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A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



This month's issue of Tiburon Talk comes to you a little earlier than usual, a function of my desire to deliver timely news about a very special series of events coming to our downtown.

Summertime on Main

The new event, entitled *Summertime on Main*, kicks off on Wednesday, July 22, and continues for the next four Wednesdays through August 12. It represents an experiment in closing Main Street during the daytime, similar to the way it is closed in the evening for the very popular *Friday Nights on Main* series, to see if we can create some whole new energy, and all that inspires, for our downtown.

Main Street will become pedestrian-only for *Summertime on Main* from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on these four Wednesdays to make way for live music on the street, *al fresco* wining and dining, children's entertainment and sidewalk-sale activity. The event is geared toward families with children as well as adults who might enjoy an outdoor luncheon at one of our downtown restaurants to the mellow sounds of music nearby, and grab the opportunity to check out the diversity of shops our downtown offers. Most Main Street and Ark Row merchants will be offering shopper incentives for the occasion. There are some great new businesses to discover (my latest find is *Local Spicery* on Ark Row, where I recently purchased a porcini "rub" I intend to use on my next grilled flank steak). There will even be validated parking for event attendees at both the Main Street and Point Tiburon parking lots.

Why create this new daytime offering? Vice Mayor Erin Tollini and Councilmember Jim Fraser have been spearheading this effort, with a unanimous Town Council heartily urging them on. I believe their fundamental goals are twofold:

The first is to strengthen our sense of community. Like *Friday*

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Nights on Main, these events bring our Town together and become inter-generational gatherings of the sort that often elude us in modern life where the Town Square, and the function it served, is a thing of the past. It is an opportunity to gather with neighbors and friends in a relaxed, distinctly Tiburon experience.

The second reason goes to commerce. We all want a successful downtown, but it is a challenge to sustain one at the end of a long peninsula. A daytime gathering like *Summertime on Main* can heighten the visibility of downtown and create fresh opportunities for residents to experience some of the unique shops and restaurants we have in our midst. The hope is that by changing up the atmosphere a bit with outdoor dining and live music, as well as other treats, activities and bargains, we can make visiting our charming downtown a more regular part of our lives.

We hope *Summertime on Main* becomes a new tradition: a delightful way to celebrate community, shop and eat locally, support our home-town businesses and celebrate the small town way of life we cherish.

Website Improvements

Our website has never looked better! More importantly, it has never been easier to navigate, and it is now easier to view on mobile devices. The Town changed website platforms to improve it in a number of ways. Here's an example: in the past, staff reports for Town Council meetings were available, but all staff reports and their exhibits (the latter of which can be voluminous) for a given meeting were part of one lengthy, scanned document. The information was there, but not user-friendly. The new site enables one to quickly locate a meeting agenda, click on an item of interest and go directly to the staff report and relevant information. It also enables a search of staff reports using key words. Coming soon will be similarly indexed audio of Town Council meetings, so if one wishes to listen to a discussion of an item after the meeting it can be readily accessed.

We will continue to improve and expand our website content going forward, but we think it is "ready for prime time" now and wanted to let you know about it. Check it out [here](#); please update your bookmark if you have one for the previous site. If you have questions or suggestions about the site, I urge you to contact Suzanne Creekmore, our management analyst, who led the effort to update it. She can be reached by [email](#) or by phone at 415-435-7359. We benefit from getting your feedback, whether positive or negative, so please don't hesitate to let us know what is working for you and what might be improved.

Our long term goal is to have a site that not only increases government transparency and facilitates resident participation, but allows a great deal of Town business to be conducted online. Most applications, licenses, permits and much more will eventually be able to be obtained, submitted, or their status reviewed online. This, in turn, will enhance convenience for residents and reduce traffic on Tiburon

Boulevard. We hope you feel the changes to the site are moving us in this important direction.

I hope your summer is going well!

Sincerely,



Peggy Curran

NEWS BRIEFS

Talking and Texting While Driving -- LET'S BE CLEAR

The laws around cellular phone use remain a source of confusion for some drivers in Tiburon. At least that's what officers in the Tiburon Police Department continue to hear from people who are stopped for talking, texting, looking at or otherwise manipulating their cell phones while driving.



To help clear up the confusion, here's what you can and cannot do with your phone while driving and the pertinent laws in each case:

1. You cannot use your phone for listening and talking while driving unless using a hands-free device.

California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 23123(a) states that "A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone unless that telephone is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking, and is used in that manner while driving."

2. You cannot text while driving. CVC Section 23123.5(a) states that "A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication, unless the electronic wireless communications device is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation to dictate, send, or listen to a text-based communication, and it is used in that manner while driving."

3. The law on hands-free devices is different for drivers under the age of 18. Those drivers cannot use a wireless telephone, pager, laptop, or any other electronic communication device (whether handheld or hands-free) to either speak or text while driving. There are no exceptions for emancipated minors, no exceptions if adults or parents are

driving with the youth, and no exceptions for devices built into the car (such as Bluetooth).

4. **You cannot surf the net or read your email while you're driving.** CVC Section 22350 (Unsafe Speed) states that "No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property." California courts have found drivers who were texting, looking at or otherwise using a cellular device while driving, guilty of violating this section on the theory that the safe speed of operation while you're looking at something other than the road is zero.

There are certain exceptions to these requirements for emergency phone calls (not texts) made by a driver to a law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department, or other emergency services agency or entity. The law also exempts emergency service workers from use directly related to their official duties.

Violation Costs

The base fine for violating the cell phone or texting law is \$20 for the first offense. Additional penalty assessments and surcharges by the county and the state raise the cost of a first offense to \$161.00. The base fine for a violation of CVC 22350 is \$100.00. The various assessments and surcharges raise that to between \$366.00 and \$489.00. You're also likely to be assessed a point on your driver's license for this violation and that could affect your insurance rates.

Those extra assessments and surcharges all go to the state and the county. The Town of Tiburon only receives a portion of the base fine for any ticket, so please remember that we don't write these tickets to enrich the Town; we do it to make the community safer.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Cronin
Chief of Police

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Starting on Wednesday, July 22 and running for four consecutive Wednesdays through August 12, Main Street will become "pedestrian only" from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Summertime on Main will offer children's entertainment, live music for kids and adults, sidewalk sales and the opportunity to wine and dine al fresco on the street. Validated parking, too!

Participating merchants on Main Street and Historic Ark Row will offer discounts, restaurants will serve meals at outdoor tables and there will be various activities to keep the kids engaged while parents enjoy themselves.

Summertime on Main Lineup

Main Street | Downtown Tiburon
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

July 22, 2015

"Main Street Musical"
The Rusty String Express (11:30 AM)
Princess meet and greet with Once-Upon-a-Song
Facepainting

July 29, 2015

"Summer Magic"
Magic Show with Heather Rogers (11:00 AM)
Face painting

August 5, 2015

"Summer Sails"
Award winning children's performer Tim Cain (11:00 AM)
Face painting
Bounce house

August 12, 2015

"Aloha"
Live music & hula from Aloha Polynesia (Noon)
Face painting
Bounce house

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy summer days in our charming downtown.

For more information, please visit The Ranch [website](#).

The Summer Fun Continues Downtown...

La Dolce Vita
Friday, July 31
6 - 9 p.m.

Our next Friday Nights on Main is *La Dolce Vita!* Celebrate the good life, Tiburon style.

Join us on Main Street on Friday, July 31 as we celebrate with OI' Blue Eyes, Jonathan Poretz and a swingin' tribute to Frank Sinatra and the fabulous music of the Rat Pack era.



Dance Arts Studios will perform a Cha Cha, Jive and an Italian Tarantella...and, they will teach us the Tarantella!

For more information, visit our [website](#), or call 415-435-5633.

Sincerely,

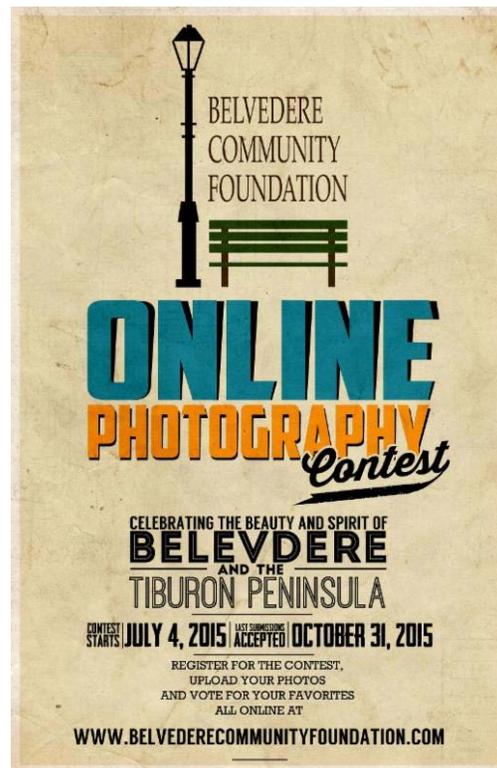
Melanie Haddad, Executive Director
Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Photography Contest

**Belvedere Community
Foundation
Sponsors
14th Annual Online
Digital Photography
Contest**

Professional and amateur photographers alike have enjoyed capturing the stunning nature of the Belvedere and Tiburon Peninsula in this annual event.

This year's photography contest, the 14th Annual, will be exhibited online 24 hours a day



and will accept entries until October 31, 2015.

Winning entries will be announced at the Belvedere Community Foundation annual meeting on November 12, and displayed at a one-time public reception to honor the entrants at the Belvedere City Hall, 450 San Rafael Avenue.

Last year we had 92 talented photographers submit nearly 200 beautiful images in six categories, using cameras and smartphones. This year we have six categories to choose from:

- * Architecture on the Tiburon Peninsula
- * Events of the Tiburon Peninsula
- * Wildlife on the Peninsula
- * Views of the Tiburon and Belvedere Peninsula
- * People of the Tiburon Peninsula
- * Life in Tiburon and Belvedere (Entrants age 5 to 18)

There will be a People's Choice Award given to one photo in the contest. Any registered person can vote for what is, in their opinion, the best photo in each category. Each winner will be acknowledged at the final awards event to be held at Belvedere City Hall on November 12.

Register [here](#).

2014 Winners

Architecture on the Tiburon Peninsula: Howard Ting
Events of the Tiburon Peninsula: Alison Campbell
Wildlife on the Tiburon Peninsula: Hal Schmidt
Views of the Tiburon and Belvedere Peninsula: George Ribas
People of the Tiburon Peninsula: Steven Sklar
Life in Tiburon and Belvedere (age 5-18): Henry Tantum
People's Choice: John Harris

Special Thanks!

We appreciate the support of these local businesses for their

generous donations of contest prizes:

- * The Caprice
- * Sam's Anchor Café
- * Vineyard Vines
- * Luna Blu
- * RJ Sax
- * Koze
- * Waypoint Pizza

Sincerely,

James Campbell,
415-309-0619

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](#).



Council and Commission Meetings

Town Council: First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - August 5 meeting cancelled; August 19 is the next regular meeting.

Design Review Board: First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. - July 16; August 6 and August 20 regular meetings.

Planning Commission: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - July 22; August 12 and August 26 regular meetings.

Heritage & Arts Commission: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town Hall Conference Room) - July 28 regular meeting.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: Third Tuesday every other month - the next meeting is September 15, at 6 p.m.

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

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