Direct Tiburon-SF Commuter Ferry Service Returns
Monday, December 13

We are excited to announce that, after over an 18-month COVID-19 induced hiatus, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District is set to resume direct commuter ferry service between downtown Tiburon and the Ferry Building in downtown San Francisco. Beginning Monday, December 13, Tiburon commuters will once again be able to enjoy a quick, hassle free 30-minute ferry ride to and from San Francisco. The schedule beginning on December 13 will be as follows:
Earlier this year, the Town Council authorized the Town to work with a consultant to develop a Broadband Strategic Plan for Tiburon. Once complete, the strategic plan will provide recommended funding and implementation strategies for Tiburon to expand broadband services by leveraging existing assets, deploying new infrastructure, and engaging strategic partnerships.

The first step in developing the best strategic plan for Tiburon is to hear from you, the community, about your wants and needs for better internet service. Our first effort to gather community feedback has launched in the form of an online survey, and we are asking all Tiburon residents, businesses, and organizations to participate. Respondents will be asked to answer questions about current internet access, connectivity, perception about broadband, and costs. The survey also measures your current modem speed, so we are asking respondents to take the survey from a wired device, if possible. One survey per household, please.

The survey is open. Please take a few moments to take the survey - your participation will help us develop a Broadband Strategic Plan that is beneficial for all and effective in bringing more digital equity to Tiburon. Thank you to those of you who have already taken the survey.

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**Tiburon WEEKDAY**

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*via Angel Island

[View the Schedule (PDF)]
Visit the Giving Tree Saturday 12/11 at Woodlands Market

The Giving Tree is up at the Tiburon Police Department. If you would like to be a Secret Santa to a child in our community, please come by and choose an ornament off the tree that contains a child’s holiday gift wish.

If you can't make it to the Station, come by Woodlands this Saturday, 12/11 between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Chief Monaghan, Tiburon officers and staff, and community members will be outside Woodlands with the Giving Tree, sharing sweet treats, singing carols and reading stories.

There are 15 children left on the tree hoping to get gifts this year. We know it is a busy time of year for Santas, so the elves will take cash or check donations to purchase gifts for the children on the tree. Even if you are not able to participate in the Giving Tree, stop by Woodlands this Saturday afternoon to help TPD spread holiday cheer.

General Plan Housing Element Update

On November 9, 2021, the Town held the first community workshop on the housing element that provided an overview of existing housing conditions and needs and began to explore potential sites and strategies for new housing in Tiburon.

If you were unable to attend the workshop - or if you attended the workshop but would like to provide additional input - this is your opportunity to share your initial thoughts on how to accommodate more housing in Tiburon. The Housing Element survey is available here.

If you would like to learn more about the Housing Element, or view the workshop presentation, before taking the survey, please visit CreateTiburon2040.org.

McKegney Green Open/Close Days

McKegney Green will soon close for the rainy season. The Town Council has adopted wet field rules to prevent bodily injury and damage to our cherished play space from inclement weather and unsafe playing conditions.

The Green will be closed for active use (organized sports) through March. The field will remain open for passive use (casual recreational enjoyment) through the winter, but the wet field rules will be in effect. Sports or heavy use of the field when it is wet or saturated may create unsafe playing conditions or cause extensive damage to the field resulting in field closure and costly renovations.

According to the wet field rules, McKegney Green is closed for use during any active rainfall and for at least 24 hours after measurable rain. The closure is for your personal safety and to protect the field from damage. Read more about McKegney Green's wet use rules, or check the open/closed status of the field, on the Town's website.
Holiday Update from the Police Department

You Are Not Alone. The holidays can be an especially lonely time for seniors that live alone. The Tiburon Police Department offers a free friendly service called the You are Not Alone program. Every morning, personnel from the Tiburon Police Department call participants to say hello and check in. If the Police staff is unable to reach someone after a few tries, an officer will come by to make sure everything is okay. Occasionally, we find someone has fallen during the night, isn't feeling well or are simply having phone problems and assistance is provided.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this program and would like to receive a friendly morning call, please call (415) 789-2801 during business hours to learn more or sign up. Over the years, many friendships have formed from these morning check-ins. Now is a great time for a new friend. You are not alone.

Holiday Crime Prevention. During the holiday season, many people travel, leaving their homes vacant. If you are traveling, please take precautions to keep your home and property safe. When going out of town:

- Register your home on the Vacation House Check list. Officers will occasionally check the perimeter of your home. Call (415)789-2801 or sign up online.
- If you have an alarm system, make sure it is working properly and activate it when you leave the house.
- Notify your neighbors and ask them to keep an eye out and immediately report anyone or anything suspicious on your property. Consider getting a house sitter that can come by regularly.
- Stop newspapers and mail. Ask neighbors to pick up any packages left on your doorstep.
- Leave lights, radios, and televisions on timers in various places around your home. Occupied homes are seldom targeted so give your home the lived in and occupied look.
- Motion lights and security cameras are good to have all the time, not just when travelling.

COVID-19 Update

Every week, Marin County Public Health Officer Dr. Matt Willis gives an update to the Board of Supervisors about Marin County's COVID-19 response. This week, Dr. Willis spoke to the Board about the topic on everyone's mind: the Omicron variant. Watch Dr. Willis' update here (YouTube).

Marin County Public Health has also reported a recent increase in COVID-19 cases in Marin. One of the best ways to stay vigilant and cautious about minimizing the spread of COVID-19, especially during the holidays, is to get tested when you need to. Testing is widely available.

To stay up to date on Marin's response to COVID-19, consider registering for daily status updates from Public Health. Daily updates include useful information about case numbers, vaccination progress, and updates from Dr. Willis. Sign up here.
On November 17, the Marin County Open Space District hosted a virtual community workshop about the trail network on the Tiburon Ridge, Old Saint Hilary's Preserve and Ring Mountain (Ring Mountain pictured below). The workshop discussed the planning and concept of designating a formal road and trail system in the area. Watch the video here.

The public comment period on the project and concept maps is now open. Members of the public can submit comment letters online or through meetings with County staff. More information on submitting public comment, and copies of the draft designation maps, are available on the Marin County Park's website.

Tiburon Holiday Festival Downtown This Saturday 12/11

The Tiburon Holiday Festival is back this Saturday, 12/11, downtown between 2 - 5 p.m. Join friends and neighbors and experience the ultimate holiday celebration as downtown magically transforms into a wonderland full of cheer and classic family fun. The Festival's schedule of events is available on the Chamber of Commerce's website.

If you can stay awhile, stick around past sunset to see the entire downtown area lit up by twinkle lights. Take a stroll from downtown to the Boardwalk Shopping Center to Town Hall and the Library to enjoy the festive decorations.
Town Hall Holiday Closure

Tiburon Town Hall will be closed for the holidays beginning Thursday, December 23, 2021 and will resume regular working hours on Monday, January 3, 2022. The Tiburon Police Department will be operating normally.

There will be no Building Division over-the-counter reviews beginning December 20, 2021. No construction work is permitted on Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1. The Building Division has implemented guidelines about the holiday closure, permitted work days, and follow-up reviews conducted during the closure.

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and happy new year. See you in 2022!

Upcoming Community Meetings

Town Council
Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Diversity Inclusion Task Force (A Standing Committee of the Town Council)
Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Design Review Board
Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission
Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Heritage & Arts Commission
Next Meeting (Special Date): Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Art Selection Panel (A Standing Committee of the Heritage & Arts Commission)
Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Belvedere-Tiburon Disaster Advisory Council
Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Board of Trustees
Next Meeting (Special Date): Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation ("The Ranch") Committee
Next Meeting: TBD