person which includes an open bar for the first hour, a delicious spaghetti dinner with a choice of three sauces, and a contest for the best '60s costume. The evening's festivities will also include a live auction with the opportunity for attendees to bid on a trip to New Zealand, a silent auction with items ranging from a fabulous Indian cooking class and dinner to premium wines and holiday gifts, a 50/50 raffle (in which the winner gets half of the proceeds from raffle sales, and the club gets the other half) and a dessert auction.

Proceeds will go to help fund the club's local, national and international projects, including support for Rotaplast's mission to perform cleft-palate surgery on needy children around the world.

For tickets, please contact Laurie Gordon at 435-7386 or email her at [gotready@gmail.com](mailto:gotready@gmail.com).

You can also contact Judy Wilson, Rotary Club publicity representative, at 435-0305, or email her at [judith@telli.com](mailto:judith@telli.com), for more information.

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**Tiburon Artist Laureate Workshop**



*Matisse & Modernism - a Great Success*  
Guest artist: Marilyn Spoja

Thank you, Marilyn Spoja, for a superb workshop on Matisse.

What a joy to spend time with all the wonderful artists and to learn such intimate details about an extraordinary painter and creator of this unique cut-out technique. Marilyn brought this all to life and taught us so much. Many

thanks!



Mark your calendars for these upcoming Artist Laureate events in 2012:

**Art Talk - Tuesday, January 17, 2012**

7 p.m. - Town Hall Lobby

Joan Foster, Docent with MOMA and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, will be discussing Landscapes and how the American landscape has changed over time.

**Art Workshop - Saturday, February 18, 2012**

10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. - Town Hall Community Room

"Light and Dark"

Drawing with Roger Felton

For information on all upcoming artist laureate programs, feel free to [contact me](#).

Sincerely,

Mary Musalo  
Tiburon Artist Laureate

## 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](#).



## Council and Commission Meetings



**Town Council:** First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (November 2 and November 16).

**Design Review Board:** First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (November 3 and November 17).

**Planning Commission:** Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (November 9; November 23 cancelled).

**Heritage & Arts Commission:** Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room (November 22 cancelled).

**Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission:** Third Tuesday every other month at 6 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room (next meeting is November 15).

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed above are in the Council Chambers at Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard.

**Sincerely,**

Town Staff  
Town of Tiburon  
435-7373

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