November 8 Election: Voting Starts October 11

There are a few local races and initiatives on the November 8 ballot for Tiburon voters, including a race for three seats on the Tiburon Town Council.

Voting for this election will be based on the State's new vote center model. The Voter's Choice Act is a new law that offers voters more choices for how, when, and where to vote. What changed? Now, all active registered voters will be automatically mailed a ballot, early voting is expanded for more days, and voters may vote in-person at a vote center.

**How Does It Work?**

All registered voters will be mailed a ballot automatically. Ballots will begin to be mailed on October 10. Voters have three ways to return their ballots:

- By mail (no stamp needed)
- At an official ballot drop box ([list of dropbox locations](#))
- At a vote center ([list of vote center locations](#))

Ballot dropboxes will be open on October 11.

**What is a Vote Center?**

Voters may vote in-person at ANY vote center in Marin County. Assigned, neighborhood polling places are replaced by regional vote centers that open at least 3 days before Election Day. At a vote center, voters can also register to vote, replace a lost or damaged ballot, vote early, vote with an accessible voting machine, or request help.

The closest vote center to Tiburon will be the Westminster Presbyterian Church, which will be open November 5 - November 8, but Tiburon voters can vote at any vote center.

To register to vote, or to check your registration status, visit [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](#).
As part of our commitment to building trusting relationships with all of those we proudly serve, the Tiburon Police Department partnered with Open Policing and has been collecting feedback on our police encounters. Open Policing is an organization that has created a software application that empowers community members to provide anonymous and timely feedback about their interactions with their local police department. The Open Policing application has safeguards to prevent fraudulent and abusive feedback that also allows for anonymity of those who provide feedback.

The feedback categories in Open Policing are based on academic research that incorporates four tenants of procedural justice - *respect, voice, fairness, and trust*. We have been proactively seeking input by providing people we contact in the course of our duties with a contact card that provides direct access information to our Open Policing input portal. To encourage authentic feedback, the platform allows for those providing feedback to remain anonymous. To this end, names and/or specific identifying information, including that of any involved Tiburon Police staff members, has been redacted from any publicly displayed feedback and those providing the feedback are directed to our personnel complaints and commendations portal on our webpage to provide feedback on a particular Tiburon Police staff member or file a complaint.

We have been using the feedback data to assist us in measuring levels of community trust related to the delivery of police services in Tiburon and to evaluate the use of technology solutions for enhanced community engagement and feedback. We encourage you to visit our Open Policing webpage to review feedback about our interactions with those we serve.

Your Chief of Police,
Ryan Monaghan

Draft Housing Element Submitted to HCD

In 2020, the Town embarked on a two-year process to develop Tiburon’s next general plan: Tiburon 2040. One of the most critical elements of the General Plan is the Housing Element update. The Housing Element is one of the required elements of the General Plan and provides a roadmap to address and plan for additional housing in the community.

The first draft of the Housing Element was released on July 5, 2022 for a 30-day public review period. After the public review period, the Town Council considered the feedback received over the course of two public meetings on August 3 and August 30, 2022. Several changes were made to the draft Housing Element prior to submission to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), including:

- the reduction of the proposed residential densities on some downtown sites
- the addition of a new program on home match services
- clarifying text and program language
- more detail on environmental constraints for housing opportunity sites

The draft Housing Element was submitted to HCD on September 27, 2022. HCD will now begin their required review of the document for at least 90 days and may submit comments back to the Town with necessary amendments. Prior to adoption, the Housing Element will be scheduled for additional public hearings with the Planning Commission and Town Council. The final adoption of the Housing Element is expected to be completed as part of the General Plan update in 2023.

Review the September 27, 2022 draft Housing Element here.
Climate Action Plan Adopted

On September 21, 2022, the Town Council adopted the Town's updated Climate Action Plan (CAP).

The Town's new CAP aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% below Tiburon's 1990 levels by 2030, while also laying the path to achieve the State of California's longer term goal of carbon neutrality by 2045. The CAP identifies state and local actions and performance targets that, if fully implemented and achieved, will meet the Town's ambitious goal to reduce emissions. The top local actions are:

- Electric vehicles
- Electrification of buildings
- Energy efficiency
- Waste reduction
- Community education
- Carbon offsets

The updated Climate Action Plan is available here.

Upcoming RUSD Races on the ORT

RUSD is holding two school races at Blackie's Pasture and on the ORT in October.

On **Wednesday, October 12**, Run4Reed will begin at Blackie’s Pasture at 3:00 p.m. Racers are expected to be present on the ORT around 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

On **Wednesday, October 19**, Del Mar Middle School will host their Dragon Invitational Race at Blackie’s Pasture at 4:00 p.m. Runners will be gathering at Del Mar School and walking to Blackie’s Pasture to run on the ORT.

There are no closures for either race, but recreational users of the trail should be aware and cautious of the additional foot traffic.

Good luck to the racers!

FAITH & BLUE: Join Tiburon PD & St. Hilary for a Special Basketball Game on Saturday 10/8

Join Tiburon PD this Saturday for the annual FAITH & BLUE event at St. Hilary Church.

This year, Tiburon PD will be joining St. Hilary Church for mass, a social gathering, and a basketball game. Officers from Tiburon and Belvedere Police Departments will team up with students from St. Hilary School and face off in a friendly basketball game, with two ex-Golden State Warriors acting as guest coaches.
Join us this Saturday 10/8 at 11 a.m.! You do not need to be a member of the church to attend, and all faiths are welcomed. We hope to see you there!

Get Ready to Go 94920! Prepare for Evacuation 10/16

On October 16, join friends, neighbors and first responders to get Disaster Ready!

We encourage residents to go outside at 11 a.m. and walk their neighborhoods to learn alternate evacuation routes. Locate different routes in and out of your neighborhood, and note which streets are dead ends and which are through streets. Also at 11:00 a.m., the AlertMarin emergency notification system will be tested (make sure you're registered!).

At 12:00 p.m., head down to McKegney Green for a free community BBQ and disaster preparedness fair! You will have the opportunity to meet police & fire community responders and other disaster response agencies, talk to your community block captains, and more! Additional games and prizes provided by local merchants will be raffled at the event.

Please feel free to share the event flyer with friends and neighbors. We hope to see you there!

Diwali/Deepavali Celebration - Downtown on 10/22
Upcoming Community Meetings

**Town Council**
Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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

**Planning Commission**
Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**Design Review Board**
Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission**
Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Heritage & Arts Commission
Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Art Selection Panel (A Standing Committee of the Heritage & Arts Commission)
Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Board of Trustees
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation ("The Ranch") Committee
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.